

# Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

29th September 2023

It has been a jam-packed week as usual and I wanted to celebrate the many wonderful enriching experiences that children have had, but first I have to start with some personal news.

Mr Kriwaczek, our much loved and highly respected music teacher has decided to cut back his hours and give himself time for other creative projects. Don't worry, he will still be teaching music and coordinating the many instrument lessons but will now only work Wednesday to Friday.

In other news the Head of the Resource Base Mr Porter has been unwell for some time. He has now decided to resign from his role in Hilary House and I share his farewell message with you:

*The time has come for me to move on from Hilary and House and Sacred Heart School.*

*What a great fortune it has been to have been at Hilary House for the past four years. It is a truly wonderful place, made so by the fabulous staff, the wonderful parents and especially those magnificent children who make each and every day a unique and special experience. When I look back on my time with you all it will definitely be with a smile.*

## Music @Sacred Heart

It has been great to hear the choir singing on a Monday after school.

They have been asked to sing at the 11.30 am Mass at Sacred Heart during the Communion reflection. They will be singing 'For the beauty of the Earth' by John Rutter. They have also been asked to sing at the AGEUK 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration in St Mary's church and at the Mayor's Carol concert- both in December.

The children that are learning the classical guitar with Mr Cronin had a wonderful day out on Tuesday. They went to the famous classical guitarist Gerald Cousins performing in Central London Needless to say they were very inspired.



## Climate Action and Biodiversity @Sacred Heart

This week we hosted a visit from Earthwatch Europe who wanted to show corporate funders the wonderful garden in KS1. They were most impressed with the raised beds and delighted to speak to Ms Stott and last year's gardening club. They were served fresh pumpkin soup courtesy of the gardeners and Mrs Mills.

The current KS1 garden club have been harvesting the last of the green tomatoes and are making Green tomato chutney with Mrs Mills. I am hoping to get at least one jar!

The year 5 classes have been enjoying science sessions about the climate and its impact on us all through an organisation called Climate Ed London.

<https://www.climateed.net/>



One of their volunteers hosted a wonderful zoom for parents this week to share the information and support your children with their questions about climate change. It will be repeated in person later in the year.

### Plastic Recycling and Pupil Profit Enterprise Shop

Mr Madden and Ms Stott and the KS2 Enterprise group will be having their first Eco Refill sale of toiletries and household products on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm outside y4 classroom. Save your plastics and we will take a card. Look out for the posters.

### Secondary School and Secondary Transfer

We continue to build our relationship with St John Bosco College Battersea. Children from Y5 in both schools went for a session with the College Chaplaincy - pray, bake and play. They represented the schools impeccably as usual.

### Black History Month

We start our celebration of Black History Month with an Assembly from Victor from Chelsea FC. They have some excellent education material about celebrating the achievements of Black athletes but relating their success to the wider issues.

The theme of BHM this year is 'Saluting our sisters'. Miss Smith has shared details of an Art competition for KS2 children.



### The Catholic Life of the School

Each week the school sends parents the link to The Wednesday Word.

This newsletter allows you to look at the weekend's Gospel and discuss its themes with your child. We also use it in Assembly on Monday morning.

### The Wednesday Word is **CHANGE**

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to change often." Sir John Henry Cardinal Newman

### Parents Prayer Group

All families N – Y6 are invited to join Deacon Michael and School staff for FAMILY Prayer Group every Friday morning at 8.40am. This currently takes place in the New Building.

### Behaviour and Attitudes

As many of you know, at Sacred Heart we operate a behaviour system whereby the ultimate sanction is to lose some of Friday lunchtime to spend detention with Mr Brading. This sanction has worked effectively for many years.

In previous years, the school has sent a text home to inform parents that their child has had a detention. This has given parents the opportunity to reinforce the need for good behaviour over the weekend. We will be reinstating this procedure next Friday.

Behaviour was recognised as Outstanding in our latest Ofsted and we want to keep it that way.