



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Today, our Year 6 pupils led our Remembrance Service. It was wonderful for the whole school and our Year 6 parents to be able to attend this special service. The children did an incredible job leading this moving tribute with great maturity and confidence. I know that the children have enjoyed learning about the First World War and their insight was evident. They have produced some fantastic work which is currently on display on the ground floor corridor. Thank you to Mrs O'Gorman, Mrs Brennan, Mrs Black and all the staff in Year 6 for all their hard work helping the children to prepare and well done Year 6.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 14th November – Bottle Donations for the Parish Big Brunch
Tuesday 15th November - Year 5 & 6 Catholic Social Teaching Workshop
Wednesday 16th November – Girls' Football Tournament
Thursday 17th November – Open Morning for Current Parents – 9.00am
Thursday 17th November – Year 5 & 6 Basketball Tournament
Friday 18th November – Mufti Day to support the Christmas Fair
Friday 18th November - Year 5 Class Assembly
Sunday 20th November – Big Brunch Fundraiser St Mary Magdalen Church 10-1pm
Tuesday 22nd November – School Photos Siblings and Individual
Wednesday 23rd November – Year 3 Trip to Fulham Palace
Wednesday 23rd November – Year 5 Trip to Science Museum
Friday 25th November – Mufti Day to support the Christmas Fair
Friday 25th November - Year 4 Class Assembly
Wednesday 30th November – Boys' Football Tournament
Thursday 1st December – Advent Liturgies, in school
Thursday 1st December – Reception and Year 6 Heights and Weights
Friday 2nd December – Mufti Day to support the Christmas Fair
Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fair
Tuesday 6th December – Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 7th December - Shop til You Drop Christmas Market in school
Thursday 8th December – Nativity Play
Friday 9th December – Tag Rugby League Tournament
Friday 9th and Tuesday 13th December - Christmas Movie nights
Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 14th December - Class Christmas parties in school
Thursday 15th December – Carol Service Years 4-6, 7pm
Friday 16th December – Last day of term – School closes 1pm

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

Safeguarding

We are always looking at ways of ensuring our pupils stay safe inside and outside school. This includes teaching them, in an age appropriate way, about how to stay safe and well as part of our PSHE lessons. We also address these issues in assemblies. This week we welcomed Google and Parent Zone to deliver an assembly for our pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 challenging them to be internet legends. The presenters were incredibly impressed by the mature attitude of our pupils and it was a great opportunity for our children to be reminded of the importance of staying safe online.

In our assembly and PSHE lessons next week, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse." In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Jigsaw4U support for parents and pupils

Jigsaw4U Home School Links service has been supporting emotional well-being with primary age pupils in Merton and Sutton for nearly 20 years. They are now looking to expand this support to Kingston and Richmond primary schools. Please [click here](#) to find out more.

If you would like the school to make a referral please speak to us and we would be happy to support you in an application for support.

Open Morning for Parents - Thursday 17th November

We are looking forward to welcoming parents to the school on Thursday 17th November. You will have the opportunity to:

- Tour the school
- See our specialist teachers in action
- Meet with some of our pupils, senior leaders and governors
- Hear about our priorities for the year
- Catch up with other parents over tea and coffee

The morning will start after drop off and we ask that parents sign in at the main reception.

Year 2 Boys' Football Tournament

Our Year 2 boys competed in a football tournament this week and blew Hassan away with their maturity and effort in every game. They played 5 matches, won 4, drew 1 and only conceded 1 goal! As well as this tremendous performance they also showed incredible team spirit. Well done to Luke, Isaac, Leo, Olly, Joe, Oliver, Ramon & Pearse. A massive thank you to the parents who came and supported.



Lost Property

This large container is full of unnamed uniform some of which is almost brand new. Our Head Pupils very kindly sorted out our lost property and distributed the named items to their owners. However, all these items cannot be returned as they have no name. Please, please, please name your child's uniform. It can be as simple as writing their name in biro or sharpie but it will help us reunite items with their owners and avoid you having to buy items over and over again.

