



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2023



Thursday 21st September 2023

The mission of St Richard's is that we know, love and follow Christ by looking after each other and trying our best every day.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GREAT MANNERS

At our assemblies last Friday, I reminded all our pupils of the need to always demonstrate outstanding manners as part of our mission (see above) to look after each other. Excellent manners will be insisted upon by all staff at St Richard's this year, as in all previous years. Please help your child to easily demonstrate outstanding manners by modelling and expecting these from your child(ren) at home too – so that they become embedded. Many thanks in advance for your help with this.

ZERO TOLERANCE TOWARDS AGGRESSION OR ABUSE

We enjoy an excellent home-school partnership with our parents and we are very proud of and grateful for this. Thank you all very much. It is important for all parents and carers to know that the staff at St Richard's are committed to maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all our pupils, parents and staff. Aggressive or abusive conduct towards staff at school will never be tolerated and will always be reported and addressed. We all play a role in maintaining the positive and friendly atmosphere at St Richard's. So let's work together to always ensure a pleasant and respectful school experience for everyone involved. Many thanks in advance for your full cooperation at all times.

CLASS 13's TRIP TO QUARRY BANK MILL

Each of our Year 6 classes will be visiting Quarry Bank this week or next week. Gabriela in C13 writes, *'On Tuesday 19th September, we went to Quarry Bank to learn about rivers and maps. For the first half of the day we learnt how to read maps and we discovered different types of maps (eg a sound map). For the other half of the day, we explored the River Bollin. We had a chance to see the river and find out its speed by dropping apples into the flowing water. We had a really fun day and we enjoyed all the activities that Quarry Bank had to offer.'*

CLASS 8's ANCIENT ROMAN DAYS

Mr North delivered all-day immersive History Workshops this week, on both Tuesday and Wednesday, to all our Year 4 pupils. Haifa in Class 8 writes, *'Yesterday was a fun day as we had Tony North in to help us learn more about Romans. We made swords, Roman coins and Hassan was chosen to dress up as a Roman soldier. I can't wait to take my sword home!'*

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

As well as keeping in touch with events in school via the newsletter, please remember that lots of really useful information about school is also available on our school website at <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/>. The term dates for this academic year are available. Also of interest to parents will be our Curriculum 2023-24 pages (found under 'Key Information' on the home page). Here you will find up to date and in-depth information about what your child(ren) will be learning in their class throughout the year. Please also visit your child(ren)'s class page(s).

ST PETER'S RC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

St Peter's is our partner Roman Catholic High School and is the high school that most of our pupils attend. St Peter's Open Evening takes place this evening (Thursday 21st September 2023) between 5pm – 8pm. St Peter's is on Kirkmanshulme Lane, M12 4WB. An introductory talk and presentation will be given by the Mr Gabriel, the headteacher, at 17:30 and again at 18:30. Please see www.stpetershigh.com for more information.

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

The Wednesday Word is now back to its usual format and, for the time being, remains an online only publication (no paper copies have been available since the pandemic). Please try to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting: <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/generous?pid=MTA101634&v=103.7> This Wednesday's Word is **GENEROUS**.

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

National Online Safety (NOS) have created free online safety guides for schools to share with parents and carers. This campaign is called '#WakeUpWednesday'. At St Richard's we provide a link most weeks to a different topical e-safety issue so that parents and children are better informed and able to make better choices about their computer and internet use. This week's edition of Wake Up Wednesday is about setting boundaries around gaming. Please read more [here](#)

THE BIG AMBITION SURVEY FOR CHILDREN

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children and young people across the country. The survey is now live. Dame Rachel says, 'Through 'The Big Ambition' survey I want to hear from children and young people about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world. I am also asking what they want for their future, their hopes, dreams, and aspirations'.

This survey is for all children and young people aged 0 to 18. Children aged 6 to 18 can complete the survey themselves. For those who may need additional support or for children under six, parents and other adults can complete the survey on their behalf. The survey can be completed here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition and through the following link there is an easy read version and different questions based on the age of the child or young person. 'The Big Ambition' [webpage](#) includes resources and overviews of the survey.

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

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

Headteacher
St Richard's RC Primary School