

28th April 2023

Dear Parents

Internet safety – Following the workshop we had a few weeks ago regarding keeping your child safe online, I am forwarding this link which has helpful advice for parents. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> A key question to ask yourself is, “Do you know what your child is doing online?” I am going to hold an online meeting for any parent who would like to share suggestions about keeping their child safe online, or if you have any concerns or worries and are seeking advice for example, “Should I allow my child to have a mobile phone when they start secondary school?” The meeting will be on **Tuesday 16th May 7.30pm via zoom.**

Mile Run – Over fifty children took part in the run at the London Marathon event on Saturday 22nd April. In the Yr 5&6 group the children ran 2.6km and there were 224 runners in this category. We had several children in the top 20!! Ethan came 3rd, Annie came 8th and Ellis came 9th. Florence ran in the Yrs5&6 race even though she is only Yr4 and came 10th!! Dylan came 11th, Franek 13th and Henry 15th. In the Yr 3&4 race, 261 children completed the one mile challenge. Our children did really well with Dougie coming 5th, Ethan O’K 6th, James L 8th, Gianluca 11th, Lucas 14th and Aoibheann was 18th. A huge well done to all the racers! They had a wonderful experience and were all inspired to be future marathon runners! Thanks very much to Mrs Warrington for organising the children to attend this London event.

Netball – Year 6 girls played against Grange Park Prep and Oakthorpe on Monday winning both matches 27/2 and 20/3 respectively! Well done to the team. Mrs Moruzzi and Mrs Hoey say, “The team have been simply amazing and a true credit to St Monica’s!”

Year 5 trip to Verulamium – The Year 5 children had an enjoyable day at Verulamium on Monday which was linked to their history learning. They visited the Roman Hypocaust, handled Roman artefacts and saw the ruins of the London Gate. They also enjoyed spending some money in the gift shop!

Year 4 to Mass – We had to re-schedule the trip to Mass due to a diary clash but hope to go later this term. Unfortunately, Fr Mehall didn’t get the message and waited ten minutes before starting Mass. Apologies if you were at church that morning!

A visit from Wolfson Hillel – We were delighted to welcome Year 5 children from Wolfson Hillel Jewish School to St Monica’s to visit Year 6 on Tuesday. This was part of a faith’s forum initiative, where children from different faith schools can come together and learn from one another. The staff from Wolfson complimented us on how well behaved our children were.

Year 6 Music Assembly – On Wednesday we were entertained by nearly a third of Year 6 who performed on piano, flute, saxophone, electric guitar, guitar, violin and drums! What a talented bunch they are! If you have five minutes, take a look at our recent events on our school website <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/category/news/>

Chess demo – Sat Khalsa from Premier Chess Coaching came to school on Friday and gave us all a chess demonstration. A new lunch-time chess club is starting next Friday. If you would like your child to join, please see the attached flier and click on the link.

National Maths Day Monday 17th May 2023 – On this day, if possible, we would like the children to wear something maths related. You can be as creative as you like, but please do not go to any expense. At our last Maths Day we had some very creative (homemade) 3D cubes, clocks and calculators! A plain t-shirt decorated with numbers and maths symbols is also simple, but effective. There are some suggestions here: <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/carolynhellicar/maths-dress-up-ideas/>

Clothes Rail – Does anyone have a clothes rail that they no longer need that we could use in the medical room? If so, please send to the office. Many thanks

Diary Dates

Saturday 29th April – The Friends are holding a 90s night at Winchmore Hill cricket club Have fun!

Monday 1st May – School Closed for the bank holiday

Tuesday 2nd May – School Closed due to strike action

Wednesday 3rd May 8.50am – As May is the month of Our Lady, we pray a decade of the Rosary each morning outside school - all welcome

Thursday 4th May 9.15am – May procession in honour of Our Lady, parents/carers invited.

Friday 5th May – We will be recognising the historic event of the King's coronation. Children may come to school wearing red/white/blue. Please send your child in with a snack for our afternoon picnic eg a sandwich/piece of fruit/biscuit – no nuts are permitted and no high energy or fizzy drinks. If you have one please also bring in a picnic blanket

Monday 8th May – School closed for the King's coronation – national bank holiday

Friday 12th May – School closed for Siobhan's funeral (other than a childcare group) – all pre-paid externally run afterschool clubs will also be running eg gymnastics, football and Spanish

Tuesday 16th May 7.30pm online – Internet safety session for parents. Zoom link to be sent nearer the time.

Wednesday 17th May – Maths Day – children can dress up on a maths theme – more details to follow

Friday 19th May – International Cultural Diversity Day – children may come to school wearing national dress/costume, national team sports kits or flag colours.

Wednesday 14th June 1.30pm – Reception Dad's (grandads/uncles) stay and play

Friday 16th June 1.30pm – Years 2 and 3 Dad's (grandads/uncles) stay and play in lieu of their Reception afternoon which didn't take place due to covid.

Friday 23rd June 1.30pm – School occasion to remember Siobhan – all families welcome – details to be explained shortly

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and let's hope the sun shines for at least part of it!

Kind regards
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