

## SAMARÈS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a brilliant week we have had at Samares! It has been our first full week after our INSET days (teacher training). I have been so proud of all the focus and learning I have observed around school this week. You might have noticed lots of positive behaviour points issued on class charts for your child. Up to Thursday of this week, our teachers have given 850 positive behaviour points across the school – this is amazing! Alongside all these positive behaviour points, we have seen children been awarded gems for collectively showing the school values (determination, respect, engagement and collaboration) and OPAL gems for great play during lunchtimes.



Last week, our teachers were focused on their learning during the INSET days. On Thursday, we had a focus day in school where we had time to develop our curriculum plans, engage with training about Oracy (learning to talk and learning through talk) and complete health and safety training. On Friday, our Senior Leadership Team visited a school in Central London to further learn from the leaders at the school to help develop our strategic plans for this year. The rest of our staff team attended training about neurodiversity and supporting children in the school environment.

### **Parent discussion group**

Samares Parent Discussion Group is an opportunity for parents to find out more about the strategic development of our school. The purpose of the group is to establish a forum for parents and school to discuss and give feedback on key areas of our school's development.

We believe that working in partnership with parents is key to the success of our school and the well-rounded development of our pupils.

Parents who have volunteered to be part of the group will be consulted on strategic school development matters, as well as having an opportunity to ask questions and give feedback about a variety of issues. Mr Lumley sent out invites earlier this week and more information can be found on our website – click on the link [SAMARÈS PRIMARY SCHOOL - Samares Parent Discussion Group](#).

### **Class Charts**

Thank you to everyone who has logged onto class charts - if you need any help, please let us know.

Some parents have seen that there is a 'wellbeing' function on Class Charts which allows parents to record how their child is feeling. We are still getting used to the system and making sure it is working properly - so at this time, although a member of staff will be able to see the well-being note you have made at home, teachers may not respond to this via class charts. So any immediate concerns should be reported directly to your class teacher. We will let you know when we get this function of the website up and running properly to ensure consistent use across the school.

### **School Uniform**

As we move towards our new uniform, we are in a period of transition. Older items of uniform (sky blue jumpers, white t-shirts, shirt and tie) can continue to be worn for as long as they are in circulation. Although there might be a variety of different uniforms, it is important that we look smart and ready for learning each day. Please label all uniform as this makes it easier for us to return items!

### **Tinathon**

Samares School Council is supporting the Shelter Trust Tinathon. We ask that families bring a tin into school, which is then donated to the Shelter Trust. Any tins are to be donated before 2<sup>nd</sup> October – please bring them to your class.

### Term Dates

You can find the term dates by following the link below.

<https://www.gov.ie/Education/Schools/SchoolLife/pages/termdates.aspx>

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or queries.

Many thanks,



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