



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Spring 3 | 20th January 2023

A huge thank you to our Year 2 children for their fabulous assembly this morning. Well done to the children for such a fantastic performance. This was a great example of the children not only showcasing their many talents but also their humour, confidence and resilience. Thank you to all the parents who came to join us and a special thanks to Mrs. El Khoury and Mrs. Walder who helped the children to prepare. The theme of books could not be more appropriate for our school where we are very proud of our outstanding results in reading and where we strive to develop our children's love of literature.

Dates for your diaries

Thursday 26th January – Year 3 Class Mass – 9.30am in church – parents are welcome to join us

Friday 27th January - Year 1 class assembly after drop off

Friday 27th January – Cake Sale and Secondhand Uniform

Monday 30th January – Individual Support Plan Meetings with parents all week

Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st January and Wednesday 1st February – Year 3 Safe Walking Training

Friday 3rd February – Reception class assembly after drop off

Friday 3rd February – Cake Sale and Secondhand Uniform

Friday 3rd February – Quiz Night

Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th February – Parents' Evenings

Tuesday 7th February – Swimming Gala

Friday 10th February – Coffee Morning

Friday 10th February – Cake Sale and Secondhand Uniform

Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February – Half Term

Whole School Review

Our school is always looking at ways we can improve the provision for our children. To help us do this we have a school improvement partner who works with us every year to help us evaluate our practice, recognizing our strengths and how we can further develop our offer. This week, the school improvement partner, Jenell Chetty, came with a team of experts from Achieving for Children to conduct a whole school review. They observed lessons, spoke to subject leaders and talked to our pupils. They recognized a number of strengths within the school and were impressed by the progress our children are making as a result of the Read Write Inc. phonics program we have introduced. They also noted the hard work that our subject leaders have put in to developing a cohesive, broad and balanced curriculum as well as giving us some great ideas about how we can continue to strive for excellence in all subjects. We look forward to putting these into practice to continuing to work in partnership with you to help improve our school.

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

Volunteers

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to be part of our "Time and Talents" team we can't wait to work with you on some exciting projects this year. We are also extremely grateful to all the volunteers who came to collect the carpet tiles today with Mrs. Barrett and Adelino. It was a mammoth task but will help us to refurbish several of our classrooms for free! So well worth it.

Year 4 Class Mass

Well done to Year 4 who led their class Mass so beautifully yesterday. These masses used to be held in school but Father Adrian suggested they were a wonderful opportunity for children, parents and parishioners to come together and it is such a joy to be able to share this special celebration together. I know that Father Peter has been very impressed by the children's contributions and both Year 4 and Year 5 should be proud of the contributions they have made to our Parish community.

Prize Winners

Congratulations to James in Year 2, Luca in Year 5 and Danny and Millie from Year 4 who were the winners of our World Cup sweepstake we hope you enjoy your prizes!

Time and Talents Reminder

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to be part of our school's "Time and Talents" team. There is still a chance to get involved and volunteer to work on some exciting projects to help our school. If you would like to find out more please complete this short questionnaire **before midnight on Monday:**

<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/ikntA7L5>

We look forward to working with you on this exciting new project!

Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – Georgina Lelliott

Year 1 Australia – Evie Hewitt

Year 2 Africa – Gus Sivaraj

The Whole Class – for their assembly!

Year 3 North America – Hailie Doci

Year 4 South America – The Whole Class

Year 5 Europe – Bertie Grech

Year 6 Asia – Matilda Pellegrini

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Matteo Tilio for his marvelous mathematical work

Daniel and Dominik for their fabulous phonics

Nathan, Xavi, Zosia and Hugo for their brilliant buddy websites

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children.

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