



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Dear Parents and Carers

Pentecost

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church! Through our daily prayers in class and our weekly Gospel assemblies, we look forward in hope and anticipation for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, marking the birthday of the Church and a renewal of our mission as followers of Jesus. This fulfils the promise of God given to the Prophet Ezekiel when God said:

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” (Ezekiel 36:26)

In this era of the Holy Spirit – that is, the era of the Church – like the Apostles we welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we can know the laws of God, and have His Holy Spirit guide us and encourage us to live out the laws that will bring us to eternal life.

The monthly Ten Ten newsletter can be accessed via the link below and shares some of the content the children have experienced and learnt about throughout May and suggests ways to support your family in prayer at home.

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

National Curriculum Tests: Year 2 and Year 6

Our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils recently sat their national assessments, more commonly known as SATS, and we and the whole staff team are incredibly proud of them. Year 6 are now looking forward to a very busy final term at St. Mary of the Angels which includes a residential to Fairthorne Manor, the Year 6 production, Leavers’ Mass and the legendary Leaver’s Disco.

Sports Days

It was great to see so many parents and other family members join us for our Sports Day at Paddington Recreation Ground over the last two weeks. Once again, we were blessed with fine weather, eager and wonderfully behaved pupils, incredibly hard-working staff and supportive spectators. A huge thank you to Miss Cox for organising everything so well! Our thanks also go to all school staff for helping and the coaches from QPR who kindly volunteered their time on both days.



The King’s Coronation: Art Project

Thank you to all the children who took part in our Coronation Art competition over the most recent Bank Holiday weekend. The brief was to create a portrait of our new monarch, King Charles III, and the standard of the entries was so high it was impossible for us to choose a winner. Therefore, all the children who submitted a portrait were awarded a special art related prize today. We are busy in school planning for our forthcoming Art Week which begins on Monday June 19th. More information to follow soon including news of some workshops and performances by musicians from Wigmore Hall and how parents and carers can get involved.

Foundation Stage Fun Day

We are delighted that our new Foundation Stage playground is finally finished! To celebrate, this afternoon we invited parents and carers of pupils in Ducklings and Robins to explore and play together. We had fantastic weather and a great time was had by all. The bouncy castle was a huge success which leads nicely onto the next newsletter item!



Summer Fair: Saturday 1st July

The countdown to our annual Summer Fair has begun! The international food stalls, face painting, bottle tombola, lucky jars, raffle, soft toy tombola and inflatables are just a few of the highlights of this event. As always, we count on the support of staff, parents and carers and the local community to ensure this is a fun-filled family event and fundraiser for the school.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for a planning meeting on **Tuesday 6th June at 3.30pm** in the school hall. A creche for school age children will be provided. There are so many ways you can help either in the run up to the day or on the day itself so please come along to the meeting. All are welcome!

Foundation Stage: Sow and Grow Project

Staff and pupils in Foundation stage have been working with Change4Life Westminster on a grow and sow project. We were very grateful to receive a grant of £1,000 which we have used to purchase essential tools, high-quality seeds and nutrient-rich soil for our youngest pupils to establish their very own vegetable garden. This initiative holds tremendous value for our youngest learners, providing them with hands-on experience and creating a deeper connection with nature and the food they consume. The children have embraced this project and have been involved in every aspect of the gardening process, from preparing the soil and sowing the seeds to nurturing the growing plants. We will be sure to keep you updated on the progress of our vegetable garden and share photographs of our budding horticulturists tending to their crops! We extend our sincerest thanks to Change4Life for investing in the future of our children and enabling us to create an enriching experience through our sow and grow project.



Swans Assembly

Year 6 showcased their scientific knowledge during their class assembly this Wednesday. They taught us about the seven life processes, including how plants grow and what we need to stay alive. We were also treated to a retelling of the Greek myth of Demeter and Persephone, and learned how their story explains the seasons of the year. Thank you Swans for your fantastic assembly and continue to do all you can to spread light and warmth!

Swifts and Swans Prayer Services: "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Galatians 5:25.

Both Swifts and Swans recent prayer services focused on the feast of Pentecost. Swifts reminded us how important it is for us to hear and live the Easter message and sang beautifully. Miller shared a very reflective prayer which he had written with all gathered which you can read below. Swans class spoke of the Holy Spirit enabling people to become witnesses. They shared the ways in which they provide service to others, including how they serve others in our school through their roles of responsibility, roles which our Year 5 children will be taking on in September.

After School Clubs: Term 6

Booking for after school clubs is now open and can be made on www.schoolgateway.com

After School Care

The local authority is carrying out an online survey regarding after school care provision across the borough. To complete the survey please click [here](#) or on the link below.

Term & Holiday Dates 2023/2024

A reminder that these are available on the school website's homepage or by clicking [here](#). A reminder that school closes on Friday 21st July at 1.30pm and the new school year for pupils starts on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Father,

Fill us with your great energy and love.

Guide us through life like our parents do.

Such an energy as the Holy Spirit brings your message to us.

Come Holy Spirit and fill us with your love,

For nothing is as meaningful as your guiding light and presence.

Everything we have we offer to you here and now.

Miller in Year 3 (Swifts)

Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th June for the beginning of Term 6.

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