



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2022



Thursday 22nd September 2022

AN EVENTFUL WEEKEND

Welcome back to school following a longer weekend as a result of the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. I hope that you were able to watch some of the historic proceedings unfold. Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend the Parish Garden Party last Sunday. Father Dever was very appreciative all of the support shown at what was a lovely social occasion.

YEAR 6 GEOGRAPHY TRIPS TO QUARRY BANK IN STYAL

All of our Year 6 pupils will visit Quarry Bank in Styal this month as part of their Geography Learning Journey on Rivers. C13 (and some of C11) went on Tuesday this week. Michal writes, *'At Quarry Bank we learned about different kinds of maps and we did grid references. Pond-dipping was a big part of our experience. Looking over the little creatures was fun. We learned some new words like 'meander' and 'erosion' and, at the end, we did a river speed test and that was the end of our journey.'* Jayden added, *'It was brilliant, absolutely brilliant. In the first half of the day we focused more on experiments that determined which side of the water was faster. In the morning we also dropped an apple in the river – the middle apple was fastest. In the afternoon we focussed more on the river and what is in it. We went pond dipping and our group found a variety of pond life, which we saw under a microscope.'*

TONY NORTH VISITS TO YEAR 6

As part of Year 6's Science Learning Journey on Evolution and Inheritance, they will each have a day-long visit from Mr North this half term. Class 12 had their visit on Tuesday. Brianna writes, *'On Tuesday 20th September, the pupils of Class 12 all received a friendly, educational visit from Mr North. Throughout the day, we did various activities to do with fossils, adaptation and evolution. We learnt about how the different changes of an animal help them live their life. We all learnt something new. Thank you Mr North.'*

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE FOR 2023

Parents of pupils who are currently in Year 6 must apply for a secondary school place by the closing date of 5pm on Monday 31st October 2022. Please visit: https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500322/secondary_school_admissions/7516/apply_for_a_year_7_secondary_place_for_or_september_2023/4

APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN RECEPTION FOR 2023

The closing date for applying for a Reception place for your child for a September 2023 start is Monday 16th January 2023. Please visit: https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2023/4

INTRAHEALTH FLU VACCINATIONS

On Monday 3rd October, Intrahealth will be administering a flu vaccination to pupils from Reception to Year 6 for all those children whose parents have provided consent. The closing date to return consent was Wednesday 14th September.

STAYING IN TOUCH AND INFORMED BY NEWSLETTER

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week. The newsletter will only be printed and handed out very occasionally – approximately once every half-term. Usually, the newsletter is only available electronically. It can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon. However, if you wish to receive the newsletter directly every week by email, then you simply have to send:

1. Your full name
2. Name(s) and class(es) of your child(ren) at our school
3. Preferred email address
4. The message *'I consent to school using my email address in order to send me a copy of the newsletter each week of term.'*

to comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk and you will be added to the mailing list.

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

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Please have another look at the school website this week. Your child(ren)'s class page(s) have all been updated and are available by going to <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/> and then clicking on the 'Classes' drop-down menu. Here you will find up-to-date information about the routines in your child's class this year (eg – PE days, homework setting and submission requirements, etc). This information is provided to assist you and your children) to make the very most of their time in class.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE



The Wednesday Word team continue to support children and their families with free online editions of the Wednesday Word. This week's (yesterday's) edition is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/sharing?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=69.10> This Wednesday's Word is **SHARING**.

IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION UPDATE REQUIRED

Please ensure that if your child has any changes to a medical condition or has any allergies or develops a new medical condition that you inform/update school as soon as possible.

INTERNATIONAL NO CAR DAY

Today, Thursday 22nd September, is World Car Free Day. It is hoped that, all around the world on this day, people will be able to experience streets free of motor traffic. It would be wonderful if as many of us as possible could choose safe car-free alternatives in order to get to and from school today. Today might be the ideal opportunity to start parking further away from school and walking the last five or ten minutes. This would be good for health, good for the environment and good for improving road safety on the streets around our school.

SAFE DROP-OFF AND PICK UP OF CHILDREN

It is not safe or acceptable (in fact, it is dangerous) for parents who drive their children to school to stop their car in the middle of the road and expect children to step into the road in order to get into school. Please give yourself enough time to park up (preferably a bit further away from school in order to avoid congestion – as suggested above) and then calmly walk the rest of the way to school. This will have a positive impact on everyone and is much safer for your child. Many thanks in advance for your full cooperation.

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
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