

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

11th October 2024

We are well and truly into Autumn now. The leaves on the Rohan trees that line the entrance path are turning golden and falling and the we are starting the week with an online Rosary. For me one of the signs of Autumn is the devotion to Mary every October. Each Friday morning in October Deacon Michael and the Faith friends are leading classes from both schools online. The year we are focusing on The Luminous Mysteries. For Catholic children it is opportunity for them to use their Rosary beads from the First Holy Communion or even their Baptism.



If you aren't familiar with the Rosary, they are a set of prayer beads with each bead representing a prayer.

Monday 7th October Inset day

I hope parents weren't inconvenienced too much by the training day on Monday. It was an excellent day for staff and I hope that children and parents will see some of the consequences of the work that the staff put in. The morning was spent looking at how we feedback and assess children's work and their learning. Hopefully your children will share some of the terms they will become familiar with – 'Tickled Pink', 'Green for Growth', 'Yellow Boxing', visualisers and conferencing.

The staff spent the afternoon getting more familiar with the software and hardware that they will be using with the children in the computing curriculum. Again, hopefully they will share their learning with you and you will hear about Bee-Bots Scratch Jr, Swift Playground and Micro-bits. We are committed to ensuring that staff have up to date knowledge and skills to give your children the best possible primary start.



Class Assemblies

The main way that the children have to share their learning is through their assembly.

I have managed to catch a couple of the class assemblies and they have been great celebrations of the children's classroom activities.

This week 5M took us through the work they have been doing in Science: looking at forces. I particularly liked the line "My mum is a force to be reckoned with!"

The parallel class always has the opportunity to see the learning they have also been doing and all the assemblies have had excellent parental support.

The dates for upcoming class assemblies have been shared.

| Date | Event |
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| 16 th October | 4M Class Assembly – 9.15am |
| 17 th October | Open Morning – for Admissions 2025 at 10.00am |
| 22 nd October | 6T Class Assembly – 9.15am |
| 23 rd October | 4S Class Assembly- 9.15am |
| 28 th -31 st October | HALF TERM |
| 4 th November | INSET DAY – school closed |
| 5 th November | School open |
| 6 th November | 3P Class Assembly – 9.15am |
| 12 th November | Open Morning – for Admissions 2025 at 10.00am |
| 13 th November | 3M Class Assembly – 9.15am |

There has been much to celebrate since the last newsletter.

On **2nd October**, twenty of our enthusiastic students represented Sacred Heart School at the **Wandsworth Primary Schools Cross Country event** on **Tooting Common**. The children showed incredible determination and team spirit as they competed against other schools from across the borough in this challenging race. Despite the tough competition, our pupils gave their best effort, demonstrating resilience and perseverance throughout the event. A big congratulations to all who participated!



The **Faith Friends** had the honour of attending the **Education Commission's Start of the Year Mass** at **Southwark Cathedral**. This special service was led by **Archbishop John Wilson**. The children, accompanied by **Mrs Garaialde** and **Deacon Michael**, represented Sacred Heart beautifully, joining schools from across the Diocese to celebrate the start of the new academic year. After the Mass, they had the opportunity to meet Archbishop Wilson in person, who shared encouraging words about faith, service, and the importance of education. It was a memorable experience for our Faith Friends, and one that I'm sure will inspire them throughout the year ahead.



Class 3P have gone to one of our neighbouring Secondary Schools for a poetry workshop with our local poet – Joseph Coelho.

Joseph, who has published many great poetry books, was brought up in Roehampton and will entertain the children as part of the Wandsworth Black History Month celebration.



Catholic Life of the School

The Wednesday Word is Happiness

We will be the happiest people in the world if we belong to God Mother Theresa.

Prayer Group

As part of the Catholic life of the school, we come together with Deacon Michael every Friday morning for prayer group, with children and their families at 8.40am. It is held in the MPR room and lasts for 15 minutes. Entry is via the Este Road gate just before 8.40am. Everyone is welcome. Each week a class teacher will join prayer group and we would encourage the children and parents from that class to come along on that date to join us for Prayer Group.

The Rota for each week is listed below:

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| 18th October | - 4S |
| 25th October | - 4M |
| 8th November | - 6G |
| 15th November | - 6T |
| 22nd November | - 5C |
| 29th November | - 5L |

Choir

The choir are in full voice and Monday rehearsals are going well. There are however more spaces for children.

A date for the diary

On Friday the 25th October at 1:30pm, Sacred Heart Choir will be participating in the Catholic Choirs' Festival, at Sacred Heart church. They will compete alongside the choirs from 6 other Wandsworth and Merton Catholic Schools, in the presence of the Episcopal Vicar and the MP of Battersea.

In order to prepare for this there will be 2 extra choir practices on Thursday mornings at 8:20am. We urge all choir children to attend.

The first Thursday morning practice begins next week, the 17th of October at 8:20am in the MPR room.