

# Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

24th March 2023

Welcome to the final Newsletter of the Spring term.

It has been a term that has placed Lent at the centre of all we have done. Regardless of your child's faith or if they have no faith, we have brought the themes of the season to life.

We have used the messages of the Lenten season to encourage your children to think of others, to be kind and to be the best of themselves. They have certainly done that – but to be fair they always do, it is just that Lent has given us a clear pathway to reinforce those messages.

The last couple of weeks have seen their usual mix of celebration, excitement and amazing work from the children.

## **Dame Darcey Bussell!**

3B had the wonderful treat of having a dance class with Dame Darcey Bussell at the newly developed Royal Academy of Dance. Dame Bussell is famous as a ballet dancer and a former judge on Strictly Come Dancing. The children had a wonderful time!



## **Sportshall Athletics**

The Y5 and Y6 athletics team travelled all the way to Redbridge for the London Final of Sportshall Athletics. Ms Ormonde writes:

The Sacred Heart Athletics team have had an amazing few months, from winning the Wandsworth Borough Championships to then representing the Borough at both the Regional and London Finals. Out of all 33 London Boroughs, I am very proud to announce that the boys and girls finished in a very credible 11th place against some very tough competition. There were some outstanding performances from some individual children, placing them in the top three of their events overall: Antoni and Sienna Y6- Speed Bounce, Naiara Y6 -Vertical Jump, Daniel Chest Push & Vertical Jump and Karis Y6 - Triple Jump and Long Jump.

There were some very close track events with the children pushing all the way to the line; Jamie and Ayden partnering in the 2+2 and Daniel and Morgan who were very competitive in the 1+1. Karis' effortless technique proved to be unbeatable in both of her track events.

In addition, I was extremely proud of the behaviour of the children across all three events especially whilst travelling via train/tube during busy times. I was even approached by members of the public who expressed how impressed they were by the children's sensible behaviour.



## Parent Partnership

There have been some really well- attended events lately for parents to engage in their children's learning. The maths family learning session in Y3 was highly informative and gave parents ideas about the methods and strategies that children are being taught. Parents in Y4, 5 and 6 have joined their children for prayer services that have highlighted the themes of Lent and been a wonderful celebration of the children's reverence and attitudes. The work in the RE was of a high standard overall.

Parents of Y3 children are invited to join us on Wednesday 29th March at 9:15am for their Celebration of the Word and to view their children's R.E work.

## World Book Day

### 'Whose hat/hair is this?

The children had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day last week and enjoyed taking up the challenge of devising a costume based on one of their favourite character's hat or hair. Can you name the characters below? (and the books they're from?)



## Catholic Life of the School

### The Wednesday word is COMPASSION

"What we say and how we say it ought to express God's compassion and tenderness for all," Pope Francis. A quote for our times!

The Lenten Season has been at the forefront of school life. The Junior children have led both schools along the 'way of the cross' on zoom each Friday and for the first time the Clergy have heard confessions from the Baptised children. On Monday the school will come together for a final Lenten service before we break up.

## Next Step for the Garden

We have planted five new trees in the garden, all great for attracting birds and pollinators. On the left as you first come into the garden is a hawthorn tree, also known as a May tree as this is when it blossoms. This particular variety has white blossom which will be followed by red berries known as "haws". In the new orchard area there is a crabapple "John Downie" which will bear orange-red fruits perfect for making crabapple jelly and adding to jams. We have planted two other apple trees, a Bramley for cooking and a James Grieve for eating, and lastly a lovely Victoria plum which will have plums ready to harvest when school starts back in September. We have also planted Elder and white-flowered buddlejas in the orchard which will grow quickly to create an understory for the trees and will be a magnet for insects.

Best wishes Tara

## Spring Festival at Battersea Power Station - Free Workshop Tickets for Families

We've got a packed programme of Easter family activities starting at Battersea Power Station from 1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April.

We've taken on board feedback from Christmas that even the discounted tickets made the activities prohibitive for some local families. We are therefore offering 500 free tickets for our Easter programme. There are 4 free tickets for every session (with 125 sessions across the holiday period) and these are available on a first come first served basis.

### Here are instruction on how to book:

- To book, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing?eid=39270&>.
- Click the date and the session you want to book and press 'Book Now'.
- Select the amount of tickets you want (maximum 4 per session) and click Next.
- Fill in your contact details and in the box that says Promotion Code, type **SPRINGLOCAL23** and press Apply.
- To complete the booking, press Purchase at the bottom of the page.

## Workshops

### 1 – 3 April

**Grow your own lettuce with the Easter Bunny** and our favourite sustainable farmer, Sinead, from [Aweside Farm](#).

Kids can get creative designing their own plant pot before planting a seedling and learning how to take care of them. Recommended for kids 4 years and older.

### 4th-6th,10th, 14th-16th April

**Spring into action with our mini sports day in Power Station Park.** From egg and spoon races to sack racing, there is plenty to get involved in. Don't worry if it rains, we have other activities suitable for all weather conditions just in case. Recommended for children 4 years and older.

### 11th-16th April

**Snuggle up for Spring storytelling and dancing** with interactive sessions under the pergola in Power Station Park. Recommended for children 4 years and older.

### 11th-13th April

**Get loopy with our family hoola hooping classes**, located outside in Power Station Park. Recommended for children 4 years and older.

### 6th and 10th April

**Get creative with paint pens and design your own bespoke wooden egg cup** to take home. Recommended for children 4 years and older.

### 4th-5th April

**Crown your yourselves Spring Royalty and get stuck into creating your own egg-stravagent crown** under the pergola in the Power Station Park. Recommended for children 4 years and older.

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**23.04.23**

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These are our term dates for the academic year.

<b>Autumn Term 2022</b>
<b>INSET Day: 1st September</b>
<b>INSET Day: 26th September</b>
<b>Autumn 1: 5th September - 20th October</b>
<b>Half Term: 24th - 28th October</b>
<b>INSET Day: Monday 31st October</b>

  

<b>Spring Term 2023</b>
<b>INSET Day: Tuesday 3rd January</b>
<b>Spring 1: 4th January - 10th February</b>
<b>Half Term: 13th - 17th February</b>
<b>Spring 2: 20th February - 31st March</b>

  

<b>Summer Term 2023</b>
<b>Summer 1: 17th April - 26th May</b>
<b>Bank Holiday: 1st May</b>
<b>Bank Holiday (Coronation of King Charles III): 8th May</b>
<b>Half Term: 29th May - 2nd June</b>
<b>INSET Day: 5th June</b>
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<b>INSET Day: 30th October</b>
<b>Autumn 2: 31st October - 21st December</b>

<b>Spring Term 2024</b>
<b>Spring 1: 8th January - 9th February</b>
<b>Half Term: 12th - 16th February</b>
<b>Spring 2: 19th February - 28th March</b>

<b>Summer Term 2024</b>
<b>Summer 1: 15th April - 24th May</b>
<b>Half Term: 27th May - 31st May</b>
<b>INSET Day: 3rd June</b>
<b>Summer 2: 4th June - 24th July</b>
<b>Two INSET Days TBC</b>