



Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 20th May 2022

Dear Parents,

This week we celebrated St Raphaela Maria's feast day in school. The children had ice creams in their break time as a celebration.

On the Thursday 19th May, I was Head teacher for a day, which was very fun. I welcomed the students with Mr Gloag and handed some things out in assembly. After having a meeting with Mr Hirst I did playground duty.

This experience was fun. My favourite part was when I did the health and safety check with Miss Georgia, it was my favourite part because it is so interesting to see what goes on behind school life and how hard all the teachers work.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped me on the day especially Miss Michelle, Miss Chloe and Mr Gloag. Also to both my parents thank you very much.

The day was very fun even though I was a bit nervous at first.

Charlotte Brotherton

Headteacher for a day

Dear Parents,

I would just like to add my thanks to Charlotte for being an excellent co-Headteacher on Thursday and for her modesty. She was actually very involved in lots of different things and has even signed off on some new branding that we will be introducing in the coming months.

As I write this note to you all, I can hear the School Hall filling up with children as they come to work with Mr MacInnes on the school production. Half an hour ago it was buzzing with children and adults following the Year 3 First Holy Communion Mass. What a lovely event and what a lovely thing to see so many Year 3 parents and families all together in the School Hall. I think back to the last two years and the difficulties that we all faced in being able to celebrate important moments in our lives, in such a straightforward way. Between now and the end of the year, you will know that we are looking forward to a number of big events, including the School Production, the summer Fair, Prize Giving... and it is great that we are going to enjoy these things as a community.

Our thoughts are with Year 5 and 6 and the members of staff who will be heading out on their week long residential next week. They have a fantastic itinerary ahead of them with visits to some amazing places – Buxton, Chatsworth House, Cromford Mill, to name just a few. I think that they are going to have a fabulous time.

I do hope that you all enjoy a relaxing weekend.

ABBS

Headteacher

Farewell 😞

Sadly, our lovely Chloe will be leaving us at the end of this half term. Chloe has been a valued and much loved member of the Saint Christina's community for over four years. Chloe has taken on an exciting new role within the major donor team at St Mungo's Homeless Charity. We will all miss Chloe's lovely, kind and calm demeanour and would like to thank her for all that she has done for Saint Christina's during her time with us. I know that you will join us in wishing Chloe all the very best for the future.

Geography in Year 6

In Year Six we have been learning about Fairtrade, as part of our study of the globalisation of trade. We thought about what was involved in Fairtrade and why it is necessary.

Here is what Isabella thought: It is very important for our society and the world that we live in. Fair trade helps workers and shippers to get fairly trade so that they can get food and clothing and medical care and to provide for their families. That is why we pay more for our fruits and vegetables so that the workers can get paid fairly.

Helen and Millicent commented on Fair trade as follows: Fair trade is important because everyone needs enough money for food and water. Also it is important for society so that everybody is more equal in how much money they get. Therefore even if you have to pay a little bit extra to make everyone equal it is fairer and more just.

Fr Rudolf

Y6 teacher

Year 3 & 4 PGL

Last week Year 3 and 4 had the most wonderful time on their first ever residential trip to the PGL Centre in Liddington.

We took part in so many fun yet challenging activities in three action packed days. These included archery, climbing, and abseiling down a 30-foot climbing wall, zooming down an enormous zip-line and reaching some dizzying heights on a giant swing. We took part in a sensory trail and learnt how to survive in the forest by building shelters and starting fires.

In the evenings, we took part in some exhilarating wacky races. We also collected firewood from the forest to build a campfire where we roasted marshmallows on some very long sticks.

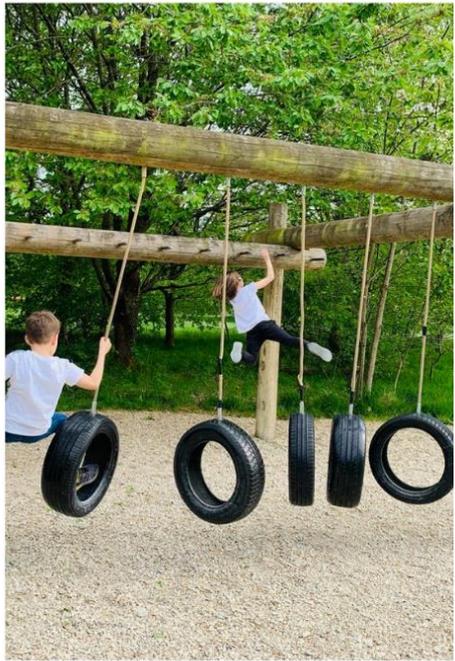
The children were absolutely wonderful company throughout the trip and showed great enthusiasm and resilience.

Thank you to Mr Artur and Miss Anita for willingly giving up so much of their time to accompany us on the trip and to Mrs Ellisdon for organising everything for us.

Ms Sephton and Miss Williamson

Year 3 and Year 4 Class Teachers







Arts & Crafts Club

In Arts and Crafts Club this week, we celebrated Saint Raphaela's Feast Day! We made ice cream using puffy paint (shaving foam, glue and paint). Sadra, one of our club artists, suggested we make the ice cream "to be more like the schools" that Saint Raphaela started. So, we referred to our *Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus* crests and replicated the colours blue, red and yellow in our ice cream colours! See some of our lovely work in process below!



Mathematics at Saint Christina's

Throughout the year, Year Five have been working on their problem solving skills in Mathematics. They have learnt how to tackle a variety of different problems so that when their examinations come up in Year Six they will not get fazed by anything.

The techniques that they have covered include: drawing diagrams, spatial working two and three dimensions, using logic, solving simpler versions of a problem, using short cuts, trial and error (also referred to as 'guess and check') and using tables. There are other techniques yet to come, of course, but this will give you a flavour of the range of techniques that we teach in problem solving at Saint Christina's. And the teaching of these techniques is bearing fruit, given the success we have recently experienced in national mathematics competitions.

Here are two problems that Year Five have been trying this week:

1. There are 18 animals in a barnyard. The farmer counted 18 heads and 50 legs altogether, and she knew that the only animals there were hens and cows. How many of each animal did she have?
2. Six darts land on a dartboard. Each dart scores 2, 5 or 8 points. Which of the following scores is possible? 11, 16, 25, 36, 44, 51? For each possible score, say how it can be achieved. (Bonus: Explain why the other scores are not possible)

You may like to try these problems out at home...

Fr Rudolf Loewenstein

Teacher in charge of Mathematics

To commemorate the Queen's platinum jubilee, the children will spend the first two weeks after the half term break learning all about the Queen's life and reign. On Thursday 16th June we will be having a whole school tea party to celebrate her platinum jubilee. Your child is invited to dress in red, white and blue clothes on this day and to bring a picnic blanket to sit on during the tea party.

Mrs Ellisdon

Head of KS2



Year 5 Mass

With May being the month of Mary, on Friday 13th May Year 5 celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, looking to the Blessed Mother for peace and comfort in times of uncertainty. The girls learnt their parts by heart and spoke clearly. Louisa sang the gospel acclamation beautifully and the Gospel was narrated and acted out perfectly.

I am very proud of the girls for leading the school in such a lovely Mass. Special thanks to Sr Noella for creating the opportunity, Ms Fernandes for her support in preparing the girls, and Mr Pun for the music.

Mrs Ellisdon

Year 5 Class Teacher

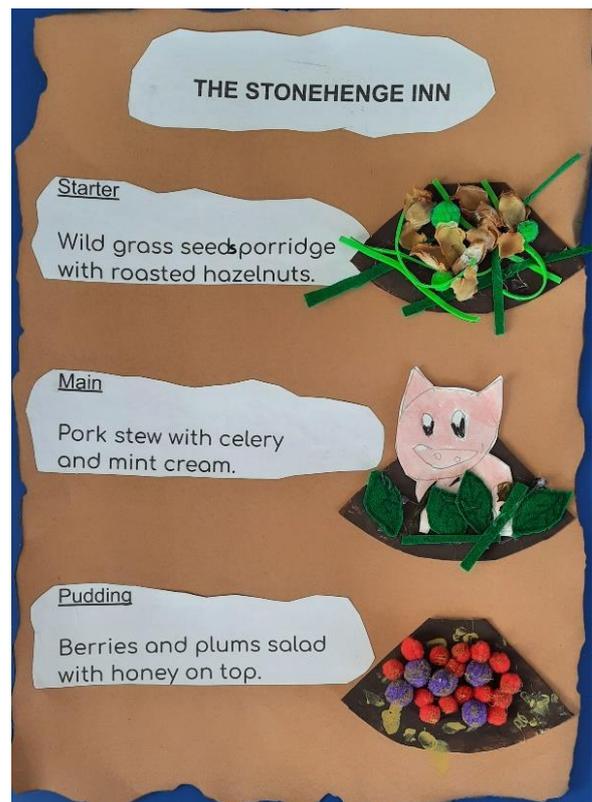
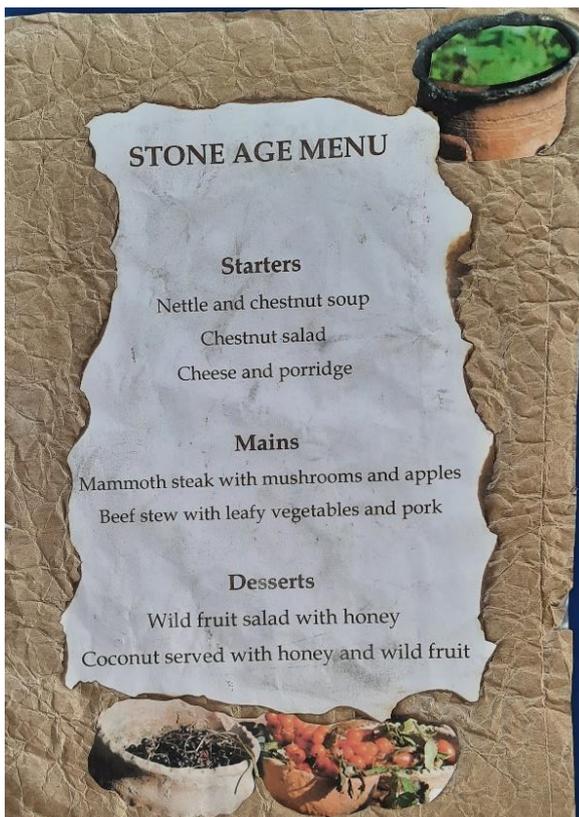


Stone Age Menu

As part of their Stone Age topic, Year 2 were given the homework task of imagining that they had travelled back in time to the New Stone Age (the Neolithic era), where they had to open a restaurant and design a menu for its customers. This menu had to include food and cooking techniques that were available to the Stone Age people. It also had to have a starter, main and dessert. Some children even decided to include sides and drinks! The meal choices were very creative and the children put a lot of effort into the design of their menus to make them look old and worn while also appealing.

Take a look at some of the menus below. Would you like to eat at these restaurants?

Miss McQuillan- Year 2 Class Teacher



Saint Raphaela Maria Feast Day

On Wednesday 18th May it was the Feast Day of St Raphaela Maria who founded the Sisters' Congregation of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She is very important in the life of Saint Christina's and to her we owe the spirit of the school.

To celebrate this in a special way we recorded a "Happy St Raphaela Feast Day!" message to send to our sister schools around the world. We hoped that by sending this message that we would be able to bring our Saint Raphaela Maria school family closer together.



We received wonderful responses from all over the world including schools from East Timor, the Philippines, the United States of America, India and Spain. [You can watch a compilation of the messages here.](#)

We hope that this is the start of a special, closer relationship between our family of schools from around the world.

Mr Burke



PE Update

We have had another busy week of PE with the KS2, and EYFS & KS1 sports day events fast approaching. The Year 6 cricket team played their second match against St Margaret's, and the netball and cricket clubs continue to make pleasing progress. On Thursday, I attended the local schools sports meeting with 10 other schools, which was a great chance to plan fixtures for the next academic year.

I am very pleased to inform you of some exciting sporting news from outside of school. Georgia, our School Sports Captain, has been nominated by her gymnastics coach to compete in the GFA floor and vault competition against London and outer London clubs. This is a fantastic achievement as the event is the biggest gymnastics competition in the UK. Georgia is currently working hard with her coach training for this event, which takes place at the start of July, where she will be competing to be regional champion on both pieces. We wish Georgia all the best with her training.

The year 6 cricket team continued their impressive form beating St Margaret's School on Wednesday by 45 runs. St Margaret's batted first and our team fielded. There were some excellent bowling and fielding performances, which resulted in St Margaret's getting out nine times. Gracie and Mercy bowled especially well and were very well supported by the rest of the team, which restricted St Margaret's to a score of 196. We batted fantastically and were only out once in the 17 overs. There were some excellent shots and great communication from the girls when batting, resulting in a final score of 242. Well done to Gracie who was awarded star bowler, while Helen and Sienna were the star batters of the day. It was a brilliant all round performance and I am so impressed by the girls efforts and improvements this term. Well done to Gracie, Alice, Helen, Georgia, Mercy, Sloane, Lilly, Adriana, Sienna and Raffie.

Star Players



This week the Nursery and KS1 groups have continued to practice their sports day events developing their hand eye co-ordination, speed and agility. This week the children have enjoyed spending time on the sack race, shooting challenge and the egg and spoon race with a twist. There were some very close races and the children managed to complete the egg and spoon race with a variety of different obstacles in their path, which made the races even more exciting.





The Key Stage 2 classes continued to explore cricket this week with a variety of modified games. The Year 3 and 4 classes enjoyed their games of continuous cricket, which develops not only the children's batting but their ability to field the ball quickly and return it to the bowler. The Year 5 and 6 classes spent time refining the overarm bowling technique, and applied this idea into small sided games of pairs cricket. During the game time we worked on communication when batting which greatly improved the running between the wickets.





Review of the cricket game from Georgia our Sports Captain



On Wednesday, Year 6 played cricket against St Margaret's. We all played excellently, which resulted in us winning. St Margaret's when batting got out a lot of times and the game would have been a lot closer if they had not lost so many points. Unfortunately, Charlotte could not join us due to a minor injury but she would have loved to play as well. Of course, we could not have done it without our teachers, Mr Raveney who umpired and scored and Mr Artur our multi tasker who was our moral supporter and cheerleader. Our star players were Sienna L, Gracie and Helen. We all had an excellent time.

Saint Christina's Upcoming fixtures/events

Wednesday 8th June Year 5/6 Cricket v Sarum Hall (Away)

Wednesday 22nd June Year 5 Cricket v St Mary's (Away)

Monday 27th Year 6 Cricket v St Mary's (Away)

Monday 4th July Year 6 Cricket Tournament (Away)

Mr Raveney

Director of Sport

Y5 & 6 School Journey Announcement

The children in Y5 & 6 are looking forward to going on their school journey next week.

Please arrive at school at 7.15am on Monday morning. Enter school by the school hall as normal. If your child usually gets the school bus, please liaise with the bus driver to ensure they know that your child will not be on the school bus.

Please make sure that there are no nuts or fish within the packed lunch and please pack it in a disposable bag that can be placed in your child's ruck-sac until they need it.

Please remember to pack plenty of layers and a waterproof coat – it looks as though we might need it!

If your child needs any medication during their time away, please remember to put it into a zip-lock plastic bag clearly labelled with your child's name with a clear set of instructions. This must be handed to Mr Artur first thing on Monday morning.

Please remember that we will upload photos of our trip onto the Y5 & 6 Google Classrooms each evening for you to see. Please ensure you are familiar with your child's log in to be able to view these.

We are expected to return at 6.30pm on Friday. I will keep in touch with the school Office with our exact eta depending on traffic and the school will let you know.

Mrs Ellisdon

Head of KS2 / trip organiser

Instrumental Lesson Sign Up 22/23

At SCS, we offer the following instrumental lessons:

Piano, Cello and Trumpet with Ms Ruth
ruthhyland@googlemail.com

Violin and Viola with Mr Puzey
robertpuzey1@googlemail.com

Guitar and Ukulele with Mr Taylor
keithtaylorguitar@hotmail.com

Please email me all singing enquiries: prussell@saintchristinas.org.uk

If you are interested in your child learning one of the above instruments, then please email the teacher directly. Most of our peripatetic teachers have a waiting list so I would advise a speedy sign up to avoid disappointment.

I am keen to introduce the flute into our music department. If you are interested in your child learning the flute, then please let me know so that I can gauge interest levels before sourcing a teacher.

Mr Russell
Director of Music

Reminders

Children attending homework club must be collected by 5.00pm. There is a late pick up charge of £40 for collections after 5.00pm.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
W/C Monday 23 rd May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip to Buxton
Friday 27 th May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 & 6 return Joan of Arc House Mass led by Year 3 & 4 SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 6 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pupils and Staff return Year 6 Cycle Training – all week
Tuesday 7 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Story Sharing Session for Nursery children and parents – 9.15-10.00am
Wednesday 8 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5/6 Cricket Fixture – away game
Friday 10 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass led by Year 1 -AMENDED
Thursday 16 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jubilee Celebrations – children may wear red, white & blue clothing to School
Friday 17 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS & KS1 Sports Day – AM Mass led by Year 4 - AMENDED
Wednesday 22 nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Cricket Fixture – away game
Friday 24 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS2 Sports Day – PM NO MASS
Monday 27 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Cricket Fixture – away game
Tuesday 28 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS2 Production for Year 3 & 4 Parents – details to follow
Wednesday 29 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS2 Production for Year 5 & 6 Parents – details to follow
Friday 1 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buddies Mass led by Year 6 & Reception
Monday 4 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class Change Over Year 6 Cricket Tournament – away game
Thursday 7 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prize Giving – KS2
Friday 8 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Leavers' Mass SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAY – timings TBC

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/>