



## St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

*Following Jesus in all we think, do and say*

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### Newsletter: Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Governors,

#### Summer Fair: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July

We would like to extend a huge thank you to each and every person who contributed to the success of our Summer Fair. We rely entirely on the goodwill of staff, parents and friends of the school to make this a fun event for all the family. We are also grateful for the support of local businesses in donating prizes for our raffle and to all of you who sold raffle tickets to friends, family and colleagues. A special thank you to [3BIS Gelateria](#) in Portobello Road for donating fourteen containers of delicious gelato for us to sell at the event for the second year in a row.

We look forward to sharing the final figure raised with you in our last newsletter which will be sent home next week. However, we can share that the figure is over £5,000 of which £900 was raised by the food donated by our Filipino families and £2,000 from the children's activities.

#### Staffing Update

We will be saying thank you and farewell to two class teachers at the end of the academic year. Miss Cunniffe is moving abroad after two years with us teaching in Reception. We wish her well and thank her for her dedication in securing the Early Years Healthy Schools Bronze Award (more below). Miss Percival is leaving after ten years at St. Mary of the Angels, during which she has led Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Lower Key Stage 2 as well as being the lead teacher for a wide range of subjects, including RE which is her current post of responsibility. More recently, she has stepped up as Acting Assistant Headteacher and Acting SENCO, roles she has carried out diligently. Miss Percival has secured an assistant headship post in a school in Ealing. We thank her for all she has contributed to the school and wish her well in her new post.

Next week we welcome Mrs Hough, Acting Deputy Headteacher, and Miss McNab, class teacher, back from maternity leave. With their imminent return, we have only had to recruit one new teacher to the team and so welcome Miss Brown who will be teaching in Key Stage 1 from September. Miss Davis, a member of our teaching support team, is currently on maternity leave and we look forward to hearing of the arrival of her baby in early August.

#### Art & Music Week 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June



Earlier this term we celebrated two weeks dedicated to art and music, in partnership with the wonderful outreach team from Wigmore Hall. Musical themed events included a special performance from a talented duo called Duo Eunoia <https://www.duoenoia.com/> who created and tailored their performance for our school. Their musical story included songs our violinists had been learning, along with a song from the Year 6 production as a surprise for the children. The piano and violin duo then held a special question and answer session with pupils after their moving performance. Another musical highlight was the workshop led by Rosie from Wigmore Hall, who performed some original and more well known songs on handpipes and the Marimba.

Our whole school art theme was 'Identity' and pupils were encouraged to use the arts to explore their own individuality and what makes each one of us unique. Each pupil created a piece of artwork celebrating their own identity, which became part of a collaborative class art piece. These are now displayed around the school and certainly celebrate how wonderfully we have been created in the image and likeness of God.

Our two week focus on music and art culminated in 'The Big Sing'. Preparations for this musical extravaganza started with a workshop where teachers, supported by members of the Wigmore Hall team, were tasked with writing a chorus for our new school song which we linked to the book '[Change Sings](#)'. This inspiring book by Andrea Gorman tells the story of a young girl who leads a cast of characters on a musical journey. They learn that they have the power to make changes - big or small - in the world, in their communities, and most importantly, in themselves. Each class were then tasked with writing their own original verse for the song entitled 'Building Up!'. The whole school then gathered together on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June to perform our new and unique school song with everyone joining in the chorus and each class singing their individual verses. It was an incredible celebration of coming together, diversity and identity and a wonderful finale!



### Moving Up Day: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July

We will be holding a Moving Up on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July where pupils will get the chance to meet their new class teacher and other members of the class team and to familiarise themselves with their new classroom and classmates. Your child will take home a 'Moving Up' booklet on the day of their transition day which will inform you of their new class and teacher.

### Nursery Assembly

Thank you to the Nursery for their wonderful assembly this Wednesday during which they shared with all gathered what they have learnt about how plants and vegetables grow. They also reminded us that plants and vegetables aren't the only things that grow – they have all grown this year too! As they said so wonderfully in their assembly, they have grown 'taller, stronger, in kindness, love and in learning!' Ducklings and their neighbours Robins have been working hard this year looking after their vegetable garden and putting all their knowledge to good use. Recently, they were delighted to taste and share their own produce. Thank you Mrs Carroll, Mrs Mourino and Ducklings for an informative and heartwarming assembly enjoyed by all.

### Record of Achievement 2022/23: Nursery to Year 6

Your child's end of year report will be sent home next week in a sealed envelope with your child. Year 2 and Year 6 parents will receive their child's report on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July and all other classes will receive theirs on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Information about the report format and how to contact the school if you have any queries about the contents of the report will be included.

### Healthy Schools Awards

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Miss O'Brien and Miss Cunniffe have worked extremely hard this year to secure the [Healthy Early Years London Bronze Award](#) and the [Healthy Schools London Bronze Award](#) for the school. Our school was previously awarded the Gold Award in both categories and once Gold is achieved, the cycle starts again after two years, beginning with audits of our current provision for keeping pupils healthy. The audits included a review of our lunch and breakfast club menus to ensure pupils have access to healthy meal choices and a review of our provision for physical activity across the school which has been a strength of the school for many years. We look forward to updating you on our progress towards the silver award next year!



### School Games Mark



We are also delighted to announce that St. Mary of the Angels has achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. This government-led scheme rewards schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WEEK COMMENCING (17<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY)

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production 6pm in the school hall
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass - 14.00 at St. Mary of the Angels Church
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet the teacher/ Transition Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term/School year <b>SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30pm</b>

#### Summer Holiday: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

#### September Dates

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>SCHOOL OPENS:</b> Start of Term 1/New School Year for pupils in Years 1 to 6. Reception and Nursery parents/carers—please refer to individual start date & time (see transition letter)

Mrs. Wilson	Miss Percival
Headteacher	Assistant Headteacher

