



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Spring 7 | 24th February 2023

Thank you to the PTA for the scrumptious pancake breakfast on Tuesday. Many pancakes were enjoyed and sticky fingers licked and it was a wonderful way to mark Shrove Tuesday. Our pupil chaplains then led Lenten Liturgies on Ash Wednesday thank you to them and Mrs O’Gorman for organising these celebrations marking the start of the special season of Lent. As we head into Lent our Chaplains will also be leading Lenten prayer groups for the children who would like to participate and I am sure that these will help make this season a time for reflection and reference for our children. It has been a busy week at school with a full sporting calendar and our sports lead, Hassan Davies, joined our assembly on Friday to celebrate with the children sharing the very important message that it is the hard work and determination shown by all our children in their lessons that enables our small school to have such big successes.

Dates for your diaries

<p>Monday 27th February – Netball V Barnes</p> <p>Tuesday 28th February – Netball V East Sheen</p> <p>Thursday 2nd March – Strike Day – Year 6 out</p> <p>Thursday 2nd March – Internet Safety Talk 6.30pm</p> <p>Thursday 2nd March – Year 3 Parents’ Meeting re First Reconciliation</p> <p>Friday 3rd March – World Book Day – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</p> <p>Friday 3rd March – Boys’ and Girls’ Football V Lowther</p> <p>Saturday 4th March – FHC First Reconciliation</p> <p>Wednesday 8th March – Year 3 Orleans House Gallery</p> <p>Friday 10th March - Year 4 Thames Explorer Trust riverside fieldwork day</p> <p>Wednesday 15th – 17th March – Year 5 to Sayers Croft</p> <p>Friday 17th March – Movie Night</p> <p>Thursday 23rd March – Music Concert time tbc</p> <p>Friday 24th March – Movie Night</p> <p>Thursday 30th March – Way of the Cross</p> <p>Friday 31st March – Last Day of Term – School Finishes at 1pm</p> <p>Friday 31st March – Mufti Day</p> <p>Monday 3rd – Friday 14th April – Easter Holidays</p>	<p>Monday 17th April – Start of the summer term</p> <p>Week Commencing 17th April – Year 6 Bikeability</p> <p>Friday 21st April - Cake Sale</p> <p>Saturday 22nd April – Spring Clean & Family Bingo</p> <p>Thursday 27th April – Summer Term Mass</p> <p>Friday 28th April – Catholic Schools’ INSET – school closed</p> <p>Monday 1st May – May Day Bank Holiday</p> <p>Friday 5th May – King and Queen Disco after school</p> <p>Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday for the Coronation</p> <p>Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May – Key Stage 2 SATs</p> <p>Friday 12th May – Cake Sale</p> <p>Friday 19th May – Cake Sale</p> <p>Saturday 20th May – Mexican Fiesta</p> <p>Tuesday 23rd May -Pentecost Mass</p> <p>Wednesday 24th May – Class and Team Photos</p> <p>Thursday 25th May – Mufti Day</p> <p>Friday 26th May – INSET Day – school closed</p> <p>Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June – Half Term</p> <p>Monday 5th June – INSET Day – school closed</p> <p>Tuesday 6th June – Start of the new half term</p>
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The Year of Global Citizens – “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” Mahatma Gandhi



Basketball Tournament Results

On Tuesday, nine Year 3 and 4 children went to a locality basketball tournament. The children won all 6 matches they played and in a nail-biting final the children triumphed with a last-minute penalty scored with style under great pressure by Rosa who was named MVP for the tournament. Well done to Rory, Sofia, Rosa, Danny, Filip, Max, Louis, Julio and Riley who did a fantastic job and whose behaviour was exemplary and thank you to Hassan for his hard work training the team and coaching on the day.

Swimming Gala Results

Following on from our children's wonderful performance last week we received the results of the swimming gala and found that our girls team came second in the small school category. There were lots of wonderful results across the team and it was wonderful to be able to hand out the trophy, medals and ribbons in this week's assembly – well done to everyone who took part!

Netball Tournament

Our team were models of resilience at Wednesday's netball tournament. They were up against some stiff competition and won one out of their first four matches. Not deterred they regrouped and went on to win three out of the four remaining games. A fantastic result and testament to their hard work and determination. Well done to Bertie, Harriet, Xavi, Sophie, Gabriel, Emilia, Maia, Nathan and Eliana and thank you to Gemma and Ann for their fantastic coaching.



Boys' Football

Boys from Year 1 and 2 took part in a very competitive Football tournament this week. They did well in the group stages and narrowly missed out on competing. They went on to take part in the plate competition and we are delighted to say they won! We were incredibly proud of the mature attitude displayed by some of our youngest pupils. Well done to Rory, Ollie, Oliver, Pearse, Harry, Luke, Leo and Isaac and thank you to the parents who helped on the day.

