



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

The highlight of this week was provided by the Year 6 Girls Football Team who won the Richmond Primary Schools Girls' Football tournament this week. 36 schools competed and it was a truly remarkable achievement for our one form entry school to triumph over so many bigger schools. The team has now qualified for the pan-London Championships. Events are coming thick and fast as we enter the Christmas season, so please be sure to check the 'Dates for your Diaries' in this Newsletter.

Thank you, as ever, for your support

Mr Conway

## Dates for your diaries

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** - Boys' Football Tournament NPL

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – Xmas Mufti Day - Christmas Jumper Day in exchange for home produce for the cake/treats stall

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Christmas Fair – 11a.m. – 3p.m.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 1 Quest Weather and Seasons Freshwater Theatre Workshop

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - New Parents' Open Day 2-3p.m.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 1 Hearing Test (7 student TBC)

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** - Heights and Weights Reception & Year 6

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - Shop till You Drop Christmas Market – school hall - 1-3pm

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10.30a.m.

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Nativity Play – 10.00a.m.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 3 Cake Sale

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Movie Night

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - Mary Mags families will go caroling

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Carol Concert St Mary Magdalen Church at 5pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas school lunch

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Last day of term – School closes 1p.m.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January** – First day of spring term

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January** - New Parents' Open Day 9.30-10.30am

## Today's Assembly



Today in our Assembly, we learnt about the origins of 'Thanksgiving', as celebrated in the USA. We discussed the aspects of our life that we can be grateful for and together, said the following prayer:

Dear Lord  
May be forever grateful for...  
The food we eat  
The homes we live in  
Our safe country  
Our family and friends  
And our school community.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

## School Council

Our new Key Stage 2 School Council met for the first time this week to discuss the pupils' ideas for improving the school. The leading idea was:

### *'Spreading and celebrating kindness'*

Members of the Council discussed the need to document people being kind and celebrate the good news stories we see in the school.

The idea was developed to suggest a kindness box in each classroom, where students share positive stories they have witnessed or experienced. These will be written on 'leaf' shapes. The school council members will check the box once a week and share the kindness stories with the class. The leaves will then be hung on a kindness tree in the school, so all students can be reminded to 1) be kind and 2) that there is so much good already happening in the school and that sometimes we just need to notice it and share it!



## Pupil of the Week Award

**Reception** – Isabelle – For interesting contributions and her bright and sunny smile

**Year 1** — The Whole Class – For working so well together and showing great resilience

**Year 2** – Luke – For his excellent effort and hard work in class, particularly in English

**Year 3** – Lily – For outstanding skills in Maths and completing challenging problems

**Year 4** – Arthur – His was to do with being amazing at mental maths.

**Year 5** – Riley – For setting an excellent example to the rest of the class by always being prepared

**Year 6** – Vanessa – For always working hard with excellent results

## Year 5 and 6 Football



On Wednesday the girls football team tasted victory at the Richmond Primary Schools Girls' Football Tournament.

The team, consisting of Eva, Charlotte, Harriet, Rose, Zoe, Ellie, Rosa, Beatrice and Mya, joined 35 other teams at NPL sports ground in Teddington, to compete for the cup.

We won 7 and drew 1 of our 8 matches, scoring 12 goals and only conceding 1 penalty in the whole day.

The toughest match was the first knockout game against a very physical team. We played well and battled through to win 2-1 on penalties.

In a thrilling final we achieved a convincing 3-0 win over St John the Baptist school.

We were very proud to bring back the trophy for Mary Mags for the first time in 11 years.

We want to thank our coach, Hassan, for all his encouragement of the team.

By Eva

On Monday, our Year 5 and 6 Girls' team played against Barnes Primary. It was an excellent match by both teams but Mary Mags girls left with an amazing 8 – 0 win. Mary Mags tackled and scored really well and our goalkeeper was fabulous!

