

# Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

20th October 2023

It hardly seems possible that we have reached the halfway point of the Autumn term already. I think it was the extended spell of warm weather that made the time go quickly. It has been a packed term with events, visitors and trips to enrich your children's time in Sacred Heart. It has also been an opportunity for parents to witness some wonderful assemblies and to see some of their children's learning.

## Black History Month

Though foreshortened by half term we have managed to embrace and celebrate Black History month through the curriculum and the diversity of our resources in school. It has been threaded through art, music and literacy particularly and picking up on the theme 'saluting our sisters' we were delighted to be joined for Assembly by Juliana Annan - The Mayor of Wandsworth. Mayor Annan shared her story with the whole school and then joined Y5 and 6 for a Q and A about her role as both a councillor and as the Mayor. She hopes that her legacy this year will be that girls of all ethnicities will see her as a role model and understand that they can overcome barriers to achieve their ambition.

A fitting highlight for BHM.



We received the amazing news that Chloe 4M and her nominee Ava have been chosen out of 7000 possible entries as winners of the Chelsea FC 'Making History Everyday' competition. They have been invited to a special ceremony at Stamford Bridge next half term.

## Music at Sacred Heart

Monday's assembly was also enhanced by the choir performing. Having wowed headteachers and governors from across South London in the Cathedral last Friday, they wanted to share their talents with their peers. It has been a delight to share their progress this term and they have a busy schedule for the Christmas period. My thanks to Mr Clarke (Reuben and Ivo's dad) for his inspiration, and Ms Drinan for her support.



They aren't the only children preparing for the Christmas season, Mr Kriwaczek continues to develop the Orchestra and they are already learning their Christmas repertoire.

## Inter Sports Competitions

One of the highlights of the term has been the inter school Tag Rugby completion that Ms Ormonde has managed and offered with such passion and dedication. Every Wednesday for 4 weeks she has shepherded about 50 children in teams of 9 to compete against each other every week. It's an enormous undertaking but one much appreciated by the children. There is one more round to go and the final results will be announced after half term.



## **Biodiversity and Climate Change**

On Sunday I'm excited to be meeting landscape gardeners from a company in Suffolk who have been storing the features of one of the show gardens from the Chelsea Flower Show 2023. The Unity Garden will be rebuilt in our front garden and will add another amazing dimension to the outdoors spaces for children and staff. Do come around after pick up on Tuesday to have a look for yourselves.



In addition to another garden space the eco ambassadors, the gardening club and the enterprise group have all been doing their part to promote climate change awareness and action. The household goods shop saved 20 plastic bottles from landfill and made £55. We are also starting our work towards a climate change award. There is information about challenges and ideas that families can complete over the holiday that help will the school meet the criteria.

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

As well as Black History Month October is of course a month of Mary. Both schools have come together over zoom every Friday to say the one of the mysteries of the Rosary. This year we have focused on the Mysteries of light. My thanks to Deacon Michael, Mrs Garrialde and Miss Gilbride (SM) for inspiring and reflective Rosary experiences.

On the first week back, the children will join the Parish of Sacred Heart for Feast of All Saints on November 1<sup>st</sup>. All parents are welcome to join the school for Mass.

## **The Wednesday Word this week is **Gratitude**.**

**'The heart that knows how to say thank you is a good heart,' Pope Francis**

Teachers are now sharing the Wednesday Word with your children in class each week. They should be even more familiar with it and the themes of Sunday Gospel and Monday Assembly. Do still read it together at home.

## **Celebrating and Advertising the School**

Many of you have spotted the school's advertisements on bus stops and on the back of local buses. These advertise Open Days for future reception places. Please do share the dates of the Open Days with friends and networks. Ms Mustafa has done a fabulous job on marketing and will always make time to talk to anyone who might be interested in a place at Sacred Heart.

## **Winstanley Regeneration**

**I am sharing an email from the Winstanley regeneration team.**

*Thank you so much for being involved with the Time Capsule Project, I am happy to announce that the dates for the exhibition and burial celebration have now been confirmed. Please see attached flyer for more details.*

*The exhibition will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 10am, this will be open for everyone to attend and see all of the wonderful contributions and for the community to have one more opportunity to get involved with the project. The Burial Celebration will be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm in the Gardens of Arthur Newton House, near to the play area at Ganley court.*

*If you are available please do come along.*

## Hilary House

As well as joining their mainstream classes, the children from Hilary House also enjoy activities as a group. This week has been particularly exciting for Green Class. On Wednesdays they went to the Latchmere to take part in the Wandsworth Panathlon Challenge and came first in the competition.

Yesterday they then set off to the British Museum to enrich their history understanding with a look at the Ancient Egyptian exhibitions. Thanks to all the staff involved and the children for their amazing enthusiasm.



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# WINSTANLEY YORK ROAD: A CELEBRATION OF TIME

Bringing together all residents



*The Regeneration team have been busy working alongside local organisations collecting items to be placed into a time capsule and we would love for you to be a part of it!*

Taylor  
Wimpey



## Time Capsule Exhibition:

*Adults and children of all ages, are invited to explore the exhibition and enjoy arts and craft activities, gingerbread decorating, mood board creating, refreshments and more:*

**TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023  
10AM-3PM**

*at York Gardens Library  
34 Lavender Road, London SW11 2UG*

## Burial Celebration:

*Adults and children of all ages, are also invited to witness the burial of the time capsule:*

**FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023  
1PM-2PM**

*at Arthur Newton House Garden  
near to the play area Ganley Court*



Items for Time Capsule may be dropped off during Tuesdays session otherwise you can contact Crystal Matthaiou on 020 8871 6802 between now and Tuesday 24th October for any items you would like to include.

Have a wonderful half term break and be rested and ready for school on 31st October.  
School is closed for an Inset Day on Monday 30th October.