



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Spring 10 | 18th March 2022

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our fundraising effort for the those affected by the conflict in the Ukraine. This was part of an initiative run by First News and backed by the Disasters Emergency Committee. Thanks to your generous contributions the school raised just over £350 which along with our recent donations will hopefully offer some small support to the many people suffering. As well as raising funds and gathering donations we have also been writing and sharing our prayers for peace and, as a faith community, we will continue to pray for all those affected by this, and the many other conflicts, in our world.

St Osmund's have contacted us about a prayer initiative they are running to pray the rosary daily in order to obtain peace for the world and the end of war. You can participate via Zoom/WhatsApp from your home at 8pm every night. Don't worry if you have never prayed the Rosary before, as everything will be explained. To join, please text 07947760327 (Mrs. Isabel Lynch-Bradley). This will start on Monday 21st March at 8 pm.

Dates for your diary

Monday 21st March – Netball v Darell School - Home

Thursday 23rd March - PTA Event – Wine and Paint Evening

Thursday 24th March - Cyber Use and Cyber Crime Talk for Parents 5-6.30pmonline

Friday 25th March – Year 2 Scooter Training

Saturday 26th March – PTA Event – School Spring Clean

Monday 21st March – Netball v Holy Trinity School - Home

Thursday 31st March – Way of the Cross led by Year 6

Thursday 31st March – Movie Night

Friday 1st April – School Closes for Easter Holidays at 1pm

Monday 3rd – Monday 18th April - Easter Holidays

Tuesday 19th April – Start of Summer Term

Friday 22nd April – Great Mary Mag's Bake Off

Friday 29th April – School Closed RE INSET

Lent

Lent is always a special season of preparation and reflection within the school. There are also a number of resources that you may wish to use at home as you prepare to celebrate Easter.

- Mark 10 Mission have developed a series of “Little Liturgies” which are ideal for our youngest children, <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/little-liturgies>
- Mission Together (Missio) have updated their Lenten resources for 2022 including a Lenten calendar. <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/lent/>
- Cafod has a wealth of Lenten resources and have produced a Stations of the Cross for young people inspired by the writings of Pope Francis. <https://cafod.org.uk/Media/Files/1.-Resources/Secondary/resource-pages/Stations-of-the-Cross>

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The Year of the Family | Stronger, Kinder, Wiser Together

Financial Year-End 2022

Bookings for breakfast club, clubs, school lunches and trips on SCOPay will close on Monday 21st March 2022 at midday and will re-open on Monday 4th April at 11a.m. This is because of the financial year-end. Please top up your child's school lunch account, breakfast club or make payments for school trips, Governors' Fund before 21st March. All P.T.A events and school uniform purchases will remain open.

Boys' Football Tournament

Despite the rain and the mud our boys' football team had a great time at this week's tournament at NPL. The team worked well together and managed to pull off four draws. Unfortunately, they were knocked out following a very competitive match with Holy Trinity but they put in an excellent effort and should be very proud of their great team work.



Netball Matches

Our netball team had a fantastic match this week against Marshgate. There was some impressive play on show and the team triumphed 17 – 4. What a result! As always, they were gracious in victory and we look forward to our upcoming fixtures with an eye on the league finals.

School Streets

We will be participating in the school streets initiative from 28th March. As part of the scheme, we will need to manage entry to Worple Street from 8.15-9.15am and 2.45-3.45pm, for a couple of months until our families and residents are familiar with the new restrictions. Signage will be erected by the local authority and they will also provide all the equipment, barrier, hi vis jackets etc.

As a small school we will need volunteers to ensure that the initiative is successful. If you would like to be part of our group of volunteers, or you are willing to take on a leadership role please complete the survey: <https://forms.gle/ourrpWshs5tQSYWh7> Additional information can be found in the letter accompanying this newsletter.

Calling all young artists

Just a reminder that the Royal Academy of Arts in London is running a version of their historic Summer Exhibition for children and young people. The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for students aged 4 - 19 studying in the UK. Artworks are judged by a panel of passionate artists and arts professionals, with selected artworks displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts.

We would like all the budding artists in our school to take part. If your child is interested they can make a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation or video piece. Once they have made their creation, a parent/carer needs to go to: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> to register their child, give permission and upload a photo of the work. You will be able to find our school when you register by the search. There is no theme so artworks can be of any subject. It must be original artwork and not a copy of another piece.

Submissions close on **30th March at 5pm**. Good Luck!

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Cyber Use and Cyber Crime Talk for Parents

Following our recent message regarding our Cyber Use and Cyber Crime Talk we have decided to move the event online as this will enable more parents/carers to access the session. It will also enable us to record the talk and questions so that it can be accessed at a later date by those who could not attend.

In this workshop, PC Mick our Safer Schools Officer, and Karen Ali from the mental health charity "Mind", will give an insight into the dangers of the cyber world, both on the mental health of the child, and the legal consequences that can come through poor choices made online. They will be covering topics such as:

- Cyber bullying – the effects on mental health
- Grooming – the dangers to be aware of
- The dangers of sexting – the legal and mental health consequences
- The consequences when things go viral
- How you can help your child to stay safe online

Please let us know if you would like to attend via this Google form: <https://forms.gle/Lz9XCCKZQCL4Mk8a6>

PTA Events

Wine and Paint

Don't forget to purchase your tickets for our Wine and Paint evening, taking place at the school on Wednesday 23rd March. We will close all sales on Monday. Local artist Carla will talk us through the evening where you will be able to create your own PopArt masterpiece. Tickets cost £25 and are available to buy on SCOPay and include a glass of fizz. <https://www.scopay.com/login.html>

Remember, no art experience is necessary. So please join us for a creative and fun evening, all while enjoying a glass of wine or two!

Spring Clean

As the weather is improving, we want to make sure our children can make the most of the outdoor space we have. Thank you for everyone who has volunteered so far to help with the Spring Clean of the school grounds on the morning of Saturday 26 March 2022.

If you are able to join for some outdoor physical activity on Saturday 26th March 2022, please complete this short google form: <https://forms.gle/VsbLoLpMSQfRyBMr9>

Movie Night

We are delighted to be organising a movie night for the children after school on Thursday 31 March. Further details and tickets to be released next week

Summer Fair

We are starting to make plans for this year's Summer Fair on 2nd July at the Brewery Field, but we will need a lot of help from outside the PTA. This could be with helping to put together the brochure, sorting through donations, organising entertainment or helping to provide food and drinks, amongst other roles.

Please can you take part in this short survey and let us know what you are able to help us with:

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Without your support the fair will not be able to take place and we would really appreciate any time you can give to help plan this event, which is our biggest annual fundraiser for the school by far.

Pupils of the Week

Reception – Paddling Class – Gabriel Carter

Year 1 – Circus Class – Nawal Dali

Year 2 – Tribe Class – Andrew Lee

Year 3D – Leap Class – Saoirse Freeman

Year 3FC – Zeal Class – Mergen Badral

Year 4 – Journey Class – Elias Carter

Year 5 – Aurora Class – Eliana Legesse

Year 6 – Parade Class

Ivy Akpabio-Klementowska

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Oriana Chamula, Antonio Izcara Jimenez,
Grace Fox, Alexia Mummery, William Gillick
for fantastic fact filled reports.

Matilda Harrison, Sofia Tilio and Ruairi Devine
for wonderful writing.

Morena Kodra and Vitto Estacio
for marvellous maths!

I hope you enjoy the sunshine this weekend with your children,

Catherine Hughes
Headteacher