

# Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

29<sup>th</sup> April 2022

A belated welcome back. The Joy of the Easter story and the coming of spring puts a new bounce into school life and whilst the events in Ukraine still cast a shadow over us all, in school at least we can celebrate a wonderful start.

The dangers of climate change are easily forgotten in such uncertain times but Sacred Heart continues to develop its climate change policy.

## Solar Panels and LED lights

Over the holidays in conjunction with The Schools' Energy Co-operative, CREW Energy London and JojuSolar over 150 solar panels were installed on the roofs of the school. It is really exciting for the children to see their school make such an obvious commitment to renewable energy.



Some parents have asked me about the financial terms of the panels. We entered a leasing arrangement because we didn't have the funds available to install them ourselves so we are still paying for the electricity generated but at much reduced rate. There will be considerable savings especially in the current crisis.

In addition to the panels, every light fitting in the school was converted to LED. This was a huge undertaking and we are grateful to our parent Mr Alemu of JHM Electrical who won the tender from Wandsworth. This contract saved the school £40k and should save the school in annual energy costs and maintenance.

## Garden Renovations

We also continued to undertake the renovations in the front garden clearing it ready to make it more child and curriculum friendly. I am grateful to the work of the Wandsworth GoodGym volunteers and Jane our Garden volunteer. I have won a grant from a local charity to continue to develop the area.

## Science Garden Competition

Talking of Gardens, the front entrance is adorned with the amazing garden creations of the children. This wonderful competition organised by Mrs Newman and Mrs Viala inspired an amazing response. The ideas and work are fantastic and reflect the children's growing understanding of creating space for biodiversity and nature, as well as food sustainability.



## Catholic Life of the School

The Wednesday word is **Witness**.

**Pope Francis tells young people that Jesus is counting on you to be his friends and witnesses to his infinite love.**

## Class Masses

We will soon be beginning a programme of class masses in the hall for children from Y2 -Y5. Parents will be invited to join their children for Mass and then share the children's learning in their RE books. Details will be sent out soon.

The children will also join the Parish for the Feast of the Ascension on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

**David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation Global Canvas** is DSWF's annual children's art competition for individuals and groups aged 4-16 years with age groups split 4-7 years, 8-11 years and 12-16 years. The standard was incredibly high with the creativity, variety and environmental messaging hugely inspirational. A total of 705 individual entries and 111 group entries were received spanning some 54 countries.



**Second Place: Creative Hearts Art Club at Sacred Heart RC Primary School, UK**



The children used watercolor to create atmospheric paintings of birch tree forest. As these trees grow near the school, the children had the opportunity to look at the detail such as the colours and texture to see how unique they are.

Well Done to all the children involved.

**Year 6 Children and SATs**

Year 6 SATs week is **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May**. We wish those children in Year 6 (who are taking the first SATs tests for the last two years the very best). Their teachers have worked hard preparing them and I'm sure they will do their very best. More information will go out to Year 6 parents next week.

Of course, they are not the only children taking national statutory assessments. The children in Y2 will be doing their SATs assessments over the month of May, the children in Y1 will be sitting the Phonics screener and the Y4 pupils will be sitting the national Multiplication Tables test. I'm sure with your support they will all achieve their full potential.

**The Return of Sports Days - Dates for your Diary**

Key Stage 2 Sports day will be taking place at Battersea Park Athletics Track on Thursday 14th July.

The event itself will include traditional athletics events, such as; sprint race, long jump, high jump, vortex javelin, shot putt, relay etc. There will also be a couple of fun events, speed bounce, egg & spoon and penalty shoot-out.

Key Stage 1 and Reception Sports Day will be Tuesday 19th July, from 9.00am-12noon.

The event will take place in both the schools pitch and Falcon Park. As per usual there will be stations covering four events for Reception classes and eight events for KS1.