



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Summer 7 | 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

I am sure that you will all be delighted to have read about the appointment of Mr John Conway as Acting Headteacher. I am looking forward to working with Mr Conway over the next six weeks to ensure a smooth transition and I am sure the wealth of experience he brings will make him an invaluable addition to our school community.

It has been a busy start to the final half term of this academic year. A huge well done to our Year 4 pupils who are completing the multiplication tables check. Thank you to the children, their parents, Mrs Derby and Miss Pavlickova for their hard work in preparation for this statutory assessment.

## Dates for your diaries

<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b> – First Holy Communion Masses	<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b> - St Peter and St Paul Mass
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b> - Year 4 Digital workshop British Library - Create a handmade library	<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> - Mufti Day – Summer Colours
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Year 1 Science Workshop	<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b> - Year 6 Art workshop artist- Jeanette Barnes
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Mufti Day – Sports theme	<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> – Summer Fair (12-4pm) Watneys Field
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Sports Day – approximately 12pm finish and collection	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> – Secondary Transfer Day Richmond Schools
<b>Week Commencing 19<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Arts Week	<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b> - Secondary Transfer Day Kingston Schools
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b> – Reception, Year 1 & 2 Barnes Literacy Festival	<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b> - Reception Hearing Test
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b> – Year 3 & 4 Barnes Literacy Festival	<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Year 6 Production
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b> – Year 5 Turner’s House Trip	<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b> – Year 6 Production
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> - Mufti Day – Favourite Colour	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> – Year 6 Leavers’ Mass
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b> – Year 5 & 6 Barnes Literacy Festival	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b> - Last Day of Term – School Finishes at 1pm
<b>Week Commencing 26<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Math’s Week London	

## INSET Training – Racial Justice

On Monday, our staff took part in training from Dr Kathryn Kashup (School Improvement Adviser for Racial Justice, Multilingualism and Disadvantage) on Racial Literacy which was aimed at giving our staff the terms to use as tools to start the important conversation about racism. This is part of our school’s continuing efforts to ensure racial justice and an inclusive approach.

As you know, we take any racist incidents at our school very seriously and whilst we hope they never occur, when they do, we want to learn from them. If you are aware that a racist incident that has occurred, please

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do report your concerns to us. You can do this by speaking to any member of staff you feel comfortable discussing this with or by emailing or calling the school. Please rest assured that all reports will be thoroughly investigated by the school and that we will use what we learn to ensure our school is an inclusive environment in which all our children thrive.

### **International Athletes!**

Before half term I wrote to you about two of our pupils being selected to compete in international events. I am delighted to say that Xaviera Drussi will be joining Julie Blaskova at an international gymnastics' festival. This follows on from her impressive performance at borough sports. We wish them every success and look forward to hearing about their big adventures



### **London Youth Games**

On Thursday our champion tennis players represented Richmond in the London Youth Games. The children played incredibly well and made it all the way to the semi-finals which is a fantastic achievement. They showed great resilience and sportsmanship and should be very proud of themselves. Thank you to Hassan for helping to prepare the children and well done to Arthur, Grace, JP and Matilda for all their hard work. Thank you to the parents who helped on the day and made it possible for them to compete in this special event.



### **Borough Sports**

This week, a team of Year 5 and 6 pupils competed in the annual borough sports competition. They took part in a range of athletics events and we were delighted to find out that our team came third in the small schools' competition. As well as success as a team Xaviera Drussi was also the highest scoring girl within the competition – an incredible achievement. Congratulations to Sophie, Elias, Chloe, Ghassan, Eva, Jake, Xavi and Tomas. Thank you to Hassan and to our parents for their support.

### **Fundraiser!**

I am often in awe of our children's thoughtfulness and this week was no exception. I was amazed to find an envelope on my desk with a donation for our school from Penelope Lelliott in Year 3. Penelope has recently been making bracelets and selling them to raise money for our school. I am incredibly grateful to her for all her hard work and inspired by her generosity. Thank you Penelope!

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## Year 6 trip to Bushy Park

Today our Year 6 children went on a trip to support their learning in Geography. They had a ball in picturesque Bushy Park. They have learnt about grid references, types of maps and exploring areas of the park through orienteering.

## Arts' Week Reminder

Just a reminder that the week of 19<sup>th</sup> June will be Arts' Week. If you are able to volunteer to help please complete this form <https://forms.gle/7kbydToBZFKC6TWLA> . Also, don't forget our photography competition - more information can be found in the Enrichment folder of your child's Google classroom.



## Sports Day

Next Friday will be our annual sports day on the brewery field. You should drop your child at school as usual and we aim to start at 9am. This year we will be running the field events and running races at the same time so that the children remain active throughout the morning. We aim to finish at around 12pm and then children can go home for the afternoon. Any children who have not been collected by 12.15pm will return to school where they should be collected. If you need childcare in the afternoon NS Sport is providing its after school care club which you can book onto as usual.

## Vacancy

We are currently looking for an enthusiastic individual to join our dedicated staff team as a Learning Support Assistant and SMSA. 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 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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> .

## First Holy Communions

This Saturday, the children in our parish will celebrate their First Holy Communions. This is always a very special day for many of our Year 3 children and their families. Thank you to Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Saunderson for all their hard work preparing the children to celebrate this blessed sacrament. We are very grateful that Father Adrian has returned in time to celebrate the Mass and I hope that you will hold all the children in your thoughts and prayers.

## PTA Announcements

A special mention goes out to the brochure team who have produced an incredible brochure and to all the parents who are working hard to distribute it.

Get the wardrobes ready for next week's mufti day:

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

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

Reception Antarctica – Mila Khoudier

Year 1 Australia – Sophia Chamula

Year 2 Africa – Benicio Franco Dorneles

Year 3 North America – Alexia Mummery

Year 4 South America – Chloe te Brake

Year 5 Europe – Luca Braga

Year 6 Asia – Floyd Mwemeke

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

Boyun for marvellous maths

Penelope for her fabulous fundraising

I hope you enjoy the sunshine this weekend with your children,

Catherine Hughes,  
Headteacher