



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Summer 3 | 6th May 2022

Our Year Four pupils made a wonderful start to the month of May with their assembly this week. They focussed on the life of Mary. They were fantastic as not only telling her story and asking questions of their peers but also thinking about how we can demonstrate the courage, compassion and generosity that Mary teaches us. The children were courageous in their performance and generous with their talents, not least their wonderful singing. Thank you to the parents for joining us, after so much time apart I think we are all appreciating the opportunity to celebrate our children and their achievements together again. Also thank you to Miss Tootill and the Year Four team for all their hard work with the children in preparation. We look forward to welcoming Year 4 parents next Thursday. We look forward to welcoming Year 3FC parents on Thursday 19th May.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 12th May – Year 3 Wetlands Trip
Friday 13th May – Mufti Day (Bottles for the Church fair)
Friday 13th May – Year 5 Cake Sale
Friday 13th May – Whole School Mass – Led by Year 4 9.30am
Saturday 14th May – Parish Fair (12-2pm)
Tuesday 17th May – Class photographs
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
Thursday 26th May – Year 3D Assembly 9am
Thursday 26th May – Mufti Day (Nearly New Gifts)
Thursday 26th May – Year 3D Cake Sale
Thursday 26th May – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Event
Friday 27th May – INSET Day
Monday 30th – Friday 3rd June – Half Term

School Trips

It has been wonderful to see lots of classes enjoying school trips and workshops over the last few weeks. Whether it was working on a project with Turner's House, visiting Fulham Palace or heading to the Wetlands Centre these are all trips that have enriched our children's learning and from what they have told me have also been a lot of fun. We look forward to more excursions for all our pupils during the summer

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term including the Barnes Literature Festival and our Year Six residential to Norfolk. Thank you to all the parents who have and will help on these trips without your support they would not be possible.

Class and Whole School Masses

Thank you to Year Six for leading Mass at church this week. Father Adrian suggested that this year the class Masses could be held in the church so that both parents and parishioners could be included. After so long not being able to attend church it is lovely for the children to have this opportunity. Thank you to the parents who attended and to Father Adrian, Mrs O’Gorman and Year Six. Our next Mass will be Friday 13th May and is a whole school Mass led by Year Four.

Parent/Carer Governor Election

Just a reminder that we are looking for a parent/carers to join our dedicated governing body. If you wish to stand for the position of Parent Governor provide the following details in writing no later than 12noon on **Monday 16th May** (either to the school office or by email admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk):

- your full name, email address and the full name and class of your child/children at the school;
- a personal statement (no more than 100 words);
- evidence of the extent to which you possess the skills and experience the governing board is seeking;
- your commitment to undertake training and development to acquire or develop the skills to be an effective governor;
- how you plan to contribute to the future work of the governing board;
- if seeking re-election, detail your contribution to the work of the governing board during your previous term of office.

Bike Ride

20 dads and 3 mums will set off for Paris on Friday 24 June, riding 309 kilometres to the Eiffel Tower in (around) 24 hours and raising vital funds in the process. The goal is to raise at least £10,000, with 75% going to key needs of the school and 25% going to the Plast GB Ukrainian Scouts to support spring and summer camps for displaced Ukrainian children now based in London. What can you do to help? Learn more about what your donation will support and give now on our [JustGiving page](#) - and remember your company might match your donation. There will also be some fun events to raise funds in the coming weeks.

Our cycle team would also like a logo to use for all our London to Paris fundraising activities, designed by one of the children at the school. Could all budding artists and graphic designers please create a logo design to be handed into the school office by the end of Friday 13 May. Entries on A4 paper with bold, bright colours please and perhaps featuring ‘London to Paris’. There will be a prize for the winning entry!

Curry and Quiz Night

Don’t forget to buy your tickets for the Curry and Quiz Night on 18th May. The event, which is being professionally catered and will take place in the school hall from 7.30pm. Tickets are available via SCOPay. <https://www.scopay.com/login.html>

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Jubilee Survey

Just a reminder that before planning the school's Jubilee Party on the 26th May, we wanted to canvas opinion regarding attendance. Please complete this short survey to let us know what you think. Thank you in advance for your time.

<https://forms.gle/1Z7xE8HAaiMmbHoo9>

Stewardship

Following on from our training last week, my assembly looked at stewardship and the importance of us caring for God's gifts. As is so often the case the children really led by example with our traffic ambassadors Aitana and Laura unveiling the "No Idling" poster that our children have created as part of our drive to improve our local area and Charlotte, Ellie and Angelica talking about what they have learnt about rainforests and their persuasive posters arguing against deforestation. I was so impressed with their understanding and enthusiasm and particularly with Ellie, Eva and Maya from Year Four who really lived out this mission as they helped me tidy the playground this lunchtime. Thank you all!

Pupils of the Week

Reception — Sophia Chamula
Year 1 – Circus Class – Joseph Lynch
Year 2 – Tribe Class – Ava Terry
Year 3D – Leap Class – Evie Couch
Year 3FC – Zeal Class – Rafaele Vernazza
Year 4 – Journey Class – Mya Birrell-King
Year 5 – Aurora Class – Bennie Smithson
Year 6 – Orla Chandler

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Evelyn Dolan, Jack Gallagher and Morena Kodra for incredibly creative chocolates
Annabella Nemeth and Max Magalhaes for their marvellous mapping.
Willow Barros for a riveting recount.
Angelica Perry-Pecikoza, Ellie Tusiime, Eva Hughes, Charlotte Doherty and Mya Birrell-King for superb stewardship and excellent eco posters.

I hope you get a chance to enjoy the sunshine with your children this weekend.

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher