

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

15th November 2024

Yesterday saw the visit of the Local Authority Head of School standards to Sacred Heart. She focussed her visit on Early Years, KS1 and Hilary house and it was a real pleasure to accompany her round the school and showcase the wonderful work of the staff and children. As usual she left us with things to improve upon but overall, she was very pleased with all that she saw.

I am not normally here on a Thursday, but being so gave me the chance to see at first hand the wealth of opportunities that are available to the children at Sacred Heart.

I tried a delicious lentil and coconut curry cooked by the Eco Club, listened to increasingly competent ukulele players, watched the Y3 and 4 tag rugby and then witnessed the extremely patient and caring homework support in the Y4 homework club. This is just a snap shot of the amazing enrichment that Sacred Heart offers in addition to its school day. They are all offered by the staff so that we can keep the cost of clubs as cheap as possible.

Battersea Park Junior Park Run

All those activities depend on the support of the brilliant staff at Sacred Heart, and this was on evidence last Sunday when many of them turned up to support and encourage children to take part in the Battersea Park Junior Park Run. This weekly event is attracting more children each week and despite the early start there were plenty of families and staff ready to run 2km.



Y2 Great Fire of London visit

Last week Y2 children had a great time exploring some of the sites of the Great Fire of London and finding evidence of Wren's designs around our city. The children went on a Wren walk around some of the famous architects' designs, including St. Paul's Cathedral. They also used role play to find out about how people put out the fire, what they would have dressed like, and Wren's relationship to King Charles II. The children finished the day by designing their own new buildings and churches to rebuild London, using both teamwork and blocks, and quills.



Y6 School Journey

Next week we also see the Y6 children leave for deepest, darkest Surrey on a 5-day residential School Journey. We send them our prayers and best wishes and know they will have an amazing time. This experience is only made possible by the dedication of the staff who give up their families and homes for a week. At a time when more are working from home and looking at four-day weeks- the willingness of the staff to go the extra mile for the children is always heart-warming.

Battersea High Street

If you find yourself walking down Battersea High Street (perhaps to get your weekly fruit and vegetables) don't forget to look down. A while ago the Y4 children were invited to work with the architects charged with improving the area. There were a series of workshops and then the children's designs were made into permanent tiles that decorate the pavement.

Please click on the PDF document to view - Sacred Heart School's co-design workshop outcomes.



Co-Design Client Presentation.pdf



The Royal Academy of Dance with Darcy Bussell

I look to seeing the next Strictly Come Dancing professionals being born today, when the Y2 children take part in a virtual lesson with the star Darcy Bussell.

Catholic Life of the School

On Monday, children from Y5 joined the Wandsworth Remembrance Service in Battersea Park. As usual they behaved impeccably and were a credit to the school. The children also created wonderful art work to mark the event and this is on display in The Pump House Gallery on the park.

The rest of the children also observed 2 minutes silence in the playground and paid the same level of respect to the occasion.

The Wednesday Word is FAITHFULNESS

"God is faithful and if we serve him faithfully he will provide for our needs," St Richard of Chichester.

Incidentally the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester is one of the prayers that all the children learn in school. It will be interesting to see how many of your children can remember it. It is written below to help!

We are always grateful for the support of the Parish Clergy. This was evident when the Y5 children interviewed Deacon Michael and Fr Peter about their life in the Church as part of their topic on vocations. The children asked a range of perceptive and intelligent questions and I will see if they are reflected in the quantity of their class work.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

Parents will have the opportunity to discuss their children's learning in the near future at parent/teacher consultations (Wednesday 27th November). Appointments will be 1:45-5:15pm face to face; 6-7:15pm online via School Cloud. A letter has been sent to parents on Parentmail with further information.

Don't forget the school closes at 1:30pm on the 27th November.

Anti-Bullying Week

And finally, this week has been Anti- Bullying Week.

Whilst this week and its message of **Choose Respect** is important to reinforce, every week in Sacred Heart is Anti Bullying week. We use the themes of the Gospel and the PHSE curriculum to constantly remind the children how to treat each other and the adults in the school – and they constantly strive to act upon this.

Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

*Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which you have given me,
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.
Amen.*

