



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Spring 5 | 3rd February 2023

This morning was one of the highlights of our school year, our Reception class assembly. All of our children's performances are fantastic but there is something particularly special about watching our pupils' very first assembly and seeing how they have grown and changed. The children did a fantastic job explaining all the things they have learnt so far this year and treated us to a wonderful performance of "If I were a butterfly" complete with actions. A huge well done to Reception and thank you to Ms Anderson, Miss Nugent, Mr Bartrip and Miss Trendell who helped them to prepare. It was wonderful to welcome our Reception parents into school too as they have done so much to ensure their children have got off to a flying start and this was a wonderful celebration of their achievements too.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 6th – Friday 12th - Children's Mental Health Week

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

Tuesday 7th February – Swimming Gala

Friday 10th February – Coffee Morning

Friday 10th February – Cake Sale and Secondhand Uniform

Friday 10th February – Mufti Day

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

Monday 20th February - Year 1 Materials workshop

Tuesday 21st February – Pancake Breakfast Club – book via SCOPay Breakfast Club

Wednesday 22nd February - Ash Wednesday – Lenten Liturgies

Wednesday 22nd February – Thinking Day – Please see the details below

Thursday 23rd February – Year 2 Boys' Football Ham

Wednesday 1st March – Boys' and Girls' Football V Lowther

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day – Costumes

Friday 10th March - Year 4 Thames Explorer Trust riverside fieldwork day

Wednesday 15th – 17th March – Year 5 to Sayers Croft

Friday 17th March – Movie Night

Friday 24th March – Movie Night

Thursday 30th March – Way of the Cross

Friday 31st March – Last Day of Term – School Finishes at 1pm

Friday 31st March – Mufti Day

Monday 3rd – Friday 14th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 17th April – Start of the summer term

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Children's Mental Health Week - 6th-12th February

We are always thinking of ways that we can support our pupils' mental health and well-being and this afternoon's assembly was about mental health as next week will be Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is Let's Connect. Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections. People thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, we're encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways and you can find out more about it on the website below:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

Family Workshops at the Museum of Richmond in February Half Term

During the school holidays, the Museum of Richmond will be offering free activities for families. There will be simple crafts available in the exhibition area from 1pm until the Museum closes. Everything you need will be set out for you to get creative as a family, including instruction sheets and materials.

February Half Term's free crafts will be Valentine's Day Cards and Origami Hearts. There will also be free colouring sheets and a trail. Please note: these activities are self-led and all children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

To find out more and to book, visit: <https://bit.ly/MoRFamilies> or call 020 8332 1141

View the brochure here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1e73MOMQ9X34BuQiXJMNT1O-xUCpEpSPX/view?usp=sharing>

Youth Service Warm Spaces initiative - Richmond

This winter, Richmond Youth Services, with support from Richmond Council Warm Spaces funding, are opening their buildings more often and for longer, often providing cooked meals as well. Information about opening hours and what's on offer on AfCinfo <https://kr.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/young-people/information-and-advice/youth-centres-and-activities/richmond-youth-service-winter-warm-spaces>

As a school we also work closely with a range of charities to help support our families. Please do contact the school office and we can talk to you about the support we can offer you.

Thinking Day – Wednesday 22nd February

World Thinking Day is a celebration of ten million girls worldwide that has taken place on every 22 February since 1926. It remains a day for all Guides and Girl Scouts to think of each other and celebrate their sisters all around the world.

There has been a long tradition of inviting school children who are members of Girlguiding and Scouting to wear their uniforms to school on 22nd February. It was wonderful to be approached by several enthusiastic Brownies this week to ask if St Mary Magdalen's would be participating and we are inviting all the children who would like to wear their uniforms to participate on the 22nd.

