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NEWSLETTER

GOSPEL VALUES

During assembly this morning, we reflected on the Gospel Value of 'Respect' and how our words and actions can affect the feelings of others. We listened to the story of Jesus in the temple, where He showed that places of prayer should be treated with reverence and respect.

We discussed what this means for us at Stella Maris School and how we can show respect each day through kind words, good manners, listening to others and caring for our school community.

As always, we were thrilled to recognise our Merit Award winners this week for demonstrating our Gospel Values both in school and beyond the classroom. Congratulations to these pupils for being such positive role models and for making their teachers extremely proud.



MATHEMAGICIANS

Four of our Year 5 pupils were selected to represent the school at the 'Mathemagic Challenge' held at St Bede's College on Wednesday afternoon. The competition was certainly challenging and tested the children to their limits. Throughout the day, they behaved impeccably, and members of staff commented on how smart, polite, and well-mannered they were.



ANNIE THE MUSICAL

The Key Stage 2 pupils are really looking forward to their trip to see Annie the Palace Theatre on Wednesday 17th June. The deadline to return permission slips and for payment is today.



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LAMDA SUCCESS!

This morning, nine children undertook their LAMDA examinations after preparing exceptionally well under the expert supervision of Ms Mesagno. The children approached the experience with confidence and enthusiasm, demonstrating the hard work, dedication and performance skills they have developed throughout their preparation. We are very proud of their efforts and wish them every success with their results!

SUMMER PRODUCTION

Preparations for our summer production, School-O-Vision Song Contest, are going brilliantly, with rehearsals now well underway! The children have shown great enthusiasm and have all received their roles and scripts as they begin learning their lines.

Our performance will take place on Tuesday 30th June at 6:00pm in the Community Hall. Tickets will go on sale from Monday 8th June, priced at £10 for adults and £5 for students and senior citizens. The ticket price also includes access to a downloadable multi-camera recording of the show, which will be shared with families after the performance.

Over the half-term break, homework for all children is to practise their individual parts — and then practise some more! Your continued support at home is greatly appreciated and will help the children grow in confidence ahead of the performance.

LAMDA

SOCIAL MEDIA

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HALLE ORCHESTRA

The children and staff in Pre-Prep and Key Stage 1 are looking forward to their forthcoming trip to the Bridgewater Hall on Wednesday 10th June. It promises to be a wonderful experience as they participate in a 'Discovering Minibeasts' workshop led by the talented musicians of the Halle Orchestra. One spare adult helper ticket has become available so if any parent wishes to accompany the children and staff, please speak to Mr Usher.



ANYONE FOR THE BEACH?

We're looking forward to this year's whole-school end-of-year trip to Formby Beach on Wednesday 1st July! Thanks to the generous support of the PTA, the cost will be just £15 per pupil, including coach travel.

A small number of spare coach seats will be available for one parent per pupil on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to join us, please email the school office to register your interest.





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CLASS NEWS

Pre-Prep

This week we have had lots of fun exploring colour mixing, using pipettes to combine colours together. It has been very interesting to see how the colours change when mixed together. We had a really fun PE lesson with Brendon completing this term's course on tennis skills, he has been very impressed by the youngest children in the school's ability to follow instructions and how quickly they picked up some tennis skills.

Year 1/2

We have continued with our work on maps this week. Producing our own route maps from school to home and collecting data to produce a map of the Daily Mile. We worked hard in English lessons learning how to answer a comprehension question in full sentences including a part of the question in our answer. We found this to be quite tricky but everyone worked very hard and produced some high standard work. Everyone enjoyed a fun lesson with Mr Usher on data handling that involved kicking footballs across the playground!

Year 4/5

This week, the class continued their research into the 48 nations that have qualified for the upcoming World Cup, exploring the cultures and traditions of different countries and creating colourful, informative posters based on their findings. It was lovely to see some children choose countries linked to their own family backgrounds, including France, the USA, the Netherlands and Scotland. Alongside this work, the pupils completed a series of reading assessments which will help us set clear targets and provide support as we move into the final half term of the year.

Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed another busy week, beginning with their weekly Forest School session followed by another trip to Venture Out to Kayak on the Mersey. They have also been busy preparing for the summer show by rehearsing lines, acting scenes, and learning new songs. Throughout the week, the children have continued to show the caring and nurturing spirit of our school by supporting some of our younger pupils.

Extra Activities

Monday

Chess Club - Mr Usher - FREE
After-school (3.05pm-3.45pm)

Tuesday

Computing Club - Mr Brown FREE
After-school (3.05 pm – 3.45 pm)
Please note - NOT on 19th May and June 9th

Gardening Club - Mrs Jones - FREE
(Lunchtime for all ages)

Wednesday

Multi-Sports Club - An after-school club led
by coaches
from Stockport County C.T. - Year 1 and
upwards - £3.50 per session (3.05 pm – 4 pm)

Speech Club - Mrs Mesagno - £8 per sessions
(Lunchtime for Year 3-6)

Thursday

Art Club - Mrs Baldwin - £10 per session
(Lunchtime club for all ages.)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time and further details
Friday 22nd May	3:05pm School closes for Whit holiday	School closes for 2 weeks
Monday 8th June	School opens for Summer 2	8:00am
Wednesday 10th June	Pre-Prep and Key Stage 1 educational visit to the Bridgewater Hall to see the Halle Orchestra	Leave school at 11:00am Return to school at 3:00pm Packed lunch required
Wednesday 17th June	Key Stage 2 go to the Palace Theatre to watch Annie	Leave school at 1:30pm Return to school at 6:00pm
Thursday 18th June	Greater Manchester Fire Service workshop for KS2	2:00pm (re-arranged date)
Wednesday 24th June	Sports Day	1:30pm St. John's playing field
Friday 26th June	Dress rehearsal for the Summer Production	12:00-2:00pm at the Community Hall (No KS2 swimming today)
Tuesday 30th June	Summer Production-The School-O-Vision Song Contest	6:00pm @ Heaton Mersey Community Hall
Wednesday 1st July	Whole school trip to Formby Beach	9:30am depart 3:00pm return. £15 per pupil
Thursday 2nd July	Transition morning	Children to meet their new teacher
Tuesday 7th July	Pre-Prep + Key Stage 1 Assembly	9:30am School hall
Wednesday 8th July	Year 4+5 Assembly	9:30am School hall
Thursday 9th July	Year 6 Assembly	2:00pm School hall
Thursday 9th July	End of year pupil progress reports to go home	
Friday 10th July	Year 6 bowling at Parrs Wood	9:30-11:00am
Friday 10th July	School closes for the Summer Holiday	12:00 noon