



# St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2024



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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.

## WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's edition of the Wednesday Word is available by visiting <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/community?pid=MTA101634&v=116.3>

This week's Wednesday Word is **COMMUNITY**

## ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS WORKSHOP

Aneesa in Class 13 writes, 'On Tuesday, Amanda Morrow visited Class 13 and taught us about electricity. We learnt about how electricity is made (through hydro, solar, nuclear, wind, biomass, through fossil fuels in power plants or through solar panels) and how electricity is passed through a generator to pylons, which transfer the electricity through wires (which then run underground) into our homes.'

Throughout the morning, we experimented and made circuits with buzzers, batteries and bulbs and we learnt how to draw these out in a scientific format. By the end of the day we ended up with our own excellent end product of a lamp of our very own designs.'

## DO NOT GO THROUGH THE STAFF CAR PARK

Parents must not cut through the staff car park next to St Richard's Church and should never attempt to squeeze past or go under the car park barriers because this is potentially very dangerous. Parents must not attempt to open the green pedestrian gate that leads onto this car park. Many thanks in advance for your complete cooperation.

## 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 '#WakeUp Wednesday'. 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 what children, young people, parents and carers all need to know about free speech versus hate speech (both online and offline). Please read more [here](#)

## BASKETBALL SUCCESS!

Mona Lisa in Class 12 writes, 'Our basketball team went to Levenshulme High School on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January in order to compete in a tournament. We faced some strong opposition and we felt that they could be tough matches but – after playing passionately and with determination – we actually won all three matches and had a total of 12 points!'



## VACANCY FOR A SCHOOL CLEANER

We are looking for an enthusiastic and energetic cleaner to join our team on a permanent basis. The successful applicant will be working as part of a team of cleaners, caretaking and facilities staff who pride themselves on achieving exceptional levels of cleanliness at our school. The post is for 16½ hours per week, all year round. The term time working pattern is 2.30pm - 5.45pm, Monday to Friday. The school holiday working pattern is 8.00am to 11.15am Monday to Friday. Full details and the application form are available by visiting <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/vacancies/>

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES ARE STARTING BACK UP

We are delighted to announce that our class assemblies are continuing in 2024. These are wonderful occasions where we invite parents to share in an assembly produced by their child's class. Below are details of which class assemblies are coming up this half term. They all begin at 9am in the main school hall.

Date	Class assembly for:
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Class 9
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 4
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 5

Details of class assemblies taking place after February half-term will follow in a future newsletter.

## ST RICHARD'S HOLIDAY DATES

The school calendar (both for the current as well as next academic year) provides the dates when all pupils must be in school, as well as when our holidays are. This is available at: <https://st-richards.manchester.sch.uk/key-information/calendar/> Please ensure that your child is on time and in school every day that school is open to them. We break up for February half-term holidays on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024** and we return to school on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**.

## RECEIVING THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

It is vitally important that parents receive and read the newsletter every week so that you know what's going on at St Richard's. The newsletter is only very occasionally sent out as a paper copy. The latest version of the weekly newsletter can be accessed on the school's website every Thursday afternoon. We are happy to email the newsletter to parents every week if they request this service. If you are not currently receiving the newsletter each week but wish to receive the newsletter every Thursday by email, then simply 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](mailto: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 other aspect of school life. Any comments that we receive will be read and considered. These should be emailed to: [comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:comments@st-richards.manchester.sch.uk)

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

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