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Parents' Evenings

Next week we will be holding parents' evenings for Year 6 on Tuesday and Wednesday. Reception, Year 1 and Year 4 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5 on Tuesday and Thursday. These meetings will take place in person on the school site. If you have not already booked your appointment on SCOPay please do so as soon as possible. <https://www.scopay.com/login>

If you are unable to attend please contact the school office and alternative arrangements will be made. Please note that there are no school clubs during this week for all classes. NS Sport after school care will be available each day 3.20-6.00pm.

To help ensure all parents can attend these meetings we provide a Crèche where your children can wait whilst you attend your appointments. If you would like to use this service then please email the office to make a booking admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk. Unfortunately, we cannot look after pre-school aged children.

Financial Year-End 2023

Bookings for breakfast club, clubs, school lunches and trips on SCOPay will close on Friday 17th March 2023 at midday and will re-open on Thursday 6th April at 5p.m. This is because of the financial year-end. Please top up your child's school lunch account, breakfast club or make payments for school trips, swimming Governors' Fund before 17th March.

All P.T.A events and school uniform purchases will remain open.

Announcements by the PTA

An exciting evening of testing your knowledge and delicious food is planned for this evening at The PTA Annual Quiz Night, for those of you joining doors will open at 7.15pm. Thanks to all who have bought tickets and / or made donations. If you are unable to attend tonight but wish to donate, this can be done via SCOPay <https://www.scopay.com/login>

Thanks to Year 4 for running the cake sale this week, the money raised will be go toward purchasing new ukuleles for the school. We are looking forward to hearing the kids play their musical instruments. Next week's cake sale will be organised by Year 1 donations towards to new books for the school library.

Valentines Mufti Day on Friday 10th February this will be the last day before the school breaks for half-term and we are inviting children to wear their own clothes with a special Valentine's theme. Mufti donations will be towards new books for the school library.

A couple of events coming up for the PTA:

Friday 10th February - we will be having our first coffee morning in the school hall after drop off, this is a community event (free), it is opportunity for parents to meet, chat and the PTA would love to hear from you on what we are doing well, and what you would like to see more of. Hope to see you there.

On Tuesday 21st February - the PTA will be hosting a special breakfast at the school for Shrove Tuesday for the children. We will need a large number of parents to volunteer to make pancakes prior to the breakfast and help on the morning with serving the kids. If you can spare the time, please let your class rep or a member of the PTA know.

Finally, attached to the newsletter is a special letter from the PTA launching voluntary monthly contributions, to help support the PTA raise much needed funds to support the school. In the current times, we understand that not everyone is able to commit to monthly contributions, you can still help support the PTA raise funds for the school by volunteering your time (volunteer to man a cake sale, help at a movie night, join us at our next event) or shop using the Easy Fundraising App, link below.

Thanks for your ongoing support,
The PTA (Alison, Clare, Fran M, Fran S, Astrid and Gabi)

Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – Andrew Sponsler

Year 1 Australia – Benjamin Miller

Year 2 Africa – Benicio Franco Dorneles and
Leia Khoudeir

Year 3 North America – William Gillick

Year 4 South America – Emilia O'Reilly

Year 5 Europe – Jack Rafferty

Year 6 Asia – Maia Smith

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Luke Grindal wonderful writing
Joe Lynch, Luke Booth and Leo Di Mario
Rodriguez for fantastic reasoning
Finlay Black, Alessio Arcari for fantastic
progress with their times tables
Evie Couch and Lucia Newbold for marvellous
mathematics
Morgan Coughlan, Mia Turner, Georgie
Murray, Tomas Whitmore Grayson Oliver-
Horrocks and Ellie Tusiime for phenomenal
story writing
Tomas Whitmore, Ellie Tusiime and Harriet
Fox for excellent work in maths

It is wonderful to end the newsletter with some exciting news. I am delighted to share with you that Miss Tootill and her partner welcomed their son, Frederick, into the world. Mother and baby are doing well. I am sure you will join me in sending Miss Tootill and her family your congratulations and best wishes.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children.

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher

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