



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Spring 10 | 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

We have missed having a full school this week. Thank you to all the parents for your support during the industrial action. It is a sign of what a strong community we are that you have understood the need for teachers to take action in the face of the unprecedented financial challenges that our schools face. We also waved goodbye to Year 5 on Wednesday as they headed off for their residential trip to Sayers Croft. Although they were missed we were overjoyed to see all the exciting activities they enjoyed - archery, campfires, orienteering and much, much more. It was a delight to welcome a happy, weary and muddy class back to school today. We are so proud of the enthusiasm and kindness the children showed throughout their time away and a huge thank you to Mrs Delap, Miss Nugent and Mrs O'Boyle for accompanying the children on this very special trip.

## Dates for your diaries

<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> – Music Concert 2.30pm	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> – May Day Bank Holiday
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Movie Night	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> – King and Queen Disco after school
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Way of the Cross	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Bank Holiday for the Coronation
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Cake Sale	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Key Stage 2 SATs
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> – Last Day of Term – School Finishes at 1pm	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Cake Sale
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> – Mufti Day	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Cake Sale
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Easter Holidays	<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Mexican Fiesta
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Start of the summer term	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> -Pentecost Mass
<b>Week Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Year 6 Bikeability	<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Class and Team Photos
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> - Cake Sale	<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Mufti Day
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b> – Spring Clean & Family Bingo	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> – INSET Day – school closed
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Summer Term Mass	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Catholic Schools' INSET – school closed	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b> – INSET Day – school closed
	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Start of the new half term

## Foundation Governor

If you have a desire to serve our Catholic community we are looking a Foundation Governor for St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary school. This is a voluntary position which would entail giving a few hours of your time each month. If you would like to find out more please contact Anna Brown on [07950021042](tel:07950021042). Thank you

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

## Safeguarding

Making sure our children are safe, and stay safe, both in school and outside is our primary responsibility and one we share as a community. Next week, we have requested an audit of safeguarding policies and procedures. On Tuesday, a team will visit the school and will be talking to pupils, parents and staff as well as looking at the site and our processes. In anticipation of this we would like to remind you:

- Scooters and Bikes should be pushed – not ridden – around the school site and parked carefully in the racks
- Children should be accompanied by a parent to the entrance to their class/the building
- Children should go into the school building by themselves
- If you wish to enter the school building at any time of the day, including after school, you must do so via the main reception where you can sign in
- At pick up parents should supervise their children as they leave the school site – playground equipment should not be used at the end of the day
- If children have a mobile phone it MUST be left at the school office during the school day
- We no longer allow dogs on our site – thank you to everyone for following this change to our rules

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact the school DSL Wendy Burns or Deputy DSL Catherine Hughes. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



## Chess Tournament

On Saturday 11th March 6 students from Year 1, 2 and 3, (James, Daniel, Pearse, Marcelo, JP and Arthur Y3) participated in a chess competition in Ealing. They played for an incredible 6 hours! All the boys played fairly and had a great spirit. They got a certificate and a badge and Marcelo also received a special award for first place. Well done to all the children you were great ambassadors for the school.

## Financial Year-End 2023

Bookings for breakfast club, clubs, school lunches and trips on SCOPay will close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at midday and will re-open on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 5p.m. This is because of the financial year-end.

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

## PTA Announcements

The PTA are busy preparing for tonight's Movie Night showing Matilda. We hope your children enjoy the movie. Next week, we are showing Lyle Lyle Crocodile on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like a ticket for Lyle Lyle Crocodile please reach out to your class rep, purchase via SCOPay or a member of the PTA.

The PTA are running a Easter Egg Art Competition on the lead up to the Easter Holidays, Easter Egg Kits will be on sale in the playground next Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March and via SCOPay. Please return decorated eggs on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> for judging, with chocolicious prizes for the best decorated eggs.

## Dates for your dairy:

Movie Nights - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

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Spring Clean and Family Bingo - Saturday 22nd April,  
Kings and Queens Disco - Friday 5th May  
Great Mary Magdalen Fundraising Fiesta - 20th May .  
Mortlake Summer Fair - 1<sup>st</sup> July

Finally, a big thanks to those who have signed up to monthly contribution. If you have signed up to make monthly contributions 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 below:

St Mary Magdalen's RC School PTA  
Sort Code 20-72-33  
Account Number 20322822

Thanks, and hope you have a lovely weekend.

The PTA

Alison, Clare, Fran, Astrid, Gabi and Fran

#### **Pupils of the Week**

Reception Antarctica – Rosie Truter

Year 1 Australia – Emily Ogura

Year 2 Africa – Sofia Prenga

And Henryk Lukasik

Year 3 North America – Andrew Lee

Year 4 South America – Evie-Rose, Lucia,

Rose T and Amelia

Year 5 Europe – The Whole Class

Year 6 Asia – Marcel Schab

#### **Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work**

Sofia for amazing, independent maths work  
Leia, Abby, Charlie and Gus for English using  
subordinating conjunctions to write about  
the lion.

Luke B, Henryk and Joe for amazing facts  
about Antarctica in geography

Julio, Finlay and Kairo for amazing accuracy in  
mathematics

Filip for fantastic, independent writing

Sofia for a very original, descriptive story

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children.

Catherine Hughes,  
Headteacher