



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

27th September 2024

Message from Mr Brannigan

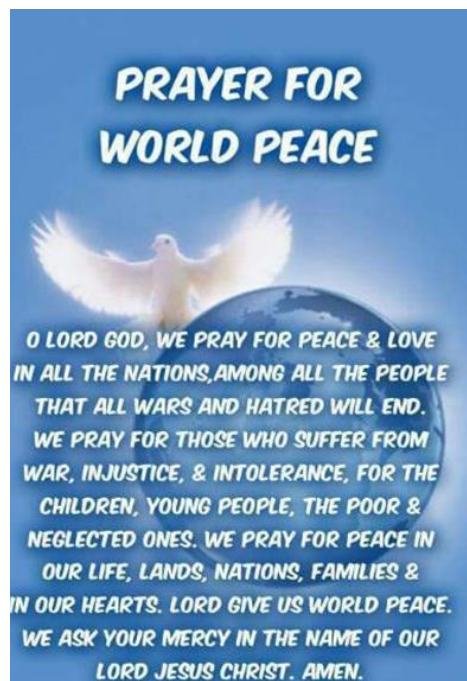
The Year 6 residential visit to The Isle of Wight has been taking place this week. The children have been taking part in exciting outdoor activities such as Jacob's Ladder, climbing and water sports. There have been a lot of team and confidence building activities, I'm sure Year 6 will have lots of stories to tell next week!

On Thursday, our School Chaplains from Year 5 were invited to be ushers at a special Mass at St George's Cathedral, in London. It was a great privilege for the school to be selected to perform this duty and I was very proud of all the children involved.

It is hard to believe that the month of September is drawing to a close. The children have been fantastic this month and I'm sure October will be even better.

Thanks for your support.
Have a lovely weekend.

Prayer of the Week



Pupil of the Week

Reception – Israel Kabia, for listening well and sharing his ideas with others
Year 1 - Agnes Carter-Smith, for being an exceptional role model to her peers
Year 2 – Finn Warren, for exceptional hard work and excellent listening
Year 3 – Amaan Mahmood, for settling well into year 3 and making some good friends already
Year 4 – Sofia Prenga, for her beautifully presented and well thought out work
Year 5 – Elena Ogura, for producing work of an exceptional standard
Year 6 – whole class for a fabulous week on The Isle of Wight

School Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd October – Harvest Mass 9.30-10.30am
Friday 4th October - Mufti Day for CAFOD - Wear something that makes you feel special - Organised by Pupil Chaplains
Tuesday 8th October - Parents' Open Morning 2025-2026 – 2.00-3.00p.m.
Monday 14th October - Nasal Flu Immunisation R-Year 6
Wednesday 16th October – Y2 Trip to Florence Nightingale Museum
Wednesday 16th October – Reception visit by London Fire Brigade
Tuesday 22nd October – Parents' Evening 3.40-5.40p.m.
Thursday 24th October - Parents' Evening 5.00-7.00p.m.
Half Term – 28th October – 1st November 2024

PTA Diary Dates

Sunday, September 29th from 12 pm to 3 pm – International Food Fair

Friday 4th October – Year 3 Cake Sale
Monday, 7th October – Second-hand uniform sale -3.20pm
Friday, October 11th - Mufti day, Second-hand Costumes and Christmas jumpers can be brought into school
Friday, October 18th - Second-hand sale for costumes and Christmas jumpers
Friday, October 25th from 5 pm to 7 pm - Mufti Day - Autumn disco
Autumn trail will be held in the week before half-term.

Friday 8th November - Mufti day
Friday 15th November – Mufti Day
Friday 22nd November – Mufti Day
Friday 29th November – Mufti Day
Sunday, December 1st from 12 pm to 4 pm - Christmas Fair
Sunday, December 8th - Carol Singing
Saturday, December 14th - Santa run
Thursday, December 19th - Christmas movie night
Friday 20th December - Mufti day

Pupil Chaplaincy News

The Year 4 Pupil Chaplains (Ava, Alexia, Abigail, Cecily, Linda and Elena) went on a trip to St. George's Cathedral and this is how it started ...

"First of all we left school and went on the train to Waterloo Station. Then we walked in partners to St George's Cathedral. When we got there, we put our bags under the bench and then Linda, Ava, Cece and Elena handed out the service booklets and Abigail and Alexia handed out the candles. Then the mass started. At some point during the mass the Archbishop asked if any of the children wanted to go to the front and answer some questions. After the mass it was pouring with rain when we were inside, but then suddenly it became bright with no rain! Then we walked back to school. Thank you, Mrs El Khoury for taking us. We really enjoyed the day. The End."

By Alexia Mummery



Library News



We had a very special delivery this week... Our class cake sales have raised a fantastic amount of money over the last few years and before summer, our wonderful PTA generously donated £1500 of the cake sale proceeds to help us restock our school library. We worked with The Paper Cat Bookshop in Herne Hill to curate a fantastic selection of books that all our children will enjoy and be inspired by. Five huge boxes of brand new, high quality children's fiction were delivered on Thursday and excitement is already growing about which books the children will read first. We hope to have the library restocked and refreshed by the end of this half-term. Look out for more news and photographs next week!

Open Morning/Days

We are pleased to announce a series of open morning/days for parents and carers to visit the school. They will consist of a tour of the school, followed by a talk by the Headteacher and a member of the senior leadership team. Our scheduled open days are as follows. Please click [here](#) to book a place.