Christmas Concert Fundraiser

On Wednesday 30 November at St Mary's, Barnes, Home-Start Richmond, Kingston & Hounslow will be holding a Christmas Concert in aid of struggling local families. We would be delighted to welcome the St Mary Magdalen's School community to purchase tickets for our magical evening of fundraising, mulled wine, mince pies, festive music and celebrity readings.

Donations made on the night will be DOUBLED (whilst match funding lasts), so this is your chance to make a real difference to the lives of local families and bring the gift of hope to a family in need this Christmas.

Get your tickets here - <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/homestart-richmond-kingston-hounslow/779150>

St Mary Magdalen's Big Brunch Fundraiser

The team behind the Harvest Hoedown and the Platinum Jubilee celebrations are putting on a Big Brunch Fundraiser for the St Mary Magdalen church on World Youth Day, Sunday 20th November, 10am-1pm.

The event will take place in the church grounds after 9.30 and 11am masses.

Please do come and support our parish family.

To help support the fundraiser we would ask for bottles for the tombola on **Monday 14th November**

Messages from the PTA

Christmas Fair

Thanks to all those who donated today, your support is very much appreciated and I am sure the children enjoyed being able to come to school in their PJs. Mufti Days will continue for the next three Fridays in the build up to the Christmas Fair on the 3rd December.

- Friday 18th Nov - Crazy Hair; Donations - Bottles of Wine/spirits for the Drinks Tombola
- Friday 25th Nov - Christmas Jumpers; Donations - Sweet Treats for the Chocolate Tombola and/or 2nd Hand Children's Books (no adult themed books please)
- Friday 2nd Dec - Christmas Fancy Dress; Donations - Home Baking

Parents are able to make monetary donations for all Mufti Days in advance on SCOPay <https://www.scopay.com/login> or at the school gates on the morning of Mufti Days

Christmas Fair Poster Design Competition

Reminder that the deadline for the children to have their artwork entered into the competition is Monday 14th November. The chosen design will be used as the poster to advertise the School Christmas Fair.

Calling all Santa's Elves

A survey was sent out yesterday via SCOPay inviting all parents to sign up to volunteer at the Christmas Fair. Please use [this survey](#) to indicate how you can offer your support to make it the great success that we all want it to be.

Football World Cup Competition

In the build-up to the Christmas Fair, it could be easy to miss that the Football World Cup is kicking off later this month. The PTA will be running a World Cup Sweepstake for the children, with some excellent prizes. Tickets will be sold next Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th November at morning drop-off.

As a parent I am aware that it can be hard to see how the funds raised through the PTA contributes to the school. Please click on the link to see how the funds raised support our children's school <https://youtu.be/26cJWcoNUIE>. And if this inspires you, click on the link below to Easyfundraising and help raise funds for the school when you shop without any extra cost to you www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Thanks for all your ongoing support,

Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – Carl Casimir Bernitz

Year 1 Australia – Veronica Blonski-Garcia

Year 2 Africa – Cristiano Gorges

Year 3 North America – Andrea Lam

Year 4 South America – Magda Wood

Year 5 Europe – Mia Turner

Year 6 Asia – Jake Nguyen

Thank you to the whole of Year 6 for their wonderful Remembrance assembly.

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Ada Lynch for excellent spelling in phonics
Digby Heyland, Luke Wadie and Olive Carter-Smith for fantastic writing.

Lucia Newbold, Riley Monk and Evelyn Dolan for amazing the colours and original patterns used in their self-portraits.

Mia Turner for marvellous maths
Eva Hughes and Luca Braga for their detailed retelling of the Mayan creation story
Charlotte Doherty and Raffi Boghossian for their fact files on Mayan food

Many of us will be attending remembrance services this weekend. You may wish to pray for those who have served and continue to do so in conflicts around the world including those who have been injured and lost their lives with your children. Below is a remembrance prayer along with some of the beautiful poppies our Year 6 pupils created with Mrs Black in their art lessons.



A Prayer for Remembrance

Ever-living God

We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;

May that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen

Have a peaceful weekend with your children,

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher