

**Dear Parents** 

7th June 2024

I hope you all managed to get some rest and relaxation over the half term holiday. Someone asked me if I was looking forward to winding down this term! I spent at least ten minutes explaining to them that this half term is one of the busiest of the year, so we're ramping up not winding down here! It's going to be a very busy few months with lots of exciting trips and events happening in school. Keep regularly checking the diary dates so you don't miss anything.

Assemblies – On Saturday 8th June it is 'World Ocean Day' and so on Tuesday, Mrs Duffy spoke to the infants about it. She read the true story 'Duffy's lucky escape'. You can see the story here. If you're ever at the beach, make sure you take your rubbish away with you. You can also recycle plastic bags/cling film in some large supermarkets (I know Tesco in Enfield does this) as this sort of plastic doesn't go in the Enfield recycling bins. On Wednesday Miss Smith spoke to the Juniors about 'World environment Day' which was 5th June. She raised awareness about the importance of taking care of our environment and some of the children in 5Y read poems they had written about Conway Park. One of our House Saints, St Francis, is Patron Saint of the Environment, so we can pray to him to help us look after our world.

On Friday I learnt that some of the children had learnt that yesterday's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary D-Day celebrations marked the beginning of the end of World War II and showed what could be achieved by everyone from different countries working as a TEAM!

**5G's Trip** – Class 5G were treated to a French theatre experience 'Le Chateau' and a French lesson led by the Year 10 students at Palmers Green High (PGH) on Tuesday afternoon. The children were brilliantly well behaved. Class 5Y will be having a Spanish workshop experience from PGH later this term.

<u>4Y's Trip</u> – Class 4Y went on a fabulous trip down a canal on Wednesday. 4G will be going next week and so I won't spoil the surprise and share any photos until both classes have been! Thanks very much to the parents who joined us for this. Lots of fun was had!

<u>Art Competition</u> – On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July we have our annual Summer Fête. We would like the children to design the front cover of the Summer Fête brochure. The theme of the fête is the school's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the school opened in 1954. Please do your design on white A4 paper – PORTRAIT not landscape and include 'St Monica's Summer Fête' and 'Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July 12-4pm'. **Entries due Friday.** 

The Feast of Corpus Christi – On Thursday Fr Mehall came to school to celebrate Mass for us for the Feast of Corpus Christi. This is a very important Feast day in the Catholic faith where we celebrate Jesus being the Body of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Children in Year 3 who had made their First Holy Communion wore their special outfits and respectfully created a Guard of Honour for the procession which led to Benediction (being blessed with the Blessed Sacrament). You can see some images from the occasion <a href="here">here</a>. Thanks to the Parish who then paid for ice lollies for all the children and staff and we were lucky to have a nice warm day to enjoy them!

Reception Yellow's visit to church – On Tuesday Yellow Class walked to St Monica's Church. They identified parts of the church and helped label things like the altar, tabernacle and lectern. Anna said they were a credit to the school, they were so well behaved and respectful. Miss Galvin posted about this on Tapestry if you'd like to see more. Green Class were due to go on Wednesday but this has had to be rearranged – date to be confirmed.



<u>Disco Fever</u> – Huge thanks to all the staff who stayed after school today to run the disco for the children! Lots of fun was had by all and lots of money was raised by your donations - thank you all! I hope the children enjoyed it!



<u>The Trial of the Three Little Pigs</u> – For anyone who would like to watch the trial put on by Jamie Okoro and the Year 6 Debating and Mooting Society, click <u>here</u>. Thanks once again to Jamie for all the work he did with Year 6 for the Debating and Mooting Society.

## Diary Dates for next half term:

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 9am – 4G trip to the floating classroom – the children need to be in school promptly for 8.50am and wear PE kits. Don't forget to bring a packed lunch if bringing your own from home.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 trip to Legoland – children need to be in school for 8.10am in PE kits, with packed lunch if bringing your own. They are due back between 5.30 and 6pm – a text will be sent so you know the time to pick up.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm – Reception dads (or grandads/uncles) stay and play – come to the front entrance for 1.30pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am – 4G's class assembly – families from 4G invited

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Closing date for entries for the Summer Fête Brochure front cover competition. Send them to the office. Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Social event in the evening for adults. Click here for more information

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Have a lovely weekend.

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