



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Summer 11 | 8th July 2022

What an incredible day last Saturday was. Yet again the Mortlake summer fair was an amazing success thanks to the hard work of our PTA and the pupils, parents and staff who helped on the day. It was fantastic to enjoy the day together and also to see what a strong, united community we are when faced with adversity. A huge thank you to everyone who helped at the Fair and on Saturday evening.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 10th July – Holy Communion Party

Wednesday 13th July – Year 6 Production 7pm

Thursday 14th July – Y3 Orleans House Gallery

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Friday 15th July – New Reception Children Stay and Play 2-3pm

Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th July – Year 6 Cycle Training

Tuesday 19th July – Y4 Sikh Temple

Tuesday 19th July – Junior Disco

Thursday 21st July – Leavers' Mass 9.30am

Thursday 21st July – Last Day of Term 1pm finish

London Youth Games

Our basketball teams have had an outstanding season and this culminated with our team representing Richmond at the London Youth Games on Monday. The children were competing against 29 other boroughs and often against much larger schools. Playing in 3 on 3 format the children won 6 matches in succession to reach the final where they narrowly missed out on a gold medal to a three-form entry school from Newham.



We are so proud of our silver medal winning players, Tallulah, Rosie, Nuala, Max M, Max C and Oliver. Not only are they fantastic players but they were resilient and determined – truly remarkable ambassadors for our school. Thank you to all the children who were on the squad and who contributed to this victory and to Hassan Davies for all his hard work training the squad and on the day. Thank you to Mrs Harrington and Thomas Magalhaes for helping us on the long journey and to Liam O'Connell for kindly providing the team with a brand new kit for the special event.

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Summer Fair

A phenomenal amount of effort has to be put in for our small school to pull off such a HUGE event so successfully. Thank you to everyone who came to help on the day whether it was setting up, manning a stall or clearing everything away and also to everyone to come along to enjoy the event.

We are also very grateful to Dartmouth Capital for allowing us to use the brewery field for this special event each year and to our sponsors - Stuart McKenzie and all those who advertised in the brochure.

Thank you to Wells Farm and Warburton's for their very generous donations of food and to the local businesses who have donated raffle prizes. We were so grateful to Evelyn and Kim Teo for their donation of plants all of which were grown by them! We are very grateful to NS Sport and London Scottish Rugby Club for coming along to provide sporting activities on the day.

There have also been parents working behind the scenes for weeks in preparation. A huge thank you to our prize gatherers - Clare McCalvey, Yolanda Devine, Meredith Plant, Sharon Barrett, Amanda Black, Ophelia Chi and Aliston Young. Thank you To Badral Khaidav for organizing all the external stalls and to Sophia Arcari, Dannelly Ardelá and Justin Black for the work getting advertisers, producing and distributing the brochure.

The food and drink on the day was fabulous and thank you to Laura Lin-Wilkes, Fran Mummery and Amy Wallis Jones for helping to organize the catering and equipment. Similarly, we were treated to some incredible entertainment including many of our current and former pupils. Thank you to Gemma O'Reilly and Astrid Castro-Lelliott for your work on music and display.

Organising all of this and many events we have enjoyed throughout the year have been our PTA committee who have been phenomenal. We are deeply indebted to Allan Aitchison, Justin Black, Badral Khaidva, Clare McCalvey and Gemma O'Reilly for their hard work and dedication. It means so much for our school and our children.

Reception Welcome Meeting

We enjoyed welcoming the parents of our new Reception class to school on Wednesday evening. It was a chance to find out a little more about the school and to meet their child's new teacher and look around the Reception class and outdoor learning areas. Thank you to Mrs Barrett for all her help organising the evening and to Mrs Parletti for her help with the uniform. Next week we will be welcoming the children to their stay and play session on Friday 15th 2-3pm.

Reports

Your child's report was sent home yesterday. If you did not receive their report or if you would like to make an appointment to discuss it further please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

London to Paris Success

After 190 miles, five food/pastry stops, two punctures, one overnight ferry, several van adventures, and lots of amazing memories, the London to Paris riders made it to the Eiffel Tower! It was two days of fantastic cycling, thanks to the organisers who helped get everyone there and back. And many, many thanks for all of your support - £5,000 has been raised so far. Remember, 75% of the funds will go towards the Hardship Fund (providing uniforms, wrap around care, extra curricular activities, etc for families in crisis) and towards wellbeing initiatives including the new nature space for the whole school community. 25% will help provide vital day camps for Ukrainian children displaced by the war. Fundraising continues so please [give here](#) if you haven't already.



Pupils of the Week

Reception —

Year 1 – Circus Class – Lily Pepper

Year 2 – Tribe Class – Elena Ogura

Year 3D – Leap Class – Filip Kozlowski

Year 3FC – Zeal Class – The Whole Class!

Year 4 – Journey Class – Morgan Coughlan

Year 5 – Aurora Class – Ghassan Assi

Year 6 – Parade Class – Alice Rafferty

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Mergen Badral, Sienna Campbell, Nyah Christopher, Emilia O'Reilly, Ruairi Devine, Magda Woods, Alessio Arcari for incredible information leaflets all about Year 3

Elna Whitmore for fantastic writing – you have made amazing progress!

Elena Ogura and Grace Fox for super science!

I hope you enjoy a restful weekend with your children.

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