



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022

Thursday 16th June 2022

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL EVERYONE

Welcome back to school everyone for the final half-term of the academic year. We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable Whitsuntide break. We wish everyone the very best.

TODAY IS ST RICHARD'S FEAST DAY

Today, Thursday 16th June, is the feast day of our school's patron saint, St Richard of Chichester. The children were able to celebrate with an ice lolly on this special day for our school community. Here is our patron's prayer – it would be lovely if you prayed it today at some time:



*Thanks be to Thee, my Lord
Jesus Christ*

*For all the benefits Thou hast given me,
For the pains and insults*

Which Thou has borne for me.

O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother,

May I know Thee more clearly,

Love Thee more dearly,

Follow Thee more nearly

Day by Day.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word team continue to support families with free online editions of the Wednesday Word. These are available every Wednesday by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/nourish?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=62.3>

This week, the Wednesday Word is back to its usual format and this week's Wednesday Word is **NOURISH**.

YEAR 6 VISITS TO THE MARIST CENTRE

All of our Year 6 pupils have visited the Marist Youth Centre in Chorlton this week for a day long retreat focused on transition to high school. Ellie in C13 reported, "It was really fun, the people at the Marist Centre were really nice and we learned a lot about going to high school and the sort of things we can expect. It was an amazing day."

ROAD SAFETY & CLEAN AIR DAY THEATRE PRODUCTION

On Tuesday afternoon this week we were visited by Box Clever Theatre Company who put on an amazing production in the school hall for our Year 5 pupils. The play explored issues around road safety and getting to school safely. Jayden in Class 10 enthused, "It was brilliant – I wish we could watch it again!"

Y6 ANCIENT GREECE WORKSHOPS WITH TONY NORTH

This week and next week, our Year 6 classes will be taking part in an all day long interactive 'time trip' back to Ancient Greece to support their work in their current History Learning Journey. Carter in Class 11 (who was dressed as an ancient Greek soldier at the time) explained, "It has been a great day, we have had a lot of fun but also learned a lot about life in ancient Greece."

SCIENCE WORKSHOPS WITH AMANDA MORROW

This week our Year 3 classes really enjoyed the Science Workshops with Amanda Morrow. The focus was on Light and Forces. The children made some amazing Magnetic Maze games and Emily in Class 6 said that she really enjoyed the shadow puppet theatre show at the end of the day.

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD TO READ DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS WITH THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

This is just early notification that this year's theme for the Summer Reading Challenge is 'Gadgeteers'. The challenge will launch on 4th July and will run until 17th September. Children can join the challenge at a local library from this date. The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to encourage reading for pleasure over the summer holidays, building reading skills and confidence, and helping to prevent the 'dip' in reading skills while children are out of school. Please take a look at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk for further details.

Summer Reading Challenge 2022



Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

SUN PROTECTION IN WARM WEATHER

Please ensure that your child is provided with effective protection from the sun in the event of hot weather between now and school breaking up for the summer holidays. Tomorrow has been forecast to be very warm.

SCHOOL PHOTOS NEXT WEEK

Class photographs will be taken next Tuesday, 21st June. Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform (summer or winter) on this day. Details about ordering class photos will follow later.

ENSURING EXCELLENT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and all the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' and local authorities' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance and persistent lateness. The DfE – and the Governing Body of St Richard's - expects us to apply these rules. As air travel gets closer to normal following the pandemic, some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. **Please do not do this**. Instead, parents should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday as this will be unauthorised and is very likely to lead to a penalty notice/fine.

A NEW BABY!

Miss Curry (teaching assistants in the Nursery) has had her baby. Her name is Amber-Rose, she was born on 2nd June at 18:38 weighing 7lb 2oz. Both mum and baby are doing really well.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

Manchester University are holding a free, family-friendly community festival on Saturday 25th June from 11am – 4pm. There will be live experiments, interactive demonstrations, musical and dramatic performances, workshops – as well as free face-painting, sporting challenges and a climbing wall. Full details are available at www.manchester.ac.uk/communityfestival

With many thanks for your continuing support and best wishes,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School