



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 9 | 4th November 2022

It has been wonderful to have the children back in school for the last three days. It has been a busy start to the half term with Year 6 preparing for our Remembrance Service next Friday, Year 4 visiting Fulham Palace and our Reception children creating a fantastic large-scale collaborative art work. The INSET days at the start of the week were equally productive. During these two days our staff received some excellent training led by Mrs Derby and our subject leaders on best practice across the curriculum. We also had a full day of training on our systematic synthetic programme, Read Write Inc. which was organised by Ms Anderson. These days are always a great chance to continue to develop our staff team and they are vital as the school continue to enhance our curriculum offer in light of national changes and research findings.

Dates for your diaries

Wednesday 9th November – Year 2 Boys' Football

Wednesday 9th November – Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

Wednesday 9th November – Be Internet Legends online safety assembly for Key Stage 2

Friday 11th November – Remembrance Service – Year 6 parents are invited to attend -10.30am

Friday 11th November – Mufti Day to support the Christmas Fair

Wednesday 16th November – Girls' Football Tournament

Thursday 17th November – Open Morning for Current Parents

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

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

Thursday 8th December – Nativity Play

Friday 9th and Tuesday 13th December - Christmas Movie nights

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch

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

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

Remembrance Service

Our Year Six pupils will be leading our annual Remembrance Service at 10.30am next Friday. Year Six parents are invited to attend. The service is in the school hall so parents should come to the main reception.

Great St Mary Mags' Bake Off

Today we held our second Mary Mags' Bake Off and we were thrilled to have so many participants. Some of our Year Six pupils kindly acted as judges and they had the tough job of picking the winners from an exceptional range of cakes, cookies and tray bakes.

Great Mary Mags' Bake-Off Winners

Best Biscuits

1st Prize - Zachary, Reception

Most Captivating Cupcakes

1st Prize – Amelia, Year 2

2nd Prize – Evie Rose – Year 4

3rd Prize – Grace and Harriet – Year 3 and Year 5

Star of the Show!

1st Prize – Oriana and Sophia, Year 3 and Year 1

2nd Prize – Cara and Nina, Year 3 and Year 1

3rd Prize – Maia, Year 6

Highly Commended

Ilya & Rosie Reception,

Nawal, Year 2,

Emilia, Year 6

Thank you to all those who took part and particularly to the PTA for organising the competition, the prizes and the cake sale at the end of the day when our “showstoppers” raised some invaluable funds for our art department. £200.00 was raised.



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.

Messages from the PTA

Mufti Days Are Back!

On the run up to the Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December, the PTA would like to invite the children to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a small donation, (£2 per child and/or donations) to help support preparation for this year Christmas Fair:

- Friday 11th Nov - Pyjama Day; Donations - New Gifts for the Children's Tombola
- Friday 18th Nov – Crazy Hair / Crazy Outfit Day; Donations - Bottles of Wine/spirits for the Drinks Tombola (DONATIONS OF ALCOHOL MUST BE HANDED IN BY ADULTS NOT CHILDREN)
- Friday 25th Nov - Christmas Jumpers; Donations - Sweet Treats for the Chocolate Tombola
- Friday 2nd Dec - Christmas Fancy Dress; Donations - Home Baking

Please note that parents will be able to make monetary donations for all Mufti Days in advance on SCOPay or at the School Gates in the morning

Christmas Fair Poster Competition

The PTA would also like to invite children to enter into Christmas Fair Poster Design Competition, the best design will be used as poster to advertise the School Christmas Fair. Key details that should be included in the Design:

- Date: Saturday 3rd December
- Timing: 11am - 3pm
- Location: St Mary Magdalen's School Playground

Children wishing to enter the Christmas Fair Poster Design Competition should submit their entries to the school office by **Monday 14th November**.

PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES

We would love your help with getting lots of fantastic prizes for Christmas Fair Raffle and Wheel of Fortune Stall. We would be so grateful if everyone could contact one of your contacts or businesses that you use to see if they could donate something. This could be anything from tech equipment to vouchers at your local restaurant, hairdresser, cafe or bike shop, to West End or theatre show tickets, wine tasting, or swimming lessons! Please contact your year group rep, the school office or Clare Lynch from the PTA (cmccalvey@hotmail.co.uk) for any prizes that you're able to offer.

Finally, the School Christmas Fair can only be a success with the help of the parents, a survey will be sent to the parents next week asking them if they are willing to help volunteer on the day or prior to the Christmas and what capacities.

Thanks in advance for your support,
PTA Chair

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Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – Ilya Dali

Year 1 Australia – Sophia Chamula

Year 2 Africa – Isaac Luzieto

Year 3 North America – Linda Kwambi

Year 4 South America – Filip Kozlowski

Year 5 Europe – Beatrice Heyland

Year 6 Asia – The Whole Class

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

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Benjamin Miller, Majorie Man and Stanley

Bailey for being star writers!

Mason Armitage for excellent comprehension

Emilia O'Reilly for her "eggscellent" Roman
research and mosaic

Sofia Tilio and Lucia Newbold

for perfect poetry

Have a wonderful weekend with your children.

Catherine Hughes,

Headteacher