



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – Summer 2 | 29th April 2022

Yesterday we were blessed to be able to welcome parents to watch our wonderful Year 5 class deliver their assembly. The focus was on bravery and the children were not only brave but also inspirational – showcasing their many talents and sharing some of the adventures they have enjoyed this year at school. Thank you to the parents for joining us, it means so much to be able to come together as a community once again and a special thanks to Mrs Derby, Mrs O'Boyle, Miss Finn and of course the children for all their hard work. We look forward to welcoming Year 4 parents next Thursday.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April – School Closed Richmond Catholic Schools' INSET

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – School Closed Bank Holiday

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 Class Assembly 9am

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Cheese and Wine Evening (7.30 – 10.30pm)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Mufti Day (£2 per child)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 Cake Sale

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 Wetlands Trip

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Mufti Day (Bottles for the Church fair)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Cake Sale

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Parish Fair (12-2pm)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Science Museum Trip

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Curry and Quiz Night (7.30-10.30pm)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3FC Class Assembly 9am

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Movie Night (3.20-5.20pm)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Mufti Day (Cuddly Toys and Nearly New Toys)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3FC Cake Sale

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3D Assembly 9am

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Mufti Day (Nearly New Gifts)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3D Cake Sale

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – INSET Day

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Half Term

## INSET Day

Today we welcomed almost one hundred staff from the Catholic schools in Richmond to our school for some shared in-service training. It was a great opportunity for our teachers to share best practice with other schools and for us to all think about how we can work together to ensure the best possible outcomes

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for our children. Our focus this year was on Catholic social teaching and how we can live our faiths as one family with a common home. Additional information can be found on the CAFOD website

<https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Catholic-social-teaching>

Some of our teaching staff also undertook phonics training on our systematic synthetic phonics programme, Read Write Inc. It is always useful for staff to be able to work collaboratively on these initiatives and I am very grateful to our parents for supporting us in this. A special thank you also to Mrs O’Gorman, Mrs Barrett and Ms Anderson who have worked incredibly hard in preparation for this training.

### **PTA Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the PTA meeting last night. It was great to share our successes so far this year and to make some more exciting plans for the year ahead. We are looking forward to a fabulous family celebration for the Platinum Jubilee and in the hope that more people will be able to attend we have changed the date of this to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May and will be running the event after school – more exciting details to follow.

### **Summer Fair**

As you know the summer fair is our biggest fundraiser of the year and, most importantly, it is a great community event. This year’s fair will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and we are still looking for volunteers to help us with the preparations. We are particularly interested in help sourcing raffle prizes and arranging entertainment. If you can help please contact Gemma O’Reilly [gmmoreilly9@gmail.com](mailto:gmmoreilly9@gmail.com).

### **Poster Competition Winner!**

As part of the preparations we have been running a summer fair poster competition. All of the entries were incredible and judging was incredibly challenging but we are delighted to announce that the winner is Amelia Wilkes from 3FC. Congratulations Amelia!

### **School Streets**

Thank you to everyone who has been following the new restrictions that are in place as part of the School Streets initiative. This is a great way for us to keep the area around our school safer for our children. A special thanks to Helen Hewitt who has been helping us set up the new scheme and manning the barrier. If you have any time to spare it would be wonderful to welcome some more volunteers so please do contact the school office.



## Basketball Tournament

Following their success last term our basketball team competed in another tournament on Tuesday. The team have gone from strength to strength and this time were unbeaten. They triumphed over a number of much larger schools and they will now represent the borough at the London Youth Games! We are so proud of their achievement and of the maturity they showed throughout the day. Congratulations to the team and their coach and thank you to the staff and parents who supported on the day. A special well done to Rosie O'Connell who was named most valuable player!



### Pupils of the Week

Reception — Veronica Blonski Garcia

Year 1 – Circus Class – Elina Whitmore

Year 2 – Tribe Class – JP Dowell

Year 3D – Leap Class – Max Coleman

Year 3FC – Zeal Class – Matilda Harrison

Year 4 – Journey Class – The Whole Class

Year 5 – Aurora Class – The Whole Class

Year 6 – Laura Mosiadz

Certificates will be given out next week

### Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Cara Weldon for thought provoking work in RE

Tilly Couch for her writing about  
some terrific toys

Cristiano Gorges for marvellous maths.

I hope you enjoy the long weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Catherine Hughes,  
Headteacher