



St. Nicholas School
Parent Bulletin
Friday 4th November, 2016



Dear Parents:

Please take note of the important information herein. As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. You will find all of our Bulletins on our website under School News.

**Kind regards,
Mr. Cooper**

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+ CLUBS:

Thank you to those parents who have signed their children up to clubs, which recommence next week (Monday = Fun Fitness; Tuesday = Drama). You will have been notified by today whether your child has a place; please check in with us if you've not heard. As stated, we continue to pursue club provision via an external provider – we've not succeeded in achieving that for this term but we will continue to try for the Spring term. Ms Siddiqui is helping prepare her drama students for a short performance, which will be presented to the rest of the school and potentially to parents.

+ LEGOLAND:

Pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to Legoland, Windsor on October 14th – the pupils enjoyed a range of educational and fun attractions and we will certainly consider arranging additional trips to the resort in the future. A big thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to accompany pupils and staff on the trip.



Alexandra Watson (Year 3) and Haniyah Yaqub (Year 3) built a clown fish and its coral reef habitat at Legoland.



DIWALI ASSEMBLY:

Years 3 & 4 presented an excellent assembly October 31st to celebrate Diwali – the origins of the festival were researched and explained. We hope everyone who celebrated Diwali this year had fun.



WEAR IT PINK!

Pupils had a second opportunity to ‘wear pink to school’ today, and arrived in an array of outfits! Thank you to parents who (again!) supported the cause to raise awareness of breast cancer. Donated monies will go to the Breast Cancer Now charity. Some of our ‘Pink Pupils’ are shown below!



HARVEST DONATIONS / BRENT FOOD BANK DELIVERY:

Our thanks again for the generous donations to our Harvest Festival held on October 3rd. Mrs Doyle kindly transported the foodstuffs over half term to the Brent Food Bank, and we will be notified in the near future of the number of meals your donations created.



REMEMBRANCE DAY:

Year 5 & 6 pupils will be presenting an assembly on November 7th to mark Remembrance Day; the presentation has linked to their historical studies and research. Poppies are on sale in school for pupils and parents with contributions going to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.



WALK OR CYCLE TO SCHOOL:

As part of our school's Travel Plan we wish to again encourage pupils / parents to walk or cycle to school where safe to do so. We are planning to construct a bike-rack area next to the buggy shelter in the front garden in the near future.



MINDFULNESS:

As we discussed in our last Parent Focus Group, mindfulness has 'been on our minds' at St Nicholas, especially how we can enhance pupil concentration after break and lunchtime. Ms Chisholm is sharing with staff some of the mindfulness techniques that proved popular with pupils in her mindfulness club last half term. We've also completed a Pupil Wellbeing survey with Years 3 & 4 (Year 5 & 6 to follow), and the surveys are being read with interest. We will follow-up on any pertinent issues arising as appropriate.



MINI-ME CHRISTMAS CARDS:

You will have received a free/sample mini-me Christmas card as created by your child recently. As stated in the recent email, all order details are explained in the package with the card ... should you wish to directly place an order. We are delighted that one of our pupil's cards has been selected by the design company for their national art competition Congratulations to Sana in Year 6. More details can be found at: www.minimecardco.com



PUPIL OF THE MONTH (SEPTEMBER):

At the end of each month we celebrate an outstanding pupil who has impressed staff with their work, behaviour or other endeavour. Congratulations to our September Pupil of the Month, **Jasmine Haji** in Year 5 (below). Jasmine was chosen as she has “settled very well into her new class, taken new responsibilities in her stride, impressed her teachers with her positive outlook, consistently good effort and friendly attitude”.



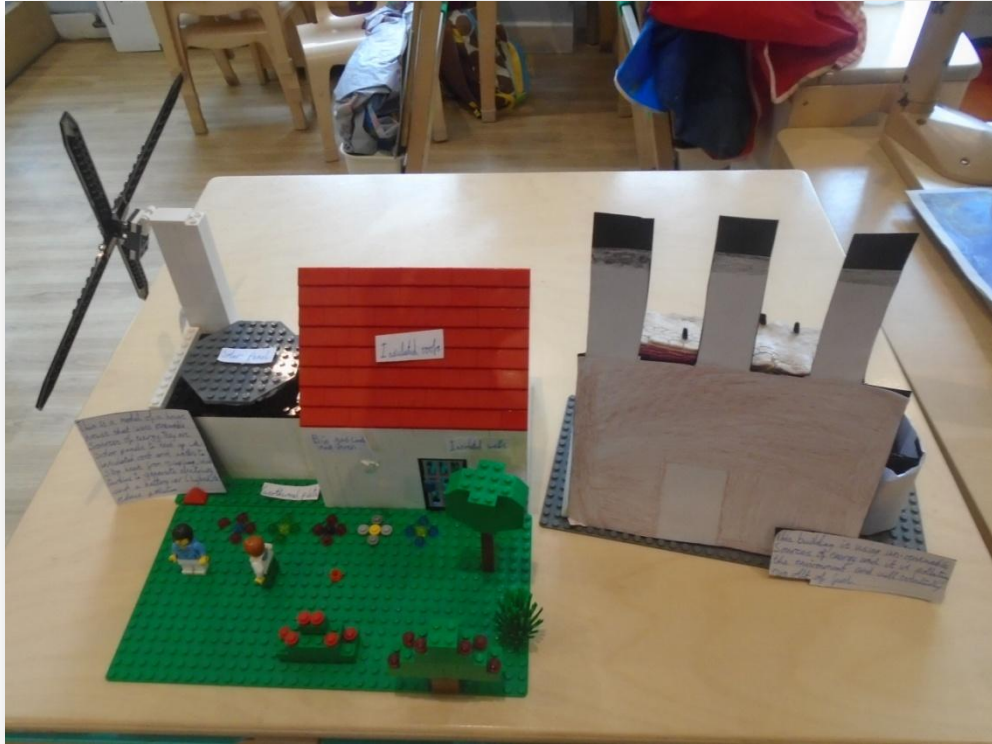
Due to the half term we are only now selecting our Pupil of the Month for October/early November, who will be announced in assembly this Monday and also celebrated in our next Bulletin.



Head Teacher Award (HTA):

Every week in assembly we celebrate pupils who may have been awarded an HTA for excellent work in class. We display HTA work by the pupil entrance area or in the reception area. We hope soon to display HTA work on a TV monitor in the reception, along with other info.

This week we were particularly impressed with **Rohan Talwar's** (Year 6) models (see next page) showing renewable and non-renewable energy sources as part of his Geography work – well done Rohan.



Rohan's HTA models.

☆ **IMPORTANT DATES** ☆

9th – 10th November: Parent Teacher Consultations

14th – 18th November: Anti-bullying week

14th – 18th November: Y1-6 Test week

25th November: Open Morning

29th November: Parent Focus Group @ 4pm

1st December: Nativity Play @ St Augustine's Church, Wembley (1pm doors)

2nd December: Reports home

8th December: PTA "End of term disco"

9th December: Last day of term (Yr 1 – 6 noon; Reception 3pm).