



# PRINCE OF WALES

PRIMARY SCHOOL & CHILDREN'S CENTRE



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*Listening Excellence Attitude Respect Negotiate Enjoy Responsible Support*

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Friends,

No doubt you have heard the media frenzy about English schools' ranking in the recent PISA (Programme for International Student Assessment) test. Whilst politicians berate each other it is clear to me that as a school community we have to take responsibility for our own school's performance. Teachers obviously have to deliver good lessons, day in day out, using available data to enable all children to learn and make good progress. From our children we expect that they come to school every day and on time otherwise they are unable to access the learning that is prepared for them. They also have to show willingness to engage and follow our behaviour expectations. Parents, please read daily with your children, ensure they are ready for school and complete their homework including the online learning activities. We have many excellent intervention programmes such as Reading Recovery, Numbers Count, Y6 Saturday school (however 11 children did not turn up last weekend) and Y1 Daily Supported Reading (unsurprisingly, children with poor punctuality made the least progress). The places that score highest in the PISA test (Shanghai, Singapore and Hong Kong) have very high parental engagement. I have high expectations of my staff and high aspirations for the children. Thank you to all parents who understand that their role in education is pivotal as well and play a pro-active role in caring about your children's learning; we recognise what you do. We cannot do it alone. Together we work in partnership towards your children's success. *PISA sample questions can be found here: <http://www.oecd.org/pisa/test/>*

Jan M Bless  
Headteacher



### Value of this Month: *PEACE*

We celebrated the life and achievements of Nelson Mandela today. His example of peace and reconciliation will be a lasting legacy. These children received a certificate and baton for demonstrating peace at our school this week: Dilara 1N, Ilayda 1S, Noor 1M, Sian 2R, Eris 2G, Louise 2C, Mario 3G, Samuel 3D, Shaniit 4F, Jessica 4H, Ahmed 4S, Courtney 5H, Lola 5T, Gerta 5S, Shaayini 6A and Bianca 6B.



### Rainbow trip to Chickenshed Theatre

On Tuesday, Rainbow had the fantastic opportunity of visiting Chickenshed Theatre Company in Southgate to see their Christmas production called 'The Night before Christmas'. It was about a group of children who had been given the wrong presents and had to deliver them to the right people or else Christmas would be lost forever! We enjoyed seeing the Ugly Sisters in their wonderful costumes, the reindeer who performed acrobatics and the Snow Queen who was inside a huge bubble. It was a great experience to see the show in a real theatre. We were sitting in the front row which made the wonderful singing, dancing and acting even more exciting!

Children commented: 'I liked it when the Ugly Sister gave me a high 5.' 'I like the songs.' 'It was funny when the Ugly Sisters had funny clothes like big sweets on their head.'

### Attendance this week

#### Years 1,2,3 Family

1M 93.00% 2C 96.66%  
1N 97.00% 2G 95.17%  
1S 95.00% 2R 93.66%

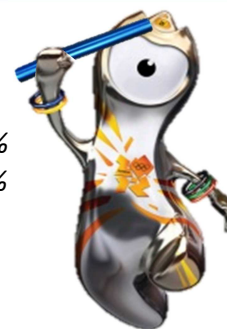
#### Years 4,5,6 Families

3D 96.33% 4F 93.70% 5H 94.64% 6A 90.34%  
3G 99.00%\* 4H 95.18% 5S 96.89% 6B 97.09%  
4S 93.57% 5T 97.24%\*

Well done to **3G** & **5T** for best attendance this week.

School Target: 95.5%

Overall attendance since September: **95.52%**





**Sayın Veliler, Bakıcılar ve Arkadaşlar,** Biz öğrencilerimizin her gün okula zamanında gelmelerini bekliyoruz. Öğrencilerimizin istekli olmalarını ve bizim okulun davranış kurallarına uymalarını bekliyoruz. Sayın veliler, lütfen çocuklarınız ödevlerini ve internet kullanmak için yardımcı olunuz.

