



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Summer 8 | 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

I hope that all of you who were able to attend enjoyed our sports day today. The children did fantastically well in hot conditions and congratulations to Champion House who won the trophy this year. Thank you to the staff for ensuring that most things went smoothly and to the parents for their enthusiasm even during the relay races! I am particularly grateful to Hassan and Jack from NS Sport who helped organise the event, provided equipment and worked with Adelino to set it all up and clear it all away. It was a great way to end a year that has been full of sporting achievements for our school!

## Dates for your diaries

**Week Commencing 19th June** – Arts Week

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June** – Reception, Year 1 & 2 Barnes Literacy Festival

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Year 3 & 4 Barnes Literacy Festival

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June** – Year 5 Turner's House Trip

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** - Mufti Day – Favourite Colour

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** – Year 5 & 6 Barnes Literacy Festival

**Week Commencing 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Math's Week London

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June** - St Peter and St Paul Mass

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Mufti Day – Summer Colours

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 Art workshop artist- Jeanette Barnes

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** – Summer Fair (12-4pm) Watneys Field

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Secondary Transfer Day Richmond Schools

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - Secondary Transfer Day Kingston Schools

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** - Reception Hearing Test

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Production

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Production

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – Year 6 Leavers' Mass

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July** - Last Day of Term – School Finishes at 1pm

## Phonic Screening and Read Write Inc

As well as their fantastic work at sports day our pupils in Year 1 and some pupils in Year 2 took part in the phonic screening test this week. They all concentrated hard and tried their best and we are incredibly proud of them. Thank you to Mrs El Khoury, Ms Vunaki and Mrs Anderson for administering the tests and to all our staff who have worked so hard to roll out the Read Write Inc programme within our school over the last two years. Led by Mrs Anderson this has been an incredible success with every child following the programme making progress!

## Arts' Week Reminder

Next week is Arts' Week and we are looking forward to getting creative and exploring this years theme "Identity". If you are able to volunteer to help please complete this form

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

<https://forms.gle/7kbydToBZFKC6TWLA> . Also, don't forget our photography competition, you can find out more in the Enrichment folder of your child's Google classroom.

### **Safeguarding – Big Events**

Having reflected on the dismissal of the children at the end of sports day we will change this routine next year so that we can clearly see which adult is taking each child. As we know that there are going to be a number of big events over the summer months, including the Mortlake Summer Fair, we will be talking to the children in school about how they can stay safe at such events, what to do if they get lost and the importance of not leaving an event without an adult. I know that you will reinforce these messages at home.

### **First Holy Communions**

Last Saturday we were blessed to celebrate the First Holy Communions of 23 of our Year 3 pupils as well as a second Mass for pupils who do not attend our school. It was an incredibly special occasion where the children, their families and the school were all able to celebrate the children receiving the blessed sacrament for the first time. The children were incredible, calm, confident and happy and I am very grateful to Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Saunderson for their hard work preparing the children and for ensuring the day went so smoothly. Thank you to Mrs Haughton and Mrs O’Gorman for their support on the day and we were truly blessed that Father Adrian was able to celebrate Mass for us on this most special of occasions. A huge thank you to the parents who did so much to make this day even more special for the children from the exquisite flower arrangements to the beautiful banner it was truly remarkable and a memory I am sure you and your children will treasure forever.

### **PTA Announcements**

Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm.

Take a look at the PTA newsletter for more information about what we have achieved this year and what there still is to look forward to!

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

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

Catherine Hughes,  
Headteacher

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

Matias for outstanding, independent writing

Luke Wadie for fantastic phonics

Tilly and Henryk for very thoughtful work in RE

Year 3 for their fabulous performance poetry

Eva and Mya for their science investigation