

Welcome back !!

Welcome back to all our students returning from the summer holiday. This term we also warmly welcome the two new Reception classes. The children are settling in well and the Reception teachers are enjoying getting to know their classes.



Last but not least, some new teachers have joined the Academy this term and so we also welcome Miss Williams, Miss Hooker, Miss Goldsmith, Miss Bennett and welcome back to Mr Armitage, who some of you will remember from when he taught at the Academy previously.

New School Year

Loving God,
We praise you and we thank you for the gift of life.
We ask your blessing on the year ahead.
Help us to keep in mind that you are always close to us.
May everything we do this year be for you.
Let all our thoughts, words and actions bring happiness to this world.
Teach us to let Your light shine through us,
so that Your light, love and peace may be seen all around.

We ask this prayer in the name of Jesus the Lord.

St Matthew Pray For Us

This year after the feast of St Matthew every class is going to begin their own journey of faith. Throughout the year the students will be asked to write about their faith and bring together all their prayers.
The folders that they will decorate as a class will be central to all the assemblies and Masses celebrated in the Academy this year.
We hope that this will encourage all our students to think, reflect and celebrate all their different journeys of faith.

Let Your Light Shine!

Next week we celebrate the Feast of St Matthew on 21 September. Mass will be celebrated in the Main Hall and there will special events and activities for all year groups.



Planners

This year every child from Years 1 to 6 has been issued with a planner. The children's planners will be regularly checked. They should include the timetable, Independent Learning of appropriate level for your child, targets for the term and reward stickers. Every week the planner will be signed by your child's teacher who will give feedback on their performance. The planners should be signed by a parent/carer over the weekend.

This will improve communication with your child's teacher and keep you regularly informed about your child's progress.



We're Going on a Bear Hunt!!

The Nursery topic is Bears. There have been lots of fun activities including a Bear Hunt when the children had great fun finding lots of teddy bears of all shapes and sizes!



Press Gang Interview

Just before we broke up for the summer holiday, some of the girls from Press Gang had the opportunity to interview Eireine Hamil, an international fashion model.

Where were you born and where did you go to school?: I was born in Somerset in the countryside but I grew up in Brockley. I went to Prendergast in Hilly Fields. I really liked English and Drama but hated Maths!

How did you get to be a model?: When I was 14 I was shopping with my mum in London when a lady asked me if I wanted to be a model. I was surprised and nervous but did it anyway!

What's the best modeling job you've had so far? When I was 17 I got flown to America to do a fashion shoot in the desert for Nokia, which was exciting. I've done adverts for Topshop and Rimmel, and I've done catwalk shows at London Fashion Week.

Who has supported you in your career?: My first agency, Storm and my mum.

What are your ambitions for the future?: It would be fun to do a really big modeling campaign. I would also be interested in being a model booker.

Interview by India-Rose, Jennifer, Zoe, Kia-Miami, Kyra-Jade, Candice and Shaconia
Read more of their Interviews at www.twentytenclub.com as part of their Interview with an Entrepreneur School Programme.



CALLING ALL KEEN WRITERS!.....

Last year's Press Gang have now moved on to secondary and will be starting a new journalism club. If you are a boy or girl in either Y6 or Y5 and are interested in joining Press Gang to write articles for Primary News and do interviews, please see either Ms Chick or Mrs Hever and get involved!!

Diary Date for Year 6 Parents

Meetings for Parents, all to be held in the Library, 3.30-4.30pm

Monday 19 September - Years 5&6 Use of Planners and SATs meeting for Y6 parents

Monday 26 September - Years 3& 4 Use of Planners

Monday 3 October - Years 1 & 2 Use of Planners

Monday 12 October - Meet the Teacher evening for all years - Full details to follow.

John Armitage - Parental Liaison Leader



Attendance update 5 -13 September

The Reception classes are not included this week because of their staggered start dates. Here is the attendance for the other classes for the beginning of term. The classes with less than 90% need to do much, much better!! Well done to 3W and 6E for their excellent attendance.

Class	Teacher	%
1E	Miss Reid	90.56
1W	Ms Chick	93.37
2E	Miss Hooker	89.80
2W	Ms Galvin	86.48
3E	Ms Goldsmith	96.00
3W	Miss Bennett	98.47
4E	Mrs Race	90.48
4W	Mr Averis	85.98
5E	Mr Kirner	83.93
5W	Mrs Brehme	96.99
6E	Miss Hatton	98.44
6W	Mr Armitage	96.60