By Charlotte

On Monday, we had a great match as we faced Barnes Primary School. An all-round amazing performance as every player did their role superbly. A lot of credit goes to our goalkeeper, Elias Carter, as he kept us in the game with his unbelievable saves. We conceded an early goal however the team managed to snatch a 6-2 victory. After this outstanding game, we are all excited for our next fixture.

By Raffi

## CoderDojo at Richmond Libraries

[Our next free coding club session is being held on Saturday 25 November at Old Town Hall.](#)

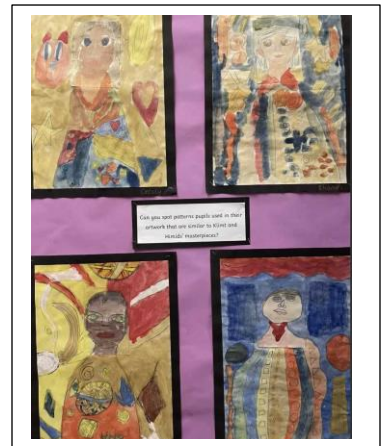
The event takes place between 11am and 1pm in the Whittaker Ellis Suite.

Coder Dojo a free coding club open to young people aged 5 to 17 with sessions on Scratch, HTML, Python, and using micro:bits.

To book please **email:** [libraryvolunteer@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:libraryvolunteer@richmond.gov.uk)

## Year 4 Art

Year 4 painted portraits using the styles of Gustav Klimt and Lubaina Himid.



## **Your School Photograph is Ready!**

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card.

If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

If you have not done it yet, don't panic, you can still view it by scanning the QR code on your Proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your Proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711, but first email the school to request your child's details.

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **7th December 2023**

If you missed the sibling photo due to sickness etc, please email the school to request a sibling photo when Vancols returns to SMM in the summer term 2024 to take the class/team photos. Admin@st-marymagdalens.richmond.sch.uk

Vancols Photographers

## MMR Vaccination

Primary-age children who have not received MMR vaccination are encouraged to book an appointment at the upcoming catch-up clinic

Measles is a highly infectious illness and can make your child seriously unwell. The free MMR vaccine is a safe and effective way of protecting against measles, as well as mumps and rubella.

Hounslow and Richmond Community Healthcare NHS Trust are running two catch-up clinics to provide MMR vaccination to primary-age children in Richmond and Kingston who have not yet received their

MMR vaccinations.

If your child has missed their first or second dose of the MMR vaccine, book an appointment at the upcoming clinic.

Date: Friday 15 December 2023, 15:00 – 16:30

Location: Centre House, 68 Sheen Lane, Sheen,  
SW14 8LP

To book an appointment at the clinic, please phone the immunisation call centre on 0208 487 1730.

### PTA Updates

Only one week to go until the 2023 Christmas Fair! Thank you for all the donation, volunteer time and enthusiasm for the event, it's set to be a fantastic afternoon and fundraiser for our school. A few reminders:

#### Christmas Jumper Collection and Sale

Next Friday 1 December will be the final Mufti Day of this year, and it's our favourite - Christmas Jumper Day! To help kit everyone out, we will collect pre-loved jumpers of all sizes - kids and adults - during drop-off next Monday and Tuesday to then sell at wallet-friendly prices on Wednesday at pick-up!

A note about Christmas Jumper Mufti Day: this is in exchange for bringing in home produce donations on Friday the 1st. Anything home-made goes, but we would love to have larger bakes like apple pies, tray bakes, cakes, etc.

#### Christmas Candle Project

A reminder that children are asked to decorate and candle and return it to their teacher on **Monday 27 Nov**. Candles should have their name and year on the bottom, as we will have prizes for the most festive candle from each year (prizes to be awarded on Friday).

#### Raffle Tickets

Please return raffle tickets and money to the school office by **Wednesday 29 Nov**! More can be collected from the office as well, we have a really amazing line-up of prizes to be won so please sell to friends and family too.

#### Other Donations

If you didn't have a chance to donate chocolate or bottles for the tombola stalls, we still need as many as possible of both of those as they always are a huge draw at the Fair. You can continue to drop them off next week to the school office.