

Newsletter



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

19/10/2018

Dear Parents

I apologise that I did not get to say hello to as many of you as I would have liked on Wednesday. I was double booked with the Governing Body. I hope you had constructive conversations and got some ideas for supporting your children at home.

It is the support from home in child's early years that sets up children to work independently when we as Parents are not able to help (GCSE Chemistry and Biology in my case).

A gentle reminder for the Year 6 parents - they **MUST** complete the Secondary Transfer Form by the 31st of October.

Have a lovely half break and we will see you back on Tuesday 30th October.

Catholic Life of the School:

What a wonderful week culminating in amazing Mass at Sacred Heart Church to celebrate its 125 year anniversary.

The school was delighted to play a full part in the week's events. Fr. Roy and Fr. Gerry observed the Monday Liturgical Assembly and Fr. Roy even had a role to play which he did so with 'Aplomb'. Both priests visited classes and spoke about the church and the Y6 children spent Friday afternoon at St. Mary's Battersea CofE, learning the story of Catholicism in Battersea.

Finally from my VIP front row seat on Sunday, I was privileged to see so many families from both schools taking part and leading in the Liturgy in so many different roles.

It is always a joy to visit the Parish but this was such an extra special occasion.

Well done to all those involved and congratulations to the Parish team for such an amazing celebration. Next year it is the turn of St. Mary's and the Church of Mount Carmel and St. Joseph.

I can't wait!

The Meeting of Waters - Y6 visiting St. Mary's Church:



Y6 children made Mosaic Hearts at lunchtime with Mr. Brading:



Alternative to Party Bags – Donate A Book To Your Class:

I have been approached by some parents asking, “What can we give as an alternative to Party bags?” Well yesterday Ms. Wells was at a conference on the importance of reading and heard the most wonderful suggestion - “Take your child to the bookshop and choose a book that they would like to donate to the class. It can be non-fiction or fiction it doesn’t matter. Then write a little message in the front and give it to the class on their birthday. The book will last far longer than sweets and bring far more pleasure as well”.



Boccia:

Sacred Heart were crowned the Wandsworth Boccia Champions this week against 11 other teams. Boccia is a game similar to Bowls and the children from Hilary House have been practicing their skills during PE this half term. We entered two teams into the completion with both teams finishing in the top three!

The winning team was made up of Sienna, Charlie and Arthur Jennings who comfortably topped their group to reach the final against Shaftesbury Park School. The team made the comeback of all comebacks in the third end after being down by 3 only to make it level and force a tie-break end. Shaftesbury Park did well to surround the Jack, but the last ball played by Sienna skimmed between the two reds to place the blue ball 5mm closer to the Jack making the score 4-3 to Sacred Heart. The 'B' team included Mahamed, Badis and Arthur Allen who also played extremely well to finish in 3rd place.

Well done to all the children that took part and Good Luck at the London Youth Games in March!



Ms. Ormonde was awarded the School games Silver accreditation to recognise the achievements and commitment to PE:



Beat it ! Sacred Heart Oct. Half Term 2018:



A quick update on the Choir events in the coming months - John Cronin:

Autumn Term:

Saturday 24th November: Beckenham Choir Festival, 2:00 pm. U13 Parts category.

This is the one trophy SH has never won and I hope to remedy this next month.

Tuesday 4th December: Advent Service

Spring Term:

I will be looking to put on another Catholic Choirs festival with every catholic primary school in the Borough.

North London Music Festival, next competition. Dates for this clashed last year with the CCF, so I am awaiting North London to announce their date first.

Summer Term:

School music concert: Chessington trip probable, looking for this to be a bi-annual trip now.

We're currently on the waiting list to go to the Royal Opera House to see Romeo & Juliet. I'd like to do a concert of some description, even taking the place of Chessington, just to expand horizons etc.

Activities and Events at the Battersea and York Gardens Library:

On Monday, **Lucinda Murray** visited our school to congratulate the 35 children who completed the Summer Reading challenge. Here is the copy of her letter to the school. We have attached details of various events and activities for your child to enjoy at the library over the half term.



School Resources at York Gardens Library:

SCHOOL RESOURCES AT YORK GARDENS LIBRARY

Join your library
Library memberships for school classes have special privileges, such as no overdue fines and a higher maximum number of items. Add variety to your own story times and support learning with items from our diverse collection.

Children ages 0-15 can also have library memberships with parent or guardian permission. Ask your librarian for membership forms to send home, so children can take books out when they visit with their families or as a class.

Study Support
Students can borrow from our collection of study support and non-fiction resources. We aim to provide study resources across exam boards and in a wide variety of subjects. As well as assigned and recommended reading lists of books schools, if there is a resource you believe students would like to see in our libraries, please contact the children's librarian.

Class visits
From a simple book-choosing visit to a class book club, rhyme and story time for primary students, library and information staff are always happy to help.

Literacy sessions for secondary students, your children's librarian can provide specialised events on topics relevant to in-class learning. We also love to work with schools and nurseries for author visits and other special events, so please let us know if you would like to be contacted about future opportunities for your students.

Holiday Reading
Encourage your students to keep up their reading over the holidays! We often have incentivised reading challenges and special events over school holidays.

Contact us
Learn more or share your ideas about how your library can support your school:

York Gardens Library
34 Lavender Road, SW11 2UG
020 7223 2341

Lucinda Murray
Children's Librarian
lucinda.murray@glg.org

Opening Hours

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	12.00pm-4.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am-7.00pm
Thursday	12.00pm-4.00pm
Friday	11.00am-3.00pm
Saturday	11.00am-3.00pm

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BTL Diversity Month Brochure:

REGULAR PROGRAMS

Baby Rhyme Time
Mon & Tue, 10-11.30am

A half hour of singing and movement to encourage early literacy and language development. All babies are welcome to join the library!

Story Time
Mon, 4-4.30pm

A session of storytelling to encourage early literacy and develop lifelong readers. Most suitable for toddlers and pre-school. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP
As a library member, you can:

- Borrow up to 20 items
- Borrow audio books and DVDs
- Reserve items not immediately available in stock
- Access online research and homework resources

You can borrow and return items to any (BETTER) library, joining the library and borrowing books is free!

Can't find a book? www.glg.org.uk | Speak to a member of staff or the Children's Librarian.

THERE'S MORE!

We often have special events, such as crafts, author visits, and seasonal story times taking place in the library.

Please contact us for more details.

CONTACT US

Battersea Library
283 Lavender Rd, SW11 2UG
020 7223 2334

www.better.org.uk/libraries

From home, you can access the library catalogue, renew items, see details of events and activities and use online research tools.

OPENING HOURS

Monday	9am-6pm
Tuesday	9am-6pm
Wednesday	9am-6pm
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9am-6pm
Saturday	9am-5pm
Sunday	12pm-5pm

THIS OCTOBER

CELEBRATE DIVERSITY MONTH

WITH SPECIAL EVENTS AT BATTERSEA CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

October is Diversity Month in Wandsworth libraries: celebrating and learning together about the many and varied experiences and cultures within our borough.

FOR BABIES & TODDLERS

From celebrating our libraries to travelling the world through stories and song, there's a lot to do in the library.

LIBRARIES WEEK RHYME TIME
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th, 11am. Join us for two special National Libraries Week Baby Rhyme Times

FRENCH BABY RHYME TIME
Tue 16th, 11-11.30. With Margorie Goulet. Sing some songs and learn some rhymes...in French, of course!

LIBRARIES WEEK STORY TIME
Monday 8th, 4-4.30pm. Celebrate National Libraries Week with a special, library-themed story time.

FRENCH STORY TIME
Mon 22nd 4-4.30pm. Join us for a special French Story time with Claudine Ekjot.

FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

Put on your treasure hunting hats and get a little messy, a little playful, and a lot creative at Battersea Children's Library this month.

THE BIG DIVERSE BOOKS SCAVENGER HUNT
Friday 12th, 4-5pm. Whose stories can you find in the library? Join us for a fun-filled scavenger hunt, and learn all about the diverse stories your library contains. Ages 6+, families welcome.

GAMES AROUND THE WORLD
Wednesday 24th, 4-5pm. Drop in to play some diverse games from around the world. Try your skills at Oogie, Chess, Snakes and Ladders, and more! Ages 5+, families welcome.

BE A GRAND MATHS WIZARD
Wednesday 24th, 11am. Join Explore Learning at wizard's school! We'll craft potions and have fun building confidence in your times tables. Ages 7-9, registration required.

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

From exploring the history of Mother Goose to sharing cultural knowledge of herbs and remedies, there's plenty to keep the whole family engaged.

MOTHER GOOSE THROUGH THE AGES
With Andrea Anderson and Fasilid Hordson, Tue 2nd, 11am. Reimagine the history of Mother Goose and explore her fascination for children and adults alike in this exhibition & talk examining diverse, multicultural and immigrant versions of Mother Goose.

KNOW YOUR HERBS: What tried and tested herbs are used in your family?
With Sueka Shabazz, Fri 28th, 2-4pm. Share your experiences and stories. This workshop will help you to discover what herbs you can use for different medical conditions and beauty therapy. For the whole family. Registration required.

HALLOWEEN is coming soon... Watch this space for more seasonal events...

YOR October Events:

HANDA'S SURPRISE

FRIDAY 19th OCTOBER 3:45pm
For children aged 3-7

Come and join Librarian Amma Poku as she brings to life the delights of Handa's Surprise and illustrates the cultural richness of Africa.

FREE - no need to book

Indian Block Printing
With Andrea Anderson

Wednesday 24th October
2-3pm

Bring a white tee shirt and get dressed to be messy!

Suitable for ages 4+

FREE booking essential

African Headwrap Workshop
With Sylvia Emodi

Thursday 25th October 2-4pm

The richness of African textiles, the variety of materials, the combination of colours and its use as an expression of rituals, communication and art is something that is conventional as well as contemporary. Learn about African textiles with fashion designer and textile artist, Sylvia Emodi. As part of the session, the workshop will give you an opportunity to get practical with a range of craft techniques.

Suitable for the entire family

FREE - booking essential

What makes Electric Cars go?
- Workshop with Jacqueline Mwanza

Friday 26th October
3-4pm

Suitable for ages 5-9

Story telling with dance and collage in a tale of a young woman who learns the art of peace making through dance from a tribe in the rain forest of the Democratic Republic of Congo. What will she do when she discovers that electric cars might be putting her home town in danger?

FREE - book at the library

EXPLORE LEARNING MATHS WORKSHOP

BE A GRAND MATHS WIZARD!

Wednesday 24th October
11:00-12:00 am

Battersea Children's Library

Join Explore Learning as we take you to wizard's school! We'll craft potions from cats' tails and eyes of newt while building your confidence in your 1, 4 and 8 times tables, helping you to become a fearless grand maths wizard of the future!

Register with a member of staff or call 020 7223 2334 to learn more.

Calendar of Events for November and December 2018:

November	Dates
Thursday 1 st	Feast of all Saints Mass
Wednesday 14 th	Nursery and Reception Open Day
Thursday 22 nd	Dad's and Carer's reading breakfast
26 th /30 th November	Y5 School journey: Sayers Croft
Thursday 29 th	Y1 parent phonic check meeting
December	Dates
Monday 3 rd	Dress the Tree
10 th -11 th	Music exams - tbc
Wednesday 12 th	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 13 th	Nursery nativity
Friday 14 th	Reception Nativity
Monday 17 th	KS2 Advent Service 4.00pm
Tuesday 18 th	Y1 nativity
Wednesday 19 th	Y2 nativity
Thursday 20 th	Christmas party
Friday 21 st	Last day - finish at 1.30pm