

St. Monica's School Weekly Newsletter

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ASSEMBLIES

On Monday, Mrs O'Shea spoke to the children about kindness. She reminded the children that they should show kindness to both their friends and teachers. Kindness and thoughtfulness was to be shown not just through words but their actions. We also celebrated the success of Danny Corbo, who as a past pupil has got through the first round of 'The Voice Kids'.

On Tuesday, Miss McCarron spoke to the Juniors about Refugee Week and how welcoming someone can make a big difference to their experience. She told them 'Habib's Story' which tells of the journey and painful losses that he experienced and how he was welcomed to the UK.

MUSIC ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, our instrumentalists from Year 4 played to the whole school and their parents. They gave a beautiful performance and amazed us all with their wonderful talents!!!

CHURCH VISIT

This week, our Reception children paid a visit to St Monica's Church. Fr John gave each class a tour of the Church and pointed out all the important items, like the Tabernacle, Monstrance, statues and many more.

Scientific Experiences

On Tuesday, some of our Year 5's took part in building a Dome with 12 other schools at Highfield Primary School. They will pass on their new found skills to the other Year 5 children and help them build a Dome here.

On Wednesday & Thursday, we had a visit from the Imperial College Outreach Team.

Years 4 & 5 were able to learn all about space, stars and the moon. Children from Bowes Primary, Our Lady of Lourdes & St Andrew's joined them and also gained new knowledge from the collaboration.

The Tate

On Tuesday, **Year 3** were visited by a photographer from Tate Britain who took a class picture as part of the Tate Year 3 Project. This will be displayed alongside classes from all over London in the Tate Britain from November. Year 3 had a wonderful morning and can't wait to see themselves alongside masterpieces!

BUILDING FUND

This week's Building Fund total is **£12,965** - only three weeks left to try and reach our **£13,500** target.

Once again, thank you for all your generosity!

Reception 2019

Today, we welcomed some of the new Reception children who will be joining us in September. Hopefully, they all felt comfortable with their new surroundings and the afternoon will have eased any anxieties they have about coming to 'BIG' school. We look forward to seeing the other children next Friday.

TASTER DAYS

On Wednesday, the **Year 5** boys spent the day at St Ignatius College and the girls spent the day at St Anne's Catholic High School. They had an interesting day learning what it is like to be in a secondary school and had a chance to try their hand at various new subjects.

SCHOOL SPORTS' DAY

Remember to wear the right colour T-shirt for the Sports Days. Yellow for St John, red for St Cecilia, green for St Francis and blue for St Theresa. If in doubt, ask your child's teacher.

Hopefully, we will have plenty of sunshine on the day, therefore your child will need to bring a bottle of water and a sun hat. Sun cream will need to be applied before your child comes to school. Arrangements as normal for dinners.

Summer Art Exhibition

Our school has been involved in the Excellence in Learning Community Summer Art Project and the final exhibition will take place from this Sunday, 30th June, 12 noon to 2pm through to Saturday 6th July.

Your child will have brought home an exhibition brochure home this week.

Please come along and view the amazing work the children have produced.

TRENT PARK

On Monday, **Year 2** visited Trent Park with their buddies from the Yavneh Jewish School. They had a lovely day in the sunshine playing lots of different games and their behaviour was impeccable.

Diary Dates

- Monday 1st July – Reports to parents
- Tuesday 2nd July – KS2 sports day at 9.45am in **Arnos Grove Park**
- Wednesday 3rd July – KS1 sports day at 9.45am in **Arnos Grove Park**
- Friday 5th July – Year 2 to Walton-on-the-Naze, refer to letter
- Friday 5th July – Open afternoon for our 2019 Reception children and their parents at 1.30pm

End of Year Reports

You will receive your child's end of year report on Monday. If you have any concerns about the report and would like to speak to the class teacher, please make an appointment via the school office. Teachers are available for this purpose after school on Monday 8th July.

SUMMER FETE

This will take place on Saturday 29th June from 12 noon – 4pm, please come along and support it. Thank you to everyone for all their kind donations of bottles, cakes, gifts etc.

Piano Teacher

Experienced piano teacher available from September, very reasonable rates – call Janet 020 8886 3303.

A Summer Prayer

God of Light and Truth, thank you for giving me a mind that can know and a heart that can love. Help me to keep learning every day of my life, for all knowledge leads to you. Let me be aware of your presence in all things and at all times. Encourage me when work is difficult and when I am tempted to give up; encourage me when my brain seems slow and the way forward is difficult. Grant me the grace to put my mind to use exploring the world you have created, confident that in you there is a wisdom that is real.

Have a lovely weekend!