



Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 24th June 2022

This has been another wonderful week at Saint Christina's despite the challenges that we have faced from the menace of the latest uptake in Covid and the absence of a number of staff and children. It has been a stretch at times, but we have a wonderful team of staff who have rallied around and made things happen as they should and without any fuss. It's at times like this that I rejoice in the fact that we are a community and not just a School. Thank you too for being so supportive and if you have been grounded due to the new variant, we hope that you recover quickly and that we will see all the children back before long.

Last Friday saw our Key Stage 1 and Reception Sports Day played out under glorious sunshine. This week's bulletin has some of the highlights of the event, along with all the 'scores on the doors' for you to enjoy. Today we are enjoying the Key Stage 2 Sports Day on the running track in Regent's Park. The children have been really looking forward to the event so we will enjoy posting more information about it next week.

There has been much continued preparation and activity around this year's musical, Matilda. The children are working really hard with the outstandingly brilliant Mr Duncan (who might even be sleeping here at the moment) and Mr Russell. I am very impressed with the amount of effort that everyone is putting into learning lines, songs and choreography. We are truly blessed to have two people with so much professional experience on the West End, involved in our production, and look forward to seeing the performances on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

We were also treated to a wonderful concert on Tuesday morning where children from across the years were able to perform. We enjoyed some stunning solo piano, violin and strings, beautiful singing and group performances through the Ukulele and Guitar ensembles – to name but a few.

There are some outstanding musicians coming through Saint Christina's and it is in no small part because of the dedication and talent of our wonderful team of peripatetic teachers. Over the past two years, the pandemic has had an impact on the number of children picking up an instrument nationally. Part of our vision for the School is to be a School where music is cherished and where it is flourishing. Learning to sing or play an instrument is a really important thing for any child to do, whether or not they become a master. The benefits of music as an accompaniment to academic development, particularly in mathematics and STEM is well-known, and there is a strong link between accomplished musicianship and academic outcomes generally. However, some things should be done for greater reasons. A lot of the learning we do develops the left side of our brain, but whilst doing this, Music feeds the soul. How many of our memories and emotions are triggered by music? And when we talk about well-being and a generation of children who have been affected by the pandemic and lockdown ... look no further than music.

As we look to the next academic year, do consider whether or not you would like your child to sing or learn an instrument. We have a wonderful group of peripatetic teachers who can cover many areas such as strings, cello, trumpet, guitar, singing ... and if you are interested in something else such as percussion, drum kit, woodwind, I will, if there is sufficient interest, be happy to look for someone to come in and join the team. Please send all expressions of interest to Paul Russell, our Director of Music who will be happy to speak with you further.

Headteacher

New Baby & Toddler Group

We will be starting a new and exciting baby and toddler music group in September which will be run by Miss Hyland. These sessions are for children and their parents/carers. An information letter has been emailed to all parents.

Numbers will be limited so please contact Miss Hyland at singnshake@gmail.com to secure your place for September.



KS1 & Reception Sports Day

We have had another busy week in PE this week with the Key Stage 2 classes making their final preparations for their Sports Day which took place this afternoon. It has been so lovely to see the children working in their houses and helping each other develop the techniques for the shot put and relay change overs. There were some excellent individual performances as well as some great team spirit shown throughout the afternoon. I will include the full write up and photos of the event in next week's bulletin.

The younger classes this week have continued their focus on striking and fielding sports including tennis and cricket. The year 1 and 2 classes have been working on their batting and are beginning to hit the ball of a tee with more consistency. They have enjoyed playing the 3 ball cricket game which works on their batting as well as their fielding and reaction times. Special mentions this week must go to Mirka and Keishi for their excellent batting performances and Zara and Elizabeth for their improvements in their fielding.

This week Year 5 had their first cricket match against St Mary's. It was lovely for many of them to enjoy their first experience of competitive cricket and the girls should be proud of their efforts. We batted first and finished with a score of 92 for 5 wickets. There were some very good performances from the team but the start batters were Frida and Sienna M who struck some excellent boundaries. St Mary's batted sensibly and completed several quick singles, then later in the innings struck several boundaries which resulted in their final score being 120 for 4 wickets. There was some very accurate and tight bowling from Amelia, Alice and Clementine and it was so good to see everyone bowling overarm with more control. Thank you and a very well done to Anna from Year 4 for agreeing to play up a year group, and who performed really well.

Thank you once again for your understanding regarding the Year 5 and 6 cricket clubs and netball club this week which sadly had to be cancelled. I look forward to the final sessions of the after school sports clubs next week.

