

Newsletter – Summer 4 | 12th May 2023

A huge well done to our Year 6 class and their teachers as we come to the end of a week filled with the key stage two statutory assessments (SATs). We are incredibly proud of our children and the outstanding SATs results they achieve every year. It is wonderful to see our small school listed in The Times top 100 schools and it is a credit to all the hard work put in by our children, their families and our amazing teachers and learning support assistants. However, whilst watching the children this week what we are truly most proud of is the motivation, determination and resilience they have shown. It leaves us in no doubt that there are great things ahead of them.

Dates for your diaries	
Monday 15 th May – Year 5 & 6 Tennis (4 students)	Wednesday 21 st June – Year 2 Barnes Literacy
Friday 19th May – Cake Sale	Festival
Saturday 20th May – Mexican Fiesta (4-8pm)	Thursday 22 nd June – Year 3 & 4 Barnes Literacy
Monday 22 nd May – Year 3 & 4 Tennis (4 students)	Festival
Tuesday 23 rd May -Pentecost Mass	Thursday 22 nd June – Year 5 Turner's House Trip
Wednesday 24 th May – Class and Team Photos	Friday 23 rd June – Year 5 & 6 Barnes Literacy
Wednesday 24 th May – Year 1 Boys' Football	Festival
Thursday 25th May – Mufti Day	Friday 23 rd June - Mufti Day
Friday 26 th May – INSET Day – school closed	Week Commencing 26 th June – Maths' Week
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June – Half Term	London
Half Term 29 th May – 2 nd June	Thursday 29 th June - St Peter and St Paul Mass
Monday 5 th June – INSET Day – school closed	Friday 30 th June - Mufti Day
Tuesday 6 th June – Start of the new half term	Saturday 1 st July – Summer Fair (12-4pm)
Wednesday 7 th June – Borough Sports Year 6	Monday 3 rd July – Secondary Transfer Day
Wednesday 8 th June - Year 4 British Library Voyage	Richmond Schools
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Friday 9th June – Year 6 Fieldwork trip Bushy Park	Kingston Schools
Friday 9 th June - Mufti Day	Wednesday 12 th July – Year 5 Art Exhibition
Saturday 10 th June – First Holy Communion Masses	Wednesday 12 th July – Year 6 Production
Thursday 15 th June – Mufti Day	Thursday 13 th July – Year 6 Production
Friday 16 th June – Sports Day – approximately	Friday 14th July – Year 6 Leavers' Party (tbc)
12pm finish and collection	Friday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass
Week Commencing 19th June – Arts Week	Friday 21st July - Last Day of Term – School Finishes
	at 1pm

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May is the Month of Mary

This week in assembly we talked about the story of the Annunciation and the bravery that Mary showed in this story and throughout her life. We discussed what this might mean at home, at school and in the wider world and we have challenged the children with the mission to "be brave and take risks" something which can be hard for grown ups too!

Coronation Celebrations

I hope that you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend and that many of you were able to attend the Parish celebrations. Some of the wonderful artwork from our coronation art competition is now on display in the church so do take a look.

Cake Sales

Thank you to everyone who has made or bought a cake at one of our recent cake sales. These sales provide vital funds for sports and playground equipment as well as books for our library. We greatly appreciate all the hard work and effort that goes into them and the money raised.



Safeguarding – Mental Health

During children's mental health week in February, our pupils took part in a range of activities relating to the theme "Let's Connect" including these beautiful artworks by our Year 6 children which looked at how art can help us express ourselves and connect with one another. Next week, is mental health awareness week and there is an associated campaign "Just' Anxiety?" which aims to help people and organisations to understand the difference between anxiety and anxiety disorders and to confidently seek and signpost each other to the right support. The school has access to a range of resources and organisations that can help and support our children and their families so don't hesitate to contact us. More information can be found at <u>https://mentalhealthuk.org/mental-health-awareness-week/</u>

Ladies and Gentleman, boys and girls,

The Great Mary Magdalen's Fiesta Fundraiser is now just over a week away and the Three Amigos are busy getting everything ready for the event of the year which we hope you will all love!

But, we can't do this without your help on the day - whether you can be a bartender for 45 mins, help give out food, help with the children's activities or sell raffle tickets we really need your help to make the event awesome and raise as much as we can for our kids school.

Please do sign up to help by following this link (or on links that have been sent via class WhatsApp groups) : <u>https://signup.com/go/kDOUpBh</u>

Huge thanks in advance if you do,

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The Three Amigos AKA, Lucy Meredith and Amy

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

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

Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – Lulu Ramgoolam Year 1 Australia – Luke Grindal Year 2 Africa – Nawal Dali Year 3 North America – Marcelo Borges Year 4 South America – Danny Harrington Year 5 Europe – Harriet Fox Year 6 Asia – The Whole Class

Have a wonderful weekend with your children,

Catherine Hughes, Headteacher Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Magda Woods for her outstanding writing

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