

St. Mary Magdalen's RC Primary School

Summer 1 2022

NEWSLETTER (Apr-May)



It is wonderful to welcome you all back after the Easter holidays and we hope you have all enjoyed some rest and relaxation with your loved ones. It has certainly been a busy start to the year so far, but we are very much looking forward to an exciting summer term with a busy calendar of events! We are aiming to build on enhancing the curriculum by bringing experiences to life with visits and visitors this term in as many ways as we can. EYFS are hoping to visit a farm as part of their 'Growing' topic. KS1 have a Science trip to the Winter Gardens planned and Year 4 will be visiting the Beacon of Light in May. Our Year 6 children will be having an overnight stay in York in June as well as a Watersports Day at Sunderland Marina. We hope to add to this as much as possible over the coming weeks!

During the summer term, our school will convert to become an academy and join the Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust (BCCET), in line with Bishop Robert's directive for all Catholic schools in our Diocese to be academies by July 2022. All stakeholders were previously consulted in March 2021 and all responses were considered. Our conversion date is planned to be 1st July 2022; however, there should be little change seen in the day-to-day life of our school. St Mary Magdalen's will continue to flourish and we are committed to building on current successes. More information and updates to follow!

Christ at the Centre – 'Statements to Live By'

As a Catholic school we are centred on Christ and Catholic beliefs and principles. Here at St. Mary Magdalen's we love and support each other, we show kindness to those around us and are respectful and tolerant. We recognise that Jesus is with us in all that we do, both in celebrating our successes and supporting us during our challenges. This half term, we will be focusing on the Sunday Gospel readings and exploring our half termly 'Statements to Live By'.

Ethos Statements for April

- *I know when to ask for help and who to ask for help from.*

Ethos Statements for May

- *I can recognise comfortable and uncomfortable feelings.*
- *I know how to help others when they are in trouble.*
- *I understand what trust means.*
- *I try to forgive people when they hurt me.*



School Uniform

As we enter the summer term, children are asked to wear their Summer uniform. This consists of ...

Boys: Navy jumper, light blue polo shirt with collar (no tie required), grey trousers or shorts.

Girls: Navy jumper / cardigan, light blue polo shirt with collar (no tie required), navy skirt/trousers.

All children should wear black school shoes and **not** trainers.

Watches are the only items of jewellery that can be worn for school.



PE kit

Children are asked to come to school wearing their PE kit – navy PE hoody, light blue t-shirt and navy shorts/joggers/leggings, with trainers for outdoor PE and plimsolls for indoor sports. On colder days, children can wear jogging bottoms over their shorts.

Please refer to our school website for further details.

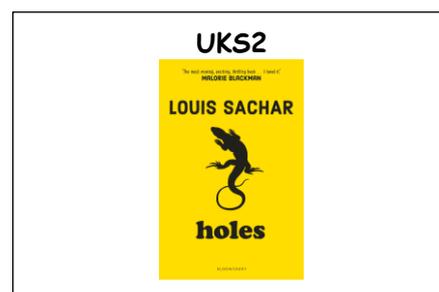
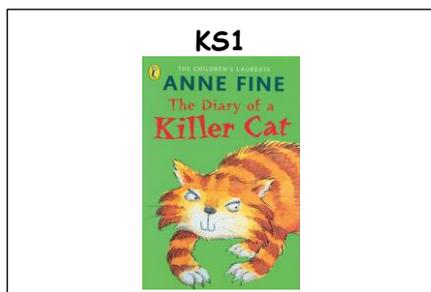
Fundraising

We are planning a fundraising event in June. Our Pupil Leader groups will be involved in planning the day which will be a 'Sportathon'. They have ideas to raise money for new playground equipment. One of our Year 6 pupils is also committed to raising money for a defibrillator to serve our school and community. We think this is a fantastic idea and plan to combine the events of the day to raise money for both of these ventures. We are so proud of our children, wanting to make a difference and becoming actively involved in enhancing school life and that of our community.



Class novels

During the summer term, we will be reading a range of novels in school...



EYFS will continue to read their story cycle, focusing on the structure and language of stories.



Important Dates for your diary!!!

April Dates

25th – Back to school
 25th – Y5/6 Fencing club to begin
 25th / 26th April - KS1 Science visit
 26th – Holy Communion meeting
 31st – Y4 Children at Mass

May Dates

1st – BANK HOLIDAY
 9th -12th – KS2 SATs
 10th – Y5 Virtual Author Talk
 13th – Treat day Year 6
 13th – Year 4 Maths Day at Beacon of Light
 16th – Skipping Festival
 16th – 19th – KS1 SATs
 20th – Treat day Year 2
 21st – First Holy Communion Service in Church
 24th – Governor's Open Day
 25th - Jubilee Day Celebration
 26th / 27th – Street Games training

Y6 SATs breakfast Club

During SATs week(9th-12th May), Year 6 children will be invited to have their own breakfast club in class with their friends, 8.00-8.40am.

More information to follow!

Multiplication Check



Our Year four children will be taking a times tables test where they will answer 25 questions, with 6 seconds per question. They are practising their tables regularly in school and it would be great if they could also do this at home using <https://urbrainy.com/mtc>

Phonics Check



Our Year one children will be taking their phonics check in June. This assesses their ability to decode and read words. Please see our website for videos of each sound for extra practice.

School Kitchen Garden

Toward the end of the spring term, each class has been allocated an area of our school kitchen garden. They are each developing their plots to grow a range of fresh produce that our school cook will use in producing some delicious lunches.

Starfish – Rhubarb, Lettuce
Seahorse – Beans, Sunflowers
Redacre – Radishes
Fleetrock – Onions
Featherbed – Leeks
Byron –Peas
Vane Tempest – Tomatoes
Milbanke – Courgette
George Elmy – Potatoes
Charles Stewart – Strawberries



Herb garden
Elliot Gala – Carrots



You can also keep up to date with events on our school website – check out the school calendar or Twitter page!

School News!



Y3/4 Easter Liturgy

Our Year 3 and 4 children led a beautiful Liturgy in church during Holy week. Thank you to all of the staff and pupils who helped to prepare this!

Well done St Cecilia!



St Cecilia were champions this half-term and enjoyed a treat with Steph from BeautiBeats. There was music, mud and madness as the children worked together to complete various challenges. Well done to everyone who took part!

Earth Day

Thank you to everyone for taking part in our first 'Earth Day'. This day was planned and organised by some of our Year 6 children who are passionate about making a positive impact in our world. Many of our younger children were able to articulate ways they can look after the planet – this shows what a success the day was! Well done.



Mini Vinnies



A big thank you to our Mini Vinnies and Mrs Sharp for their fundraising efforts last term. They organised a cake sale for staff in school and made over £180. They used some of this money to buy an Easter gift for the residents of the Beachcombers, also making Easter cards. The remainder of the money they will be donating to aid for Ukraine, after some further fundraising in the parish next term. They have also worked hard to make Easter cards for members of the parish. So very kind!

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility



Any concerns around safeguarding should be reported to our designated safeguarding lead, Mrs Goodwin or the deputy designated safeguarding lead, Mrs Ball. Mrs Thompson and Mrs Robson are also safeguarding leads in school. Please see our school website for full details of our school safeguarding policy.



FOUNDATION OF LIGHT

George Elmy have been working with the Foundation of Light each week, programming spheros. They have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions! During the summer term, they will also be working with Redacre and Fleetrock through their PE sessions as well as completing a Social Action Project with George Elmy. Watch this space!

