



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Summer 6 | 26th May 2023

Last Saturday we enjoyed a truly fantastic Fiesta full of music, dancing, great food and fabulous company. The sun shone on what turned out to be a fabulous community event where we were able to welcome many of our families, as well as some of our forthcoming reception pupils and other local families as well. There was a whole host of fun activities from cookie decorating to maraca making and we were thrilled to host our first piñata and chili eating competitions.

A huge thank you to everyone who came and special thanks to Suzy, Lauren, Marcelo, Laura, Itzel, Areej, Julie, Adelina, Jean, Taras, Adelino, Marcus, Tim and Glyn! Of course, none of this would have been possible without the three amigos – Amy, Lucy and Meredith – and we are incredibly grateful for the time, energy and enthusiasm they bring to everything they do.

We are delighted to announce that an incredible **£3035.04** was raised! This is a testament to everyone's hard work and to our community's generosity. Thank you.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 29th May – Friday 2 nd June – Half Term Half Term 29th May – 2nd June Monday 5th June – INSET Day – school closed Tuesday 6th June – Start of the new half term Wednesday 8th June - Year 4 British Library Voyage into Maps Friday 9th June – Year 6 Fieldwork trip Bushy Park Friday 9th June - Mufti Day – Animal theme Saturday 10th June – First Holy Communion Masses Thursday 15th June – Mufti Day – Sports theme Friday 16th June – Sports Day – approximately 12pm finish and collection Week Commencing 19th June – Arts Week Wednesday 21st June – Year 2 Barnes Literacy Festival Thursday 22nd June – Year 3 Barnes Literacy Festival	Friday 23rd June - Mufti Day – Favourite Colour Week Commencing 26th June – Maths Week London Thursday 29th June - St Peter and St Paul Mass Friday 30th June - Mufti Day – Summer Colours Saturday 1st July – Summer Fair (12-4pm) Monday 3rd July – Secondary Transfer Day Richmond Schools Wednesday 5th July - Secondary Transfer Day Kingston Schools Wednesday 12th July – Year 6 Production Thursday 13th July – Year 6 Production Friday 21st July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass Friday 21st July - Last Day of Term – School Finishes at 1pm
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The Year of Global Citizens – “Be the change you wish to see in the world.” Mahatma Gandhi



Fabulous Photographs

Congratulations to the winners of our chili eating competition (pictured) - they were on fire! To see more fantastic photographs of the fiesta visit the link below:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/rAEAByztvGGYuPK5A>

Thank you to the talented Julie Fargues who has yet again captured the spirit of the event in her photographs.

International Athletes!

We are delighted that two of our pupils have been selected to compete in international competitions. Amelia Stanger has been selected to represent England in the Dance World Cup and Julie Blaskova will be taking part in an international gymnastics' festival. A fantastic achievement for both pupils, we wish them every success and look forward to hearing about their big adventures.

Year One Football Tournament

On Wednesday, a team of Year 1 and Reception children played ten matches as part of a participation tournament. The children were resilient, enthusiastic and full of energy. We were so proud of their performance and most of all their sportsmanship. Thank you to Hassan and all the parents who helped out on the day. Well done to Harry, Stanley, Ruy, Luke W, Digby, Rory, Dominic, Noah, Gabriel, Nina, Milan and Matteo.



Year 3 and 4 Tennis Tournament

This week four talented tennis players went to tennis tournament with school from several boroughs. They played a total of 27 matches and won 20 of them, many by impressive margins. This remarkable achievement means they are now going to represent the south west in the London Olympics! Well done to Arthur, Grace, JP and Matilda not only for their fantastic play but for their exemplary behaviour and attitude. We can't wait to see what you do next. Thank you to Miss P and the parents who supported on the day.

Play Leaders

As a school we know that break times are very important for our pupils' well-being. They are a great time to develop skills and build relationships and we are keen to invest time in making them as happy as possible for all our pupils. To help with this Mrs Delap has been training some pupil volunteers as play leaders. The

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PTA have kindly funded some new play equipment and the play leaders have developed a range of games and activities for children to take part in. It has been wonderful to watch them encouraging children to join in and try something new. Thank you to Mrs Delap and all the play leaders for their hard work.

