



Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 24th May 2019

Our New Headteachers for the Day!

On Monday 13th May, Emily and I were Headteachers for the day. First, we prepared a PowerPoint with Mr Gloag. Then, during assembly, we gave out certificates and we received some certificates so we had to give each other one!

We also did a health and safety check around the school with Miss Georgia to make sure that there were no safety hazards. We then went to a School Council meeting with Mr Hirst and most of the suggestions were related to food. We had a meeting with Mrs Grillmaier from Parents' Link. She told us what Parents' Link do and then showed us the improvements that Parents' Link and Mr Steve had made over the weekend; she was also asking our opinions.

Later on, we helped Miss Georgia to supervise the younger children during lunch. When it was our lunchtime, we invited some of our friends to sit with us at a separate table.

We then went to Nursery. We taught and played with the children. We played a game of tag and hide and seek; we also showed them what the letter 'b' looked like and what global warming is. Afterwards, we went into the Reception Classes to teach and play with them. First we wrote on the electric drawing board and then it was time to go outside and play. We played tug of war with the children which was really fun!

Izzy and Emily – Headteachers for the Day





First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion is, without a doubt, a time of great joy. On Friday 17th May, fourteen girls from Year 3 received this most holy and joyous sacrament. We had families from different parts of the world joining us on this wonderful day.

Amidst a lot of nervousness and excitement, the girls gracefully played their parts during the Eucharist. The entire Key Stage 2 supported us through dance, song and altar serving. Being the feast day of our School Patron, Saint Raphaela Maria, made it even more special.

A splendid reception was held in the school hall with a beautiful Communion cake and lots of treats.

All in all it was a spectacular day and I am very proud of you all. May you continue to grow and be loving examples of Jesus in your life.

Ms Fernandes



Junior Mathematics Challenge

On Tuesday 30th April, just under 20 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 sat this year's Junior Mathematics Challenge.

This is a national competition run by the UKMT (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust), aimed primarily at higher achieving children in years 7 and 8, with awards being given to the top 40% of all competitors.

We were delighted that ten of our children were given awards this year: Silver awards were given to Sophie, Seira and Axelle-Rica; Bronze awards were given to Ellen, Florence, Amy, Anna T, Kitty Lily, Konoka and Constance VL.

Congratulations go to all of our girls who took part in what was admittedly a far tougher competition than usual.

Fr Rudolf Loewenstein – Mathematics Postholder

Sports News

It has been a busy and successful half term for sports at Saint Christina's with lots of exciting competitions taking place.

Mini Red Tennis Tournament

Congratulations to the Year 3 and 4 pupils who took part in the Westminster Schools mini red tennis competition this half term.

The girls battled hard demonstrating some fantastic tennis skills. One of our teams finished the tournament in 1st place, making it through to the Finals event which will take place next half term. Fantastic effort, girls!



Intra-House Cross Country



This year we changed the location of our annual cross country competition to Regent's Park.

The pupils had been practising very hard leading up to the event, and were very excited to showcase

their much improved long distance running skills.



All of the girls demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout the morning and all put in a fantastic effort. There were some fantastic times achieved with a large number of the pupils running the 1.6km race in under 8 minutes. The top place results can be seen below:

<p>Year 6 1st- Marleni and Florence 3rd- Anna, Coca and Amy</p>	<p>Year 5 1st- Izzy and Pippa 2nd- Claudia 3rd- Vittoria</p>
<p>Year 4 1st- Alexia 2nd- Konoka 3rd- Lara</p>	<p>Year 3 1st- Julie 2nd- Charlotte 3rd- Helen</p>

Well done to all of the pupils who took part for their fantastic efforts; they should all be very proud of themselves.



Intra-House Swimming Galas

Congratulations to all the KS2 pupils who participated at the recent intra-house swimming galas! A great spectacle of individual swim strokes and team relays was witnessed, with every swimmer winning house points; these led to an overall house team total for the event. All Houses showed great support for their swimmers in all of the races, and everyone is to be congratulated on their efforts and achievement!

Primary Kwik Cricket Competition

On Tuesday 21st May, 8 girls from across Years 4, 5 and 6, represented Saint Christina's in their first ever Inter School Cricket competition. It was a beautiful 21 degree London day and the sun was shining in Regents Park – absolutely perfect weather for cricket!



Throughout the day, the girls competed in 3 matches against varying oppositions. Highlights from the day included some exceptional running between wickets and communication between the batting pair Lara (Year 4) and Stephanie (Year 6); fantastic fielding and catching skills from Year 5 pair Anna and Pippa; some big hitting and run scoring from Marleni (Year 6) and Miriam (Year 6); and some very accurate bowling and wicket taking efforts from Neha (Year 6) and Florence (Year 6).

For the girls, it was a fantastic opportunity to try a new sport and learn some new skills. Students have just started developing their striking and fielding in cricket during PE lessons, so it provided a great opportunity for the 8 girls to put these skills into practice.

Over the day, the girls ended up winning 2 matches comfortably and losing 1 in a very close contest. A successful debut for Saint Christina's who look forward to improving their cricket skills and taking

up more opportunities like this one. Well done to all girls for giving it their all and playing incredibly well as a team throughout the event.

Rounders Fixture vs St Christopher's

Over the last 2 weeks students in Years 4, 5 and 6 have competed against St Christopher's school in rounders fixtures at Primrose Hill. The first match was a combined Year 4 and 5 Saint Christina's team against the Year 6 students at St Christopher's.

For most of the girls, it had been a long time since they had played a rounders fixture, and for others it was their first. The girls fought really well batting and fielding; however in the end, they lost 10-6. Next up was the Year 6 Saint Christina's team, who started very strongly, some big and strategic hitting and running led to a 10-8 victory over the strong opposition.

After a week's rest, it was time for the Year 4 fixture. This was a tight, well battled match with both teams showing some fantastic skills. Considering that the girls hadn't played in fixtures before, they soon showed how great communication and team work can lead to success.

In the end, it was a draw, 10-10. Well done to all girls over the 2 weeks who competed with great spirit and sportsmanship. Over 25 different girls were involved, who played to their limits and represented the school with pride.

Miss Vettese and Mr King – Sports Team

Traffic Survey by Year 1

On Wednesday, Year 1 carried out a traffic survey of Avenue Road.

We noticed that the majority of vehicles using Avenue Road were cars and vans with lots of cyclists and motorcyclists also passing us by.

We completed this survey as part of our ongoing Geography topic 'Our Local Area'. This activity really got the girls thinking about industry in our local area and they came up with some really excellent reasons as to why Avenue Road was used so frequently. We will continue our surveying in Primrose Hill after half term.



Miss Brennan – Year 1 Class Teacher

Parent Talk to Nursery Class

On Wednesday afternoon as part of our topic 'People who help us', Hunter's mum Mrs LaFleur very kindly came to visit us in Nursery to talk to us about her job in travel retail.

We were excited to learn about a different job to the ones that we had been looking at in class. We learnt about the different shops and products that you can buy in airports, and Mrs LaFleur set up a role play cosmetics shop with cashiers and money which was incredibly exciting!

The children had a brilliant time and it has been requested that we have a role play shop in Nursery after half term. Thank you, Mrs LaFleur.



Miss Randle – Nursery Class Teacher

Spanish Activities

Please find below some links of Spanish activities that are taking place in London, which you may find of interest:

1- Sorolla - Spanish painter at National Gallery

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/sorolla>

2- Sara Baras - Spanish Flamenco Dancer. She is a Flamenco icon and my personal role model as a flamenco dancer.

https://www.londontheatredirect.com/ballet/1396/ballet-flamenco-sara-baras-sombras-tickets.aspx?gclid=Cj0KCQjwzunmBRDsARIsAGrt4mtrO-REQIja_OVwV2Dreae9_YgbuF5Dhvg1NrqGjLIRmYKk9Np1R8IaAuScEALw_wcB

I hope you can share these links and enjoy the passion of the Spanish culture.

Mrs Rodrigo – Spanish Teacher

11+ Schools' Fair

On Thursday 9th May Saint Christina's was very pleased to welcome Richard Tillett (Head of Queen's College), Charles Fillingham (Head of Francis Holland), Sophie Langdale (Director of Admissions at Wycombe Abbey), and Lucy Cruddas and Annabel Brown (from Ampleforth College) into the school to talk about the transition to secondary school and what might be on offer for our children at that level.



Parents of Years 3-5 were invited to the event where Richard Tillett, the Head of Queen's College spoke about the sorts of things we might consider when choosing a secondary school, and Annabel Brown spoke about the merits of boarding.

The formal part of the evening concluded with an engaging 'Question and Answer' session after which parents were able to speak to the four representatives about their own schools. Feedback from the event has been very positive from both the schools and our parents, so we will seek to organise another event next year on a similar format.

Mr Gloag – Headteacher

REMINDERS

- There will not be any school bus drop off service or clubs (including Homework Club) on the afternoon of **Monday 17th June** due to all staff attending Fire Training.

Please ensure that you make alternative arrangements for your children to be collected by 3.15pm (Nursery and Reception) or 3.30pm (Year 1 to Year 6). Ballet will continue as usual in the Arts Hall. Thank you for your understanding.

Dates for your diary

Please note that dates/timings are subject to change and additions

Date	Event
Monday 3 rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Staff return • Year 5 & 6 PGL Trip to France – out all week
Wednesday 5 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Classes Pirate Workshop • Head from Queen’s Gate School visiting
Friday 7 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Trip • Mass led by Year 2 – 2.15pm
Tuesday 11 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision Screening for Reception to Year 2 (optional) • Year 6 Inter-School Mathematics Challenge
Wednesday 12 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space Launch (weather permitting)
Thursday 13 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 & 6 Cricket Fixture
Friday 14 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 Parent Coffee Morning – invitation to follow • Mass led by Year 5 – 2.15pm • Parent/Teacher Rounders Fixture – 3.45pm
Saturday 15 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABRSM Music Theory Examinations in School
Monday 17 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Cycle Training – all week (letter to follow) • Year 1 Music Trip • Staff INSET – Fire Training – 3.45pm
Tuesday 18 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Class Assembly – 9.00am • Year 4 Egyptian Workshop • Year 5 Inter-School Mathematics Challenge
Wednesday 19 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exam Students Instrumental and Vocal Solo Concert – 9.00am • Year 5 & 6 Rounders Fixture
Thursday 20 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Cricket Fixture
Friday 21 st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS & KS1 Sports Day – 10.00am-12:15pm • NO MASS
Monday 24 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAST WEEK OF CLUBS except Homework, Morning Clubs, Ballet and Irish Dance • KS2 Sports Day – 9.30am-12.45pm • Year 5 & 6 Cricket Fixture
Tuesday 25 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Author, Julia Golding visiting

Wednesday 26 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Year 4 swimming lesson
Thursday 27 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 Cricket Fixture
Friday 28 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass led by Year 1 – 2.15pm
Saturday 29 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Fair – 12.00-3.30pm – Details to follow via Parents' Link
Monday 1 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO CLUBS THIS WEEK (with the exception of Irish Dance, Ballet, Morning & Homework Clubs) Last Ballet Class
Tuesday 2 nd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Irish Dance Class
Wednesday 3 rd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO BALLETT KS2 Summer Production – Details to follow
Thursday 4 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late registration for KS2 children and siblings – 10.00am KS2 Summer Production – Details to follow
Friday 5 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late registration for KS2 children and siblings – 10.00am Mass led by Reception & Year 6 – 2.15pm Year 4 Charity Ice Cream Sale after school
Monday 8 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class Change Over afternoon – Information to follow
Tuesday 9 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prize Giving – KS2 – 1.45pm
Wednesday 10 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Leavers' Mass – timings TBC SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12 NOON FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS
AUTUMN TERM 2019	
Monday 2 nd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff INSET
Tuesday 3 rd September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff INSET Parents/Teacher Meetings (AM) regarding routines and systems – Details to follow
Wednesday 4th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CHILDREN RETURN