

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

25th October 2024

This is the final Newsletter of what has been a long 8-week term. We have seen visibly the transition from late summer to Autumn, and witnessed the transition in the light and the seasons.

When we return we will be into the dark nights, dark mornings and winter. Advent will be around the corner. The change of the Church's season is seen most vividly with the Feasts of All Souls and All Saints. Prayers for those that have passed will be said throughout November and the tone will be more sombre.

We are not at school for the Holy Day of Obligation that is All Saints on 1st November, but parents are encouraged to attend the Sacred Heart Parish Mass at 10am and 7pm.

The Catholic life of the School

Catholic Schools Choir Festival

This afternoon the School Choir will join other Catholic School Choirs at Sacred Heart Church for a celebration of singing and talent. The Festival will be opened by Canon Victor Darlington and we will be joined by the MP Marsha De Cordova. I am grateful to Mr Cronin for his hard work and organisation and for Mr Clarke for preparing the Choir.

This event is a precursor to the Wandsworth Catholic Schools Year of Jubilee celebrations that will include joint Masses and future celebrations.

The Wednesday Word this week is COURAGE

"To have courage for whatever comes in life – everything lies in that." St Theresa of Avila

The Month of the Rosary

Today Deacon Michael led the two schools in the final online Rosary celebration. There are a few days left in October and we encourage the children to say at home.

Sport in Sacred Heart

Junior Parkrun in Battersea Park Sunday 10th November.

Year 4 and 6 have been following a pilot programme from Parkrun UK who in their 20th year are working with Primary schools across the country. The programme combines healthy nutrition and exercise. The children have been building up to a 2km run.

Steve, a representative from Parkrun is coming into school to deliver an assembly to the children-encouraging them to come to the Junior Parkrun in Battersea Park, on Sunday November 10th.

This is a free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds). It is held every Sunday at 9:00am. The event starts on the path in front of the Hut near the corner of All-Weather Sports Ground - in the South West corner of the park.

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Staff from both schools will be there to support any children that are coming to take part.

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/battersea-juniors/>

Children should register to get a barcode to keep their results for future.

Football Y5 and Y6

What a wonderful week of sport we've had here at Sacred Heart!

Tag Rugby League - Fifty-six children from Y5 & Y6 competed against each other every Tuesday over four weeks and our winners were crowned this week. The League followed the format of the Six Nations taking place later this year with teams representing England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Italy and France.

The teams were mixed and allocated fairly between boys, girls, Y5 & Y6. Some excellent skills were on display and all of the games were played in good spirits.

The results were as follows: 1st Place = Italy | 2nd Place = Wales | 3rd Place = Ireland.

Winning team = Mariia Volkova 5C | Martina Barbarossa 6G | Aaliyah Fulong 6T | Jacob King 5C | Ashay Wilmot 6G | Aadyn Hamsher 6T | Joshua Dhillon 6T | Deandrei Balla 5L | Samuel Aka 6T

Well done to all of the children that took part and I look forward to seeing just as many children signing up for the Football League next half term.



Our first football tournament of the year also took place this week: The Trinity Cup. The boys team played on Tuesday and the girls on Wednesday with both teams unbeaten throughout the tournament. Unfortunately, with a few too many draws the teams did not progress to the final, however, neither team conceded a goal and not even the eventual winners could break down our defence. Teams played with an excellent work rate, good sportsmanship and the goalkeepers made some excellent saves. Well done to all of the players for representing the school in such a positive way.

Boys Team = Joshua Amarteifio 5C | Gavriel Samuel 5C | Aadyn Hamsher 6T | Jacob Orenzo-Easton 6G | Kenzou French 6T | Joe Gough 6G | Ivor Somorjay 6G | Cairan Rivera-Barrett 6G | Sebastian Herrera 6T | Rocky Bubb-Burridge 6G

Player of the Tournament - Joe Gough / Kenzou French

Girls Team = Otega Dinham-Atakpo 6T | Aaliyah Fulong 6T | Alexis Ducusin 6T | Damaris Calderon-Guillen 6T | Martina Barbarossa 6G | Gael Boa 6G | Ava Stuart 5L | Natalia Barona 5C | Nevaeh McDonald 5C | Kacie Preece 5C

Player of the Tournament - Martina Barbarossa / Nevaeh McDonald

Penathlon

On Wednesday Green Class competed in the Wandsworth Primary Penathlon competition. CONGRATULATIONS to Green Class as they won and retained their title from last year.

<https://panathlon.com/>



Class and Celebration Assemblies

One of the undoubted highlights of the half term have been the quality of the half term assemblies. Parents hopefully will have noticed that class assemblies have become far more focussed on recapping learning and sharing it with others. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we had class assemblies for 6T and 4S - the children performed well and shared their learning from this half term. The children shared their understanding of the Story of the Prodigal Son and Ancient Egyptian civilisation.

Thank you to all of the parents and family members who came to watch and support their children this half term. It is always a pleasure to welcome parents into school.

On Thursday we had our half termly Celebration Assemblies. Trying hard, persevering, co-operating, having a go, being creative, keep improving are all positive attributes that will help children with their learning now and when they are adults.

Well done to all of the children who received a certificate this half term. Remember what we said in assembly - do not worry if you didn't get a certificate this time, it doesn't mean you are not trying hard, persevering, co-operating or being imaginative. You may get a certificate next half term!

Year 2 trip to the Monument



Autumn 2 Events

Date	Event
Monday 4 th November	INSET DAY – school closed
Tuesday 5 th November	School opens
Wednesday 6 th November	Y2 Great Fire of London Trip
Wednesday 6 th November	3P Class Assembly – 9.15am
Wednesday 6 th November	Y1 RE visit to Sacred Heart Church
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day Y5 to Battersea Park Remembrance Day Service
Tuesday 12 th November	Open morning for September 2025 Admissions 10.00am
Wednesday 13 th November	3M Class Assembly – 9.15am
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd November	Y6 School Journey to Sayers Croft
Tuesday 19 th November	Books and Biscuits - Love to Learn to Read session with Y3 parents 9.00-9.45
Wednesday 20 th November	5L Class Assembly – 9.15am
Thursday 21 st November	Y1 phonics screen check meeting for parents on Zoom 4.00pm
Wednesday 27 th November	Y1 Class Assembly – 9.15am
Wednesday 27 th November	Parent Teacher Meetings 1.45-7pm. School closes at 1.30pm.
Thursday 28 th November	Reading CWIZZ at Emanuel School for a group of Y5/6 children 1.00-4.00pm
Friday 29 th November	Tag Rugby Tournament
Monday 2 nd December	Advent Assembly Dress the tree – EYFS and KS1
Wednesday 4 th December	Reception Class Assembly – 9.15am
Wednesday 4 th December	Royal Academy of Culinary Arts Workshop Y4
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th December	Book fair
Monday 9 th December	Flu Vaccinations (parents to sign up via link from school nursing team)
Tuesday 10 th December	Y6 Height and Weight programme with NHS nursing team
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day
Wednesday 11 th December	Nursery Sing-a-longs 11.15am & 3.00pm
Thursday 12 th December	KS2 Music Concert 2pm
Monday 16 th December	KS2 Advent Service at Sacred Heart Church 4.00-5.00pm. all KS2 children to attend the service. Parents are very welcome to join us. Dismissal from Church at 5.00pm
Tuesday 17 th December	KS1 Nativity: 9.30am & 2.00pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Reception Sing-a-longs 2.45pm
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 20 th December	School closes at 1.30pm
Monday 6 th January	School re-opens - start of Spring term