



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 3 | 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

We have now completed our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions with parents with children in all of our year groups. It has been a pleasure meeting with parents and I hope that the meetings were instructive and reassuring. The school also held its first Open Morning for prospective parents, looking at schools for their Reception age children. I am pleased to say that our visitors were very impressed with our school and in, particular, the lovely work ethic they witnessed when they visited classrooms. Your children are a credit to you and the school and I would like to thank you for your support for your children's learning and the wonderful attitudes they bring with them to school every day.

Today's Assembly

What is a hero ?



Today in our Assembly, we asked children to discuss what a hero was, why they are important and who their hero is.

I have asked them to think about who their hero is and we will then display their answers on **Mr Conway's Big Board**.

Year 6 Parents - Secondary Transfer Meetings

We have two meetings for parents of Year 6 children next week with regard to secondary transfer:

Monday the 25th September

Mrs Derby will meet Year 5 and 6 parents with special guest speaker, Mr Burke (Headteacher at St Richard Reynolds Catholic College).

Friday the 29th September

Mr Whelan (Head of Year at Richmond Park Academy) will be speaking to Year 6 children in the classroom about secondary transition.

FUNdamental Drama Classes Message from Mrs Gordon:

Thank you so much for making the first few weeks of FUNdamental such a joy!
We had lots of fun learning new games to play in the playground and it was wonderful to see how supportive the children were of each other during the drama exercises. You should all feel very proud of yourselves for trying something new and giving it your all. Well done!

Our first class (Y1 - Y3) is now full however there are still a few spaces available for Y4 - Y6. Should your child be interested in joining this class, please kindly email **fundamental.artsuk@gmail.com**

You can also email if you would like your child to be added to our waiting list for the Y1 - Y3 class.

Pupil of the Week Award

Reception – Callie – For showing resilience, determination and effort in settling in.

Year 1 – Leonidas – For putting 100% into class discussions and always sharing interesting stories.

Year 2 – Digby – For working hard and trying his best in all lessons this week.

Year 3 - Olivia – For always aiming high, trying her best and being very helpful in class.

Year 4 – Dominik – For displaying admirable listening skills, respect and kindness towards others.

Year 5 – Sofia – For trying her best in everything she does and for having a heart of gold.

Year 6 – Sam – For engaging well and working hard in all lessons.

Communication

Subsequent to our *Meet the Teacher* events held over the last two weeks, this is a reminder to use Google Classroom. This platform has been set up to share information with you and this will also enable you to easily access information and resources when you need them.

You can access Google Classroom by using the links below. Your child has been reminded of their login and password but, if they can't remember it, please contact the school office admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk

Reception - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjlxMDA4OTcwOTMy?cjc=kpvlqoy>

Class Code: kpvlqoy

Year 1 - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NTQ0OTU4NTQ4NzAx?cjc=uv2ybit>

Code: uv2ybit

Year 2 – <https://classroom.google.com/c/NTQ0OTU4MzU3OTUx?cjc=nwtxjti>

Code: nwtxjti

Year 3 – <https://classroom.google.com/c/NDg5MTk0MjM2MDMz?cjc=iarxrs4>

Code: iarxrs4

Year 4 – <https://classroom.google.com/c/NTM3ODYyMDM4ODE2?cjc=lsbawdr>

Code: lsbawdr

Year 5 – <https://classroom.google.com/c/NDg5MTk0MzI3MjI5?cjc=ypf36ki>

Code: ypf36ki

Year 6 – <https://classroom.google.com/c/NTQ0OTU4Nzc2MjEz?cjc=zgg4yyx>

Code: zgg4yyx

PTA

In 2022/23 we raised a fantastic £25,000 which allows the PTA to continue their commitment to support our children's school. The PTA has a baseline commitment of £22,000 each academic year to help enrich our children's academic environment through provision of NSSport, Specialist Music and French teachers. This is a significant amount of the funds raised last year and we would like to be able to do more for St Mary Magdalen's to meet our ongoing commitments. With this in mind, the PTA launched monthly contribution last year, however the uptake has been very low (less than 5 families). If you can afford to donate between £10-£30 per month we would encourage you to set-up a monthly standing order (please find account details below). This will help ensure we can meet our yearly funding commitment to the school. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

St Mary Magdalen's RC School PTA
Sort Code 20-72-33
Account Number 20322822

The PTA AGM will be held at the school on Monday the 2nd of October at 7.30pm in the school hall.

We would love to see as many parents there as possible - your support is key to making the PTA a success for our school and help us organise all the great events and evenings from Kids Movie Nights, Quiz Nights, Winter and Summer Fairs for the coming academic year. **Due to work and personal commitments three key positions are becoming available on the PTA – Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.** If you think you have the star qualities to be part of the amazing PTA team at St Mary Magdalen's and help the PTA go from strength to strength, I would encourage you to come along to the AGM or reach out to the PTA.

Kind regards,

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

Autumn Term Calendar

September

25 Sept: Harvest Collection

October

2 Oct: AGM

4 Oct: Harvest Mass in church led by Year 5

5 Oct: Teacher Appreciation Day

6 Oct: Year 6 Cake Sale

9-12 Oct: Pre-loved Uniform and Halloween Costume Sale

13 Oct: Year 5 Cake Sale

20 Oct: Autumn Disco

November

1 Nov – Mass for All Saints led by Year 4

3 Nov: Food Fair Cake Sale

5 Nov: SMM International Food Fair

10 Nov: Xmas Muffin Day

17 Nov: Year 4 Cake Sale

Xmas Mufti Day

24 Nov: Xmas Mufti Day

December

1 Dec: Xmas Mufti Day

2 Dec: SMM CHRISTMAS FAIR

11 Dec: Nativity Dress rehearsal

13 Dec: Nativity

15 Dec: Cake Sale: Year 3

Have a lovely weekend.

John Conway

Headteacher