

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

26th May 2023

The Sun has shone on Sacred Heart this week and the school is looking magnificent!!
It truly is a wonderful environment in which to grow!!

Earthwatch

The big news of the day on Tuesday was the Earthwatch **"Big Build"**.

The garden that Reception and Y6 pupils had designed was brought to life with children from 2S and 4S helping to finish the garden by planting, painting and watering. We now have a beautiful outdoor sustainable learning and play area.

We had special guests visit the school on Tuesday to see the garden. The first was the outgoing Mayor of Wandsworth, Jeremy Ambache. We were his final official event whilst holding office. The Mayor was very impressed with the space and joined in a session with 2S and the Earthwatch team. Thank you to Jeremy for coming to Sacred Heart. Jeremy was accompanied on his visit by the Mayor Elect, Councillor Juliana Annan!! Councillor Annan is now the new Mayor of Wandsworth (and a parent at school) and we thank her for coming along on Tuesday to the opening.



The Mayor and Mayor Elect were joined by Bishop Philip, the Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark. It was Bishop Philip's first visit to Sacred Heart and he came to see the new garden and give it a special opening blessing.

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us, Deacon Michael and Bishop Philip after school, for the blessing.

Bishop Philip visited all of the classes with Deacon Michael on Tuesday afternoon. The school really looked its best showcasing everything Sacred Heart has to offer with whole class violin lessons, orchestra, computing lessons, show rehearsals, specialist PE lessons and history lessons. Thank you to all of the children and staff who prepared for the visit. The Faith Friends met with the Bishop and Deacon Michael for afternoon tea to discuss their role and the Catholic life of the school. Thank you to Miss Lorraine for baking an array of delicious cakes and scones for the occasion.

Sport

Y5 completed their crash course in swimming this week. The children have had a great time and we encourage as many parents as possible to keep up with swimming and take their children to a pool. This will build on the teaching of the past 2 weeks. Swimming is a key life skill and is so much fun. It would be amazing if all children could swim 25 meters and know the key water safety techniques by the time they leave Y6.

<https://www.placesleisure.org/centres/latchmere-leisure-centre/centre-activities/swimming/learn-to-swim/>



A group of Y5/6 girls went to Spencer Cricket Club on Tuesday – well done for participating and getting through to the quarter finals girls.

History Curriculum Enrichment

On Tuesday 4M went on a walking tour round London to look for evidence of the Romans around our capital city. This complements the last history topic Y4 studied – the impact of the Roman Empire on Britain. This has been a highlight of the year for all Y4 classes. Pupils have really enjoyed seeing actual remains of Roman life and the work of Sir Christopher Wren, reminding them of the Y2 learning about the Great Fire of London.

British Vales and Children's Food Campaign

On Wednesday Mrs Byrne and Miss Wells took 8 Y6 children to Westminster to talk to Marsha DeCordova MP and Sharon Hodgson MP, Andrew Gwynne MP (Shadow minister: Health and Social Care), Sustain charity, School Food for All and a host of other guests about free school meals for all children.

They had a tour of Westminster and were lucky enough to go into the House of Commons to watch a debate.

It was amazing to be in the House of Commons, the seat of our democracy, watching MPs at work.

The behavior of all children on all trips has been outstanding!



On Thursday we held 2 Celebration Assemblies in the hall to think about and celebrate our key learning behaviours.

We discussed **WHY we value and celebrate:** Co-operation, Having a go, Keep on improving, Imagination, Being curious, Never giving up and Enjoying our learning.

If we can co-operate, keep improving, be curious and never give up it will help us in school with our learning. It will also help us develop the key skills we need as adults to be successful in the world of work.



This week we have more children making their First Holy Communion this Saturday.

We wish Olek, Keanna, Julia, Amelie and Mrs Byrne's daughter a happy and holy first communion day.

Last but No means Least

We are thrilled that Councillor Juliana Annan, parent to Juanita and Angel, was elected by her peers as the new Mayor of Wandsworth this week. She becomes the first black woman Labour Mayor of Wandsworth!! We are so proud of her achievements and example she gives to all in our community.



"You don't know what you can be unless you can see it!" She will be a brilliant Mayor.

Please remember school closes at the usual time on Friday 26th May at 3.30pm for the half term holiday.

School will re-open on Tuesday 6th June to all pupils. We hope you all enjoy the week and expected sunshine.

Key Dates

Date	Event
29th May-2nd June	Half Term
5th June	Inset Day – school closed
6th June	First day back for children Cricket competition Y5/6 boys
7th June	Nursery and Reception Providence House farm trip
9th June	Own Clothes Day for Multicultural Evening Y2 and Y5 Providence House farm trip
12th June	Quad Kids Athletics Championships
13th June	Orchestra performing at Wandsworth Schools concert
15th June	Y3 Hampton Court trip
16th June	Feast of Sacred Heart – end of year school mass
19th June	Online Windrush session with Floella Benjamin KS2
20th June	Catholic Schools Athletics competition Y4
23rd June	Multicultural Evening
27th June	Y5 Cricket Tournament
28th June	Choir at Emmanuel School
29th June	Feat of St Peter and St Paul mass
3rd-7th July	Book Fair
3rd July	Music concert in school 2pm
4th, 5th and 7th July	Road Safety Course Y6
6th July	KS2 Sports Day
12th July	Y6 Production
14th July	STEM Girls on Track UK events for Girls at Stamford Bridge
17th July	Y6 Leavers Mass 3.45pm Y6 Leavers Party 4.45-6.00pm
18th July	Y5 trip to Horniman Museum
20th July	Clapping Out Ceremony Y6 3pm (Y6 leaving)
21st July	Last day of school. School closes at 1.30pm
4th September	Inset Day – school closed
5th September	First day of school