



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Summer 1 | 22nd April 2022

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the Easter break. I hope you all managed to enjoy the beautiful weather over the Easter weekend and we look forward to an exciting and productive term ahead. It is lovely to be able to start the new term with some happy news of a new arrival and I am delighted to say that Mrs Farrell-Cotton and her husband welcomed their little boy, Jack, into the world yesterday. I know you will join with me in sending them your congratulations and best wishes as they start their next adventure as a family.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 26th April – Y5 & Y6 Basketball Tournament

Wednesday 27th April – PTA Meeting 7.30-8.30pm

Thursday 28th April – Year 5 Assembly 9am

Thursday 28th April – Year 4 Fulham Palace Trip

Thursday 28th April – Reception Class Cake Sale

Friday 29th April – School Closed Richmond Catholic Schools' INSET

Monday 2nd May – School Closed Bank Holiday

Tuesday 3rd May – Year 2 Wetlands Trip

Thursday 5th May – Year 4 Class Assembly 9am

Thursday 5th May – Cheese and Wine Evening (7.30 – 10.30pm)

Friday 6th May – Mufti Day (£2 per child)

Friday 6th May – Year 4 Cake Sale

Thursday 12th May – Year 3 Wetlands Trip

Friday 13th May – Mufti Day (Bottles for the Church fair)

Friday 13th May – Year 5 Cake Sale

Saturday 14th May – Parish Fair (12-2pm)

Wednesday 18th May – Year 6 Science Museum Trip

Wednesday 18th May – Curry and Quiz Night (7.30-10.30pm)

Thursday 19th May – Year 3FC Class Assembly 9am

Thursday 19th May – Movie Night (3.20-5.20pm)

Friday 20th May – Mufti Day (Cuddly Toys and Nearly New Toys)

Friday 20th May – Year 3FC Cake Sale

Wednesday 25th May – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event

Thursday 26th May – Year 3D Assembly 9am

Thursday 26th May – Mufti Day (Nearly New Gifts)

Thursday 26th May – Year 3D Cake Sale

Friday 27th May – INSET Day

Monday 30th – Friday 3rd June – Half Term

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Bake Off

Today some of our Year 6 pupils ran our very first Mary Mag's Bake Off. We had almost 50 entries and were absolutely amazed by the quality of each and every one of them. Everyone who participated was clearly a star baker in the making and judging was a long, tricky and mouth-watering experience. All children who participated won 10 points for their House and the winners were:

1st Prize

Best Biscuits – Georgie Murray
Most Covetable Cupcakes – Elina Whitmore
Most Terrific Traybake – Ellie Tusiime
Star of the Show – Zoe Wallis-Jones

2nd Prize

Best Biscuits – Nawal Dali
Most Covetable Cupcakes – Luke Wadie
Most Terrific Traybake – Elena and Emily Ogura
Star of the Show – Theia De Serra

3rd Prize

Best Biscuits – Aitana, Abraham and Isaac De La Camera
Most Covetable Cupcakes – Livia Woolfenden
Most Terrific Traybake – Thalia Wadie
Star of the Show – Stanley Bailey

Highly Commended Stars of the Show

Ben Wiggins and Erin Terry

The sale of these wonderful creations was enjoyed by everyone and raised almost £200! If you have a box or tray at home from your purchase please return it to school on Monday. We will put all containers in the playground for families to reclaim. A huge thank you to all the parents who ably assisted our budding bakers and special thanks to Caleb, Kidus, Matilda, Ria and Thalia who helped organize and judge the competition.



Basketball Tournament

Last term, our basketball team attended a borough wide tournament. The children showed fantastic resilience and discipline losing their first game but then coming back to win all their other games and beating the team they lost to initially to win the entire tournament! A huge well done to the team and their coach and thank you to the parents who supported on the day.



School Streets

Our school streets initiative started this week. As part of the scheme, signage has been erected to inform motorists that Worple Street is closed to traffic from 8.15-9.15am and 2.45-3.45pm. You may have seen volunteers out on Tuesday to talk to parents and residents about the initiative and the children learnt more about school streets in assembly today.

As part of this scheme there will be a number of other events throughout the year encouraging our pupils to walk, scoot, cycle or take public transport whenever possible. **We are still looking for 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>

Attendance

St Mary Magdalen's has always prided itself on having excellent attendance. We continue to monitor attendance closely as we know that good attendance ensures pupils make the best possible social, emotional and academic progress.

If your child is unwell, you must contact the school office by email or phone by 9.30am every day that your child is off school and inform us of the reason for their absence. Knowing why children are not in school is part of our safeguarding responsibilities. These calls help us make sure individual pupils and their families are safe. If you do not contact the office we will call you and the other contacts you have provided us with. To enable us to do this we would ask that you make sure that your contact details are up to date and inform us immediately if there are any changes.

Reception Parents' Evenings

Please take a look at our letter regarding the arrangements for the Reception Parents' Evenings next week:

Tuesday 26th April - 4-6pm

Wednesday 27th April - 4-6pm

Thursday 28th April - 5-7pm

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Class Assemblies

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to these celebrations of their children's achievements after drop off on:

Thursday 28th April – Year 5

Thursday 5th May – Year 4

Thursday 19th May – Year 3FC

Thursday 26th May – Year 3D

Thursday June 16th June – Year 1

Thursday June 23rd June – Year 2

Thursday June 30th June - Reception

For class assemblies please enter the school from the main playground.

Missing Bunny

A lovely bunny has been left in our playground. If you are missing a floppy eared friend please come and find them at the school office

Pupils of the Week

Reception – Paddling Class – Benjamin Miller

Year 1 – Circus Class – Tilly Couch

Year 2 – Tribe Class – Mason Armitage

Year 3D – Leap Class – Benjamin De Serra

Year 3FC – Zeal Class – Evelyn Dolan

Year 4 – Journey Class – Tomas Whitmore

Year 5 – Aurora Class – Zosia Gorny

Year 6 – Rosie O'Connell

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Evie Couch and Sienna Campbell for their fascinating recounts of their holidays

Lucie Adamson for amazing descriptions.

Ben Wiggins and Tito Araujo Filardi for wonderful work about Windrush

Tallulah Desouza for great geographical skills

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your children.

Catherine Hughes
Headteacher