Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Colossians 3:13

Year 4 Trip To London
On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, Year 4 classes went on exciting sightseeing trips as part of their learning topic - ‘The Wonders Of The World’.
The children took notes and recorded information on the sights of London - Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square and the Millennium Wheel. They learned about the history behind these buildings and what they are used for today.
Year 4 will now create their own ‘7 Wonders Of London’ to complete their work on this theme. Please check the website over the next few weeks for more photographs showing the creative work produced by the children.

Secondary School Transfer Applications
Year 6 parents must ensure that they have submitted their applications online by 31 October. Any applications received after this date will be treated as ‘late’ which could impact on your preferred choices of secondary school.
You can also submit a paper application directly to Brent at the address shown on the forms.
Please take the opportunity to visit as many schools as possible so you can be sure that you are making an informed choice about the next stage of your child’s academic learning.

St Gregory’s Catholic Science College
Open Morning
Year 6 parents who have yet to visit St Gregory’s as part of their visits to prospective high schools may wish to attend the Open Morning organised for Tuesday 16 October 2012.
Please check St Gregory’s for specific timings by calling 020 8907 8828 or visit their website www.stgregorys.harrow.sch.uk

Attendance
During week beginning 01 October 2012, Class 3A and the afternoon Nursery class achieved 100% attendance. Classes 3F, 3M and 5D were very close to 100%.
Class 5M was the only class to have 100% punctuality last week so well done to them. However, more classes should be achieving excellent punctuality so please ensure you arrive at school by 8.55am at the latest.
The attendance in KS1 and the Foundation Stage needs to improve. Younger children will miss out on essential early reading and writing skills if they do not have excellent attendance so please ensure your child is at school every day unless they are seriously ill, have been vomiting, have diarrhoea or a contagious condition.
On Thursday 11 October, Mrs Doherty presented an assembly at St Joseph’s about her work with CAFOD (The Catholic Agency For Overseas Development).

Some of our children read stories about children from other countries who live in areas of high poverty where basic needs such as water, food, clothing and housing are often not met. We also heard some children explain the convenience of our lives in London where we have easy access to shops and rarely struggle with the essentials needed to grow and stay healthy.

If you would like to find out more about the work of this organisation and how you can support them, please check their website www.cafod.org.uk

On Thursday morning, over 50 children brought their bicycles to school for a full health check from the ‘Bike Doctor’.

The children arrived at school just after 8.00am to leave their bikes at the ‘surgery’ and enjoyed a free breakfast in the junior hall.

The ‘Bike Doctor’ will be back next week to security mark all the bicycles that were at school on Thursday and to complete her checks on the bicycles that she was not able to service this week. Please remember to bring your bicycle back on Thursday 18 October at 8.30am. The school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage so please ensure your child has a lock for their bicycle.

Congratulations to Matthew Marin Sugrue and Felix Amoah as they have been selected for the Brent Under 11 Football Team.

Matthew and Felix had to attend trials with boys from across the borough to demonstrate their talent and commitment so this is a fantastic achievement.

The boys were also part of the St Joseph’s team who won the schools football final in July 2012 so we look forward to them developing their skills with Brent so they help us remain champions this year!

On Tuesday 16 October, Class 5M will be presenting an assembly in connection with their learning on the topic of ‘The Tudors’. Class 3A will be presenting their ‘Mexico’ assembly on Thursday 18 October.

Class assemblies always start at 9.05am unless you are informed otherwise. As the reception area is very busy at this time with young children going to different activities around the school, we ask parents to wait patiently in the Junior Playground. You will be invited to enter the school when the assembly is ready to start. While waiting to enter the premises, please respect our neighbours by keeping conversations and other noise at a low level.

We also request that you do not use flash when taking photographs. All recordings and photographs must only be for private use. Photographs and recordings taken at the school MUST NOT be published anywhere in the public domain without the express permission of the Headmistress.

Finally, we welcome all family members to assemblies to share in these celebratory events but we do ask that you move towards the back of the room if you have a fractious young child. This is to ensure the participants in the assembly are not distracted and that other parents can see and hear their own children.