



Nov 15th
NSPCC

Stay safe, Speak out workshops

Nov 16th

NSPCC Maths FUNdraiser
Yr4 Romans workshop
Y5/6 Netball vs GEMS @
Imperial College PM

Nov 17th

Yr5/6 Swimming Gala @
Imperial College

Children in Need: non-school
uniform day

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

With the start of the academic year now well underway, it may be helpful to share some headline information about the governance of our school. As you will be aware, St Nicholas School is part of the Cognita family of schools. Cognita is a global schools group with 69 schools in eight countries. Being part of the Cognita family helps us to connect with other schools, share best practice and benefit from a broad professional network. Every school within the Cognita family is different; we embrace this diversity and learn from each other. As a group, we have high aspirations for all our children. We see a Cognita Education as enabling all young people to develop in three core areas:

- High academic standards
- Character development
- A global perspective

The legal proprietor of the school is Cognita and each school has a named Chair of Governors. The role of Chair of Governors is fulfilled by one of the team of Assistant Directors of Education from the Cognita Education Team. The Chair of Governors visits the school regularly, works with the school leaders, visits classrooms and talks to our pupils. Some of the main functions of the Chair of Governors are:

- Active involvement in the appointment of the head senior staff
- Lead performance management of the head
- Monitor the school's performance in a range of areas
- Work as a critical friend to support the school in evaluating and constantly finding ways to improve

Our Chair of Governors is Karen Nicholson.

Karen has been with Cognita for just over 10 years and continues to lead Breaside Preparatory School, a very successful school in Bromley, Kent with over 350 pupils.

Karen's career started within Early Years a number of years ago and this has always been her passion. She continues to work across the Cognita Schools group within the UK and Spain to deliver annual conferences and keeps schools up to date with current legislation, working closely with the Early Years Leaders within the group.

As a Preparatory School Head, Karen has a wealth of knowledge on the 11+ entrance tests and the importance of the transition into Secondary schools for Year 6 pupils. As one of the Assistant Directors of Education for Cognita she works closely with me and the St Nicholas staff and pupils.

Please also find attached important information regarding our approach and systems in place regarding safeguarding and child protection; the welfare of every child is the highest priority at our school.

I wish you all a good weekend.
Best wishes,

Jill Walker



Children in Need



On Friday 17th November, we will be raising money for **BBC Children in Need**. This will be a non-school uniform day **£1 per** child. Your son/daughter will need to give their money to their class teacher.

We will have a theme for children to dress up wearing **'spots/polka dot'** or something **'Yellow'** however, **NO** fancy dress costumes.

Children may bring some delicious **cakes** into school, donate some money and have one or two for their dessert after lunch. Please could you write down the cake ingredients and give to your class teacher. No nuts please.

Furthermore, our school council we will be selling glow in the dark Pudsey ears (£2.50), wristbands (£1.50) and fluffy key rings (£3.50) for children to buy from Thursday 16th November.

All the money we raise will go towards helping children in need. I look forward to seeing everyone fundraising and hope we raise even more money than last year!



Music News

The school has begun to fill with song and Christmas spirit as children from nursery to year 6 begin rehearsals for the Christmas performances in December. This is a wonderful time of year and a great opportunity for the children to show off their musical talents.

If anyone has had private music lessons and would like to audition for an instrumental solo please email me at sarah.rogers@stnicholasprep.co.uk

Many thanks,
Sarah Rogers



School Council

Thank you to everyone who purchased items for the British Royal Legion Remembrance Week. We appreciate your support.





Early Years

The children have had an amazing week in nursery and have particularly enjoyed singing nursery rhymes. They love 'Twinkle, twinkle little star' and we made star shaped cookies - yummy! The children have also been busy playing with leaves at the back of the garden and they discovered potatoes and bulbs while digging in our garden patch.

Reception P went on a nature hunt and collected leaves and sticks from the garden. The children painted them using autumnal colours and we have created a wonderful wreath that will be hanging on our door soon. Reception A made poppies and discussed Remembrance Week.



Key Stage 1

KS1 have worked very hard this week with their reading, writing and maths assessments. It has been really wonderful to see the progress the children have made since the beginning of the year! On Wednesday, Year 2 went to Kenwood House in Hampstead. They enjoyed a tour of the house and participated in a hands-on workshop, learning what it was like to prepare for a feast in the past. The children also drew some fabulous sketches of the house and enjoyed the surrounding gardens.

Miss Dixon

Key Stage 2

This week has been a tough week with children doing reading, writing and math assessments. They have all worked really hard and shown great progress in their learning thus far. It has been wonderful to see so many lovely stories written for their writing assessments. Class teachers will use these assessments, and triangulate with classwork and homework, to give an overall level for the subjects, which will be recorded in their reports. In between these assessments, KS2 have had a great time exploring how dynamo torches work, making the connection between magnets and electricity. In year 3, they have been making circuits with various components and drawing fabulous scientific diagrams.





Congratulations to our **WOW Award** Winners!



6W

Nataliya

For an amazing French presentation on the ipad

5A

Andre

For writing a creative and interesting story for his writing assessment

5D

Anita

For her positive attitude towards assessment week



4J

Ines

For her great determination this week with all of her assessments and always doing so with a huge smile on her face

4L

Kadi

For working hard on her character description of Boudica in Humanities

3H

Gini

For excellent working out of fractions

3C

Kirill

For working really hard on his narrative this week

2D

Brune

For outstanding effort in her assessments

2T

Charlotte

For putting 100% effort into writing her story



1N

Victoria

For excellent work on 2D shapes



1R

Latifa

For showing great resilience and ability to keep trying with her work

RP

Mehmed-Fatih

For being kind and gentle towards other children



RA

Margaux

For always being kind and helpful to others

