



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Spring 12 | 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Yesterday, we were blessed to come together for the Way of the Cross. A huge thank you to the Year 6 children, Mrs O’Gorman and Mrs Brennan who prepared this reverent reflection for us. This special liturgy is always a very moving reminder of the Easter story and shows us so clearly the message of hope and love that it is at the heart of our faith. As we come to the end of the Lenten season I am sure that you will continue to keep those most in need in your prayers and I would ask you to particularly remember Father Adrian and pray for his recovery and swift return to us.

## Dates for your diaries

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Easter Holidays	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b> – INSET Day – school closed
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Start of the summer term	<b>Half Term 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>
<b>Week Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Year 6 Bikeability	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b> – INSET Day – school closed
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> - Year 4 London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE's Interactive Virtual School Workshop	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Start of the new half term
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Year 1 Fulham Palace Trip	<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> - Year 4 British Library Voyage into Maps
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> – Year 3 Einstein Spark Webinar	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Year 6 Fieldwork trip Bushy Park
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b> - Cake Sale	<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> - Mufti Day
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b> – Spring Clean & Family Bingo	<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Mufti Day
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Year 4 & 5 Port of London Authority Thames Workshop	<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Sports Day
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Summer Term Mass	<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b> - First Holy Communion Masses
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Catholic Schools’ INSET – school closed	<b>Week Commencing 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Art Week
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> – May Day Bank Holiday	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> – Year 2 Barnes Literacy Festival
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> – King and Queen Disco after school	<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b> – Year 3 Barnes Literacy Festival
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Bank Holiday for the Coronation	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> - Mufti Day
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Key Stage 2 SATs	<b>Week Commencing 26<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Math’s’ Week London
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Cake Sale	<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b> - St Peter and St Paul Mass
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Cake Sale	<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> - Mufti Day
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Mexican Fiesta	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> – Summer Fair (12-4pm)
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> -Pentecost Mass	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> – Secondary Transfer Day Richmond Schools
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Class and Team Photos	<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b> - Secondary Transfer Day Kingston Schools
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Year 1 Boys’ Football	<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Year 6 Production
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Mufti Day	<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Year 6 Production
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> – INSET Day – school closed	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> – Year 6 Leavers’ Mass
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> - Last Day of Term – School Finishes at 1pm

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## Music Concert

We were fortunate yesterday to be treated to some fabulous performances by a number of our gifted musicians. It was a delight to listen to all of our soloists as well as our ukulele group, blues group and junior choir. The children performed with skill and confidence and we were very proud of them. Well done to Elena, Alexia, Ava, Oriana, Shanice, Andrew, Zoe, Raffi, Mia, Lucia, Chloe, Frieda, Miles, Emilia, Xavi, Sophie, Livia, Julie, Matilda, Eliana. Amelia, Caitlin, Maia, Dolly, Silvia and Lottie. Thank you to Miss Church and Mr Crook for organising this event and for their hard work with the children both in lessons and clubs. We look forward to more opportunities for the children to perform in the summer term.



## Year 1 and 2 Girls' Football

On Tuesday, we took all our Year 2 girls and some of our Year 1 girls to a football tournament at Rocks Lane. The girls did a tremendous job. Well done to Elina, Tilly, Rosie, Nawal, Sofia, Leia, Sophia, Lily, Theia, Abby, Emily, Nina, Olive and Amelia. Thank you to all the parents who helped out on a very wet and windy day and to Hassan for his hard work with the team.

## Chess Club

Many of our infant and junior children are enthusiastic chess players and enjoy our weekly chess club. As part of the club the children take part in weekly games and each term there are awards. Congratulations this term to:

Specially Commended – Gabriel and

Anoushka, Reception

Year 1-3 Competition

Winner – Arthur

2nd Place – Marcelo

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – JP

Specially Commended – Isobel

Year 1 Winner - Rory

Year 2 Winner – Pearse

Year 4 Winner – Abraham

Year 5 Winner – Raffi

Year 6 Winner – Ghassan

Best Performance – Daniel H



## Clubs

Just a reminder that you can now book clubs for the summer term direct with the club provider and SCOPay clubs from Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 5pm and that there will be **no** clubs the first week back apart from NS Sport after school care club.

