

PILGRIMS POST


NEWS FROM PILGRIMS PRE-PREPARATORY SCHOOL


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To promote our forthcoming open days we have booked Pilgrims' very first outdoor advertising mini-campaign. We have two billboards; one on Bromham Road as you pass over the railway bridge and another on the Paula Radcliffe roundabout just near Fairfield Park Sainsbury's. I hope you have spotted them! For those who travel by train, there is also a poster at the bottom of the stairs on platform 1 and two additional ones will be put up next week. As part of our on-going advertising campaign, we have also produced some fantastic new flyers. We would be interested to hear from parents who would be happy to take some flyers to display via their businesses. If you think you can help, please ask for Karen Sinclair at main reception.

Our open days are always very busy and with the added interest from our poster campaign we are expecting quite a few visitors. If you have been thinking about registering a younger sibling, please contact Mrs Sinclair as soon as possible as availability in Little Pilgrims is limited and we wouldn't want to disappoint you. It's never too early!

 Mrs Hearn is running the London Marathon on Sunday, 17th April, to raise money for Help the Hospices. If you would like to encourage Sarah on her on her 26.2 mile quest you can make a donation at: www.justgiving.com/sarah-hearn31.

We say a fond farewell to Lorna Emery from Little Pilgrims who is leaving to pursue her career elsewhere. We will all miss her very much.  We congratulate her on her promotion and wish her well for the future.

Bedford School is hosting The Big Family Weekend, an event run by NAGC (a national association for children with high learning abilities and their families), on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th February. The whole



weekend is packed with activities to enthuse, educate and entertain. There are workshops available for children aged 2–12 years, for parents and a crèche is available for under twos. Workshops for 4–6 year olds on the Saturday include activities for designing an alien, being a dinosaur detective, helping to compose music and interactive science experiments. Please visit the link <http://nagc.eventhq.co.uk> for further information and for details on prices and how to book.

Recently, a group of Year 2 children attended the local schools gymnastics competition at Bedford Athletics Stadium and won first prize in the vault and



second prize in the floor exercise! The children also spent time enjoying a range of different activities using a variety of apparatus and they then performed a sequence for the judges. Well done to Emily Fordham, Grace Brady, Francesca Carter, Jacob Bailey, Phoenix Irvine and Nisimi Shitta-Bey.

May I please remind you.....



May I remind you that the school day starts at 8.45am. It is important that you make every effort to get your child here on time as late arrivals can cause disruption and missing key parts of lessons when they have already started. Also, if you are late, it is important that you sign the Late Register which is kept on reception.

May I remind you that once you have collected your child and their belongings at the end of Clubs or Owls they should not be returning to the classrooms unattended for safety's sake. There have been recent incidents where children have been playing and wandering around the school without their parents.

May I remind you that entry to the playground for drop off and pick up is via the gate next to Nursery and not through the front door.

May I remind you that it is important to let us know by 8.30am if your child is not well enough to attend school. Alternatively, please leave a message on the answerphone if you call before 8am.

And finally, may I remind you that all children must have all PE kit and a pair of wellington boots in school at all time that fit them properly. The school actively encourages outdoor play in all weathers and during winter the grounds can be very muddy.



The next Pilgrims Parents second hand uniform sale will be held on Wednesday 2nd February from 3pm and 5.30pm in the Winter Garden.

There is still time to enter the Pilgrims Parents Quiz night which takes place on Friday, 11th February at 7.30pm. Teams will be made up of eight people and application forms are available from reception. We have two new Quiz Masters. Mr J Webster (Mrs Webster's husband) and our own Mr M Webster will be asking the questions. You will need to bring your own indoor picnic and drinks although glasses will be provided.



National Sing-up Day is on February 9th and the school will be entering into the spirit of things by doing lots of singing and decorating the library. There is an opportunity for your child to win some Sing-up goodies by entering a colouring competition. The colouring template is available from reception and the closing date for judging is Monday 7th February. There will be a prize for each year group but please don't forget to put your name on your sheet. On the actual Sing-up day Mrs Hall wonders if you could do lots of singing at home with your children.



Mrs Webster
Headteacher