



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - Autumn 5 | 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022

It was wonderful to mark the start of the school year with the first Mass of the year on Wednesday. Thank you to Father Adrian for his thought-provoking homily and to all the parents and parishioners who came to join us. A special thanks to Mrs O’Gorman and the Year 6 pupils who led the Mass so beautifully. As always, our Year 6 pupils set a wonderful example to the younger children and we are looking forward to them leading our school community this year. Each year we choose pupils to take on positions of responsibility and it is an incredibly challenging task as we have so many children who would be capable of taking on each role. This week I am pleased to announce the Head and Deputy Boys and Girls, the House Captains and the School Council Leaders. I am also looking forward to the other opportunities to represent the school and act as role models that will arise throughout the year for all our pupils.

### ***School Council Leaders***

Sophie Gardiner and Miles Carey

### ***House Captains***

Campion-Joshua Couch

Fisher-Xaviera Driussi

Mayne-Jake Nguyen

More-Emilia Newbold

***Deputy Head Boy*** – Hugo Sharman Guerard

***Deputy Head Girl*** - Amelia Stanger

***Head Boy*** - Oliver Gardiner

***Head Girl*** - Chloe Grindal

### **Dates for your diaries**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October** – PTA Annual General Meeting 8pm at school

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October** - The Great Mary Mags Harvest Hoedown 4-8pm

**Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Individual Support Plan Meetings

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 6 Parents’ Evening – 3.40-5.40pm

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 6 Parents’ Evening – 5-7pm

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Mass – Year 5 to lead – 9.30am

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – New Parents’ Open Morning 10-11am

**Week Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 6 residential trip to France

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception - Year 5 Parents’ Evening – 3.40-5.40pm

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Reception - Year 5 Parents’ Evening – 5-7pm

**Week Commencing 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Half Term

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The Year of Global Citizens – “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” Mahatma Gandhi

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – School Closed INSET

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – School Closed INSET

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 4 Trip to Fulham Palace

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Service – Led by Year 6, Year 6 parents are invited to attend

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Open Morning for Current Parents – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** – Year 3 Trip to Fulham Palace

### **Parent Teacher Association**

Just a reminder that the PTA look forward to welcoming you to their AGM at 8 p.m. on **Tuesday 4th October**. The meeting will be in the school hall, with drinks and nibbles provided, and will only last one hour. At least one Rep from each class is expected to attend, but it would be great to see as many people there as possible - you'll get to learn more about their fundraising, meet new parents and hear about (and suggest) future events.

### **Secondary School Transfer Meeting**

Thank you to all those who attended the Secondary School Transfer Meeting last night. The slides are available in the Year 5 and 6 Google Classrooms. Just a reminder that lots of information for parents can be found in the Google Classrooms under parent information including our weekly class newsletters.

### **Competition Winner**

As we set out on our year of “Global Citizens”, challenging our pupils to “Be the change you wish to see in the world”, we set an enrichment challenge in our weekly class newsletters inspired by Preet Chandi (<https://polarpreet.com/>) who has broken many boundaries in her work and as an solo explorer. Well done to all those who entered and congratulations to our winner Evie-Rose Beglane. Evie-Rose’s beautiful and thought-provoking entry will be submitted to the competition. Fingers crossed that her design will soon be on the way to Antarctica!



### **Parents’ Evenings**

Parents’ evenings for Year 6 will be the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> October (due to their residential trip to France). It will be the following week for Reception – Year 5 pupils. These meetings will take place in person on the school site Tuesday 3.40-5.40pm and Thursday 5-7pm. **You will be able to book via SCOPay on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 10am**. If you are unable to come to school for these meetings please contact the school office to arrange a telephone meeting.

## Birthday Treats

Previously, the school had asked for books to be bought for your child's class library on their birthday rather than giving birthday treats to the class. During the pandemic, we allowed children to bring in treats for their class as it was often their only opportunity to celebrate this special occasion. Whilst this is no longer the case, this is not something that we, as a small school, can give time or staff to facilitate. Therefore, if you wish to give out birthday treats you will need to check regarding allergies within the class and help to distribute at the end of the school day.

## Harvest Hoedown

Thank you to everyone who has bought tickets for the Hoedown. The big day is nearly here and it's going to be great BUT we do still need some help on the day. Please sign up here if you can help us make this a success on the day! Thank you. Amy, Lucy and Meredith!

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/87027653673306012/false#/invitation>

### **Pupils of the Week**

Reception Antarctica – Mason Doci

Year 1 Australia – Nina Weldon

Year 2 Europe – Charlie Farrant

Year 3 North America – Penelope Lelliott

Year 4 South America – Rose Maza

Year 5 Africa – Elodie Myburgh

Year 6 Asia – Silvia Blake-Maillo

**Thank you for setting such an excellent example!**

### **Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work**

Mateos Kodra for excellent English work

Grayson Oliver-Harrocks for an evocative character description

Bertie Grech for particularly persuasive writing,

Elias Carter incredible illustrations in science

Caio Dorneles for exceptional English

Mia Turner and Ellie Tusiime for their marvelous reasoning in maths

Tomas Whitmore for insightful work in history

Ava Terry and Marcelo Borges for wonderful art

Daniel Farzin for excellent independent maths

Matilda Pellegrini, Emilia Newbold and Sophie Gardiner for very mature work on WWI

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children.

Catherine Hughes

Headteacher