

## Weekly Newsletter

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*Nurturing Our God-Given Talents*

### MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Happy American Independence Day to all our American families and friends!

Celebrating the Feast of St Peter and St Paul this week brings to mind the importance of the message that these two Saints wanted to convey to us:

#### **Standing Up for What You Believe In**

Just like Peter and Paul stood strong in their faith, children can learn to be brave and honest—even when it's hard.

#### **Everyone Can Change and Grow**

Paul used to be against Christians, but he changed completely. This shows children that mistakes don't define them—everyone can grow and do good.

#### **Teamwork and Different Talents**

Peter and Paul were very different, but they both helped spread Jesus' message. Children can see that their own unique talents are important too, especially when working together.

#### **Sharing Good News**

Children can be reminded to be kind, helpful, and share joy with others—just like the apostles shared the Good News.

#### **Being Faithful Friends of Jesus**

The feast is a time to celebrate being part of God's family and trying to live like Jesus, with courage and love.

I am proud at how everyone is pushing through these final weeks with patience and teamwork. Thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support—it makes all the difference.

Enjoy your weekend

Mrs J Hansen  
Head of School

### WEEK BEGINNING 7<sup>th</sup> JULY

#### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

Primary Retreat Y4 Faith Friends

#### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July**

Children/Parents starting in Reception in September 2025 on Site for Story Time/Coffee Morning.

Y2 Mass – 10am

End of Term Gymnastics Show – 4pm

Guitar Concert in Dining Hall – 3.30pm

#### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>/ Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Y6 Production – *Revolution Children*.  
1.30pm & 6pm

#### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July**

Y6 Careers Day

Parents Receive End of Year Reports  
Creative Stars End of Term Show –  
4pm

#### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**

PA Event – Y6 Leaver's Party

### CAREERS DAY

Careers Day is taking place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July for the Y6 children.

If you or you know someone who would like to come to the school to talk to the children about your career, please contact the main office.

We would like people from different career backgrounds to show case their jobs so please contact us for more information.

**SCHOOL VALUES: FAITH, MERCY, TRUTH, RESPECT, RESILIENCE, LOVE**

## FEAST OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

We celebrated the Feast of St Peter and St Paul on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July by attending a beautiful Mass in Christchurch led by the Y3 children.

The Y3 children who had recently received their First Holy Communion looked radiant in their special outfits, befitting of the solemnity and joy of the occasion.

The Jubilee Candle of Hope was brought to church and given pride of place for this special celebration.



## Y2 ARTWORK

Children in Y2 were asked to design a piece of artwork to represent the Holy Spirit. Hugo Piorkowski, 2F, produced an enlightening piece of work. He included flames of fire, a dove and the words 'joy, peace and love' that represent the gifts the Holy Spirit brought. Absolutely beautiful!

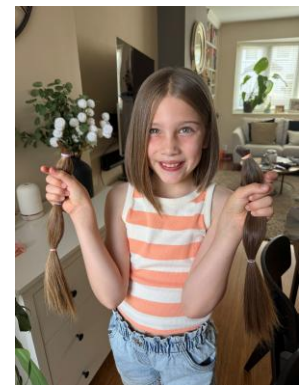


## CHILDREN'S CORNER

We have received lots of swimming achievements this week, which can all be seen in a separate section in the newsletter. Well done to all of the children.

### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS THIS WEEK:

Izabella Lloyd-Jones, 3G, has donated 13 inches of hair to the Little Princes Trust, raising £395 to support this charity. That is a very noble thing that Izabella has done, highlighting our Catholic Social Principles of Solidarity and Stewardship. Thank you for sharing this.



## FAITH FRIENDS

Today at our gathering, the Faith Friends celebrated the Feast of St Peter and Paul. In the Gospel reading we heard how the disciple Simon recognises Jesus as the Son of God and how Jesus gives Simon a new name – Peter. Jesus tells Peter that he will build his church based on him.

Each child was given their own rock to decorate that could help them to pray.

*Christ Jesus, may our hearts be filled with joy as we honour Simon Peter, our leader and rock in the faith. May we be inspired to be like him, serving others both here and around the world and speaking up for what we believe. Amen.*



## ACTIVITIES IN Y1

To enact the *Catholic Social Principle of Stewardship, caring for God's Gifts*, the Y1 children will enjoy a **trash to treasure** session on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. The children enjoyed this activity so much during science week that they have asked to do it again. Please encourage your child to collect suitable junk at home to bring to school for this exciting project (e.g. clean boxes, bottle tops, tubes, etc).

After talking to the children about caring for resources, they have also asked if they can bring their own colouring or sticker books to school from Monday 7<sup>th</sup>. Please don't feel you need to buy anything new – if your child doesn't have a colouring or sticker book at home, there will be plenty to share in class.

Many thanks for your support.

## WRAPAROUND SUNSHINE OF THE MONTH

Wraparound sunshine of the month for June is Albert Stone. Albert is helpful, polite and kind in wraparound club, displaying all the qualities that the Jubilee Year of Hope represent.



## FRENCH COMPETITION

On Tuesday, four children travelled to the University of Cambridge to represent St Mary's in a national language competition called The Primary French Bee. We had a fabulous day, touring the historic city of Cambridge in the morning before competing in the university in the afternoon.

Emma Rose Mead and Zorian Da Costa Huk did a brilliant job trying to recall as many French words as they could in sixty seconds, from a list of 120 words. They were supported really well by our Year 5 reserves Arlen Jennings and Gianluca Daro.

Although the children did not reach the grand finale, we know that they did their best and we are very proud of all four children!



## DEBATE COMPETITION

Yesterday the debate team attended a competition in South Hampstead High School accompanied by Miss Brophy, Mrs McGarry and some parent volunteers.

Each team won at least one round of debating. Although the children showcased their speaking and reasoning skills excellently, they did not make the final but the experience they gained will stand to them for the next competition they participate in. Debating helps children with their critical thinking, improving communication and research skills and boosting confidence.



## MUSIC NEWS

The children who are learning guitar will have their chance to perform on Tuesday 8th July at 3.30pm. This performance will take place in the dining hall. All family members are welcome to attend. The concert should last approx. 20 minutes.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All after school clubs will finish for the term on week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Clubs will resume in the new academic year.

The children attending the gymnastics club will take part in a display for their parents on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm (Gym Hall).

The children attending Creative Stars will perform for their parents on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July in the gym hall at 4pm.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER RECENT SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS

Anya Meehan, NPM, has recently achieved her 5m certificate in swimming. A marvellous achievement...well done Anya!

Siblings Jack and Sophie Saunders have achieved their 800m and 10m swimming certificates. They have worked so hard...well done to both!

Siblings Alex and Oliver Davies were awarded certificates in swimming. Oliver has completed 5m in backstroke and Alex is now certified to swim 25m. Great news!

Everly Wood, NAM, received her stage 1 certificate in swimming. A wonderful end of term achievement!

Philip Medves, 2F, is now able to swim 25m and received his certificate and medal to for his achievements. Well done for your hard work in the pool!

Siblings Connor and Thea Griffin have also completed what they were working towards – Connor 400m and Thea 10m.

We are very proud to have some very hard working and passionate swimmers in our midst!

