



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Spring 11 | 24th March 2023

As you know this week we had a safeguarding review and we were pleased that all the systems and processes we have in place to keep the children safe are working well. However, we are always keen to look at how we can make our provision even better and we will be including more regular updates on safeguarding in our newsletters and putting additional information on our website to make sure that you as parents are kept fully informed of how we can work together to safeguard our children.

This week we would like to take the opportunity to ask you to remind your child that mobile phones must be kept in the office during the school day. Similarly, please make sure that your child is not wearing a watch that can take photographs, or record video or audio. These devices are not allowed in the school. This is in part because of the distraction they can cause and the potential upset should they be damaged. However, it is primarily because there are serious safeguarding implications associated with any videos, audio or photographs taken on these devices as these would not be taken with informed consent. As safeguarding our children remains our first priority please make sure your child does not bring these watches, or similar devices into school.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 27th March - Year 4 Spark Book Awards
online author talk - Coral Rumble

Thursday 30th March – Way of the Cross – 9.15am

Thursday 30th March – Music Concert 2.15pm –
rescheduled from 23rd March

Thursday 30th March – Cake Sale

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

Week Commencing 17th April – Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 19th April – Year 1 Fulham Palace Trip

Friday 21st April – Year 3 Einstein Spark Webinar

Friday 21st April - Cake Sale

Saturday 22nd April – Spring Clean & Family Bingo

Wednesday 26th April – Year 4 & 5 Port of London
Authority Thames Workshop

Thursday 27th April – Summer Term Mass

Friday 28th April – Catholic Schools' INSET – school
closed

Monday 1st May – May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 5th May – King and Queen Disco after school

Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday for the Coronation

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May – Key Stage 2 SATs

Friday 12th May – Cake Sale

Friday 19th May – Cake Sale

Saturday 20th May – Mexican Fiesta

Tuesday 23rd May -Pentecost Mass

Wednesday 24th May – Class and Team Photos

Wednesday 24th May – Year 1 Boys' Football

Thursday 25th May – Mufti Day

Friday 26th May – INSET Day – school closed

Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June – Half Term

Monday 5th June – INSET Day – school closed

Tuesday 6th June – Start of the new half term

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



Year 2 – Pizza Express Trip

On Wednesday, Year 2 visited Pizza Express. Everyone got the chance to knead the dough, create the base and add sauce and toppings. Whilst the pizzas were cooking they did a quiz and after that they were able to take away their own pizza so they could enjoy all their hard work! Thank you to Mrs El Khoury, Mrs Walder and all the parents who helped on the day.

Year 5 and 6 Football Fixtures

Today, our Year 5 and 6 football teams went to play a girls' and a boys' match against St Osmund's. The rain did not dampen their enthusiasm or their skills. In a close fought game, the boys won 4-3 and our girls team triumphed 4-0. Well done to Jake, Floyd, Marcel, Hugo, Daniel, Oliver, Ghassan, Tomas, Raffi, Bertie, Luca, Georgie, Eliana, Livia, Xavi, Sophie, Julie, Dolly, Eva, Harriet, Beatrice and Charlotte. Thank you to Hassan, Mrs Barrett and all the parents who helped on the day.



Year 4 Tournament

Last week, some of our Year 4 children took part in a football tournament at St Pauls. The tournament would usually be for Year 5 players but as our pupils were at Sayers Croft we took the opportunity for our Year 4s to try out their skills against some stiff opposition. The children did tremendously well and showed great spirit and sportsmanship. Well done to Max, Ruairi, Danny, Filip, Riley, Kairo, Louis and Julio and thank you to Hassan and the parents who helped on the day.

Way of the Cross

Our Year 6 pupils will be leading the Way of the Cross on Thursday 30th March at 9.15am. This liturgy is always a very moving reminder of the sacrifice and sadness that are part of the Easter story. We look forward to Year 6 parents joining us and would ask you to enter the school by the reception entrance.

Music Concert – Thursday 30th March 2.30pm

Apologies for the late cancellation of this week's music concert. We were aware that there had been some confusion about who was participating and were keen to ensure as many of our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils could take this opportunity to perform. We look forward to celebrating their many gifts next week on Thursday 30th March at 2.15pm

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. If you wish your child to attend breakfast club please come along from 8am, the booking will be added to their account, there are plenty of places.

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

PTA Announcements

PTA Movie Night tonight showing Lyle Lyle Crocodile, we hope your children enjoy the night.

Thanks to those who have supported the movies nights, the money raised at these evenings is going towards the cost of Year 6 Leavers Presents.

Please return your children's decorated eggs for judging to their classroom teacher on Monday 27th March, there will be chocolicious prizes for the best decorated eggs. The money raised through **Easter Egg Art Competition** will be used to buy all children at the school an Easter Treat before they break up at the end term.

Calling all painters and people who love to spring clean, it's time for the schools' annual Big Spring Clean on Saturday 22nd April. We have an extensive list of rooms, buildings and corridors to declutter and paint. If you are free on 22nd of April, please let your class rep know. NSSport will be there to entertain your children while you are busy with a paintbrush.

Join us for on Saturday 22nd April for **Family Bingo Night**, this is a great family fun night with lots of laughter and a few prizes. Tickets are £5 per person; price includes pizza and bingo cards. Tickets will be on sale from next week in the school playground and via SCOPay.

The **Summer Fair** is biggest fund raiser for school, it requires a large effort to coordinate. We need volunteers to help with organising entertain, gather prizes, catering, prepare and distribute the brochure, run stalls, set-up and clean-up. There will be a survey sent out early next week, please advise if you can help and what area you would be willing to help.

Dates for your diary:

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 - 1st July

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 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 – Matteo Tilio
Year 1 Australia – Daniel Farzin
Year 2 Africa – Felix Young and
Rosie Harrington
Year 3 North America – Cece Hubbard
Year 4 South America – The Junior Choir
Year 5 Europe – Elias Carter
Year 6 Asia – The Junior Choir

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Noah for his wonderful windmill

Pearse, Abby and Leia for a well designed and
constructed chair

Eva for her thoughtful work in Religion

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children.

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher