



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022

Thursday 10th February 2022

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Children's Mental Health Week has taken place this week across the country and at St Richard's. This year's theme is **Growing Together**. At St Richard's we have been using this week to encourage our children to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.



WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word this week is the holiday special version which will last for the next three weeks. We are very grateful that the team continue to support families with free online editions of the Wednesday Word. The holiday edition is available by visiting:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=52.9>

SUPERMARKET VOUCHERS OVER HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS

As I am sure you are aware, we break up for February half-term on Friday 18th February and we return to school on Monday 28th February. The Council has approved the use of the Household Support Grant to fund supermarket vouchers over the February 2022 (one week) half term holidays, for children eligible for free school meals (FSM). This is in response to the reduction in Universal Credit and expected fuel increases and the financial pressures facing many of our families. As with previous school holidays, school will send you the vouchers during the week prior to the holiday.

MANCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOLS' BASKETBALL FINAL

On Wednesday 9th February, St Richard's basketball team took part in the Manchester Primary Schools' Basketball Final at St Peter's RC High School. We lost the first narrowly to Divine Mercy, before being well beaten by the eventual winners, Beaver Road. The team also narrowly lost to St Elizabeth's and Charlestown. We came fifth overall, which is a very creditable achievement considering 32 schools entered the competition. All the games were played in a great spirit and our seven basketballers represented their school with pride. Isaiah was our top scorer and Kevaeh won an award for teamwork. The other members of the team were Carter, Steve, Sabrina, Lleyton and Gabriella. Many thanks to Mr Neilson and staff from school for training and taking the team.

MCR ACTIVE FREE HALF-TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Over the February half-term holidays, MCRactive are running FREE holiday activities for children aged 5-16 years. The booking links are now live. All the activities across the city and booking information can be found on the following link: <https://www.mcractive.com/activity/free-school-holiday-activities-in-manchester>

Spaces do fill up quickly so to avoid disappointment, please book as soon as possible. Please only book a space if your child will definitely be attending. If you book and they can no longer attend, please ensure you cancel your space (directly through Eventbrite) so that their space opens up for another child to take up the opportunity. If you have any other questions, please contact the organiser, Steve Williams, at s.williams@mcractive.com



WORLD DAY OF THE SICK AND FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Tomorrow, Friday 11th February 2022, is The Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes as well as being World Day of the Sick. There are strong connections between these two days. Appropriately, Pope Francis entrusted World Day of the Sick to the prayers of Mary:

"O Mary, Seat of Wisdom, intercede as our Mother for all the sick and for those who care for them! Grant that, through our service of our suffering neighbours, and through the experience of suffering itself, we may receive and cultivate true wisdom of heart!"

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor at St Richard's. Parent governors are elected by other parents and are vital for the effective leadership that our governing body provides. Parent governors share responsibility for carrying out the governing body's wide range of functions. You do not have to be an expert in education to be a school governor; training will be given. You would be required to give your time for 3 full governing body meetings in every academic year, 3 curriculum links meetings every year and to serve on at least one committee, which would meet once a term. If you are interested, please email comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk with your full name, the full names and year group/class of children that you have at St Richard's and a telephone number on which someone from school could contact you to discuss the vacancy and answer any questions that you may have.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD TO START NURSERY IN SEPTEMBER 2022?

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 and you would like them to attend full time in the Nursery at St Richard's RC Primary School from September 2022, then please contact the school office as soon as possible for an admission form. Your child will be added to the waiting list for admission to our Nursery class in September 2022. Places are in high demand and offers are starting to be sent out this week.

RESPONDING TO THE NEWSLETTER

We are always happy to receive comments, observations or suggestions about the newsletter or any aspect of school life in general. Any such comments will be read and considered. These can be emailed to: comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
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