



## St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

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

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Dear Parents/Carers

### Newsletter: Friday 6th October 2023

#### Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, our school community came together to host our first ever Macmillan Coffee Morning. Staff, parents/carers and our Chaplaincy Team joined together to raise an amazing £220 for Macmillan Cancer Support. As always, thank you for your generosity and support; your donation of cakes made sure that the time spent together over a cup of tea/coffee was enjoyed by all. We look forward to holding the event again next year.



#### Feast of the Archangels

We were delighted that children and staff in Years 1 to 6 were able to attend a Mass on the Feast of the Archangels on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, celebrated especially for the school by Mgr. Jim Overton in our parish church. The attentiveness and reverence the children showed in Mass is a credit to their parents and the school. We now look forward to joining parishioners to celebrate Mass for the **Feast of All Saints on Wednesday 1st November** which is a Holy Day of obligation for Catholics. All are welcome!

#### Year 6 House Captains and Posts of Responsibility

Congratulations to our newly appointed House Captains **Beatriz - St. Raphael, Noah- St. Uriel, Tayla-Rae - St. Michael and Oliver- St. Gabriel**. We have every faith that they will lead their houses with dedication and diligence and serve as a great example to others along with their Year 6 peers who have all stepped up to take on additional responsibilities. We are so very proud of each and every one of them.

#### House points

Children in Years 1 to 6 have the opportunity to earn house points throughout the school day and from any member of staff in the school. Points can be awarded for words and actions which bear witness to our school's vision of 'Following Jesus in all we think, do and say' and for striving to be the best they can be. While our youngest children in Nursery and Reception are not awarded house points, we know from past experience that they enjoy joining in the celebrations when their house is awarded the House Point Trophy for having the highest number of house points that week and look forward to earning house points when they move in to Year 1. At the end of the autumn, spring and summer term the children in the house with the highest number of house points awarded that term will receive a special reward.

#### Catholic Life and Mission of the School

Ten Ten's October newsletter is now available for you to read [here](#) or by clicking [here](#) to visit the Catholic Life of the School home page on the school website.

#### Praying the Rosary

While we can pray The Rosary at any time, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7<sup>th</sup> and the month of October is a wonderful opportunity to pray The Rosary together as a school and at home with our families.

Therefore, each class will be praying The Rosary each day in October as follows:

- **Foundation Stage:** 1 x Our Father, 1 x Hail Mary, 1 x Glory Be
- **Key Stage 1:** 1 x Our Father, 3 x Hail Marys, 1 x Glory Be
- **Key Stage 2:** 1 x Our Father, 10 x Hail Marys, 1 x Glory Be (this is 'a decade')

#### Message from Margaret Wickware, Catechetical Coordinator, St Mary of the Angels Catholic Church

We have restocked the parish repository this year with books and other items. Click [here](#) for a list of books that are available to buy. We have a supply of children's rosaries that come with a pouch (price £3.50). They are available from the Church repository (before and after the 11am Mass) or from Mariella in the parish office (9:30am -1:30 pm weekdays). Mariella will order more of these items if we run out (delivery is about 5 days).



### Praying the Angelus

Every Friday for the month of October, the pupils and staff at St. Mary of the Angels will pause and pray the Angelus at 12pm. Traditionally, the Angelus is prayed at 6am, noon and 6pm. If you and your family would like to continue this at home, then you can find the Angelus prayer on the school website by clicking [here](#).

### Turning Concern into Action

Our Mini Vinnies team would like to thank all the pupils and staff who took part in our wear yellow campaign on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Together we raised £77.55 – thank you! Apologies for the confusion re the date which meant not everyone got the chance to wear yellow. In light of this, we are inviting everyone to wear something yellow again on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** which is World Mental Health Day. If you haven't made a donation and would like to do so that would be great.

### Mind Parent Workshop: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October @2:30-3:30

For parents/carers of children in Years 5 and 6

Would you like to learn more about how you can help your child in Year 5 or 6 with emotional regulation, and support and role model positive behaviour?

Grace Champion, a Drama Therapist and Supervisor from the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) at Hammersmith, Fulham, Ealing and Hounslow Mind is running a session for parents on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October** in the school hall.

This workshop is free and can also act as an introduction to Grace and the type of support Mind provide at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School. Please click [here](#) to read the flyer about the workshop.

### Author Visit-Emma Juhasz

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Key Stage 2 were treated to a special assembly, led by the author Emma Juhasz, to celebrate Libraries Week (2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> October). Emma spoke to the children about her new book entitled '[What Job In Football Can You Do?](#)' as well as her career as an author. The book is a great read, particularly for reluctant readers who are keen on football, and is available to buy at [emmajuhasz.com](http://emmajuhasz.com) or [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk)

### Oxford Reading Buddy

We are delighted to tell you that our school is now using *Oxford Reading Buddy*. This is a digital reading service to support children's reading development at home and at school. It contains hundreds of digital books and book-quizzes all matched to each child's reading ability. Next week, your child will receive their log in for Oxford Reading Buddy, which will be stuck into their reading journals. Once you receive this log in/sign-in card, please encourage them to use it regularly. If you don't have a tablet or PC at home the service works on smartphone as well. For more information click [here](#) and choose Parent Support.



### Foundation Stage Fun Day: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Each year, we hold a Foundation Stage Fun Day for our Nursery and Reception families. This year's event will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. The event will run from 2-4pm and will be held in the Foundation Stage playground. There will be lots of fun activities for parents and children to take part in and a delicious afternoon tea provided by the school. The bouncy castle and face painting are always a highlight as is the opportunity for parents and carers to come together. Older siblings in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will join the fun when their school day finishes.

### Parent Teacher Consultations

These will take place during the week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Further information will be sent via email so please ensure the school office has the most up to date contact information. Meetings will be held in person.

### School Choir

Congratulations to the 28 children across Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who were selected to join our new school choir following the recent auditions. Just over 60 pupils auditioned and our choir leader, Miss Murphy, had a very difficult task making her selection. The auditionees who didn't get selected were praised for putting themselves forward and awarded 10 house points. The choir will soon be getting their new choir badges and will be meeting every Thursday at lunchtime. We very much hope they will be an opportunity for them to perform for the whole school very soon.

### Free October Half Term Cycle Training for Children in Westminster

Westminster City Council is providing free cycle training courses to all children who live or go to school in the borough during the OCTOBER HALF TERM. Location is Academy Sport, Torquay Street, W2 5EW. This is suitable for children from 4 years. Cycles are available to borrow. Children must be able to attend training for every session. Places are limited and can be booked online on a first-come-first-served basis. To secure a place, parents and carers need to book on the Cycle Confident website <http://www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group/>



### **Kingfishers Prayer Service: Caring for Creation**

Thank you to the pupils and staff in Kingfishers Class who invited their parent/carers to gather and join them in prayer at their prayer service this afternoon. We were reminded of the wonder of God's creation as we listened to a reading from the book of Genesis which was accompanied by some beautiful art work and singing. The children also shared with us how they were going to answer the call to be stewards of creation, inspiring us to do likewise. Thank you Miss Miller, Mrs Lane, Kingfishers and Beatriz, a member of our Pupil Chaplaincy Team who assisted with the music.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Headteacher

Mrs Hough  
Deputy Headteacher