



St. Richard's RC Primary School Newsletter 2024



Thursday 8th February 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.

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2024

This week we have been taking part in Children's Mental Health Week at St Richard's. The theme for Children's Mental Health Week this year has been 'My Voice Matters'. Pupils are welcome to wear non-uniform tomorrow (Friday 9th February) in return for a £1 donation. These contributions will be divided evenly between school funds and the children's mental health charity 'Place2Be'.



WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

This week's edition of the Wednesday Word is available by visiting [Half Term Holiday Special - Magazine - Page 8 \(paperturn-view.com\)](https://www.paperturn-view.com) and is the half-term holiday special version (even though at St Richard's we do not break up for half-term until Friday 16th February).

MCR ACTIVE OVER FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

At St Richard's we break up for half-term on Friday 16th February and we return to school on Monday 26th February. MCRactive and Manchester City Council are offering thousands of free places for children to access a variety of activities and a free meal over the February Half Term in Manchester for those on benefit-related free school meals. To book your child's space: Sign up for a MCRactive Go account <https://www.mcractive.com/> Once signed up, log into your account – Find Activities – Search by Category 'MCR Holiday Activity' Use code when asked: 29765 to book free eligible activities.

Please also visit <https://loadstodo.co.uk> to view additional free holiday activities and other opportunities taking place across the city.

REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL GATEWAY APP

We now use a parent engagement app that will allow you to pay for school meals, some uniform and trips. Many parents have already engaged and downloaded the app on their phone. It's easy to sign up and easy to use once installed. We need every parent to download it onto their phones – should you need any help please don't hesitate to come to the school office.

HOCKEY TOURNAMENT SUCCESS

Idris and Liyana in C11 write, 'On Tuesday 30th January the Year 6 Hockey Team went to Manchester High School for Girls. We competed against four other schools and, incredibly, we won every single game as well as beating the first team 10 – 0! Thanks to our exceptional efforts, we have been invited to participate in the Excel League. All in all, it was a really fun day and we can't wait to play again!' Many thanks to Miss McKnight and all the other staff at St Richard's who help prepare and supervise our pupils at inter-school competitions.



PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

It would be wonderful if as many of us as possible could choose safe car-free alternatives in order to get our children to and from school on a daily basis. If this is not a realistic option, you can still help to make it safer on the streets around school by parking further away 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.

YEAR FOUR ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS WORKSHOP

Breanna, Class 8 writes, 'On Wednesday 31st January, Amanda came into our class and we had a great time with her. We looked at electrical circuits and had fun working out whether different materials were a conductor or insulator of electricity. The best part was when we got to make our own ready steady hand game which we got to take home! I found it really hard to use the screwdriver but I will get better at using one with more practice'.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES THIS HALF-TERM

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 15th February	Class 5

FRANCIS HOUSE CREME EGG APPEAL

We are still supporting Francis House Crème Egg appeal by running a competition to see which class can collect the most Crème Eggs (or other chocolate eggs similar in size to a Cadbury's crème egg). The eggs that the children bring into school will be donated to Francis House to sell across the city. There will be a small prize for the class in our school that collects the most eggs. The competition will run until the day we break up for February half-term, on **Friday 16th February 2024**. Any contributions of chocolate eggs from any manufacturer (crème egg sized) would be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support. More information about this year's appeal can be found at <https://www.franchishouse.org.uk/get-involved/fundraising/our-annual-fundraisers/easter-chick-knit/>

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILD TO START NURSERY IN SEPTEMBER 2024?

If you have a child who was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 and you would like them to attend full time in the Nursery at St Richard's RC Primary School from September 2024, 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 2024. Places are in high demand and offers are starting to be sent out soon.

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

With many thanks for your continuing support,

Mr J Murray

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