Last Friday we had our Key Stage 1 Sports Day, which was a great success. The children performed fantastically representing their houses and there were some excellent events throughout the morning. There was a great team spirit evident throughout the morning and the children all seemed to enjoy themselves. The classes took part in a carousel of team events with the focus on running, jumping and throwing before completing the individual sprint races and the relay races. Speaking with the children, many of them said the obstacle course was their favourite especially when having to run under the parachute. It was so lovely to have so many parents and family members there to support the children. The fact this year we were able to have spectators for the first time in a couple of years made this event even more special.

The children had been eagerly awaiting the winning house, which was informed to them in this morning's assembly. Huge congratulations to Saint Joan of Arc who were the overall winners. The full class results for the event can be seen below along with a selection of photos from the morning.



	Saint Francis	Saint Joan of Arc	Saint Cecilia
Reception AN	76 (1 st)	46 (3 rd)	51 (2 nd)
Reception OH	66 (1 st)	42 (3 rd)	55 (2 nd)
Year 1	63 (3 rd)	74 (1 st)	70 (2 nd)
Year 2 AM	53 (3 rd)	83 (1 st)	68 (2 nd)
Year 2 SH	78 (3 rd)	107 (1 st)	86 (2 nd)
Total	341	352	330
Overall Position	2nd	1st	3rd

Huge thanks must go to the Year 6 class who led and managed all of the field events superbly. In addition, my thanks must go to the class teachers and TA's. A final big thank you must go to Mr Artur who assisted with setting up event, Father Rudolf for keeping track of all the scores throughout the morning and Miss Georgia for the amazing photos.





Nursery Sports Day

On Monday 27th June the Nursery class will be taking place in a variety of sporting events in place of their Sports Day.

The event will be set up at the top end of Primrose Hill park and we plan for the event to start at 9.45am and it should be completed by around 10.30am. Please drop your children off at the usual time to allow them to drop off their bags and use the toilet before we head over to the park. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

The children will complete a selection of the events they have been practicing for Sports day. We will keep the children as best as we can in shady parts of the park but please ensure that your child arrives to school with sun protection on; this will prevent the delay of sun cream application on arrival to school. Children are advised to wear a cap and bring in their water bottle with their name on it and their usual snack. I hope that it will be an enjoyable morning for all the children.

Fran Randle

Head of EYFS / Nursery Teacher

Parents Link Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair is just around the corner on Saturday July 2nd. Gates will open at 11.30am, and close at 3pm. We are predicted currently to have a wonderful sunny day too.

Tickets

Entry tickets will go on sale online this Monday, June 27th and are for pre purchase only. A separate link will go out on Monday.

Adult tickets £15

Children's tickets £10

£10 activity ticket - entitling the bearer to 10 activities on the day (activity tickets can be shared across siblings for example). Activities include; Ballpit, Professional Face Painting, Paint a Pot, Beat the Goalie, Soak the staff, Donut challenge and more.

Additional activity tickets will be available to purchase on the day for £12

As part of the Fair Day program 30 min guided tours of the school will also be offered at 1pm/2pm/3pm. This will be a free event to ticket holders on the day, but for planning purposes you will need to "purchase" these tickets via the link sent out on Monday, and they will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

On Fair Day Parents Link will be hosting our Nearly New Uniform stall, distributing packages of pre purchased Nearly New Uniforms. Purchases for same will go live this coming Monday using the usual link, so please watch out for this.

If you have yet to volunteer, and want to be more involved in our first post Lockdown Summer Fair day, please do contact your Class Reps ASAP. There are plenty of ways to be involved, even for those who can't make the day.

Have a lovely weekend

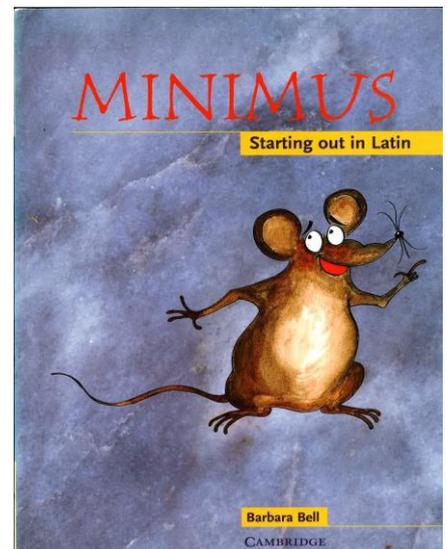
Parents Link Team

Latin Club is recruiting new members!

By now, you will all have received information about the clubs that will be run as of September. You will notice that Latin Club is once again running for children in Years Five and Six, and it is now the eighteenth year of its existence at Saint Christina's. Many children have gone on to do Latin at their secondary schools, and some of the ex-members of Latin Club have even read Classics degrees at universities like Oxford and Durham.

We start our journey into learning Latin by looking at various different stories in Latin, where the meaning is fairly straightforward. Along with the stories come vocabulary lists, and grammar is interwoven throughout the whole course. By the end of the book that we use (the enclosed picture shows you the book!) all the members of Latin Club are familiar with basic vocabulary and grammar patterns, as well as with some well-known classical myths. During club sessions, we do not just study the book and its stories, but also have drama, games and quizzes to back up what we are learning. Homework is set from time to time, so that various facts about grammar and vocabulary will be reinforced. Should you have any queries about Latin Club, do please get in touch with me.

Fr Rudolf Loewenstein



Problem Solving in Lower Key Stage 2

Years Three and Four have a problem solving board up on their corridor, where a new problem is posted every few weeks.

The latest problem concerned the icing of fairy cakes, and came from a magazine called CIRCA.

Alice had just iced some cakes
Jess helped her to decorate the cakes
Five cakes got silver sugar balls
Jess made 3 rows of four cakes each with a cherry on top
There were two more choc chip that green jelly diamond cakes
Jess used five less green jelly diamonds than cherries.
How many cakes are there altogether?

You can see the enclosed problem, which required children to deal with data and come to a conclusion about how many cakes had been iced.

Many children in Years Three and Four put their minds to solving the problem, and the correct solutions were received from the following members of Year Four: Amara, Eunho, Marta, Sarah and Sofia. Well done to them!

Can you solve the problem? If your child solves the problem, please e-mail me the solution!

Fr Rudolf Loewenstein

Teacher in charge of Mathematics

Year 1

In Science this week in Year 1 we have been learning all about plants!

We began our topic by investigating what all plants have in common and comparing different types of plants. After this we very carefully observed Sr Noella's wonderful selection of homegrown plants! We drew beautiful drawings before labelling them with key parts.

In Geography we have started to compare our local area to an area in a non-European country. We chose to learn all about Australia! Alice and Isabella taught us lots of things that they knew about Australia before we conducted our own research using computers. We create our very own Australia fact files! Did you know 90% of Australians live on the coast?



I have been very proud of all of the work Year 1 have completed this week!

Dan Burke

Chess Volunteer

We are interested in developing chess within the school and are looking to see if there is anyone among our parent/ grand parenting/broader community that may have a skill set in this area that they would be happy to share. This would be from September and, if you would be interested in having some involvement with the children in school, you would need to be able to offer a small amount of your time on a regular weekly basis to help in the club. Patience, an ability to introduce the game to beginners as well as develop more advanced players, and ambition for the young players would all be a requirement for the role!

If you would be interested in helping out, please will you contact **Mr Gloag** via Michelle in the office or in the mornings on the gate.

All volunteers have undergo vetting in line with the statutory safer recruitment/safeguarding requirements.

Michelle's email is headteacherspa@saintchristinas.org.uk



Parent Prayer Group

Parents are invited to join the prayer group that meets every day at 9.0 am in the Convent.

DATE	EVENT
Monday 27 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAST WEEK FOR CLUBS • Nursery Sports day 9-45 – 10.30am • Year 6 Cricket Fixture – away game
Tuesday 28 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricket club cancelled due to school production • KS2 Production for Year 3 & 4 Parents
Wednesday 29 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netball club cancelled due to school production • KS2 Production for Year 5 & 6 Parents
Friday 1 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddies Mass led by Year 6 & Reception
Saturday 2 nd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Fair 11.30 – 3pm
Monday 4 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO CLUBS THIS WEEK – with the exception of Breakfast & Homework Clubs • Class Change Over • Year 6 Cricket Tournament – away game
Thursday 7 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prize Giving – KS2 PM Chapel Y5 & Y6 Parents invited @ 1.45pm
Friday 8 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Leavers' Mass Y6 Parents invited @ 11am

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAY – collection timings: Nursery & Reception – 12 noon Year 1 to Year 3 – 12.10pm Year 4 to Year 6 – 12.15pm
Autumn Term 2022	
Thursday 1 st September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff INSET
Friday 2 nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff INSET • Teacher/Parents Meetings – AM TBC
MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PUPILS RETURN – Children may wear summer uniform

ABOVE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please note: Policies can be found on the School Website – please click link below:

<https://www.saintchristinas.org.uk/our-school/policies/>