

Newsletter



Sacred Heart RC Primary School

28/06/2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Like all good observations I will start with the negative and end with the positive.

Holiday Absence and Fines for Parents

There have been a large number of holiday requests left in the office. As I made parents aware a while ago, Mrs. Byrne and I are no longer allowed by regulation to authorise holiday absence. The school is also obliged to record the reason for absence in the returns to the Local Authority. The Local Authority Education Welfare Officer comes every two weeks to run a report and she is obliged to send out warning notices for holiday absence. Wandsworth Council will then exercise its legal duty and warn or fine parents for term time holidays. Please don't blame the School you have made a choice (albeit a financial one I'm sure) and will have to face the possible consequences!!

School Trips and Parental support

I am sending a letter out separately about school trips and this will follow shortly. Running a day trip for 30 children is not only exhausting, it is intensely nerve wracking and comes with huge responsibility. The teachers are not forced to do trips but do so for the joy and enhancement such a visit can bring to the children and their learning.

Often to ensure that trip can go ahead we need to ask parents to help make up the numbers of adults necessary to fulfil our legal safe ratio of adults to children. We are not choosing adults to have a nice day out with their children. We are asking them to take on the responsibility for the safe running of the trip. If you do not get to go, please do not complain to the staff or in future some of them I am sure, will choose not to go on educational visits.

Now the nice stuff...It has been another amazing week in the school.

The Catholic Life of the school

Children from both school led the liturgy for the Archdiocesan Picnic and Praise event for local Catholic schools. As usual the children did not let us down. They read, sang, served and behaved wonderfully.

Unfortunately I was unable to make the first Holy Communion School Mass. Ms. Wells and the staff told me it was a wonderful, happy and colourful occasion. The children looked great.



Today is the Feast of the Sacred Heart. We have no direct connection with the Sisters of the Sacred Heart but nevertheless we wish the children a happy Feast Day. There a great turnout at the Family Prayer Group where we shared the words of Pope Francis “**The Feast of the Sacred Heart reminds that God loved us first: He is always waiting for us, welcoming us into His heart, into His love.**”

Individual Children

I am including a write up from Daphne Balla in 4T about the huge running event that the children took part in last week- Go Run For Fun. As well as writing the article Daphne was awarded Sportswomen of the Year for Y4 on Wednesday for all her sporting achievements. Well done Daphne!

Falcon Road Festival and Traffic Access on Saturday down Este Road

This Saturday is the Falcon Road festival. This is a wonderful event and the school premises will be used for sporting activities for the children. The weather is set to be much better than last year so do go along if you want a good day out for the family.

Please ensure that if you are travelling by car on Saturday that you access it via **Cabul Road** as there will be a stage at the school end of Este Road and there will be no access after 8:00 am.

Sports@Sacred Heart

Congratulations to the Yr5 Cricket team who yesterday came runners up to Newton Prep in the Wandsworth Cricket tournament. Given that NP is a private school the Sacred Heart team go through to represent Wandsworth. Well Done Ms. Ormonde

It has been a busy week for Ms. Ormonde. On Wednesday she hosted and produced a wonderful evening celebrating the best of the schools sporting achievements this year. It was amazing to recap just how many great events the children have had throughout the year. Many thanks to her and all the staff for a great night and congratulations to all the children.

Hilary House

One the highlights of the Sports Awards Evening was the participation of the children from Hilary house.

Today they are going to The Bridge Theatre to see a special production of **A Midsummers Night Dream**. I'm sure they will enjoy it and many thanks to the Johnson family for supporting the event.

GO RUN FOR FUN!



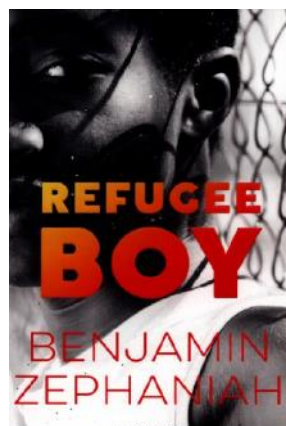
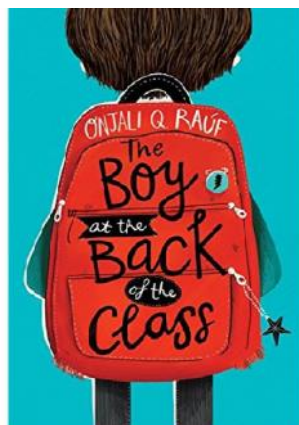
GO Run For Fun is the world's largest children's running initiative, with over 300,000 children having taken part since its establishment in 2013. Its purpose is to inspire children to be more healthy and active. Sacred Heart participated in the running activity, which took place in Battersea Park on Thursday 20th June 2019.

Over 2,400 children and 45 schools crossed the finish line in the world's largest children's running initiative, hosted by GB athlete Jazmin Sawyers and TV presenter Radzi Chinyanganya, alongside special guest, Elaine Wyllie MBE.

The event was in collaboration with The Daily Mile – an initiative to encourage pupils to get active by running or jogging, at their own pace, for 15 minutes every day in school. The children of Sacred Heart School have embraced this initiative and complete their mile run/walk twice a week.

Having spoken to many children at Sacred Heart, we all believe it has helped us; become fitter, have fun, increase our speed and confidence to run. In other words it is making a positive impact on our health and well-being.

Refugee Week



In year 5 this term, we have been reading “Refuge Boy” by Benjamin Zephaniah and “Boy at the Back of the Class” by Onjali Q Rauf. Both books have been very thought provoking, upsetting, enlightening and informative. We have had many discussions and debates around the topic of refugees and tried out our writing skills this week in a balanced argument. This week happened to be National Refugee Week – perfect timing to bring our learning to a conclusion.

Thank you to anyone who had their face painted on Multi-cultural evening – you may have seen our sign that indicated that the money raised would go to “**Save The Children**” in support of their work with refugees. **We raised £60.** Year 5 Children and staff.

Calendar Of Events 2019

Parents please make a note of the dates in Green

July	
Thursday 4 th	Volunteer Tea Party
Monday 1 st – Friday 5 th	Y6 School Journey
Monday 8 th	EYFS Nursery and Reception Welcome 6:00 PM
Wednesday 10 th	End of Year Mass 10:00 AM
	Reception - Induction Stay and Play
Thursday 11 th	Year 6 Production
	KS1 Sports Day
Friday 12 th	KS2 Sports Day
Wednesday 17 th	Nursery - Induction Stay and Play
<u>Thursday 18th</u>	<u>Y6 Leavers Mass and Party</u>
<u>Friday 19th</u>	<u>Y6 Leaves at 3:00 PM - Clapping Out Ceremony</u>
<u>Monday 22nd</u>	<u>Last Day of Term – Finish 1:30 PM</u>
<u>Tuesday 23rd</u>	<u>Inset Day</u>