



## ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Spring 9 | 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

It has been a busy week in school with a number of trips and sporting events. The most moving moment of was watching our Year 6 chaplains lead a group of children from across the school in our Lenten prayer group. This group is open to all children and no booking is required. We collect the children from the playground at 12.45 on a Friday and they have 10-15 minutes of time to pray, reflect and discuss how they can live out their faith. It is wonderful to see our Year 6 pupils take leadership of these special celebrations and also to bear witness to the curiosity, compassion and wisdom so many of our pupils demonstrate when talking about their beliefs.

<b>Dates for your diaries</b>	
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Year 5 to Sayers Croft	<b>Week Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Year 6 Bikeability
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Strike Day – Year 1 & 6 not in school	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> - Cake Sale
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Boys' Football at St. Paul's	<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b> – Spring Clean & Family Bingo
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Movie Night	<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Summer Term Mass
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b> – Y6 Junior Citizen Holly Lodge	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Catholic Schools' INSET – school closed
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b> – Y1 Geography Workshop	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> – May Day Bank Holiday
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> – Y2 Pizza Express trip	<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> – King and Queen Disco after school
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b> – Junior Choir Rose Theatre	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Bank Holiday for the Coronation
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b> – Music Concert 2.30pm	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Key Stage 2 SATs
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Movie Night	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Cake Sale
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Y2 Girls' Football	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Cake Sale
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Way of the Cross	<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Mexican Fiesta
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Cake Sale	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> - Pentecost Mass
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> – Last Day of Term – School Finishes at 1pm	<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Class and Team Photos
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> – Mufti Day	<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Mufti Day
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Easter Holidays	<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> – INSET Day – school closed
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Start of the summer term	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term
	<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

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



### **Year 3 Orleans House Visit**

This week, Year 3 went on an exciting trip to Orleans House where they met artist, Sally who taught the children drawing skills by 'taking a line for a walk,' as quoted by the famous artist, Paul Klee. The children also got to make sculptural pieces using various types of wire. They produced from amazing creations and were inspired by talking to a real-life artist and seeing their work. We were very proud of their exemplary behaviour. Thank you to Mrs Black, Mrs Hopkins, Ms Haughton and all the parents who came to help on the day.

### **Year 4 Thames Explorer Trust**

Today Year 4 visited the Thames and went mud larking. They made some fascinating discoveries and learnt more about rivers as part of their work in Geography. Thank you to Mrs Derby for organising the trip and to all the staff and parents who helped these trips form such an enriching part of our curriculum

### **Netball Match**

Our Netball squad have been hard at work – braving all weathers to train for their matches. This week we had another tough league game against Sheen Mount. It was a closely fought match and the children showed immense resilience and skill ultimately triumphing 5-4! Well done to Sam, Gabriel, Xavi, Eliana, Bertie, Charlotte and Harriet and a huge thank you to Ann and Gemma who give so generously of their time to enable our children to train, compete and thrive!



### **Mobile Phones**

Following on from our recent internet safety talk, may I ask you to remind your child to bring their mobile phone to the office when they arrive at school. Whilst we understand that having a mobile phone provides children and parents with reassurance on the journey to and from school they should not be used during the school day as they create an additional distraction and a potential safeguarding risk.

### **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. Please top up your child's school lunch account, breakfast club or make payments for school trips, swimming Governors' Fund before 17<sup>th</sup> March.

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

### **PTA Announcements**

Last chance to buy Movie Night Ticket will be on Monday Morning at school drop or via SCOPay. Ticket prices are £8 which include movie, hotdog, snacks and drink. This term we are showing two different movies, Matilda on Friday 17th March, and Lyle Crocodile on Friday 24th March.

You can purchase tickets for both nights if you wish.

The PTA will be running Easter Egg decorating competition on the lead up to the Easter Holidays, watch out for us selling Easter Egg Kits to decorate in the playground over the coming weeks.

Dates for your dairy:

Movie Nights - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Spring Clean and Family Bingo - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April,  
Kings and Queens Disco - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
Great Mary Magdalen Fundraising Fiesta - 20<sup>th</sup> 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 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

**First Reconciliation**

Many of our Year 3 children celebrated the blessed sacrament of reconciliation last Saturday. Thank you to all those parents who came to support their children and to Mrs Hopkins and Miss Haughton for helping on the day. I know everyone involved including Father Peter found this a very moving and spiritual morning and we are incredibly proud of the children. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to make their first holy communion in the summer term.

**Pupils of the Week**

Reception Antarctica – Zac Constantinou  
Year 1 Australia – Milan Kamath  
Year 2 Africa – James Nielson  
Year 3 North America – The Whole Class  
Year 4 South America – Max Coleman  
Year 5 Europe – The Whole Class  
Year 6 Asia – Miles Carey

**Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work**

I am afraid I lost my list of children who received the Headteacher's Award this week. Please come and see me on Monday and I will add your names to the newsletter next week – I am so sorry!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children.

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