

13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents

Our first full week back of this term has been very busy. There have been lots of exciting things happening in classrooms and there is a fair bit of excitement about "A Star is Born!" Application forms have been flooding in and there will be just over 100 auditions taking place next week! I can't wait!

**A Star is Born!** – Auditions will mostly take place during music lessons and will be as follows: Monday afternoon Year 4, Tuesday morning Year 5, Wednesday morning Year 2 and Year 1, Wednesday afternoon Reception, Thursday morning Year 3 and Thursday afternoon Year 6. If any child is absent on their day, we will fit them in when they are back. Please send any links to music to Mrs Tottle-Nugent on [h.tottle-nugent@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:h.tottle-nugent@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk) Alternatively, send in CDs/iPods on the day of the audition and give to the class teacher to look after. I hope that the children will enjoy this time and that they will actively support and encourage one another. Together everyone achieves more! We hope to make the decision about who has got through by Friday 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Music in Class 6Y** - Patrick, Lilly & Ellie from London Sinfonietta came to work with the children in Class 6Y on Thursday. The composition challenge that was set will be carried on this half term with Ms Phillips with all the children in Year 6. It was noted that the musical expertise within the group was quite exceptional!

**Cooking in Class 6G** – Kirsty and Charlotte from HCL catering company were in school on Thursday and Friday this week to teach healthy cooking to class 6G. The children made pizza calzone using wraps as well as coleslaw and courgette muffins! Each week they will learn a simple recipe to cook something which we hope they will practise at home (with adult support)!

**5G swimming** – The children in Class 5G started a ten week swimming programme at Southgate pool this week. Class 5Y start their lessons in the summer term.

**Books in other languages** – Our school librarian, Alison is working hard to expand the range of books in our school library. Today she used up over £800 commission received from Usborne books from the sales last term and we look forward to receiving them soon. We would like some books in other languages. If you have any at home that you would like to donate, please send them in before we start ordering any. Popular languages are Polish, French, Spanish and Italian, but any language would be brilliant.

**Year 2 workshop** - Desni from One Day Creative led a workshop about the Great Fire of London with Year 2. Using drama, the children explored different methods that could be used to put the fire out, did some mime and freeze frame and generally had a very enjoyable session.

**All the latest school events/news** – This week's events can be viewed on the school website!  
<https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/category/news/>

**Lost Property** – We have a few £100 of "lost property" at school. It was piled high on tables after school and will be kept at the front of school all next week. Anything unclaimed by Friday, please just come and take anything you want (Nike/Adidas trainers/coats/full school uniform!!) and anything left will be disposed of. NOTHING HAS A NAME ON IT!! This is thoroughly depressing as it's such a waste of money for parents. Please get a pen and write your child's name on all their belongings. Thank you!

### **Diary Dates**

- **Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Auditions for "A Star is Born!" - Monday afternoon Year 4, Tuesday morning Year 5, Wednesday morning Year 2 and Year 1, Wednesday afternoon Reception, Thursday morning Year 3 and Thursday afternoon Year 6.

- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Choir off to the O2 for Young Voices (don't forget packed lunches)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm** – Internet safety online workshop for St Monica's parents. The link to join the meeting will be sent out nearer the time. In light of all the news about Andrew Tate and his influence over young children, boys in particular (and sadly in our school), this workshop is an absolute MUST ATTEND.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Kate Baptiste, Headteacher