Arts Week

Mrs Black is hard at work preparing for our very first arts' week in June. Our specialist teachers do a fantastic job with our art and music lessons throughout the year and arts week is a great opportunity to further nurture our children's creativity. The theme this year is "Identity" and the children will be taking part in a range of creative activities throughout the week. We will be running a photography competition, details of which have been sent out with this newsletter. We are also asking any of our parents with artistic talents to volunteer to come into school during the week and either talk about their work. If you are able to volunteer please complete <https://forms.gle/7kbydToBZFKC6TWLA> . More information can be found in the Enrichment folder of your child's Google classroom.

Feedback

Thank you to the 5 parents who have completed our parent survey. This questionnaire 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. If you can please do take a few minutes to complete our parent survey via following link: <https://forms.gle/F4hXj3jo94oQDg3d6>

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

Safeguarding – Road Safety

As we go into half term you may well be out and about with your children and, if they are older, they may even be beginning to make solo journeys. We know it is vital to develop our children's understanding of the importance of road safety and this is something we talk about regularly in school and which is addressed in during scooter training, as part of the safe walking scheme, bikeability and the junior citizen programme. Some useful films about road safety, including children making trips by themselves can be found [here](#) .

Vacancy

We are currently looking for an enthusiastic individual to join our dedicated staff team as a Learning Support Assistant and SMSA. The role involves working closely with class teachers to support the needs of individual pupils including running 1:1 and small group interventions as well working within the classroom to support the children's learning and development. The post is due to start in September 2023 and is a great chance to make a big difference.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Friday 19th June. If you would like to apply, or have family or friends who may be interested, please see our recruitment page on Eteach for more information, an application form and the job description: <https://www.eteach.com/job/learning-support-assistant-and-smsa-1338316> .

PTA Announcements

A huge thank you to Amy, Lucy, and Meredith, along with all the amazing helpers, for organizing a fantastic Fiesta event! your hard work and dedication have made the event not only a successful fundraiser for our school but also a fun-filled community gathering.

A special mention goes out to the brochure team who have been working hard, and we're excitedly waiting for the brochures to be printed. Once they're ready, we'll be asking assistance of parents in volunteering to distribute them. Stay tuned for more details after the half-term break.

Get the wardrobes ready for next mufti days after half term break!

On Friday, 9th June: Animal Mufti Day -

where you can show off your favourite animal prints or dress up as your most beloved creature.

For donations we'd appreciate if you could bring along any unwanted treasures or nearly new items to contribute as prizes for our exciting tombola.

On Thursday, 15th June: Sports Mufti Day - let your outfit represent your favourite sport: a basketball star, soccer champ, or dance enthusiast or fully prepared in your PE kit. For donations we'll be collecting second-hand toys and adorable teddies (in good condition please).

We understand that not all children like to wear costumes and not everyone has the time or money to find a costume for each event so please rest assured it is also fine for children to come to school in their own clothes on these days.

Also, a quick reminder: you can still approach local shops, hairdressers or other local businesses to request prizes for the Summer Fair. Every little bit counts!

Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm. Let's continue to make the Summer Fair a success.
Stay tuned for further updates and details.

Wishing you a wonderful time during the half-term break!

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

Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – Finn Warren

Year 1 Australia – Nina Weldon

Year 2 Africa – Theia De Serra
and Oliver Cowley

Year 3 North America – The Whole Class

Year 4 South America – Evelyn Dolan

Year 5 Europe – Angelica Perry-Pecikoza

Year 6 Asia – Amelia Stanger

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Finn for fabulous phonics

Issac, Rosie, Luke B and Olly for their
wonderful information posters all about
hot air balloons

Finn for fabulous phonics

Grayson, Mya and Ellie for a very
persuasive complaint letter

Angus for incredible writing

I hope you have a wonderful half term with your children and I look forward to welcoming them back on Tuesday 6th June.

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher