



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Summer 3 | 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

It was wonderful to welcome the parents of our next Reception class to school on Wednesday evening. There were lots of familiar faces and it was great to be able to welcome new families into our community. A huge thank you to Glyn Wallis-Jones and Alison Young who spoke on behalf of the governors and the PTA and to all those who came to help out. I shared some of our pupils' comments about our school with the parents and Harriet in Year 5 provided one which eloquently expressed one of the things that makes St Mary Magdalen's so special, "I love how we are a small school and we get to know each other really well which makes us such a big community."

## Dates for your diaries

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Bank Holiday for the Coronation	<b>Commencing 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Art Week
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Key Stage 2 SATs	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> – Year 2 Barnes Literacy Festival
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Cake Sale	<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b> – Year 3 & 4 Barnes Literacy Festival
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Year 5 & 6 Tennis (4 students)	<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b> – Year 5 Turner's House Trip
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Borough Sports	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> – Year 5 & 6 Barnes Literacy Festival
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Cake Sale	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> - Mufti Day
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Mexican Fiesta (4-8pm)	<b>Week Commencing 26<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Maths' Week London
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b> – Year 3 & 4 Tennis (4 students)	<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b> - St Peter and St Paul Mass
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> -Pentecost Mass	<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> - Mufti Day
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Class and Team Photos	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> – Summer Fair (12-4pm)
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Year 1 Boys' Football	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> – Secondary Transfer Day Richmond Schools
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Mufti Day	<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b> - Secondary Transfer Day Kingston Schools
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> – INSET Day – school closed	<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Year 6 Production
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Half Term	<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Year 6 Production
<b>Half Term 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Year 6 Leavers' Party (tbc)
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b> – INSET Day – school closed	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> – Year 6 Leavers' Mass
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Start of the new half term	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> - Last Day of Term – School Finishes at 1pm
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b> - Year 4 British Library Voyage into Maps	
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Year 6 Fieldwork trip Bushy Park	
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> - Mufti Day	
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b> - First Holy Communion Masses	
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Mufti Day	
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Sports Day – Children to be collected at the end of the event <b>Week</b>	

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

## May is the Month of Mary

May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are asked to think about Mary, say special prayers to her, have May altars, and sing hymns to Mary to tell her how much we love her and to ask her to help us stay close to her son Jesus and to try to live as Jesus shows us. There are a wealth of resources available at : <https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/marian-and-mission-rosary/>

## Coronation Celebrations

It was wonderful to have a school of Kings and Queens today as we prepare to celebrate King Charles III's coronation tomorrow. The children really got into the spirit of things and enjoyed a range of fun activities and treats in their classrooms. All of their outfits were fantastic but a special well done to:

Carl Casimir, Mithila and Amelia!

We were also very fortunate to receive some incredible artworks as part of our coronation art competition.

Well done to all those who entered and congratulations to:

First Prize – Rosa and Frieda

Second Prizes – Oriana, Sophia and Leo

Third Prizes – Ava and Andrea

Congratulations as well to our raffle prize winners and thank you to the PTA to organising this and the fabulous cake sale – a great way to end our week!



## Year 1 Girls' Football

We were amazed by the confidence and skill shown by our Year 1 girls at this week's football tournament. The number of goals scored was incredible and we were so impressed by the girls' spirit and stamina. Well done to Emily, Nina, Sophia, Zoey, Georgina and Paige and thank you to Hassan and the parents who helped on the day.



## Junior Travel Ambassadors by Naya, Mya and Morgan



This week, we went to Hampton Pre-Prep School in our role as Junior Travel Ambassadors. During our time there we came up with lots of different strategies to help us at home, at school and in the wider world. Whilst we were there we realised that when we are riding our scooters and bikes there are multiple things we need to check to make sure we are safe. We learnt how to check our bike's steering is alright and how to change a bike tyre. We are looking forward to sharing what we have learnt with all the other children in our school!



## Year 2 Trip

On Wednesday 4th May, Year 2 went on an educational trip to the London Wetland Centre to support their learning in science. The children enjoyed taking part in the workshop 'Plant Detectives'. They had a fantastic time on a wild walk as well as enjoying a well-earned visit to the adventure playground. Thank you to Mrs El Khoury for organizing the trip and to all the parents who helped on the day.

## School Streets Reminder

We have been asked to remind parents that whilst vehicle movements are significantly reduced within the School Streets, there are still exempt vehicles, cyclists and other road users. The School Street is not the same as a Play Street, which stops all traffic. Safe walking, cycling and driving should still be applied and the highway code followed.

## Online Safety

I know that many parents appreciated Peter Cowley's talk on helping keep your children safe online. This is something we regularly talk to the children about as part of our computing curriculum and our PSHE lessons where pupils think about what it means to be a responsible digital citizen. There are also a number of safeguards that are in place within the school that help to safeguard our children online. Our online filtering system, Webscreen, has one of the most robust filtering engines, NetSweeper, which helps ensure our pupils are not exposed to extremism or explicit content and their use of the internet is monitored so that we can be confident that the system is working effectively. Whilst no system can guarantee 100% protection, the filter alongside the comprehensive curriculum we provide on how to stay safe helps safeguard our pupils both in school and in the wider world.

## Parish Coronation Celebrations

Just a reminder that the Parish will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III with a range of events this weekend. On Sunday 7th May there will be a 'party' after the 11am Mass to mark the coronation of our new King. Please do come and celebrate with the community

### PTA Announcements

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](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 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

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

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

Reception Antarctica – Izabela Pawlik

Year 1 Australia – Zoe Wallis-Jones  
and Harry Smith

Year 2 Africa – Luke Te Brake  
and Abby Black

Year 3 North America – Abigail Sponsler  
and Alexia Mummery

Year 4 South America – Finlay Black

Year 5 Europe – Raffi Boghossian

Year 6 Asia – Zosia Gorny

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

Benecio for independent work in maths  
Ollie, Charlie, Rosie and Henryk for their  
wonderful writing

Morena for her Beowulf writing  
Mia for thoughtful work in Religion,  
Beatrice for challenging herself in  
mathematics,

I hope you enjoy the bank holiday and coronation celebrations and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

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