Okulun birçok mükemmel müdahale programları var ve Cumartesi günleri 6 Sınıf daki öğrencilerimiz için ders var ve 1 Sınıf daki öğrencilerimize günlük okuma programları var. Personel ve öğrencilerimiz 'den yüksek beklentilerimiz var. Eğitim içindeki rolünüzün önemli olduğunu anladığınız için tüm velilere teşekkür ederiz. Birlikte başarılı olma yolunda çalışıyoruz.

**Bu ayın değeri: BARIŞ:** Öğrencilerimiz bu hafta barışa katkı gösterdikleri için bir sertifika ve baton aldılar.

**Ev'den getirilen öğle yemeği** Çarşamba sabahı yangın alarmı sonrasında tüm sınıflar oyun meydanında toplandılar. Öğrencilerimiz daha önce yaptığımız yangın alarm provalarımızı takip edip, odaları makul bir şekilde çıktılar. Elektrik olan bir sorun bulundu ve öğlen vakti zamanına bir saat önce olması bütün mutfak alanı etkilendi. Bütün öğrencilerimize sandviç hazırlanması zorunda kaldık. Tüm personele hızlı hareket ettikleri için ve öğrencilerimizin bu durumu anlayışla karşıladıkları için teşekkür ederiz.

### Packed lunches

On Wednesday morning all classes assembled in the playground after the fire alarm went off. My compliments to the children who left their rooms sensibly, following well-rehearsed drills, and wasting no time. An electrical problem was found that affected the whole kitchen area. Whilst electricians were fixing the problem our catering services were preparing sandwiches for the whole school with only an hour to go before lunchtime. Thank you to all the staff for acting quickly and to the children for magnanimously accepting a cold dinner.

### How can parents find out more about helping their child?

- Drop-in sessions are held every Tuesday from 3.15 to 3.45 in your child's class. Teachers will be delighted to see you.
- Make an appointment for next Tuesday's Parent's Evening to discuss progress and targets.

### Gymnastics Festival

This week POW took a team of Year 4 and Year 2 gymnasts to the Borough's Annual Gymnastics Festival.

"I am nervous and excited all at the same time" (Fharidah Year 4). Despite the nerves the pupils performed exceptionally on the floor and on the vault. The judges were extremely impressed with the talent this year.



### Dates for your Calendar

06.12	<b>Winter Wonderland</b>	
06.12	Disco Year 5 & 6 4pm - 6pm	
10.12	<b>Parents' Evening</b> and Crazy Golf Fundraising	
10,11 & 13.12	KS1 Nativity to parents at 10.45am	
13.12	Dance Club Performance, pm Square Hall	
16.12	Ukulele concert (check times with your class teacher)	
17.12	Achievement assemblies at 9.15am and 11.15am, Class Christmas Parties pm	
18.12	<b>Final day for Nursery</b> <b>Non uniform-wear a Xmas outfit</b> <b>Christmas Lunch for all pupils</b>	
19.12	Talent Show Carols round the tree	
20.12	<u>School finishes at 1.30pm</u> Start of the Christmas Holidays	
06.01.14	Chn's Centre Xmas performance	
13.01.14	School open, start of Spring Term Staff Training Day – school closed	

**Give or Take Day**

Your chance to pass on things you no longer need and pick up something you do for FREE!

**SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2013**  
Green Towers Community Centre, 7 Plevna Road, Edmonton, London N9 0BU

<p><b>GIVE</b></p> <p>unwanted items</p> <p><b>10.15am to 12.15pm</b></p> <p><small>Nothing broken or dirty please just things someone else can use!</small></p>	<p><b>TAKE</b></p> <p>things you can use</p> <p><b>12.30pm - 2.00pm</b></p> <p><small>Anything you need and can use!</small></p>
<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>You can give:</p> <p>BOOKS, DVDS / CDs, GARDEN WARE, IT, TOOLS, CLOTHES/SHOES, SMALL FURNITURE, SMALL ELECTRICAL ITEMS, TOYS</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p> <p>We cannot accept:</p> <p>LARGE FURNITURE, WHITE GOODS, BROKEN AND DIRTY ITEMS</p>

All are welcome, come along and join in. All children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult