

# Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

12 May 2023

I hope you and your family enjoyed the excitement of the King's Coronation or at the very least the extra Bank Holiday?

For the children there has been no time to enjoy or relive the event because they have been straight back into national assessments. Children in Year 6 have been enduring formal SATS tests that end today. They have worked really hard and done their very best supported by their class teachers. Y2 will have their statutory end of key stage 1 assessments over the rest of this half term, then children in Y1 and Y4 will be taking the Phonics Check and the Multiplication Tables Check respectively. The school philosophy is to prepare the children as effectively as possible and to give the tests the gravitas they deserve, but not at the expense of the rest of the curriculum or the enriching activities that mean so much more to your children.

In that spirit, I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work and dedication to ensure that your children do the best that they can. Thank you also, to you as parents and co-educators, for all the support you have given both the staff and your children.

As usual there is a lot to celebrate in the newsletter, that reflects my previous sentiment.

## **I am going to start with Art for a change.**

We were thrilled to be told that Alexia Doyle 5P had won a prize in the prestigious London Mayor's fourth plinth competition. The prize giving ceremony was held at the new Town Hall. Congratulations to her and Miss Smith for the work of her Art Club.

### **Alexia's Winning Entry**



Sacred Heart also has an after school Art club run by Mrs Zych-Twaddell, parent to Nina and Olek. She was pleased that both their KS1 and KS2 groups had been chosen as finalists in the David Shepherd Global Canvas Art Competition!

*The 2023 competition has seen another record-breaking number of entries, with 4,338 children participating from 57 countries around the world.*



### Now to Sport

Yesterday the Tag Rugby team went to a competition at the Cedars Private school and battled through all their group games only to lose narrowly in the final. Kaylen (5P) was awarded player of the tournament. Congratulations to all the team and thanks to Ms Ormonde for all her hard work.



### Fulham FC

5 lucky families were given tickets from the Fulham FC SEN department for the Premier League game at Craven Cottage. They saw an 8-goal thriller.

These opportunities again come from our partnerships built up over many years. Fulham will be running free football sessions at Sacred Heart in the Summer holiday for any child on the SEN register. Look out for the flyer.



### **Run Battersea Run**

Thank you so much to all the families that took part and helped fundraise for the school. We were thrilled to receive over £5500 from RBR and then an additional £720 from you, the parents and friends. Thank you so much and thank you to Mrs Healey for all her support.

Photos of the event can be seen here: <https://runkidsrun.org/battersea-2023>

### **Music**

We were thrilled that the blossoming junior orchestra has been picked to perform at the Wandsworth Music 2023 *Summer Showcase* on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023** in collaboration with WAF <https://www.wandsworthfringe.com/>

There is much hard work and practise before that, but it will be worth it for the opportunity to show some of the many musical talents that are nurtured at Sacred Heart.

### **British Values**

As part of Mr Brading's work with School food and the campaign to extend free school meals to all pupils, we has been invited to take 8 pupils to the Houses of Parliament to speak to MP's from all parties about the value of school lunches. We will then tour the House again and perhaps even attend Prime Minister's Question Time! Mrs Byrne will be accompanying the Y6 children involved.

### **Gardening and Well-being**

Parents in the KS1 playground won't have failed to notice that work has started on the new nature and forest school space. Ms Stott and Ms Bolton have been working hard with the team from Earthwatch to ensure everything is ready for the completion day on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May. They are looking for 2/3 parents who would like to help by painting the shed on that day, ready for the grand opening.

### **The Catholic Life of the School**

May is the month of Mary and as is customary, Deacon Michael has been leading both schools in the celebration of the Rosary every morning on Zoom. With Holy Communion fast approaching, no doubt a set of rosary beads will form part of the children's gift.

Reception parents are invited to join their children at 9.15am on the 17<sup>th</sup> May for their Celebration of the Word service. There will also be a chance to look at the children's RE work. We hope as many of you as possible can join us.

### **The Feast of the Ascension**

The KS2 children will be joining the 10am Sacred Heart Parish Mass to celebrate the Holy day of Obligation. Parents are welcome.

The **Wednesday Word** this week is aptly enough; **HELPER**

**"God sends the Holy Spirit, our helper, to teach us and to be with us always."**





**STORYTIME WITH AUTHOR KATE CUNNINGHAM**

Join author Kate Cunningham and her creation, Vlad the Flea, as they take you on a journey through time stopping off at Roman Britain and London during the Great Fire! Part of Wandsworth Heritage Festival.

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 4pm
- Battersea Library
- No booking required





**Sacred Heart Primary School  
Term Dates 2022 - 2023**

<b>Summer Term 2023</b>
<b>Half Term: 29th May - 2nd June</b>
<b>INSET Day: 5th June</b>
<b>Summer 2: 6th June - 21st July</b>





## Sacred Heart Primary School Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Please be aware that some dates differ from those published by Wandsworth.  
These are our term dates for the academic year.

<b>Autumn Term 2023</b>
<b>INSET Day: 4th September</b>
<b>Autumn 1:</b> 5th September - 20th October
<b>Half Term:</b> 23th - 27th October
<b>INSET Day: 30th October</b>
<b>Autumn 2:</b> 31st October - 21st December

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

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