



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School
Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Dear Parent and Carers,

June has been a very busy month for the pupils and staff of St. Mary of the Angels. Throughout this month, we have revelled in the creativity of STEM week and last week celebrated the successes of our wonderful Year 6 cohort with an array of fun-filled activities and excursions. Please visit our school website to view some of the images from both of these wonderful events- to which we are very thankful to our wonderfully committed and hardworking staff.

A TRIP TO THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

On Tuesday 22nd June, some of our Year 1 pupils and staff visited London's Natural History Museum to hear and learn about the Museum's Urban Nature Project, which informs UK citizens about the importance of wildlife in cities. During our visit, we were thrilled and overjoyed to have the opportunity to meet the Duchess of Cambridge.

The Duchess joined our Year 1 pupils in a few nature activities, including a 'spider-making' arts and crafts and an interactive story-telling exercise. The Duchess also brought her own special gift for the children - fresh homemade honey from the Anmer Hall beehives.

The Duchess of Cambridge very kindly gifted the school the jar of homemade honey, which we hope all our Year 1 pupils will have an opportunity to taste, in due course. The Natural History Museum also gifted each Year 1 class a goodie bag which included a butterfly garden kit, two books and other bits and pieces from the gift shop which was very kind.



Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to the Year 1 parent who attended the trip and who nominated the school to take part in this event as a result of her work with the Natural History Museum's education programme. Of course, the school would have liked to take all the Year 1 pupils, however we could only take 6 pupils out of the cohort of 36 to represent the school which they did superbly. It was truly a wonderful experience for the school and the pupils of St. Mary of the Angels to be showcased in such a positive light and to be involved in this conservation project.

GOVERNOR NEWS

We are also delighted to share with you that Ike Offiah, the school's Chair of Governors, was awarded an MBE in The Queen's Birthday Honours for his service to law enforcement. Ike has a long association with the school from the time his twin boys (now in their mid-twenties) attended the school to becoming a governor, then chair of governors. How wonderful to see that a member of our school and parish community has been recognised in such a way.

SPORTS DAY

We are delighted and excited to share that, we are very much looking forward to the forthcoming sports day for Foundation Stage/Key Stage One which are taking place on Thursday 1st July at Paddington Recreation Ground. All necessary information regarding FS/ KS1 Sports Day was sent home earlier this week and information regarding KS2 sports day will be sent home early next week. It is essential that all parents/carers read and comply with the guidelines.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be coming in to school to take individual and sibling group photographs on Wednesday 7th July. If your child usually has PE on a Thursday, please send them to school in their school uniform on this day.

TRANSITION WORKSHOP

As part of our planning for the end of term and looking ahead for the start of the new school year in September, we are holding a 'Transition Workshop' for parents and carers. This will take place on Monday 12th July 11:00-12:00 with Ella Higgs, our Education Mental Health Practitioner and Karen Waine, Inclusion Manager/SENCO. We will send a reminder and the zoom invitation for the 'Transition Workshop' in due course.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' EVENTS

Mrs Wilson will be writing to parents and carers in Year 6 early next week to outline the events we have planned to celebrate and give thanks for all our Year 6 pupils have achieved and contributed to the school during their time at St. Mary of the Angels. This will include the date of the Leavers' Mass and hopefully, an invite to come to school to watch the Year 6 production of Peter Pan which we hope we will be able to do if restrictions are lifted on July 19th. We have arranged for the production to be professionally filmed just in case.

God made us a Family

We need one another.

We forgive one another.

We work together.

We worship together.

Together we read God's word.

Together we grow in Christ.

Together we love all people.

Together we serve God.

*Together we look forward
to living with Him in Heaven.*

Amen

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hough

Acting Deputy Headteacher