



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter – Summer 9 | 23rd June 2023

Across the school, the children enjoyed a week-long celebration in Arts' Week. They participated in many activities, taking them on a creative adventure celebrating their identity. In art lessons, the children designed ink identity mandalas inspired by Scottish illustrator, Johanna Basford. Children in Year 2 explored dance with Kidz Bop and used mark-making techniques to draw self portraits. In Year 3 and 4, the children will continue into next week, writing poetry about their identity inspired by Joseph Coelho. Year 5, the children drew designs about their identity whilst learning about electrical circuits in DT. We have been wowed by the entries to our photography competition and look forward to announcing the winners next week. A huge thank you to Mrs Black for organising this week and to all the parents who came and volunteered their time, creativity and expertise. Please take a look at some of the wonderful work at the end of the newsletter

Dates for your diaries

Week Commencing 26th June – Math's Week London

Thursday 29th June - St Peter and St Paul Mass – Led by Year 3, 9.30am

Friday 30th June - Mufti Day – Summer Colours

Friday 30th June - Year 6 Art workshop artist- Jeanette Barnes

Friday 30th June – New Reception Stay and Play – 2-3pm

Saturday 1st July – Summer Fair (12-4pm) Watneys Field

Monday 3rd July – Secondary Transfer Day Richmond Schools

Wednesday 5th July - Secondary Transfer Day Kingston Schools

Tuesday 11th July - Reception Hearing Test

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



Year 5 Trip to Turner's House

This week Year 5 enjoyed their trip to Turner's House. They travelled to St Margaret's to visit Turner's house where they demonstrated an excellent knowledge of the artist's light and colour techniques, and learnt about his place in the history of our local area. They also created their own watercolour masterpieces! Thank you to Mrs Walder for organizing the trip and to all the parents who helped on the day.

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

Barnes Literature Festival

This week all of our children visited the Barnes Literature Festival. It was a wonderful opportunity to nurture our pupils love of literature. The children listened to authors read their work, played games (including who's on the loo!), drew illustrations and learnt about why and how people write books. I am sure that it will have inspired many of our own talented writers. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped on these trips and well done to the children who were very well behaved in hot conditions.

St Peter and St Paul Mass

We look forward to celebrating Mass next week. The St Peter and St Paul Mass will be at 9.30am on Thursday and will be led by Year 3. We hope you will be able to join us in the church.

Hospital Services

We have been asked to share the following message with you regarding health services. Hospital services are currently very busy due to extreme heat, pollen and pollution levels. If you, or your child, has asthma or other respiratory conditions find out more about how to keep safe:

<https://www.southwestlondon.icb.nhs.uk/news/nhs-issues-heatwave-warning-for-older-people-and-people-with-asthma/>

Afterschool childcare

Ms Nugent is available from September to provide afterschool childcare. She has over 15 year childcare experience, is DBS checked and references are available. She can work from your home, providing a safe, nurturing environment where your child will have invaluable one-on-one attention. For further information please email: alicenugent@hotmail.co.uk

Safeguarding – Our Curriculum

We have carefully planned our Personal Social Health and Economic (PSHE) and Relationship and Health Education (RHE) curriculum to ensure our pupils' personal development and to keep them safe and healthy. This year, following parental consultation, we introduced the Ten Ten RHE scheme. Having taught a number of the lessons in Reception and Year 4, I can see that it is allowing our children to discuss and understand important issues and that they are using this knowledge well to keep themselves and others safe. This scheme also allows parents to find out more about what their child is learning via the parent portal.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

School login: smmr

School password: tentenpp

There is also an additional attachment with the newsletter containing this information and an overview of the scheme.

Safeguarding – Summer Fair Arrangements

To help us all have a happy and safe day at the fair we have slightly changed the arrangements on the entrance this year. The PTA have purchased red wrist bands which we will be asking parents to put on all children of primary school age and younger. We will ask parents to write their mobile numbers on the inside of the band so, if a child does get lost, an adult will be able to contact their parent easily.

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PTA Announcements

The Mortlake Summer Fair is nearly here and it is set to be a fantastic day with live music from David O'Mahony and Out of the Blue, performance from LXDance Academy, Crouching Tiger Karate and many more. There will be an array of children's activities from inflatable, gladiator games, NS Sport, Touch Football Skill and London Mini Rugby. So why not join for what is set to be a fantastic family day out. And don't forget to spread the word by liking and sharing our posts on instagram.

If you would like to help we need volunteers to help organize and ticket donations next Friday 30th June at school from 1.30pm, and we need help setting up and transporting goods on Saturday morning from 7am.

If you are free and can help please contact the PTA smmptacontact@gmail.com

Thanks for your ongoing support.

(Alison, Clare, Fran M, Fran S, Astrid and Gabi)

Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – The Whole Class

Year 1 Australia – Ruy Borges

Year 2 Africa – Pearse Freeman

Year 3 North America – The Whole Class

Year 4 South America – Vitto Estacio

Year 5 Europe – The Whole Class

Year 6 Asia – Amelia Stanger

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Finn and Anoushka for fantastic writing

Ruy and Majorie for working independently
and confidently

Oliver Cowley, Charlie, Nawal, Rosie, Theia
and Felix for their fantastic posters for

World Refugee Day

Evie Couch for incredible work in English

I hope you enjoy the weekend with your children,

Catherine Hughes,
Headteacher



Arts' Week 2023



Identity Doodlers



Self Portraits



Identity Mandalas



Poetry



Dancing



Self Portraits