## Blue Peter Badges

A parent kindly told me about the benefits of a Blue Peter badge. A badge entitles you to free entry to a wide range of attractions: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/attractions>. Take a look at these frequently asked questions to find out more <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-badge-help-question-and-answer>

## Safeguarding

If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 you will have received a survey asking you about whether your child brings a phone to school. Whilst we have always had a policy that children are not allowed to use phones on the school site we understand that some children have phones so that they can go to and from school by themselves with added reassurance. However, not all children were bringing their phones to the office and so going forward we will be collecting all the phones at the start of the day in class, storing them in the office and returning them to the children only when they are leaving the school site. Please do complete the survey so that we have a complete list of the children who bring a phone to school

<https://forms.gle/s4Wm3Uky3DGvVR17>

## Financial Year-End 2023

Bookings for breakfast club, clubs, school lunches and trips on SCOPay are closed 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 Summer Term is set to be a busy time the PTA, we have a number of family events coming up which can only be successful with the help of parents and teachers. Our first big event is the Big Spring Clean on Saturday 22nd April, if you know the difference between a flower and weed, are handy with a paint or love a deep clean please volunteer to help with the Big Spring Clean via the google survey link below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8tFFkeH-DEFxp98eQ8cuZ5Qngkb4xowdhE2Lydh1vHR929w/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8tFFkeH-DEFxp98eQ8cuZ5Qngkb4xowdhE2Lydh1vHR929w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

The popular **Family Bingo Night** is back on **Saturday 22nd April**, 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 in the school playground after the Easter Holidays and via SCOPay.

Get your sombreros ready for the **Great Mary Magdalen's Fiesta** on **20th May**. All family and friends are welcome too! Tickets will be on sale at drop-off and pick up on Friday 21st of April.

In celebration of the **King's Coronation**, we have invited Petit Performers to host a special Kings and Queens Disco after school on **5th May**, more details to follow after the Easter Holidays

Calling all artist, it is Competition Time - over the Easter Holidays we are inviting children to tune into their creative side and design the front cover for the summer fair brochure. The winning design will be used for

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front cover of the brochure to prompt the Mortlake Summer Fair, at the Brewery Green on 1st July. Designs should be submitted after the Easter holidays to the school office.

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 disturb the brochure, run stalls, set-up and clean-up. If you would like to be part of Summer Fair Team, please complete the google survey link below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8tFFkeH-DEFxp98eQ8cuZ5Qngkb4xowdhE2Lydh1vHR929w/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8tFFkeH-DEFxp98eQ8cuZ5Qngkb4xowdhE2Lydh1vHR929w/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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 would like to make monthly contribution, this can be via a standing order to 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

Finally, thanks to all who supported Mufti Day today we raised over £180, the money will be used to buy new sports equipment for the school. We hope you children enjoyed decorating Easter Eggs through our recent competition the money raised from this has been used to buy all the children in school an Easter Treat, hope that you and your family have a lovely Easter Holiday.

The PTA

Alison, Clare, Fran, Astrid, Gabi and Fran

### Easter Egg Competition



Thank you to all those who entered the PTA's Easter Egg Decorating Competition. We had lots of exquisite entries and it was hard to pick the winners. Well done to everyone who entered and congratulations to

Reception – Theodore and Olivia

Year 1 – Milan and Emily

Year 2 – Leia and Amelia

Year 3 – Ava and Penelope

Year 4 – Evie-Rose and Lucia

Year 5 – Naya and Harriet

Year 6 – Maia and Lottie

### Thank you

A huge thank you to the children and staff for all their hard work this term. We are all looking forward to a happy and busy summer term. Thank you to the PTA for their tireless efforts this term they do so much for our children and the wider school community. Finally, thank you to Father Peter who has been so

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supportive of the school during Father Adrian's convalescence. Father Peter will be leaving us at Easter. If you would like to contribute towards his leaving collection you can transfer money to the account below:

Anna Brown (Natwest)

Sort Code: 60 07 20

Account Number: 44418493

Thank you as always for your generosity and support.

### **Pupils of the Week**

Reception Antarctica – Erico Justo Estacio

Year 1 Australia – Harry Smith

Year 2 Africa – The Whole Class

Year 3 North America – Oriana Chamula

Year 4 South America – The Whole Class

Year 5 Europe – Ellie Tusiime

Year 6 Asia – Lottie Watson

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

Harlow for marvellous maths

Stanley, James, Veronica, Emily, Alice, Luke  
and Ruy for fantastic phonics

Year 2 for heroically hard work all week

Mason for an eggcellent egg!

Vanessa for thoughtful work in Religion

Elias for particularly persuasive writing

Ellie and Mia for marvellous maths

Sam for remarkable reasoning

Bertie for an incredible poem

Raffi for scintillating science work

Benjamin and Riley for wonderful art work

Amelia and Emilia for superb slippers

I hope you have a wonderful Easter holiday with your children and I look forward to welcoming them back to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Catherine Hughes,  
Headteacher