

# Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

21st June 2024

Finally, the sun has come out and the school is looking amazing. Teachers are taking advantage of the good weather to move learning outside where possible and also to incorporate the growing spaces in the Science, Art and DT curriculum.

The opportunities for the children to shine and develop their talents have continued to justify that 'OUTSTANDING' judgement for personal development and wherever the children have travelled and whatever activities they have been doing, they continue to be great ambassadors for the school with their behaviour and attitude.

## Wandsworth Arts Fringe

Wandsworth is preparing to be the London Borough of Culture in 2025 and as part of the preparations, there are lots of events and creative/artistic experiences that the children are enjoying.

The Y5 classes had the opportunity to use their Poetry module to work with Zohab Zee Khan, a published poet. They wrote poems about Wandsworth and their lives and performed them to parents and friends. A group of students then got the opportunity to perform at the Civic Suite as part of #WAF2024.

The following evening it was the turn of the choir to perform some of their repertoire on the same stage, in Day 2 of the schools showcase. They joined secondary schools and the Wandsworth performance troupe on stage, and they more than held their own.

Thanks to all the staff, volunteers and parents for their support.



## Biodiversity and Eco Club

The students of this term's Eco- Club are visiting Crockford Farm in Surrey today to find out about food production and to pick their own fruit. They will then make jam and chutney ready to sell outside Whole Foods in Clapham Junction. I will share the dates.

I am also looking at the mushrooms they are currently trying to grow. An exciting addition to the produce they are growing.



### Year 4 Art workshop – Battersea High Street improvement

The Y4 classes have spent some of their Art curriculum time in an Arts workshop with a landscape architect, to help renovate Battersea High Street.

They created collages of various fruits and vegetables to reflect the market culture on the High Street, as well as bees and flowers to represent the nature present. Some of the designs will be featured on the paving on the new High Street once the renovation starts to take place. The bee is a traditional symbol of the area, given the historic lavender fields that were famous in Battersea.



### Catholic life of the School

The Wednesday Word is **CALM** - particularly apt for this busy time of year!

“One of the greatest gifts the Holy Spirit can bestow on us is to give us calm in the midst of trouble.” St Claude de Colombiere

Since the last newsletter, we have celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart at the Parish Mass and we continue with Monday’s liturgical Assembly and Family Prayer Group.

All parents are welcome to join us at 8.40am on Friday to end the week together.

### Parents and School working together

I am writing as the preparations for the Multicultural evening are underway.

At this time when sections of the country look to sow division, events like tonight are increasingly important symbols of the value and the contribution of the many families that have made their home in this great city. I look forward to a wonderful evening.

Last week I was lucky enough to help serve breakfast to the many dads, uncles, grandads and brothers that joined their children for the reading breakfast. It was a fantastic experience that placed reading together at its heart. The sound of so many great books being shared was the best noise a school could have.



## Sports News

It's been a very busy and exciting time for Sport at Sacred Heart recently, starting with the Y5/6 girls cricket team cruising through the group stages unbeaten, and narrowly missing out in the play-offs to win the Bronze Medal. Charlotte was voted MVP during the tournament and really impressed the Surrey Umpires.

Next was the Y5/6 Basketball Tournament at Newton Prep School, with Sacred Heart fielding two teams (Mark, Kayla, Filip, Kaylen & Ashay, Charlotte, Elijah Y3). The level of competition was extremely high and one of most competitive tournaments I've attended, however, this did not stop our students from putting on a great display and they again took home the Bronze Medal. A mention must go to Elijah in Y3 who was playing three years out of age and to Mark in Y6 who was awarded MVP.

Y4 attended the Fulham Football Tournament and were unlucky to miss out during a penalty shoot-out. Well done to Gavriel who stepped up to go in goal for the penalties and made three fantastic saves! Joshua was top goal scorer and credit goes to Jacob for his outstanding contribution in defence.

The boys and girls intra-school Euro 2024 Football Leagues came to an end this week, with some really impressive skills on display and goals from the halfway line from Jamie and Charlotte in Y6 and Kacie in Y4! 68 children took part in the league over six weeks and really did perform and behave beautifully.

Two teams will now be formed to represent the School to face St Mary's, Holy Ghost and John Burns in a couple of weeks' time...watch this space!

The Y5 mixed cricket team took to the field yesterday to play against Prospect House, Belleville, Furzedown and Hillbrook. Martina and Aadyan H, made some superb catches and the team took some great wickets. The future is looking bright for these children. The umpires commended the children on their excellent sportsmanship and said they were a joy to work with.

Y4 have had the pleasure of working with Platform Cricket this term and will now compete against a host of other schools next Friday to try and retain the title from two years ago.

Lastly, our athletics team will be in action again next week-this time, at the Track & Field Championships. Each athlete will compete in the 75m sprint, 600m run, standing long jump and vortex javelin. Wish them luck!

Well done to all the children who have displayed such a good attitude throughout the many events.





## Green Class Tennis Tournament

On Friday the 21st of June, Green Class ventured to King George's Park to represent Sacred Heart in the Tennis Panathlon Challenge. We had to complete a series of tennis challenges with each activity earning a different amount of points. The students in Green class worked extremely hard to score as many points as possible and came second overall. Winning a trophy, medals and a certificate.



## Summer Term Key Dates

Date	Event
26 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS Welcome Meeting for September 2024 6pm in the hall
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 Horniman Museum
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y2 trip to Wisley
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y4 trip to Wisley
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3/4 Sports Day at the Latchmere - morning
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5/6 Sports Day at the Latchmere – afternoon
11 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS end of year service for all children and parents 9.30am
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception and KS1 Sports Day - morning
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 performance (time TBC)
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers mass and party 4.00 – 7.00pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y6 leave and clapping out ceremony at 3pm
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day - School closes at 1.30pm