

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

14th July 2023

This will be my last newsletter of what has been a truly amazing year for the children of Sacred Heart.

Our Ofsted visit confirmed what we already know: that your children are given fantastic opportunities at Sacred Heart to develop and grow their many talents; that they are given world class experiences to inspire and foster an interest in the world around them, through technology, visits and their own environment and that they attend a school with beautiful grounds, fantastic sports facilities and excellent specialist teachers in music PE Computing and Italian.

With this letter I am sending out the latest version of the Wandsworth Council Headstart magazine.

The council have very kindly detailed many of the amazing things that have happened for your children!!!

Pages 5, 7 10 11 12 13 and 15 all include initiatives solely involving the Federation or that the children have taken part in.

Leaving Staff

This is traditionally the letter when we say goodbye to staff who are leaving and welcome those who are joining us.

I will start with the retirement (after 37 years!) of Mrs King. George has seen the school and the families through so many changes and indeed welcomed the sons and daughters of many pupils. She has been a fantastic, committed staff member who has worked tirelessly, across many age ranges, as both a teaching assistant and lead meal supervisor. On behalf of all the staff, pupils and parents, we extend a very big thank you George for your service and dedication to the school, and wish you a wonderful retirement. You will be greatly missed.

Another long serving member of staff, Anna Demetri, has also decided to hang up her lunchtime supervisors' jacket. Anna and her family have been part of the school for many years and we will really miss her calm influence on the Nursery children. Thank you, Anna, for all your hard work, care and support and we wish you the very best in your retirement.

Ms Lauren, also a lunchtime supervisor, is also sadly leaving us, in order to pursue a new career as a dental nurse! Lauren began her days at Sacred Heart as a pupil and loved it so much... she came back to work here! We wish you the very best of luck for the future Lauren and thank you wholeheartedly for the support you have given the children.

We are also saying goodbye to two teachers, Ms Cassidy, who has decided to return to Ireland and Mrs Viala, who is taking a break from teaching to spend more time with her family. I am incredibly grateful to them both for the energy and devotion they have shown to the children they have taught. We extend a huge thank you to you both and wish you the very best of luck in your future endeavours.

Last but not least, Ms Ella in Year 2 is also leaving Sacred Heart to take up a teaching course. I am sure she has been inspired by the many wonderful teachers she has worked with at Sacred Heart. Thank you, Ella, for all you have done for the children and the very best of luck to you.

I wish all those leaving the very best and thank them for their years of selfless service.

We also welcome Ms Mackay to Y2. I'm sure she will form a great working relationship with Ms Stott and hit the ground when she starts in September.

Another Farewell...

We also say goodbye to our wonderful year 6 children.

They treated us to a show of West End quality this week with their production of Matilda. Their performance was exceptional and their version of will live long in the memory.

A massive well done to the children and to the year 6 staff involved. Truly a masterpiece!

The Year 6 children's SATs results (which came out earlier this week) show that many of them achieved greater depth in Reading and Maths and are another indication of the quality of education on offer at Sacred Heart.

We wish them the very best in the many schools they go forward to. They have been prepared superbly for the next stage of their education.



Further opportunities for our children...Chelsea FC and Girls in Motorsport

Today a group of children are visiting Stamford Bridge where Motorsport UK have taken over the Chelsea Stadium to set up a series of workshops introducing girls to the world of motor racing. It promises to be an amazing experience.

We may discover the first F1 female driver.

Our relationship with Chelsea has become so strong that they have asked us to be the host for a visit on Monday from representatives of the Premier League education dept. The MP for Battersea Marsha De Cordova will also take part in the visit to see the work that Chelsea FC do in the community.



We will look to grow the links with the club even further in the coming year.

Music at Sacred Heart

We continue to nurture and support any musical talent. Congratulations to Alexander, Alexis, Anne-Marie, Aryan, Bianca, Christian, Jamie, Luca, Malvina, Orlando, Papa Kojo, Samuel, Tabitha. These children all sat their classical guitar exams last Saturday at school. Distinctions and Merits were awarded and a special mention to Anne-Marie Bogdanovic who scored 96 in her exam.

Mr Cronin is hoping to put on a little guitar recital in the KS1 garden weather permitting.

We have also welcomed Sophia back for work experience. She is the epitome of the deployment Sacred Heart can offer. She is sharing her musical talents nurtured here with the children. It is wonderful to hear her Cello echoing through the school.

School Gardening Club and Sustainability

The gardening club has started to harvest much of the produce from across the gardens.

Last week we added our homegrown lettuce to the salad bar and today homemade and homegrown potato salad will be on offer.



Eco Refill Shop

Following the success of the pupils' refill shop we have decided to hold one more sale. We saved over 50 bottles from landfill and parents went away with wonderful eco-friendly products.

The final sale will be after school on Wednesday evening outside Year 2 this time. There is lovely body wash, soaps, washing up liquid and by popular demand, dog shampoo.

Save your bottles and stock up for the summer holidays!

So as the year draws to a close, I will take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support and for your wonderful children. I wish you a happy restful and healthy holiday and look forward to more of the same in the Autumn term.

Next year we will begin to prepare for our Section 48 inspection.

We will be working hard with parish school and parents to maintain our OUTSTANDING rating!

Have a great holiday!