



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 11 | 18th November 2022

Thank you to Year 5 for their wonderful assembly this morning. The children were truly out of this world as they taught all about Earth and Space in an incredibly informative and entertaining way. It is wonderful to see our children continue to shine after the disruption of the week. A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to attend, to Mrs Delap for her hard work with the class and of course to the children who were all superstars! A measure of any community is how it responds in the most challenging of times and we are incredibly grateful for how amazing our pupils, parents, staff and parish family have come together this week. Hopefully, we will be able to celebrate this as a community at the Big Brunch Fundraiser at church on Sunday morning.

Dates for your diaries

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 the 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

Update on Incident 14th December

As you know from my letter on Monday, there was an incident at the school at the start of the week when a man tried to gain access to the school. The incident has been passed to CID who will continue to investigate

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the incident and I will inform you of any further developments. The safer neighbours team will continue to monitor the immediate vicinity of the school and the school is working with our school's police officer PC Mick, our staff, and our governors to review our site and procedures. We have changed the access to the school site to just one entrance and exit and we will shortly be putting up screening in some of the more exposed areas of the school site. Thank you for your continued support going forward.

Open Morning for Parents - Thursday 17th November

Thank you to all the parents who attended our open morning for current parents yesterday. It was a pleasure to show you around the school and to have the opportunity to talk to you about the year ahead. Thank you to the PTA for their help and for all the exciting events they have planned and I am very grateful to our governors Catie Terry, Chris Hopkins and Glyn Wallis-Jones who came along to talk about the vital role that governors play in the life of our school.

Girls' Football

The girls' football tournament included Beatrice, Charlotte, Eliana, Emilia, Eva, Harriet, Livia, Sophie, Xaviera and Zoe. We all thought it would be an amazing experience and it was! We managed to make it to the semi-finals, after facing some extremely tough teams. Our hardest match by far was against Collis, as they were very strong. Thanks to Hassan and to all the parents who helped.



Christ's school basketball tournament

On Thursday 17th November, the Year 5 and 6 Basketball Squad went to Christ's School and participated in a basketball tournament. They competed against seven other schools. The team came 2nd place. Jake in Year 6 was made the most valuable player out of everyone in the tournament by the Knight's Basketball coaches. It was a thrilling experience for the children and they would love to do it again. By Oliver Gardiner and Jake Nguyen

CAFOD's Nativity Fun Run

Join us for a festive walk, run or stroll around Clapham Common at 11am on Saturday 10th December. Participants will follow a 2.5km route around the park twice. We encourage all people of all ages to participate. You can walk or run as fast or as slow as you would like for as long as you would like, so it really is an event for everyone and is particularly perfect for families. We will have various fun activities and admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk | 0208 876 6679 | <https://www.st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk/>

festive refreshments for participants to stop and enjoy. Entry is £10 for adults, £5 for children and £20 for a family. See poster attached.

Additional Support

Whilst we are always looking for ways to help and support others and asking for your support for our community we are aware that for many people this is a challenging time financially. If your circumstances have changed your child may now be eligible for the pupil premium grant and you can find out more at: https://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/children_and_family_care/schools_and_colleges/welfare_and_support/pupil_and_student_finance/free_school_meals or by contacting the school. We also work with a number of charities who can provide practical help and resources so please do not hesitate to contact us, in confidence, if there is anything we can do to help and support your child and your family.

Messages from the PTA

Christmas Fair

Thank you 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 crazy hair styles.

Mufti Days will continue for the next two Fridays in the build-up to the Christmas Fair on the 3rd December.

- 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

Thank you to all the budding artists who submitted their drawings. It was a very tough decision choosing this year. In the end after much deliberation, Oliver Cowley in Year 2 was chosen the winner with Lulu Ramgoolam from Reception as the runner up. Well Done! The winning poster will be displayed all over the school. We have included everyone's posters at the Fair to showcase the beautiful artwork. Keep drawing!

Thank you to Santa's Elves

A massive thank you to the volunteers who completed the survey. We couldn't make the Fair the success we are striving it to be without your help. In the end we had a total of 20 volunteers. If you haven't been contacted by one of the PTA team about your roles, you will be very soon.

Football World Cup Sweepstake

The Sweepstake has been a great comradery success. Lots of discussion at the table about which countries were picked. Some overjoyed...some not so much! Good luck to all the teams over the next month!

Usborne Books Reminder

Order through Gabi on the link below in aid of our school receiving up to 60% of all sales and free books.

<https://usborne.com/gb/BestBooksbygabi>

And saving the best for last...PTA Bauble Competition

This year we thought of doing something a little different for the children's Christmas Fair pre-activity. Instead of parents purchasing a product before the Fair and then buying it back at the Fair (which can be costly), we thought about providing the activity to you. This year we will be selling clear baubles for the children to decorate and let their creativity shine. We will be selling packs which include one bauble and a variety of mini pom poms, sequins, bells and many more to let their creativity flow. They will go on sale on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th November at drop-off for £3 per pack. To be returned by *Wednesday 30th November* for each teacher to choose a winner in their class with a little Christmassy prize. Please ensure the baubles are well labelled with name and class. They will then be displayed in the school and the children will be able to take them home at the end of the term. See poster attached.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
The PTA (Alison, Astrid, Badral, Clare, Fran M, Fran S, Gabi)

St Mary Magdalen's Big Brunch Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who donated bottles for the Big Brunch Fundraiser. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to come together this weekend as a community and I hope to see you at the church on Sunday.

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

Don't worry if you are unable to attend mass or attend elsewhere we would still love you to join us to support our parish family and help us to raise funds for screening in between the school and cemetery.

Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – Ada Lynch
Year 1 Australia – James Maalouf
Year 2 Africa – Roberto Grimaldi
Year 3 North America – Yasmin Veloso
Year 4 South America – Rose Thistleton
Year 5 Europe – The whole of Year 5
Year 6 Asia – Julie Blaskova

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Our Reception Class for their "Space Gallery"
they print a whole galaxy!

Amelia, Evelyn, Sofia Farrant and Sofia Tilio
for their detailed and well-presented
information texts of the Torah

Harlow for marvellous maths and Emily for
wonderful writing

Mariana, Morgan and Elias for designing,
making and decorating beautiful biscuits

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday,

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher

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