



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Summer 2 | 28th April 2023

We were truly blessed to come together and celebrate our Mass for the start of the summer term yesterday. Year 4 did a fantastic job leading the Mass and a huge thank you to Mrs Derby and Miss Pavlickova for helping the children to prepare. It was wonderful to hear the children singing so beautiful and thank you to Mrs O’Gorman and Mr Crook for their accompaniment. The greatest blessing of all was getting to see Father Adrian for a short while before he returns to the parish at the start of June. I know the children, staff and parents were thrilled to see him looking so well and we look forward to his return in just a few weeks’ time. Today, our staff went on training at St Mary’s University along with staff from the other Richmond Catholic schools it was a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what we are doing well, share best practice and think about how we can nurture our pupils and support their social, emotional and spiritual development.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 1st May – May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 9th June – Year 6 Fieldwork trip Bushy Park
Wednesday 3rd May – New Reception Welcome Evening 7-8pm	Friday 9th June - Mufti Day
Tuesday 2nd May – Strike Day Year 1 Closed	Saturday 10th June - First Holy Communion Masses
Wednesday 3rd May – Year 1 Wetlands Trip	Thursday 15th June – Mufti Day
Wednesday 3rd May – Parents’ Welcome Evening – New Reception Class	Friday 16th June – Sports Day
Friday 5th May – Kings and Queens themed mufti day	Week Commencing 19th June – Art Week
Monday 8th May – Bank Holiday for the Coronation	Wednesday 21st June – Year 2 Barnes Literacy Festival
Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th May – Key Stage 2 SATs	Thursday 22nd June – Year 3 Barnes Literacy Festival
Friday 12th May – Cake Sale	Friday 23rd June - Mufti Day
Friday 19th May – Borough Sports	Week Commencing 26th June – Math’s’ Week London
Friday 19th May – Cake Sale	Thursday 29th June - St Peter and St Paul Mass
Saturday 20th May – Mexican Fiesta	Friday 30th June - Mufti Day
Tuesday 23rd May -Pentecost Mass	Saturday 1st July – Summer Fair (12-4pm)
Wednesday 24th May – Class and Team Photos	Monday 3rd July – Secondary Transfer Day Richmond Schools
Wednesday 24th May – Year 1 Boys’ Football	Wednesday 5th July - Secondary Transfer Day Kingston Schools
Thursday 25th May – Mufti Day	Wednesday 12th July – Year 6 Production
Friday 26th May – INSET Day – school closed	Thursday 13th July – Year 6 Production
Monday 29th May – Friday 2 nd June – Half Term	Friday 14th July – Year 6 Leavers’ Party (tbc)
Half Term 29th May – 2nd June	Friday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers’ Mass
Monday 5th June – INSET Day – school closed	Friday 21st July - Last Day of Term – School Finishes at 1pm
Tuesday 6th June – Start of the new half term	
Thursday 8th June - Year 4 British Library Voyage into Maps	

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

Spring Clean

A huge thank you to all the parents and children who came to help out on Saturday. Our music and art rooms are now looking spick and span. Our cupboards are organised. The outdoor area is looking tidy and inviting and our corridors are freshly painted. It is truly amazing how much we can accomplish when we come together and it is a real testament to what a special community it is. If you were fortunate enough to stay on for the family bingo and pizza afterwards I think you would agree it was the perfect way to end the day. A special thank you to our governor Glyn Wallis-Jones and our amazing PTA committee, Alison, Clare, Fran, Astrid, Gabi and Fran who organised the event as well as rolling up their sleeves and getting down to work.

Girls' and Boys' Football

This year we have been thrilled to get into the knock out matches in both the boys' and girls' leagues. Our teams played incredibly well in their matches against Heathfield and Collis this week but up against much larger schools and on some uneven, away ground we sadly lost both matches. However, the children as always were determined and resilient and we are incredibly proud of the hard work put in by them and the squad throughout the year. Thank you to the parents who have helped out with transport and to Hassan for his continued hard work and determination. We look forward to a great season next year!



Year Three South America Workshop

This Wednesday, our Year 3 pupils picked up their (virtual) binoculars and went on an adventure to find out more about South America. They had a wonderful afternoon and learnt a huge amount about the 12 countries in South America. Thank you to Mrs Black for organising the workshop.

Pre-loved Uniform

Thank you to all those who donated and took uniform. It is great to see these pre-loved items finding their second home and a wonderful example of sustainability in actions. There will be another sale on Friday 5th May at pick up. As always, you pay by donating what you can. I am afraid we are only able to take cash.

Calling all Artists

To help celebrate the King's Coronation we would like you to create your own "Coronation Artwork". It could be something showing the King, an image celebrating this special event or a picture of some of the things that you think make Britain special. It could be a drawing, painting or photograph. Please drop your entries off at the school office by **Thursday 4th May** and the winners will be announced on Friday 5th May. A selection of artwork will go on display in the Church as part of our shared celebrations.

Parish Coronation Celebrations

The Parish will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III with a weekend of events. On Sunday 7th May there will be a 'party' after the 11am Mass to mark the coronation of our new King. We will also be joined that day by members of the Knights and Ladies of Marshall, celebrating the lives of Sir James and Lady Marshall, in commemoration of their service to the Lord and especially to the people of Ghana. Please do come and celebrate with the community. It would be great if you could bring some food with you to share with others. Hopefully, the event will be outside but, if the weather is inclement, we will meet in the Parish Hall after Mass.

PTA Announcements

Sadly, the entertainment that had been booked is no longer able to come so instead of the Kings and Queens Disco after school on 5th May we will be celebrating the King's Coronation with a **Kings and Queens themed mufti day** with a prize for the best dressed and other coronation themed treats.

The Summer Fair is the biggest fund raiser for our school, it requires a large effort to coordinate. You can volunteer to help with catering, preparing and distributing the brochure, run a stall or set-up and clean-up.

We are especially looking for volunteers to help gather raffle prizes and source entertainment.

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

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 or 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

The PTA - Alison, Clare, Fran, Astrid, Gabi and Fran

I hope you have a wonderful long weekend with your children and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 2nd May.

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher