



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Dear Parents/Carers

School Council News: January 2024

Members of our School Council were honoured to be invited to form a 'Guard of Honour' on Sunday 28th January at Matrade Loftus Road Stadium to welcome the players on to the pitch before the QPR v Huddersfield game. This amazing opportunity helped mark the start of the [Green Football Weekend](#) sustainability campaign which our School Council, in partnership with Miss Hampshire from QPR's Primary Stars Programme, are taking part in the spring term. More information to follow after half term about this amazing project.



Sporting News

Well done to our Year 5 and Year 6 Boys football team who had an amazing tournament on Wednesday 24th January. The team worked well in both defence and attack, and communicated well with each other. The boys came third in their heat. Very well done!

Well done also to our Year 5 and Year 6 Girls football team who played in a tournament on Monday 29th January and came third in their group! The girls played incredibly well, especially having never played together as a team before. By the end of the tournament they had worked out a solid formation and won one of their matches 3-0. We are all so very proud of you all!



Our Year 6 cricket team played with confidence and determination at the cricket competition on Thursday 1st February. The Moogsoft William Greaves Trophy is the largest primary school cricket competition in the UK involving 18 London boroughs. Well done to all and thank you for being such excellent representatives of our school.



We were delighted to be invited by Middlesex County Cricket Club to take part in a special Education Day at Lords Cricket Ground on Thursday 1st February where Year 4 took part in a range of curriculum activities including art and history in different areas of the ground. The children also had a tour of Lord's Cricket Ground where they got to see the player's dressing room, artwork in the Long Room and the museum. The day ended with a cricket lesson in the indoor cricket centre. It was a fantastic trip – thank you to MCC!

Safer Internet Day 2024: Tuesday 6th February 2024

Safer Internet Day is held every February all around the world. Last year, over 170 different countries celebrated the day! Safer Internet Day (SID) is a chance to think about any worries we might have about using technology and the internet, but it's also about celebrating all the fantastic things technology can help us with. The theme of our celebrations and learning this year is 'Inspiring change! Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

Our dedicated team of Year 6 Digital Leaders worked with Mrs Wilson to prepare and present two special SID assemblies on the day - one for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1, and one for Key Stage 2. By participating in these assemblies, the children and staff joined thousands of others in celebrating SID! Thank you Alissia, Anabell, Lucas, Tiziana and Saphira for doing such a marvellous job of presenting and introducing SID 2024!

All year groups will be following up on the assemblies at an age appropriate level in class throughout the week and we look forward to sharing news of our online safety workshops which will be taking place in March.

For more information about Safer Internet Day 2024 please click [here](#). Please also visit the Online Safety page of the school website which is updated regularly and includes copies of the school's monthly online safety newsletters including a special Safer Internet Day newsletter.

Children's Mental Health Week 2024

To mark the end of Children's Mental Health Week, we held a **Dress to Express Day** today and together we raised £141.58. The idea was simple – we asked our pupils to use colour to express themselves by wearing a colourful outfit to celebrate what makes them unique.

Thank you, to everyone who participated in our **Dress to Express Day** to shine a light on Children's Mental Health week 2024. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated. All funds raised will go to the Catholic Children's Society who provide a counselling service in our school and many others across London.

KS1 Trip to the Diana Memorial Playground: Tuesday 6th February 2024

To celebrate the end of their *Pirates* topic, Key Stage 1 went on an adventure of their own by visiting the Diana Memorial Park to explore the pirate ship playground. Everyone had fun climbing aboard the pirate ship and looking for land ahoy! Thank you to all the staff and parents who made the day possible. The children came home with lots of sand in their shoes but no buried treasure sadly! Thank you also, to all the parents and carers who attended the pirate ship model exhibition in the school hall on Thursday 8th February. The children were so very proud of their wonderful creations and their pirate poetry.

Wigmore Hall: Thursday 8th February

Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, staff and accompanying parents were treated to a special concert for schools at Wigmore Hall on Thursday 8th February entitled Selense – Let's Merry and Dance. The children were led on a musical tour around Africa visiting different countries and learning about their stories and their sounds. The musicians performed songs on various instruments and in the styles from countries such as Morocco, Malia and Nigeria. It was a truly wonderful showcase for the talented musicians and performers.

Forest School – Come Rain or Shine!

Our Reception, Key Stage 1 and Year 3/4 pupils returned to Forest School this half term at Paddington Rec. Reception and Key Stage 1 were blessed with good weather. Unfortunately, the Kestrels weren't as fortunate with the weather yesterday, however all the children were dressed appropriately with layered clothing and good waterproofs/ footwear and so were able to participate in the planned activities. Forest School is a fantastic opportunity for all of our children to experience nature. You can find out more about the school's programme by clicking [here](#).

Kingfishers Assembly: Friday 9th February

In a very moving assembly, Kingfishers reminded all gathered of the true meaning and message of Valentine's Day. We were reminded of simple everyday ways in which we can show love towards one another. Thank you Kingfishers for your beautiful singing, prayers and the wonderful poetry and the heartfelt message shared today. We were all truly moved by your performance.



Spring Term-Solidarity and Peace (CST)

The theme for the Catholic Social Teaching (CTS) this half term was Solidarity and Peace. The children from Nursery to Year 6 explored the theme of Solidarity and Peace and explored how God calls us to be peacemakers in the world – to stand in solidarity with those in need. At the beginning of the term, we were led in a special CTS Rooted in Love assembly by our Year 5 and Year 6 Pupil Chaplaincy Team. In this assembly, the Pupil Chaplaincy Team encouraged us to think about what 'solidarity' means and what the Bible tells us about living in solidarity with each other. We are delighted to share more information about Rooted in Love (CTS) with parents and carers on our school's website [click here](#) for more information.

Message From Fr. Keith

Friday February 2nd marked the end of the Christmas season, with the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, when we finally take down the Christmas Crib, and turn our thoughts to the next event in the liturgy, Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent, which is only a few days away this year.

The Mass on February 2nd with our school community was a very joyful occasion, beginning in a blaze of light as we carry candles into Church to point to Jesus as the light of the world. But remember, he told us that we also have to be the light of the world as we live in close communion with him, so let's allow the light of our faith and kindly actions to those in need shine forth in a dark world.

Fr. Keith

Ash Wednesday Mass

On Thursday 22nd February at 11am, pupils and staff will be attending a special Lenten Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Church at 11am. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend to join us.

The Asaka Quartet Performance Workshop: Monday 19th February

We are delighted to announce that as part of our continued school partnership programme with Wigmore Hall, we will be welcoming The Asaka Quartet into our school on the 19th February for a special performance assembly for each KS. The Asaka Quartet is a prizewinning string quartet formed in 2021 at the Royal Academy of Music in London. To find out more about this exciting opportunity and to learn more about the Asaka Quartet then please [click here](#).



Assemblies and Prayer Services

Please click [here](#) for upcoming dates for the Spring term.

Ten Ten Newsletter

The February newsletter for parents/carers can be viewed by clicking [here](#) and includes an overview of our Gospel assemblies for the term ahead.

After School Clubs: Term 4

Booking is now open for next term's after school clubs. We are delighted to announce the return of our Reception/Year 1 Art Club and Year 2 Art Club both of which will be on Wednesdays. Please note, there are no clubs in the last week of term (week beginning March 25th). Please go to www.schoolgateway.com to see what clubs are available to your child and book a place.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have accompanied the staff and children on trips this term. Without you and our dedicated staff team, we would not have been able to make the most of the wonderful enrichment experiences available to our children.

Year of Prayer: Our Father

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer.

The Holy Father has asked that 2024 be year of prayer, as a preparatory year for the Jubilee with a special focus on - The Our Father. The Pope has asked everyone to pray for Christian unity and for peace throughout the world. During this year, as well as praying for unity and peace, each class will learn more about the Our Father that Jesus taught his disciples and pray it often as a class or as a whole school. It would be a lovely opportunity for families to come together and pray it at home. The Lord's Prayer offers us a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

The Lord's Prayer (Our Father)

Our Father,
Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

Wishing you a happy and peaceful half term break!

Mrs Wilson

Mrs Hough

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher