



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 8 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

In spite of the weather this has been a very constructive week at St Mary Magdalen's. Our school Mass on All Saints Day was a lovely occasion, celebrated by Fr Adrian with the excellent contributions of our Year 4 class, under the guidance of Mrs Vunaki. Our Year 6 class were excellent as they began their 'Shop Till You Drop' presentations, earning themselves some 'seed capital' to put their ideas into practice and raise money for the school. To end the week, we hosted Sharon Doherty from the Diocese of Southwark, who carried out a 'Catholic Life' visit, to observe for herself the many ways in which we support the faith development of our children. On Sunday, the PTA will be hosting the International Food Fair, which I am sure will be yet another excellent community event.

Thank you for your support

Mr Conway

Dates for your diaries

Sunday 5th November - THE GREAT MARY MAGS INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR **12-3pm**

Tuesday 7th November – Year 3 Fulham Palace Trip

Wednesday 8th November - Year 6 Museum of Richmond WWI workshop

Thursday 9th November - Nasal flu vaccination in school (Rec to Y6)

Friday 10th November - Year 6 Remembrance Assembly - 9.15a.m.

Friday 10th November – Xmas Mufti Day - Pyjama Day in exchange for new gifts for the Wheel of Fortune

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Monday 13th November - Year 5 and 6 Young Londoners Archive project by the Museum of London

Wednesday 15th November - Girls' Football Tournament NPL

Friday 17th November - New Parents' Open Day 9.30-10.30a.m.

Friday 17th November – Xmas Mufti Day - Crazy Hair/Outfit Day in exchange for bottles for the Bottle Tombola and **Year 4 Cake Sale**

Friday 17th November - Year 6 Maths' Money Marvel - Museum on the Mound online workshop

Monday 20th November – Year 1 Magical Toy Museum Freshwater Theatre Workshop

Tuesday 21st November – School Photographs - Individual & Siblings

Wednesday 22nd November - Year 1 Science Machine – Animals Freshwater Theatre Workshop

Friday 24th November – Xmas Mufti Day – Christmas Fancy Dress Day in exchange for chocolates for the Chocolate Tombola

Wednesday 29th November - Boys' Football Tournament NPL

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

Saturday 2nd December – Christmas Fair – 11a.m. – 3p.m.

Monday 4th December – Year 1 Quest Weather and Seasons Freshwater Theatre Workshop

Tuesday 5th December - New Parents' Open Day 2-3p.m.

Monday 11th December - Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10.30a.m.

Wednesday 13th December – Nativity Play – 10.00a.m.

Friday 15th December – Year 3 Cake Sale

Thursday 21st December – Last day of term – School closes 1p.m.

Monday 8th January – First day of spring term

Today's Assembly

Today in our Assembly we discussed each class's choice of 'favourite saint'

- Recep. St Frances Cabrini
- Year 1 St Joseph
- Year 2 St Mary Magdalen
- Year 3 St Peter
- Year 4 St Francis of Assisi
- Year 5 St Martin de Porres
- Year 6 St George

We also discussed Guy Fawkes and the historical origins of Bonfire Night and concluded our assembly with St Francis' Prayer for Peace.



Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.



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.

Caterlink Survey [A message from our caterers]

To assist us in improving our service to our customers, we would value the opportunity to survey pupils at the school.

Link for individual responses, for parents/guardians to assist pupils in completing the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G9VWNSR>

Ten Ten Newsletter

Please find here the link to the Ten Ten Newsletter for

November: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

[Life to the Full Plus- Parents \(Online Parent Portal\)](#)

The Online Parent Portal is a tool that provides parents with information about the Life to the Full Plus programme content that your children will be following in school. You can also access suggestions for further activity and discussion at home linked to the sessions taught in school.

As part of your subscription to "Life to the Full" and "Collective Worship", all parents will be able to access the Online Parent Portal with the following login credentials:

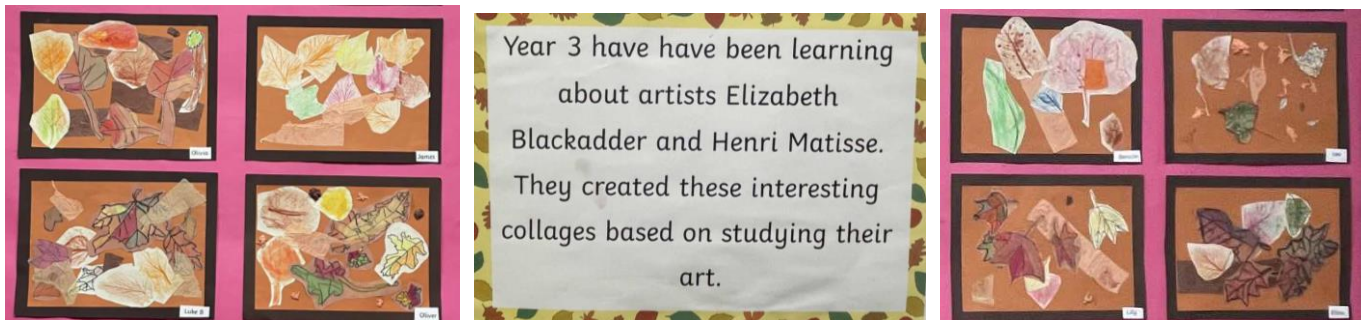
Username: smmr

Password: tentenpp

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

Parent Consultation Tool: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-consultation-tool-primary/>

Year 3 Art



Pupil of the Week Award

Reception – Latoya – For her sunny and positive attitude to school

Year 1 – Eliza – For always setting a superb example, taking risks and expressing her ideas.

Year 2 – Olive – For making excellent contributions in lessons and for always offering a helping hand.

Year 3 – Oliver – For writing some very thoughtful dialogue

Year 4 – Ava – For being the most wonderful role model in all areas at all times, both in the classroom and playground.

Year 5 – Rose - For trying her best and volunteering to help her teacher and peers.

Year 6 – Beatrice - For always working hard and contributing to class discussions.

Traffic Issues (2nd Reminder)

We are all aware that St Mary Magdalen's is located in a tight cul-de-sac, in a residential road. It is of the utmost importance that our school enjoys a good relationship with its neighbours. However, this has come under strain recently due to some less than considerate behaviour by road users coming to the school. We are regularly receiving complaints from residents of Worples Street about parents or carers

dropping off or collecting children. Drivers reversing down the length of Worple Street, turning cars, engines being left running, and loud music from open car windows are the main sources of complaint. We would kindly ask parents to respect the local residents by parking at the railway end of the road and walking down the road to drop-off or collect their children. Please do not leave your engines running while you are waiting. If you do find that you need to reverse on Worple Street, please exercise the greatest of care. This is especially important with children crossing the road between parked cars at the beginning and end of the school day. Accidents are very possible when reversing and some parked cars have been damaged in recent days. Thank you for your consideration and helping to ensure the safety of our pupils and to protect the reputation of our school.

School Streets is in operation Monday to Friday - 8.15-9.15a.m. and 2.45-3.45p.m. Please do not drive down Worple Way during these times.

Local Nursery Vacancy

Job Title: Early Years Educator

Job Setting: Sessional Nursery/Nursery School

Hours: Full Time/Part Time, term time only

Job Location: South West London, UK

Company: New Stepping Stones Playgroup CIO

We are seeking an enthusiastic Early Years Educator to join us in our wonderful setting in Mortlake. To work as a key person and as part of the nursery team under the direction of the Manager. To provide safe, high quality education and care for young children which meets the individual needs of the children attending the setting.

For further details please contact: manager@newsteppingstones.co.uk

PTA Updates

International Food Fair

We are thrilled so many of you are joining us on Sunday for the Great Mary Mags International Food Fair! Huge thanks to Amy, Lucy and Meredith for organising this wonderful event that will showcase the diversity of our school community.

Please remember you can donate to the PTA via [SCOPay](#) in lieu of attending if you're not able to attend the event. <https://www.scopay.com/login>

Christmas Fair

Several reminders about the upcoming Christmas Fair on 2 December:

- Another call for Christmas Fair elves! We've already got 10 volunteers, but really need around 20 to ensure it's a successful event. Please take two minutes to complete [the survey](#) to indicate how you can help this event that raises over £5,000 for our School!
- Deadline to submit poster entries for the Fair is Monday 6 November, dropped at the School office. Entries should be A4, portrait orientation, and include key information about the Fair (or have blank space for that to be added).

Mufti Days - the Fridays your kids have been waiting for are here! In exchange for donations towards the Fair, children will have the following Mufti Days:

Friday 10 November: Pyjama Day in exchange for new gifts for the Wheel of Fortune

Friday 17 November: Crazy Hair/Outfit Day in exchange for bottles for the Bottle Tombola

Friday 24 November: Christmas Fancy Dress Day in exchange for chocolates for the Chocolate Tombola

Friday 1 December: Christmas Jumper Day in exchange for home produce for the cake/treats stall

We will be collecting Christmas jumper donations the week before 1 December to help kit children out in new jumpers where needed!

Thank you, PTA