



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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On Wednesday and Thursday we were treated to two fabulous performances of Mystery at Magpie Manor by our Year Six class. We were so impressed by the choir of Year Three, Four and Five pupils who sung their hearts out. A huge thank you as always to Mrs Brennan for coordinating the production to Mrs Tough and Mrs Thomas for their help behind the scenes, we are very grateful to our Year Six parents for their hard work on the fabulous set and to Miss Church for preparing our performers so well. Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped on the night and to Mrs O’Gorman for all she has done to give each child their moment in the spotlight. There was incredible, singing, dancing and acting on display and the children deserve a huge “Bravo!” for their wonderful performances.

Thank you to Susan Frank and Adelino for photographing and recording the production last night. We are very grateful for their efforts and to Ethan Barrett who is editing the video. A link will be made available to all parents next week when the editing process has finished. We will not be charging for the recording or the photographs but would ask that you make a voluntary contribution via SCOPay. The money will be put towards the school's hardship fund. Thank you in advance, all donations will be gratefully received.

<https://www.scopay.com/login>

## **Dates for your diaries**

**Friday 21st July** – Year 6 Leavers’ Mass 9.30am

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

## **Volunteers**

As a small school we depend so much on the additional support provided by volunteers. This might be supporting regular reading or handwriting practise, volunteering at an event, helping on a trip or being part of our “spring clean”. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who has volunteered this year. You have made such a difference to our school and our children and we hope that you might have had some fun along the way. We look forward to continuing to work together next year.

## **Tackling Racism**

There are only 3 weeks left for pupils to complete the Kingston and Richmond Youth Council’s young people and racism survey. The Kingston and Richmond Youth Council’s young people and racism survey gives young people the opportunity to tell us about their experience of racism and the impact of racism on their lives.

The survey is live until 5pm 31 July. Complete the survey here:

[https://surveys.achievingforchildren.org.uk/s/KRYC\\_racism\\_survey/](https://surveys.achievingforchildren.org.uk/s/KRYC_racism_survey/)

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



### Year Five Art Exhibition

Year Five have enjoyed three wonderful days of art workshops and visits provided by Turner's house. This culminated in a fabulous exhibition of all their inspiring work in their classroom this week. Thank you so much to the teachers for organizing this special experience and well done to our talented artists.

### Chess Club

Well done to everyone who has taken part in our chess club this year. It is a great opportunity to develop tactical skills and strategic thinking. Congratulations to the children who won the tournaments this year:

Under 12 Winner – Daniel

Second Place – Raffi

Third Place – Abraham

Under 10 Winner – Marcelo

Second Place – JP and Arthur

Third Place – Joe

Fourth Place - Shanice

Under 8 Winner – Rory

Under 6 Winners – Ada and Gabriel



### Year Three and Four Gymnastics

Today six of our Year Three and Four pupils attended a borough wide gymnastics competition run by Key Step Gymnastics. They were competing against much larger schools but did an amazing job and came third in whole competition. Well done to Evie, Elena, Rosa, Finlay, Filip and Emilia.

### Year One and Two Theatre Trip

Today our Year One and Two children enjoyed a trip to the Rose Theatre to see Zog. Thank you to the teachers for organizing the trip and the parents who came to help without you such trips would not be possible.



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## Summer Reading Challenge 2023

We love reading at St Mary Magdalen's as our outstanding reading results prove. This summer there is a great opportunity for your child to keep reading as part of the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library. Children of all reading abilities and between the ages of 4 and 11 are invited to read six books across the summer from Saturday 8 July. It is free to take part and families can sign up by visiting their local library or by visiting the Summer Reading Challenge website. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= ExdzLOs4E>

Children set their own personal goals at the beginning of their Reading Challenge and receive either digital incentives or prizes from their library after completing each book. To help our readers along the way, we will be running a programme of free events throughout the summer across all of the libraries in Kingston - including Kingston Libraries Sports Day, inspired by this year's 'Ready, Set, Read!' theme! Keep an eye on what is happening at your local library to take part or contact [libraries@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@kingston.gov.uk) for more information. <https://www.calameo.com/books/007238462b341c3286fa4>

## Universal Free School Meals

In September 2023 all pupils in key stage 2 attending a state funded primary school in London will be entitled to a free school meal, under the Mayor of London's scheme to support families during the cost of living crisis. Funding for this scheme is currently only for the academic year 2023/24 starting in September. To prepare for this increase in school meal uptake from September 2023, we would like to know if your child would like to move to or continue to have hot school lunches.

Please complete the Google Survey below (thank you if you already have):

<https://forms.gle/GPeAEunf5kHp2xuA7>

**If your child has a dietary requirement please inform the school office.**

## Safeguarding

As the summer holidays approach, children may well be spending more time online. Whilst some families have a no screen policy others may prefer to think about how they can support balanced use of devices. Research shows that how a child uses their devices is often more important than how much time they spend on them. For example, passive scrolling on social media is likely to be less fulfilling than creating digital art or learning a skill.

As a part of setting screen time limits you might want to consider setting a schedule for how much time they spend in different areas. Passive scrolling may still have a place, but that is unlikely to need as much time as time spent on homework, playing a video game or practising a skill. More information and advice for different ages can be found at the [internet matters advice page](#) .

### **Pupils of the Week**

Reception Antarctica – Raina Nguyen

Year 1 Australia – Rory Dowell

Year 2 Africa – Tilly Couch

Year 3 North America – Shanice Man  
and Levi Mushi

Year 4 South America – Ruairi Devine

Year 5 Europe – Charlotte Doherty and  
Israel Kalundi

Year 6 Asia – Hugo Sharman Guerard and  
Sophie Gardener

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

Boyun and Harlow for great map work in their  
geography lesson

All those you participated in our incredible  
production – Well done!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your children,

Catherine Hughes

Headteacher