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### **Head Teacher Message:**

We have had an extremely busy month and we are all looking forward to the lead up to Christmas at school. Our events this month include our trip to the Millfield Theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk, the children's own Christmas production on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am in the Academy Hall and of course, the PTA Winter Wonderland event on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December we welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of Barnet to our school for our Ground Breaking Ceremony. Our DfE visit in November went very well and we are all delighted with the way the school continues to progress. I am pleased to announce that Mr Nick Scott (Henry's dad from Year 1) won the election for Parent Governor and Miss Charalambous (Reception Teacher) won the election for Staff Governor. Many thanks as always for your ongoing support and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Saturday at the Winter Wonderland!

#### **Children In Need**

Well done to everyone that supported our charity day. The children and staff all looked great in their pyjamas/onesies! Thank you to everyone who donated and made cakes for the cake sale and thank you to Miss Costas for organising the event; we made a staggering £467.92 for Children in Need!



### Spanish Lessons

We have commenced regular weekly Spanish lessons in Reception and Year 1. All our pupils are now learning Spanish for half an hour a week. Miss O'Connor (Academy teacher) leads the Reception lessons with Miss Brown (Academy staff member) leading the Year 1 lessons. The children are all really enjoying the lessons and will definitely build on their knowledge of Spanish language and culture over the year.

#### **Remembrance**

The children observed a minute silence to remember all the people that have lost their lives to help others. Thank you to everyone that donated money for the Poppy Appeal over the month of November.



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#### **Buildings Update**

The progress of the building project is going very well. We have had regular meetings with Morgan Sindall and the Education Funding Agency (EFA) and things are all going to plan so far. The company has produced a questionnaire for parents and local residents to ensure they are being good neighbours and a considerate constructor. If anyone would like to complete this questionnaire, please take one from the school office. Your input will be greatly appreciated. Morgan Sindall have produced a half termly newsletter called 'Dear Neighbour' which updates us with all important matters. The builders are continuing to prepare for the piling operations.

### **Ground Breaking Ceremony**

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm the Mayor of Barnet will visit our school for a brief Ground Breaking Ceremony on the construction site. The event will involve some of our children, staff and governors where Morgan Sindall will present our school with a special shovel to commemorate the event. The event will be covered in the local press for everyone to see. Unfortunately being a construction site we cannot invite all our parents onto the site for health and safety reasons, but we will ensure there are lots of photos to share to mark the event.

### Ashmole Parents and Teachers Association (APPTA)

The PTA will be holding a Coffee morning this Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December after the morning drop off in our group room. Everyone is very welcome. Mrs Leach will also be hosting an Usborne Book Sale at the same time where parents can buy books for the children's pleasure and for possible gifts. The school will receive a special commission on any sales.

### Links with Osidge Primary School and the local community

Over the course of the year we will aim to develop more links with our local schools. We will invite some classes from Osidge to watch our Dress Rehearsal of our Christmas Show as well as the Academy Show of My Fair Lady in December. Our class teachers will also try and meet up to share good practise. Our class teachers will also be liaising with various Enfield and Barnet schools to ensure we are working as an outstanding primary school that offers our children the best possible opportunities to learn and have fun.



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#### **Singing**

A big thank you to Mrs Pocock (parent in Y1) for helping to teach our children some new songs for the Winter Wonderland. The children will be performing these songs this Saturday so it will be great to see everyone there. The children will be on stage on Saturday afternoon to sing all the songs that they have learnt. The event starts at 2.30pm until 4.30pm.

### Volunteers

A huge thank you once again to all our volunteers for giving up their time and effort to listen to our children read and help in the classroom as well as at lunchtime. Your support is always greatly appreciated and you have all been amazing. We have 16 regular volunteers every week supporting all our classes.

### PΕ

After Christmas our Reception and Year One classes will have some additional PE lessons taught by Academy PE staff on a weekly basis. The focus will be athletics and tennis over the Spring and Summer terms. The children will have access to the Academy Hall and astro turf area.

### **Computing**

Year 1 will have the opportunity to use the Computing Suite at the Academy once a week in the Spring term to carry out internet research using keyboard and mouse skills. They will also use the suite to learn about computer programming. Our Year 1 staff will be delivering the lessons but using the Academy's resources which will be of benefit for the children.

### **School Uniform**

If your daughter would like to wear trousers to school, please ensure they are grey only. For further information regarding our school uniform, please refer to our website or speak to Mrs Andrews in the school office.



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Value: Friendship November 2017





No act of **KINDNESS** no matter how small is ever wasted.

-Aesop



#### **Attendance**

Calypso Class 95.88% Nova Class 97.23%

Orion Class 95.67% Luna Class 98.32%



### **Celebrating Achievement**

# Year 1

#### **Luna Class Merit Awards**

Max

Jenna Keana Aston Armin Rahi Jasmine Elias Oliver

Agastya Lara

**Value Award** 

Jimmy Florrie Evie Ted

## **Nova Clas**

**Merit Awards** 

Fdiz Alexandra

Naima

### Value Awa

Muzeeba Maxi Joshua Lily

## Reception

### **Orion Class**

**Merit Awards** 

Poppy Aaryan

Anya Haris

Arman Leyla Kaner

Aara

#### Value Award

Niyan Mara Venter-Shah

Sophie Atkinson Tolu Daniel

### Calypso Class

#### **Merit Awards**

Ben

Charlie Izabela

> Marina Rafferty

Rory Yiannis

Liyanna

### **Value**

Anoushka

Ariyan Elexa

Jason



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# **RECEPTION**



Orion Class enjoying lots of fun activities.



'We love using our different construction materials to create lots of different shapes!'















# YEAR 1



As part of our exciting Design and Technology project, Nova Class have had great fun designing, making and evaluating their own healthy snacks.



The children in Luna class enjoyed a lovely cosy day in their pyjamas/onesies!

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Diary Dates			
December	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.30pm – 4.30pm	APPTA Winter Wonderland
	5 <sup>th</sup>	PM	Ground Breaking Ceremony with the Mayor of Barnet
	6 <sup>th</sup>	PM	Theatre Trip to Millfield Theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk
	7 <sup>th</sup>	6pm – 7pm	Prospective Parent Open Evening
	10 <sup>th</sup>	9am – 10.30am	APPTA Coffee Morning
	12 <sup>th</sup>	AM	Children to watch the Secondary School Production of My Fair Lady
	14 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
	18 <sup>th</sup>	8.50am for the children. Show starts for parents at 9.30am	Reception and Year 1 Christmas Show at the Academy Hall. Children to be at the Academy Hall by 8.50am
	19 <sup>th</sup>	AM	Reception classes to visit Christ Church
	20 <sup>th</sup>	12.45pm	Last day of term. School finishes at 12.45pm.



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