



St. Richard's RC Primary Summer Term Newsletter



Wednesday 17th July 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.

KS2 SATS SUCCESS

We have had an **AMAZING** set of Year 6 SATs results this year which are well above the national average in Reading, Writing, Maths and SPAG. Please be sure to take a good look at the separate letter from Mr Keyworth, which has full details of our end of year outcomes.

BREAKING UP FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

At St Richard's, we break up for the summer holidays at the end of the day tomorrow, **Thursday 18th July 2024**.

We wish you all a safe and a very happy break. We wish all our Year 6 pupils a wonderful transition to high school, and we thank them for their many contributions to the life of St Richard's in the time that they have been with us.

As this is the final newsletter of the current academic year, I would like to thank all pupils, parents and staff at St Richard's for all your hard work and dedication this year. We look forward to our return to school on **Wednesday 4th September 2024**. For Reception to Year 6 pupils, school gates will be open from 8.30am.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2024

This year's Summer Reading Challenge 2024 began on Saturday 6th July. This year, the Summer Reading Challenge is called 'Marvellous Makers' Children can join the challenge at a local library or can join online. 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 any 'dip' in reading skills while children are out of school. Please take a look at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk for further details.

YEAR 6 END OF YEAR TRIP TO THE ANDERTON CENTRE

Gabby in C13 writes, 'On Wednesday 10th July all Year 6 went on a trip to an outdoor adventure pursuits centre called the Anderton Centre in Rivington, Lancashire. We went canoeing, where we learned how to paddle and play games. We also had the opportunity to jump into the reservoir (wearing a life-preserver). After lunch, our group climbed trees and then learned how to make a fire. It was a really good experience at the end of our time in Year 6.'

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

MCRactive and Manchester City Council are offering thousands of free places for children to access a variety of activities plus a free meal over the summer holidays in Manchester for those on benefit-related free school meals. To book your child's space visit <https://www.mcractive.com/> and click on the link that says, 'Thousands of free places available for school holiday activities.'

AUTHOR GUY BASS VISITS TO YEAR 3 AND YEAR 5

Jake in C9 writes, 'Guy Bass was great fun and made us all laugh with his funny poems. He was also very thoughtful and generous with his time, signing all our new and improved Scrap books. We all enjoyed his 'Slide' show too! He is also an outstanding actor - with his fear of spiders!'

SCHOOL GAMES MARK GOLD AWARD

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the gold award again in the School Games Mark. Miss McKnight (PE Subject Leader) said, 'I'm really delighted with this and wanted to say thank you to all pupils, parents and staff for your support with PE and sport in our school.'

FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS OVER SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Manchester City Council have agreed to make a one-off payment of £55 per child eligible for free school meals (FSM) to help with the financial pressures that many of our families are currently facing. This one-off payment to eligible FSM pupils is to be paid prior to the end of the summer term.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' MASS AND LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

It has been wonderful to see so many parents at the various class awards assemblies which have been taking place this week and last week - thanks a lot for all your support parents. The Year 6 Leavers' Mass last Friday was a wonderfully joyous occasion and the Leavers' Assembly tomorrow is another important milestone in the lives of our oldest pupils, to whom we wish a very fond farewell, along with our thoughts and prayers for the very best for the future.

FATHER KRIS' 25th JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Many thanks to Father Kris for going to great lengths to make himself available to celebrate what we hope is the first of many Year 6 Leavers' Masses at St Richard's last Friday. Father Kris celebrates his own significant milestone this summer - 25 years of service as a priest of God. There will be a special mass of thanksgiving at 6pm on Wednesday 7th August at St Mary's Levenshulme, with a reception immediately after mass. All parents, pupils and staff are very welcome to attend.

AND THE WINNING CHICKEN POEM IN FRENCH IS...

'Mother Tongue Other Tongue' is a multi-lingual poetry project celebrating cultural diversity and the many languages spoken in schools in the UK. William and Anu in C10 write, 'We wrote poems in French in one of our weekly French lessons. Our poems were submitted, along with two others, to the 'Mother Tongue Other Tongue' competition run by Manchester Metropolitan University. We both won with our poems in French about chickens - and what they are good for. We are both absolutely delighted to have won!'

ECO-COUNCIL AND FRIENDS' LITTER PICK



Last Friday afternoon, our Eco Council carried out a litter pick in the local area around school. There was an incredible amount of litter collected and they were very proud of how clean our streets looked afterwards. Well done everyone!

WEDNESDAY WORD ONLINE

Please try to find time to read the bumper version of the Wednesday Word as a family over the summer holidays. Please visit <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/summer-holiday-booklet?pid=MTA101634&v=146.2>

With many thanks for all your support this academic year and wishing you all a happy and restful break,

Mr J Murray

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