

St. Monica's School Weekly Newsletter

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ASSEMBLIES

On Monday, Mrs Tottle-Nugent got two of the children to be creative with shaving foam and when they had finished she asked them to tidy up and put their foam back in the can! She then explained to the children that it was just as impossible to put unkind words back inside us when we had said them and that we should always think about what we are saying.

MUSIC ASSEMBLY

On Wednesday, our instrumentalists from Years 2 and 3 played to the whole school and their parents. They gave a beautiful performance and amazed us all with their wonderful talents!!!

CORPUS CHRISTI

Thank you to Fr. John who joined us on Thursday to celebrate Mass and lead the procession for Corpus Christi. The Friends very kindly bought a cross for each of the Year 3 children who recently made their First Holy Communion. Fr. John blessed them and presented them after Mass. Many thanks to the Parish of St Monica's for treating the children and staff to ice-lollies.

Thank you also to the Year 3 parents for sending the children in in their First Holy Communion finery. They all looked lovely and it made the Mass and procession very special.

OPEN AIR THEATRE

On Thursday afternoon, Year 4 visited Regent's Park Open Air Theatre to see their first ever opera - Hansel and Gretel. They were transported to the foreboding forest and drooled with envy as Hansel and Gretel peeled tiles off the house which were made of real cake! A lovely outing, and Year 4's impressive behaviour was the cherry on top.

BUGSY PROPS

If you have any old style suitcases or 1920s style telephones (candlestick type) that Year 6 could borrow for the production please let the school office know.

School Budget

You may have seen on Facebook or Twitter that I went to meet with Nick Gibb MP, Schools' Minister on Wednesday this week. I was joined by Headteachers from Walker, Hazelwood, Garfield, West Grove, Oakthorpe, Firs Farm, St Michael at Bowes and Durants. The meeting had been arranged by our local MP Bambos Charalambous as we are all concerned about school funding. The meeting was very constructive but his hands are tied as all decisions regarding finance are made by the Treasury. No money can be released until Brexit has been resolved. We live in hope that the spending review will bring more funds for April 2020. *Mrs Baptiste*

BUILDING FUND

This week's Building Fund total is **£12,650** - only four weeks left to try and reach our **£13,500** target. Once again, thank you for all your generosity!

SUMMER FETE

Thank you for all the bottles that were brought in today. Don't forget next Friday is also a non-uniform day in exchange for cakes & gifts. Also, you should all have received Summer Fete Raffle Tickets; please return them by Friday 28th June. If you need more books they can be picked up from the school office.

MATHS COMPETITION

Huge congratulations and well done to Alicia, Dera, Fionn and Zikora from Year 6 and to Louis, Nicholas, Gabriel P and Luke M from Year 5 who recently took part in the Inter Schools Maths Competitions. The Year 6 team came in second place and the Year 5 team came in third place. The competitions were held at St Christina's School in St John's Wood and the children enjoyed using their logic and reasoning skills to solve many different maths puzzles.

Piano Teacher

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

Diary Dates

- Monday 24th June – RY visiting St Monica's Church
- Monday 24th June – Year 2 to Trent Park, please refer to letter
- Tuesday 25th June – RG visiting St Monica's Church
- Wednesday 26th June – Year 5 Taster Days at St Anne's Catholic High School & St Ignatius College, refer to letters
- Wednesday 26th June – Year 4 Music Assembly at 9.15am, Year 4 parents are invited
- Friday 28th June – Non-uniform Day in exchange for cakes & gifts for the Summer Fete
- Friday 28th June – Open afternoon for our 2019 Reception children & their parents at 1.30pm

FRENCH PLAY

Today, 4Y walked to Palmers Green High School to watch a French play. They had a very cultural afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Parry-Garnaud for inviting us and organising it.

SCIENCE WEEK

This week was Science Week. We celebrated science and nature – from observing with microscopes to mini beast hunts and much, much more. Thank you to Mrs Egan and Ms Meade who came in to share information with us about their interesting scientific jobs, please ask your child to share the details with you.

PRAYER

Father, sometimes we care about ourselves more than we care about others. We have worries and problems which fill up our minds. Help us, Lord, to remember those who may need our love and help – our families, friends and people we meet every day. Teach us to be more giving and to care for everyone as you do.

Have a lovely weekend!