Tuesday 8th October 2024 – 2.00-3.00pm

Friday 15th November 2024 – 9.30-10.30am

Tuesday 3rd December 2024 – 2.00-3.00pm

Tuesday 7th January 2025 – 9.30-10.30am

Parent Workshops

At Richmond Parent Carer Forum, we're working with our neighbouring Parent Carer Forum in Wandsworth to offer a workshop discussing online safety for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND.) We will be joined by a Hate Crime and Prevent Co-ordinator from Wandsworth and Richmond Councils, who will be discussing online dangers and what we can do as parent carers to protect our children and young people against grooming (brain washing), extremism, radicalisation and influence on social media.

Parent carers will have an increased understanding of online radicalisation, including awareness (signs/behaviours of the changes due to radicalisation) and effective interventions/diversionary approaches for someone who is vulnerable to radicalisation. We will have a presentation followed by a Q and A session.

Online Safety Workshop – Protecting Children and Young People with SEND from online grooming and extremism

10.30am-12pm Friday 4th October. Online

Book your place here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-for-parent-carers-tickets-1020556089737?aff=oddtcreator>

Online Safety

'Top tips' for keeping your children safe online at home; videos and useful links and information to support conversations - <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

School Uniform

At St Mary Magdalen's Primary we believe that wearing our school uniform reflects the pride and sense of belonging that we share as a school community. It is vitally important that all children wear the correct school uniform every day. P.E kit can be worn to school on P.E days only and that these days should involve children wearing correct P.E. kit.

Its Freezing!

There has been a dramatic drop in temperature. If the children would like to move to wearing their winter uniform, they are more than welcome. After half term, everyone should be wearing their winter uniform.

Head Lice

Recently, cases of head lice have been identified across the school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed. Whilst lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread. The best way to prevent your child from catching head lice is to ensure that they wear their hair neatly tied back in a ponytail if they have long hair. Hair should then be plaited. This ensures that the hair cannot be 'sociable' and easily mingle with another child's hair. Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on NHS website - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Community Information

Kingston's Family Friendly Bike Ride

Join Kingston Cycling Campaign and friends on Sunday 6 October 2024 for the final fun-packed family-friendly ride of the year! Designed with all ages and cycling abilities in mind, this easy-paced 6.5-mile ride will take us from Surbiton to North Kingston, and back via the river. The event will start from Claremont Gardens, a stone's throw from Surbiton station, gathering by 10.45am just inside the gardens at the junction of The Crescent and Grove Road for the ride briefing before we set off at 11am - Register for your free place [here](#).

North Worple Way Traffic Reduction Scheme

Richmond Council have approved a new traffic reduction scheme which will come into operation in the North Worple Way area, Mortlake. It will be introduced under an experimental Section 9 Traffic Management Order and will come into force on **Saturday 28 September 2024**.

The scheme will introduce a restricted vehicle access point on North Worple Way, west of the junction with Avondale Road. The restriction will apply 7am to 7pm Monday to Sunday for westbound vehicle movements only. The scheme has been designed so that all properties can be accessed at all times, including for visitors and deliveries, without being required to cross the camera control point.

New routes - some destinations will need to be accessed using new routes during the hours of restriction: Roads to the west of Avondale Road (bounded by Sheen Lane, Mortlake High Street and the railway) will need to be accessed from Mortlake High Street via Vineyard Path.

Any vehicles needing to exit the area, east of Avondale Road, will not be permitted to travel westbound along North Worple Way beyond its junction with Avondale Road

This [zone map](#) indicates how the 'western zone' roads to the west of Avondale Road can be accessed at any time without passing the camera control point. Refer to the key in the map that explains how the restriction only operates in one direction (east to west).



News from the PTA

A big thank you to our local Tesco for their donation, and a huge thank you to Gandi Farzin, a Year 3 mum, for organizing.

Well done to year five for raising £194 in their cake sale!!

International Food Fair- Sunday 29th September

If you didn't get a chance to grab a ticket for the food fair, not to worry, we will be selling tickets on the door. We have sixteen nationalities preparing some delicious dishes. We hope to see you all there!

New volunteer role opportunity

The PTA is looking for a new Co-Chair. Fran Sponsler, who served as Chair of the PTA last year, stepped down at our AGM a few weeks ago. While previously the PTA was run by a Chair position, the committee has agreed to move to a co-chair structure, where one co-chair leads on events and one leads on the business of running the PTA. This allows the work of the Chair to be split, meaning less of a time commitment for both positions overall.

Lucy Wadie, who was part of the PTA last year, has agreed to serve as Co-chair (Events). Jemma Davis, and Itzel Hernandez, also past PTA members, are serving as Secretary and Treasurer. Fran is happy to work with the new co-chair through the end of the term to provide time for them to get up to speed and ensure a smooth transition.

The responsibilities of the Co-Chair (Committee) are as follows, with an estimated time commitment of 1-2 hours per week on average:

- Lead the Committee, and ensure that the PTA is running smoothly and in line with its constitution, working closely with the Co-Chair (Events), Treasurer and Secretary
- Be the PTA's primary link to the Headteacher and work with the School on how PTA funds are to be spent
- Manage meetings (held every 4-6 weeks) according to the agenda, remaining impartial and ensuring contributions from everyone are welcome
- Delegate tasks to Committee members and volunteers as needed, and ensure these are carried out effectively
- Represent the PTA at open days, new parent events, etc
- Ensure that the PTA continues to be registered with the Charity Commission, and that all licences and insurance are kept up to date
- Sign off on the Annual Report, prepared by the Treasurer
- Approve payments setup by the Treasurer

Please email smmptacontact@gmail.com or contact Fran directly on 07856786491 if you are interested or would like to find out more.