



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Summer 5 | 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Our Year 2 children completed their statutory assessments this week. Thank you to Mrs El Khoury and the Year 2 parents for helping them to prepare. A huge well done to the children who worked very hard and stayed calm and focused throughout the week. We are very proud of them. Over the next few weeks all our pupils will undertake mathematics and reading assessments to further inform our teacher assessments which will be shared in our end of year reports. It is important for children to get used to taking tests. However, we always talk to the children about how these tests are to help us to know what we can do to help and support them and encourage them to talk to us if they have any worries or concerns. Please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

## Dates for your diaries

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

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## School's Police Officer

This week, our school's police officer, PC Bacha, came to visit us. He spent time with Year 6 discussing personal and online safety which is invaluable as the children prepare to make the transition to secondary school. He also took a whole school assembly and talked to the children about his work in the community and how to keep themselves safe in and outside school.

## Polar Preet

We were delighted to welcome Preet Chandi, known as Polar Preet, to our school on Monday. Preet broke two Guinness World Records in Jan 2023, for both the longest solo unsupported one-way polar ski journey for a woman and also the longest solo unsupported one-way polar ski journey overall. Preet came to visit because Evie-Rose Beglane won a competition to design a sticker for Preet's pack which journeyed with her all the way to the Antarctica. In recognition of her wonderful work Preet came to visit our school to talk about her expedition and present Evie-Rose with her prize, which included snow from Antarctica! The children were inspired by Preet's determination and enthusiasm and some of them even got to try out what it was like pulling her equipment in our playground! You can find out more about her inspirational journey at her website <https://polarpreet.com/>.



## Feedback

In order to make the best use of feedback from pupils, parents and staff we are sending out our annual surveys earlier this year. These questionnaires provide us with invaluable information to help us to evaluate our provision and think about how we can improve. They are also a good source of evidence of what we do well to feed into our school evaluation form which informs our school development plan and will be used by Ofsted to make their judgement about the school. Our parents survey can be accessed using the following link: <https://forms.gle/F4hXj3jo94oQDg3d6>

Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts on our school.

## Parking

The residents in Ripley Gardens, parallel to Worple St have noticed that traffic and parking at drop off time is hugely congested due to parents of the school using that road to park while they walk their children to school. For the safety of our community, and relationship with our neighbours, we urge you to avoid coming to and from school by car– please walk, scoot, cycle or use public transport. For those that

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absolutely must use a car, please do not park on yellow lines and consider parking on North Worple Way, where parking spaces close to the footbridge can often be found.

### **Safeguarding – Online Safety**

Recent research has found 87% of 3 to 4 year olds go online regularly. 92% of those who do watch videos on streaming sites such as YouTube. As our children spend more time online from an early age knowing what practical steps you can take to make sure your child is safe when using a device, and how to promote healthy use of devices is more important than ever. London Grid for Learning (LGfL) have partnered with the Early Years Alliance to offer a 1 hour webinar on **Thursday 8th June 10-11am** to parents of children aged 0-5 years, about simple steps to take to keep children safe when using online devices. Find out more [here](#)

### **PTA Announcements**

We are excited to inform you that preparations for our Mortlake Summer Fair are entering a more advanced phase, and many things are happening behind the scenes, just to mention organising stalls, printing brochures, and gathering prizes to make this event a memorable one.

We are grateful to the businesses listed below, as they have kindly supported us by donating prizes. If you happen to visit any of them, please mention that you are from St. Mary Magdalen's School, so they are aware that our parents have chosen to support them in return.

You can also help to make the Fair more exciting! If you frequent any local shops, cafes, restaurants, hairdressers, or your child attends any classes, ask if they would be willing to support our school by donating a prize for the fair - it can be a product, voucher, special discount. Their contributions will help us make raffle and wheel of fortune more attractive to everyone.

All prizes can be sent via email to [smmptafair@gmail.com](mailto:smmptafair@gmail.com)

Many thanks for generous donations from parents including Euro Disney tickets, signed England Football Strip and signed Wimbledon Tennis Ball and thank you to all volunteers from our school who contribute to the success of the Fair.

As a reminder, mufti days will commence on Thursday, and on the first mufti day, we kindly request donations of alcohol bottles.

Stay tuned for more updates and details about the fair.

Once again, we appreciate your support. Whatever we do it couldn't have been done without your support! List of businesses who already supported us with prizes:

Upper Richmond Road: Headmasters, East Sheen Nails, Miller's Hairdressing, Butikken, Neeman Cafe, Amazon Fresh, Waitrose, The Bloom, Carlson Gracie Ju Jitsu, Hare & Hounds, Boulangerie Jade, Leonardo Cafe, Polish Delicatessen Sheen, Artisan Cafe, Midos Barber, Cook, King of Cotton Richmond Shop, Grilandia Lebanese Restaurant, I-Spa, Hewson Books (Sheen & Kew Bookstore), Sheen Swim School.

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Sheen Lane: Sam Zenaldeen Gentlemen’s Grooming, Evolution, Pandemonium, CJR Interiors, Total Wellbeing, Apples&Bees, Metos Cafe, Kodak Shop.

Barnes: The Cabin Gym, Café66 Barnes, Cote Barnes, Bottega Hair Salon, Cook Barnes, Barnes Fine Art Gallery, OSO, Perform Barnes.

And also: School of Dance Mortlake, Sainsbury’s Store Lower Richmond Road, Putt in the Park, Wetlands Centre, Bocketts Farm, Snakes and Ladders Brentford, Strike Bowling, Hounslow Urban Farm, and our after school clubs providers: NS Sport, UK Chess Academy, Bonne Idee Playgroup.

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

### **Pupils of the Week**

Reception Antarctica – Josiah Lusadisu

Year 1 Australia – Boyun Zhang

Year 2 Africa – The Whole Class

Year 3 North America – Cara Weldon

Year 4 South America – Alessio Arcari

Year 5 Europe – Mariana Goncalves

Year 6 Asia – Daniel Hart

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

Mathias, Gabriel and Mateo for wonderful writing

Alexia, Shanice and Dominik for their beautiful watercolours inspired by Monet  
Mariana for thoughtful work in RE about transformation

Morgan and Mya for marvellous Macbeth inspired poetry

Luca, Sam, Georgia and Mia for their excellent letter writing skills

Morgan, Zoe and Sam for their art inspired by Turner

Frieda for a fabulous poster design

I look forward to seeing all of you who are coming to the Fiesta tomorrow! Have a wonderful weekend with your children.

Catherine Hughes,  
Headteacher