



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter – Summer 10 | 1st July 2022

The last class assembly of the year was an absolute delight and a real reminder of how much our children grow and change each year. Our Reception children treated us to a fantastic performance that encompassed, singing, poetry and an incredibly uplifting message about the importance of love and kindness. I know as we enter the last three weeks of term many of the children are tired and their wise words on being kind to ourselves and each other were particularly well timed. Thank you to all the parents who joined us, to Miss Scuglia, Miss Pavlickova, Mrs Dhir and Mrs Lally for all their hard work preparing the children and of course to the children for their amazing performance.

## **Dates for your diary**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – School Summer Fair 12-4pm

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – New Reception Parents' Welcome Evening 7-8pm

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports to Parents

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Movie Night

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Maths Adventure Day

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Cake Sale

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Holy Communion Party

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Production 7pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Production 7pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – New Reception Children Stay and Play 2-3pm

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Cycle Training

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Curry and Quiz Night

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Junior Disco

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Leavers' Mass 9.30am

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Last Day of Term 1pm finish

## **Whole School Mass**

Thank you to all the parents and parishioners who were able to attend our Mass celebrating Saint Peter and Saint Paul on Wednesday. It is such a privilege to be able to come together in this way again and Year 5 did a fantastic job leading the mass. Thank you to Mrs Derby, Mrs O'Gorman and Father Adrian for all their hard work in preparation.

## **Cycle Ride**

Congratulations to our fantastic cyclists and their support team who made it all the way to Paris last weekend. Amazing teamwork ensured that they all made it there and back safe and sound despite facing a few challenges! A huge thank you to them for all their hard work and for the amazing funds that they have

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raised for the school and for the Ukrainian Scouts camps for displaced children. Follow the school's Instagram account to see their updates - @stmarymagdalensmortlake

### **Maths Adventure Day**

A huge well done to our marvellous mathematicians who took part in a variety of mathematical challenges and activities today. Thank you to Tarek Maalouf, Joshua Desouza, Marcelo Borges, Laura Gates, and David Wiggins who came in to talk about how they use maths in every-day life – it was a wonderful way to help children understand not just what they are learning by how it can be used and why it is important. We had 100s of fabulous mathematical costumes and we were delighted to award prizes to:

Reception – Veronica Blonski-Garcia

Year 1 – Lily Pepper

Year 2 – Willow Barros

Year 3D – Rose Thistleton

Year 3FC – Emilia O'Reilly

Year 4 – Charlotte Doherty

Year 5 – Zosia Gorny

Year 6 – Ben Wiggins

### **Basketball Tournament**

Well done to Chelsea, Ria, Rosie, Tallulah and Viktoriya who competed in a locality Girls' Basketball Tournament at Lowther school this week run by Richmond Knights. The girls played in three on three matches and went on to win the entire event! Not only were they victorious but their behaviour and attitudes were exemplary and we are proud to have such outstanding ambassadors for our school.



### **Sports Day**

This mornings sports day was action packed and it was wonderful to see all the children so active and engaged. We were very proud of how supportive they were and congratulations to Mayne House who won the overall event. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend and to Mrs Derby, Mrs Barrett and Hassan, Jack and Scott from NS Sport who all helped organize the day.

### **Brilliant new fundraising initiative launched**

One of our parents has come up with a great fundraising idea for the school. Nick Fox, dad of Harriet (Y4) and Grace (Y2) works for a Featherstone Leigh, a well-established family-owned estate agent in the middle of Sheen. He has agreed to give the school £500 for every successful sale they generate in SW14 through an introduction via the school. To be clear this could be parents, neighbours, family etc; as long as they get in touch with Nick and mention Mary Mags they will make the contribution. They will also offer reduced fees.

Please spread the word and ask people to contact Nick on [nfox@featherstoneleigh.co.uk](mailto:nfox@featherstoneleigh.co.uk) or 07976 147285; this could raise a significant sum over the coming months if we all get behind it

### Summer Fair

We look forward to welcoming the school and local community to the school fair at Watney's tomorrow. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard over the last few weeks and months on this incredible community event. Just a few reminders from the PTA:

- We still need volunteers to help with clear-up at the end of the event. A parent has offered use of their van but will need help with lifting any heavy items. Please contact Gemma at [gmmoreilly9@gmail.com](mailto:gmmoreilly9@gmail.com) if you can help
- Please remember cash at the fair. There will be card machines but only a few and there isn't a cash point nearby
- For the rides, please buy a token beforehand. Do not hand cash to the ride operators directly or the school will lose any money raised - there will be a stall where you can buy your tokens

### Reception Welcome Meeting

We look forward to welcoming the parents of our new reception children at 7pm on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher and teaching assistants. To spend some time in your child's new classroom and outdoor learning areas and to ask any questions you may have.

#### Pupils of the Week

Reception — Harry Smith

Year 1 – Circus Class – Cristiano Gorges

Year 2 – Tribe Class –

Year 3D – Leap Class – Chloe Te Brake

Year 3FC – Zeal Class – Evie Couch

Year 4 – Journey Class – Ellie Tusiime

Year 5 – Aurora Class – Caitlin Smith

Year 6 – Parade Class – Ria Tusiime

#### Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Tito Araujo Filardi and Annabella Nemeth for excellent embroidery

Ramon Sanchez for incredible independent writing.

Louis Parletti for wonderful cursive writing.

Antonio and Daniel Izcara Jimenez for an amazing engineering

Willow Barros for outstanding reading and writing.

I look forward to seeing you and your children at the summer fair.

Catherine Hughes,  
Headteacher