

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

3rd May 2024

I have said, it seems like Spring and Summer are still a long way away-although, admittedly, rain is traditional for Bank Holiday weekend! It is such a shame because the school is looking absolutely stunning. The KS2 garden particularly looks amazing. The wildflowers are looking great but there is a distinct lack of biodiversity because it's getting washed away! The KS1 garden is also flourishing thanks to the hard work of the Eco-Club and Ms Stott and Mr Madden.

Catholic Life of the School

May is the month of Mary and the Church asks us to pray the Rosary during this month.

Both schools and Holy Ghost will be joining together for a virtual Rosary on Friday mornings and on Tuesday they will join schools across the Archdiocese for a virtual Rosary celebration led by Archbishop John.

Thursday is also the Feast of the Ascension. The children will be joining the 10am Parish Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Parents are of course welcome.

Family Prayer group on Friday mornings will also use the Rosary as part of their prayer.

The Wednesday Word this week is **LOVE**.

"What does love look like? It has the hands to help others," St Augustine of Hippo.

Visits and Visitors

It has been a busy week for the classes with some wonderful enrichment visits and visitors for lots of the children.

Children from 4S travelled to Southside Shopping Centre to see their textile art work feature in a Textile River art installation as part of #WeavingOutWaste.

Caroline Lavertz was the leading artist and the work will be on show at Southside for the rest of the month. If you are visiting Southside for any reason do make time to take a look.



Gardening

School Food Matters delivered a vegetable growing workshop to the new Eco club on Wednesday. The children planted a variety of plug plants including chard, beetroot, brassicas, peas, beans and lettuces. They used compost from our hot composter to feed them. Next stop, the farm trip!

Beekeeping

Year 2 and Year 4 were visited by a honeybee expert as part of an ongoing programme with School Food Matters and our continued efforts to educate the children about the importance of bio-diversity within our local area. We teamed up with the LBKA (London Bee Keepers Association) to teach the children about the role bees have within our ecosystem and how we can support them.

The next stage is a visit to an apiary where they will get to try on the beekeeping suits.



Forthcoming Visits

Next week, the Year 5 children will be visiting the new Apple store at The Power Station. They will be exploring using iPads for Art around the Power Station and creating apps. It is great to be continuing this relationship with the company.

Later in the term, they will be working with the poet Zohab Zee Khan, as part of the Wandsworth Arts Festival.

They will be showcasing the poetry to Y5 parents on **Friday the 14th of June**. This will be as an assembly at 9:15 am. Two groups will then be going to the civic centre on the 19th June to participate in the festival.

The Choir will also be performing at the Arts Festival Schools Showcase on the 20th June 2024, at the Civic Centre.

It is going to be a busy term for all. As always, these opportunities balance the importance of the curriculum with the quality of the opportunity.

RUN BATTERSEA RUN 2024

Over 100 children registered to take part in the Run Battersea Run event on Sunday 28th April. Children from Nursery right through to Y6 took on the 1km & 2km challenge at Battersea Park's Millennium Arena.

Our Nursery student **Jayden** was the first over the finish line in the Nursery & Reception 1km run, with our Y2 student **Alazar** taking the top spot in the Y1&2 event.

Thank you and well done to all of the children and adults that took part.



Summer Term Key Dates

Date	Event
6 th May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Y3 join parish mass at Sacred Heart Church
9 th May	Ascension Day mass Y2-6
10 th May	Y4 Wimbledon Stadium tour and workshop
13 th – 17 th May	KS2 SATS WEEK
17 th May	Hilary House closed (training)
22 nd May	Y4 join parish mass at Sacred Heart Church
24 th May	Feast of Mary the Helper Mass Y2-6
27 th – 31 st May	Half term
3 rd June	Inset Day – School closed
4 th – 14 th June	Y4 Multiplication Check
5 th June	Y5 join parish mass at Sacred Heart Church
7 th June	Feast of Sacred Heart Mass at church Y2-6
10 th -14 th June	Y1 Phonic Check
12 th June	Y6 to join parish mass at Sacred Heart Church
13 th June	Dad's (and uncles and Grandads) Reading Breakfast 9.15am
19 th June	Y2 to join parish mass at Sacred Heart Church
21 st June	Multicultural Evening
26 th June	EYFS Welcome Meeting for September 2024 6pm in the hall
28 th June	Y5 Horniman Museum
2 nd July	Y2 trip to Wisley
3 rd July	Y4 trip to Wisley
9 th July	Y3/4 Sports Day at the Latchmere - morning
9 th July	Y5/6 Sports Day at the Latchmere – afternoon
11 th July	EYFS end of year service for all children and parents 9.30am
16 th July	Reception and KS1 Sports Day - morning
17 th July	Y6 performance (time TBC)
22 nd July	Y6 Leavers mass and party 4.00 – 7.00pm
23 rd July	Y6 leave and clapping out ceremony at 3pm
24 th July	Last day - School closes at 1.30pm