Year 5 and 6 Basketball

On Thursday Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Basketball competition. It was an intense morning with some fiercely contested matches. Our team made it all the way to the final where they were narrowly defeated by East Sheen. Tomas, Raffi, Luca, Nathan, Eliana, Xavi, Ghassan and Jake were focused, determined team players and wonderful ambassadors for our school. Thank you to Mrs O'Boyle, Miss McGee and Mr Whitmore for their support on the day.



World Thinking Day

On Wednesday, we invited all of our children who are part of the guiding and scouting community to come to school in their uniforms as part of World Thinking Day. This is a special celebration that has been part of the movement since 1922. On Friday, in our whole school assembly Charlotte, Harriet and Beatrice from Year 5 taught us all about the movement and the special significance of the day. They did a fantastic job and talked so passionately about this year's message which is all about our world and our thriving future. Thank you to the girls for all their hard work.



Job Vacancy – Casual Cycle Training Instructor

Richmond Bikeability Team is currently seeking to recruit Cycling Instructors on casual contracts. Bikeability Level 2 training is delivered to Year 6 pupils in every state primary school and most independents in the borough. Instructors are expected to work full weeks (Mon – Fri) in term time, in all weathers but not necessarily every week. Timings fit in with school days. If not qualified, training will be provided. Pay is £15.88 per hour. Please see job advert - <https://jobs.richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk/jobs/job/Casual-Cycle-Training-Instructor/5485> (note that location is Richmond borough not Wandsworth).

For more information, email Sheila Crewdson
- Sheila.Crewdson@RichmondandWandsworth.gov.uk.

Internet Safety Talk – Thursday 2nd March 6.30pm

Achieving for Children advisor, Peter Cowley will be delivering an internet safety talk for parents at 6.30pm on Thursday 2nd March. He will be talking about some of the strategies you can use to keep your children

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safe online and how to talk to them about how to use devices and the internet responsibly. In the past, these talks have been very well received. It is important to make you aware prior to the meeting that some of the content of this meeting is not appropriate for children so you may wish to make sure that they are not in the room with you during the talk. The link is below and will also be put into your child's Google classroom.

Parents Meeting - Keeping children safe online with Peter Cowley

Thursday, 2 March · 6:30 – 7:30pm

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/jwx-qxxp-pqu>

Or dial: (US) +1 443-839-0635 PIN: 477 930 628#

World Book Day – Friday 3rd March

We look forward to celebrating World Book Day next week. We have changed the date to Friday 3rd March as Year 6 will not be in school on the 2nd. We invite children to come to school dressed as a favourite character from a book. As we know some children do not like dressing up they are welcome to come in their home clothes. As a mufti day we are asking for a £2 donation and all funds will go towards purchasing new books for our school library.

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.

Lent

As we enter the season of Lent we will be talking to the children about how they can give, act and pray to help themselves and others. There are lots of resources that you may wish to use to support prayer and reflection at home for you and your children including: CAFOD's Lenten calendar

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar> and Missio's resources for each week which include video reflections <https://missio.org.uk/lent-reflections-catch-up/> .

PTA Announcements

Thanks to all those who volunteered to help at the Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday morning, the kids had a brilliant morning and we raised approximately £400 toward the PTA funds.

The school new ukuleles arrived over half term, these were paid for using the money from the recent cake sales. Thanks to everyone who supported the cake sales.

In March the popular PTA Movie Nights will be back, the first on Friday 17th March showing Matilda, and the second Movie Night will be on Friday 24th March Lyle Lyle Crocodile. Ticket sales will be the week commencing 6th March. More details to follow on ticket pricing and ticket sales timing. In you are free to volunteer to help supervise the children on either of those nights please let your class rep know.

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We have started planning and brain storming ideas for the Big Spring Clean, 22nd April and the Mortlake Summer Fair, 1st July, if you have any ideas or suggestion for either of these events, want to volunteer to help organise please reach out to the PTA in the playground, via your class rep or on email smmptacontact@gmail.com

Finally, a big thanks to those who have signed up to monthly contribution. If you have signed up to make monthly contributions and are eligible for gift aid, please drop off your gift aid forms to the school office. If you would like to make monthly contribution, this can be via a standing order or a one-time payment to the PTA Account. Account details are on the PTA Spring Term Newsletter.

Thanks, and hope you have a lovely weekend.

The PTA

Alison, Clare, Fran, Astrid, Gabi and Fran

Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – Darcey Booth

Year 1 Australia – Paige Gaddy

Year 2 Africa – Theia De Serra

Year 3 North America – JP Dowell

Year 4 South America – Benjamin De Serra

Year 5 Europe – Grayson Oliver-Harrocks

Year 6 Asia – Angus Aitchison

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Stanley, Benjamin, Isaac, Luke Wadie and Samuel for fabulous phonics

Zoe and Luke for fantastic history projects

Year 2 for fantastic work during their science workshop

Mason and Nico for incredible, illustrated story maps of the Iron Man

Sam, Georgie and Grayson for excellent work in English – inspirational writing!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher