



Saint Christina's

Pre-Prep and Prep School
for boys & girls aged 3-11

Bulletin

Friday 14th June 2024

Dear Parents,

Despite the challenges that we have all faced with fluctuating temperatures and blue skies gilded by thunderous downpours, it's been a lovely week. It seems that we have had lots of families in School in some capacity, such has been the range of activities.

On Thursday we enjoyed a fantastic spectacle of athletic prowess out in Regent's Park as the KS2 children enjoyed their Sports Day. I am grateful to all of you who managed to find the time to attend and support the event. I am sure you will agree that the children really did enjoy themselves and threw themselves into the events with great gusto. St Francis were the overall winners this year, and records have tumbled, but the most important thing is that everyone had a lovely afternoon. I would like to publicly thank Mr Raveney for planning and executing the whole show, with Mr Artur and all the staff playing their part to a well briefed 't'.

Preparations for the School production hurtle onwards as the performance nights creep closer. The show is beginning to come together with a number of run-throughs occurring this week. I would really like to thank Mrs Bryant for all she is doing to bring Chitty Chitty Bang Bang to life in our hall, in the absence of Mr Duncan, and to all the class teachers who are working hard to support the project. I would add, that, even as I write, the Arts Hall is filled with parents who have volunteered to help with props and scenery – it really is lovely to see the whole community come together to make the summer production happen every year! Thank you.

I wanted just to make a little mention of the Year 1 Mass last Friday. It was a real joy to see such a beautiful Mass and to watch the children doing all the very many things they had been preparing, so beautifully. If you do not routinely come to Mass, do please consider whether or not, from time to time, you might be able to fit it into your Friday afternoon.

On the back of our assembly last week, where we thought about what a General Election is and talked about what it means to be a democracy, this week's assembly focused on the D-Day commemorations that were held in Northern France last week. I was really impressed with the way that the children engaged with quite a gritty, but important subject and enjoyed looking at the learning that the children have been engaging with around the topic.

Don't forget that the Summer Fair will be held on **Saturday 29th June**. More details will come out shortly, but it will be a wonderful event. I do hope that you will all sign up to come.

We are looking forward to a really packed couple of weeks as we head towards the end of term, so do enjoy a quiet and relaxing weekend with your families.

Yours sincerely,

Alastair Gloag
Headteacher

Year 1 Led Mass



On Friday, 7th June. Year 1 led the mass for the Feast of the Sacred Heart. They spoke beautifully and led the school in many wonderful hymns. We are very proud of them!

Ms Higgins – Year 1 Teacher

Reception Music Class

Reception completed their song board this week! Each time we've learnt a song, we put a picture up to help us remember. Children can choose their favourites and it helps me remember them too!! They have been very much looking forward to having the board filled so we took a picture to celebrate! Well done Reception.

Mrs Bryant – Head of Music



Year 1 and Year 4 Buddies Zoo Trip



Year 1 and Year 4 had a wonderful trip to London Zoo on Wednesday. The children have been learning about Living Things and Animal Classification in their Science lessons. The children visited the Reptile House, Giant Tortoises, Lion enclosure, Butterfly enclosure, Spider Monkeys and had lunch in front of the playful penguins! The children finished off their trip with a special treat visiting the Gorilla enclosure where luckily, we got to see the new born infant gorillas!

Year 4 were wonderful role models and taught their buddies lots of information about a variety of animals. Year 1 have been learning about animals and classifying them into different groups. We were excited to share our learning with our buddies and to spot a variety of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. A highlight of the trip was seeing the new lion cubs, who were being closely monitored by zookeepers as they were being introduced to the father lion for the first time this week. We also loved seeing the two baby gorillas.

When we returned to school, we enjoyed completing a quiz about the different animals we saw and learned about. The children had a wonderful time and really appreciated bonding with their buddies!



Year 2 Trip to the Young V&A

On Tuesday, 11th June, Year 2 went on a brilliant trip to the Young V&A Museum. The class represented the school excellently as they delved into the diverse and engaging exhibits the museum offers.

A highlight of the day was the "Hero Arm" workshop, where the children participated in creative design activities centred around an innovative, affordable, and customisable prosthetic arm designed for individuals with limb differences. This hands-on experience not only sparked their imaginations but also instilled a sense of empathy and understanding.

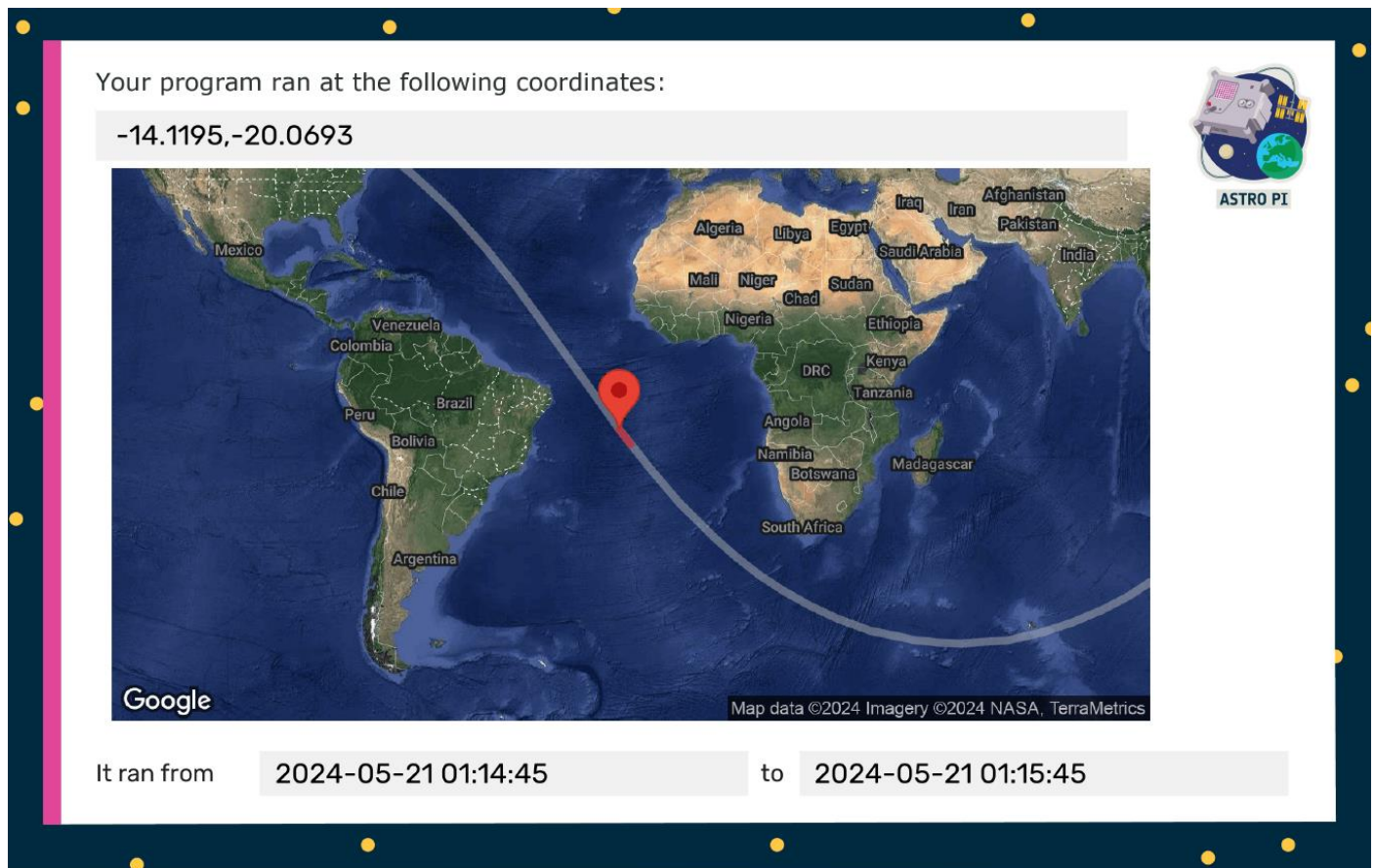
Well done, Year 2!

Mr Burke – Year 2 Teacher



Year 6 Team CGTK

MISSION ZERO - Mission Zero offers young people the chance to have their code run in space! This year's theme was 'Flora and Fauna'.



Earlier this Year a team from Year six wrote a program to take a reading from the colour and luminosity sensor on an Astro-Pi computer on board the International Station, and used it to set the background colour in a personalised image of a beach and the sunset for the astronauts to see as they go about their daily tasks on the ISS.

They had a hard task but worked exceptionally well as a team and conquered the coding difficulties. They were awarded certificates today showing the exact time and location the program ran in space.

Well done to Claudia, Gina, Tilly-Rose and Kao for doing such a great job!

We are so proud of their achievement!



Ms Overing – ICT Teacher

PE Update

Yesterday we had our Key Stage 2 Sports Day which was a great event. The children performed so well in both the track and field events. There were several very close finishes and it was lovely to see the children trying their very best to earn points for their houses. It was so nice to have so many parents there to support and I hope you enjoyed the afternoon. A huge congratulations must go to Saint Francis who were the overall winners. There will be a more detailed write up with photos from the afternoon in next week's bulletin.

The EYFS and KS1 children have been enjoying their final preparations for next week's Sports Day. This week the children have spent time working on the shooting challenge, running races and the relay as well as continuing with their cricket and tennis sessions. The EYFS and Key Stage 1 Sports Day takes place next **Friday 21st June 9.45– 12.00pm.** Parents are more than welcome to come along to support

Last Friday we were invited to take part in a cricket tournament hosted by St Marys with 8 other schools. It was a great event and the children put in a fantastic performance throughout the afternoon. We ended up finishing in 4th place which was a great achievement. The afternoon started with a great win against Village Prep before we were then beaten by a very strong SHHS team. In the 3rd and 4th final we put in a great performance against St Christophers but lost lots of wickets which resulted in us giving the opposition 40 runs. It was lovely to see some great batting and bowling on show. Well done to Alice B who was nominated star payer for her efforts during the afternoon.



Upcoming Fixtures

Date	Opposition	Year group	Time
Monday 17th June	St Christopher's	Year 5 and 6 Cricket	4.15-17.00
Monday 24th June	St Christopher's	Year 4 Cricket	4.15-17.00

Mr Raveney - Director of Sport

Music

KS1 Music Assembly – Tuesday 25th June

The Music Department would like to invite KS1 parents to our KS1 Music Assembly on Tuesday 25th June at 9.00am. This is an opportunity for pupils having individual lessons in school to perform a short piece to a supportive audience. The assembly should last no longer than 45 minutes.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang – update

Rehearsals are going very well for our summer production of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. All children in KS2 will now know which songs they are involved in, and have been working with wonderful enthusiasm in rehearsals on dialogue, movement, songs and dances. Excitement is building and it promises to be a spectacular show! We look forward to welcoming you to watch the production on the evenings of Wednesday 26th June (year 3 and 4 parents) and Thursday 27th June (Year 5 and 6 parents), with more details to follow.

Please see the letter you will have received this week, for details of costume items which need to be brought in. All costumes need to be in school in a labelled bag, by Friday 21st June.

Year 3 parents – please remember to also send in a plain light-coloured T-shirt large enough to go over your child's base costume, labelled with their name inside, no later than Tuesday 18th June. An old T-shirt is best - it will be "dirtied" in Art next week so it should not be an item you want back!

Practice materials

The songs for each class have been uploaded on to their Google Classroom, so please encourage them to continue practising learning the words. Year 6 should now be off script.

Costumes

All children in years 3-5 will need a base costume of **plain black/dark trousers or leggings** (not jeans and with no logo or pattern), a **plain white short-sleeved shirt, T-shirt or polo shirt** (with no logo or pattern), and **black shoes** (not trainers). Year 5 will also need a **plain black shirt, T-shirt or polo shirt**. Year 6 and other pupils with individual roles will need other or additional items, some of which we have in school, and further details will follow very shortly for all children. No costumes need to be brought in to school yet.

Volunteers

If you would like to help with making or supplying items of set, props or costumes, please contact Parents Link as we would love to hear from you.

Mrs Bryant - Director of Music

Piano and Cello Lessons

There are a few spaces available for piano and cello lessons to start in September.

To reserve your place or if you have any questions please email: ruthhyland@gmail.com

Ms Hyland

Fr Terry's Food Bank

We would like to thank you so much for your support for Fr Terry's food bank this half term. We have collected a wonderful amount of food.

We looking forward to continuing to supporting this collection next half term.

Mr Burke and the Caritas Ambassadors

Saint Christina's Food Collection



Caritas Fundraising Event

We are delighted to invite you to our fundraising event at the Arts Hall on Friday June 21st, from 3-4pm. The Caritas Ambassadors will be trading delicious cakes, refreshing ice creams, fun toys, and wonderful books in return for a small donation. All proceeds will support our sister school in Mumbai, The Passage homeless charity, the Ukrainian refugee centre at the 02 on Finchley Road and to support agencies and charities who are working to alleviate human suffering in the Middle East Conflict.



If you have any toys or books you would be willing to donate towards this event, please drop them off to Mr Burke in Year 2 in advance.

Please note, this will be a cashless event. Donations can be made through the link below or QR code on the day.

<https://superkind.org/campaign/caritas-fundraiser-for-ukraine-mumbai-and-the-passage-2>

We look forward to seeing you there and appreciate your support!

Sincerely,

The Caritas Ambassadors

REMINDERS / HEALTH & SAFETY

NUT FREE SCHOOL

We have a number of pupils and staff in the school who have serious nut allergies. Please will you ensure that you do not give your child any nuts or nut products (e.g. Nutella) to bring into school.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Please do not send your child into school with any medication on their person. Medication can only be administered by qualified personnel. The only medication that we can administer, therefore, is prescribed medication e.g. Antibiotics, Inhalers, EpiPen's. Children should not be sent into school with any other type of medication e.g. Cold and Flu medicines / Calpol / Lozenges etc. If your child is unwell and in need of medication, they should remain at home until they feel better.

If your child does have any medication, please contact Miss Georgia, and she will ask you to fill in the relevant forms and keep the medication safely in the School Office. Thank you for your co-operation.

Late collection of children

If a parent enrolls one child into a club and needs to put another in Homework club, they will be charged a fee of £15 for the second child. Additionally, children who are collected late at the end of the school day or after a club will be sent to Homework Club and parents will be charged accordingly. Homework Club runs from Monday to Thursday from 3.30-5.00pm and costs £15 per session. A late fee of £50 will be charged if children are collected after 5.00pm.

Items left in the front office

Please ensure that your child has everything they need for the school day before they arrive in the morning: e.g. snacks / PE Kit. Items are regularly being left in the office by parents and carers throughout the day and, whilst they will do everything they can to help you, this causes disruption not only to the office staff but also to the children, Class Teachers and TAs who have to come to the office to collect the items. Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Sunday Mass

Just a reminder to everyone, you are all invited to join Sunday Mass, which is held in the Chapel at 10.00am

Safety around drop-off

A polite reminder – if you are dropping your child off for breakfast club or a morning music lesson, **your child must be supervised until the doors open at 8am and under no circumstances left unattended.**

Dates for your diary

W/C Monday 17 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAST WEEK OF CLUBS • Year 5 and 6 Cricket Tournament • Year 4 History Trip
Tuesday 18 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School Photo and Class Photos (Full uniform including blazers and please insure hair and uniform is tidy, as well as any hair accessories are in school colours, e.g. Royal blue, Navy, White and Black) • KS2 House Talent Show
Thursday 20 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS trip • Year 5 Art Fair trip • Year 6 Trip
Friday 21 st June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EYFS & KS1 Sports Day – am • NO MASS
Monday 24 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 Cricket Fixture
Tuesday 25 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS1 Music Assembly
Wednesday 26 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 Production for Year 3 & 4 Parents – 7:00pm
Thursday 27 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 Production for Year 5 & 6 Parents – 7:00pm
Friday 28 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School Friendship Mass – 2.45pm
Monday 1 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Change over afternoon
Wednesday 3 rd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 Prize-Giving – pm
Thursday 4 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Leavers' Mass – 10.45am • SCHOOL CLOSSES AT MIDDAY FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS • STAFF INSET
Friday 5 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STAFF INSET
SUMMER HOLIDAYS – MONDAY 8th JULY TO TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER (INCLUSIVE)	
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 in school 9.30am – Reception Classes 10.00am – Year 1 & 2 Classes 10.30am – Year 3 & 4 Classes 11.00am – Year 5 & 6 Classes
Wednesday 4 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHILDREN RETURN

ABOVE TIMES/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/>