

24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents



We have had a super busy week this week with a lot going on! We started off with Maths day on Tuesday and finished with International Day today, with plenty packed in between! What a fantastic week to end this half term!

**Maths Day** – On Tuesday, we had an array of maths costumes on display which was wonderful to see. Have a look at a few images [here](#). We held a whole school assembly where the best costumes were awarded a certificate. We were all super impressed with one of our mums Angela Goodings who explained how maths is such a huge part of her job. She showed the children how she uses addition of money, calculation of area of space and bar charts of information when purchasing land for things like shopping centres. It was fascinating and really brought maths to life. Throughout the day, the teachers had organised a carousel of activities and so children worked in different classrooms and with different teachers on a range of maths problems, puzzles and quizzes. Huge thanks to our maths leader Mrs Hindle for organising such a stimulating day!

**Secret Reader** – In order to encourage a love of reading the staff have been organising “secret reader” days when different teachers go to a different classroom to read a story. The children get little clues to guess who is coming to read to them. To see a few images of the sessions click [here](#).

**May is the month of Our Lady** – Thanks to all the staff and children who have led the Rosary prayer each morning during May.

**Assemblies** – On Wednesday Mrs Hindle celebrated all the Junior children who had been achieving great things with their times tables!



**Class 4Y's assembly** – On Thursday, Class 4Y took us on a trip to Ancient Rome. They educated us about all the things that the Romans have left us with and read and sang beautifully. Watch the action [here](#).

**International Cultural Diversity Day** – Today has been a fantastic celebration of countries around the world. The Infant hall was awash with colour and so many parents who came to help throughout the day. Thanks to all their hard work and giving so generously of their time, efforts and energy, the children could experience the tastes, smells, sights and sounds of: Cyprus, Ghana, Jamaica, St Lucia, Colombia, Poland, Syria, Ukraine, Ireland, Albania, Bulgaria, Sri Lanka, India, Brazil & Romania! Many parents were unable to make it but sent in food – special thanks to our parents Andy and Kerry (who run Nissi restaurant on Alderman's Hill) and kindly donated some of the Cypriot dips, olives and bread on display today. The generosity of all parents was really staggering. The effort put into the outfits today was also wonderful. It was a true celebration of the rich diversity of St Monica's School! The children were proud to share where they, their parents, grandparents and great grandparents were born – we pretty much covered all seven continents! Looking forward to next year already!! See lots of photos [here](#)!!

### Diary Dates for next half term:

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> – Half term holiday – school is closed for all children.
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Inset day – school is closed for all children
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – 5G to Palmers Green High for French drama – see email about late return to school
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – 4Y on a boat trip – bring packed lunch
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Mass for Corpus Christi – Year 3 may wear their First Holy Communion outfits (or something white)
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Disco straight after school – finish at 4.30pm. Come into school wearing disco clothes  
<https://app.goodhub.com/kidsummerdisco>
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am – 4G's class assembly
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Social event in the evening for adults. Click here for more information  
<https://app.goodhub.com/summersocial2024>
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am – 5G's class assembly
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9.30am – Infant Sports Day at Broomfield Park (finish approx. 11.30am)
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> 9.30am – Junior Sports Day at Broomfield Park (finish approx. 12 midday)
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am – 2Y's class assembly
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 7pm – Year 6 production for families
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 7pm – Year 6 production for families
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 7pm – Razzle Dazzle music concert (choir and strings groups)
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 7pm – Year 6 Leavers' Mass
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am – Reception Graduation Ceremony
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am – 2G's class assembly
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 1pm – break up for the summer holiday

**OPAL** – If you're doing a clear out and have a buggy or scooter or net curtains (for den building), please can you donate them for our playground project?

Have a lovely half term holiday and I will see you all on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**.

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