



St Mary
Magdalene
Academy

Primary School Newsletter - 27 September

Show by a good life that your works are done by gentleness
born of wisdom James 3:13

Childcare during the two week half-term break

During the two week break at half term, Barnard Adventure playground may be able to open the second week to support parents/carers from SMMA. However, there needs to be enough interest in order for the provision to open. If you are interested please can you contact sarah@awesomemic.co.uk before Friday 4th October. If there is enough interest the playground would open that week Monday-Friday from 9 am-5.30 pm. There will be a charge as this is outside of their normal operating hours but that can be confirmed once they know the need—the charge would only be to cover the staffing hours
www.awesomemic.co.uk/adventure-play/barnard-adventure-playground/

PTSA AGM - 7.30pm, 16th October

Our PTSA does a brilliant job of running a whole host of SMMA community events and raising money to fund enrichment for our children. It's their **annual general meeting** on **Wednesday 16th October** and this year it will be held in the **Duchess of Kent pub** (441 Liverpool Road) from 7.30pm. Please come! Not only do we elect officers for the coming year, it's also a great opportunity to find out about upcoming events and spending plans and have your say. Please let Jo Richards (078 1314 7374) know if you're coming for numbers.

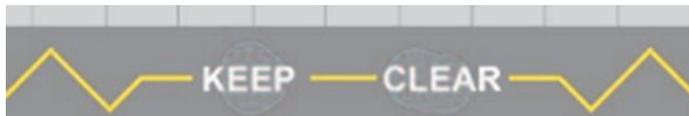
Thank you to all for your generous donations to our **Harvest** collection. All donations will be given to Islington Foodbank who support local people. Fr Sam led the Primary school and Year 7 together in a service this week of thanksgiving and we reflected on how the Israelites were given manna from heaven in their time of need.



As the weather has become cooler, the **tortoises** have come inside from their rooftop home for the winter months and will be enjoying their holiday looked after by Reception class. As is now tradition, the Reception pupils rename them for their break. This year Dantae has called them Jammy and Dodger!

In Mandarin lessons, the annual **Mid Autumn Festival** poster competition was been launched. Entries should be in by 14 October and winners go on a trip to Chinatown for lunch!

Please respect the **parking** around the school and ensure you park with consideration. Stopping in the area outside the schools gates where this is marked could lead to an instant Penalty Notice Charge. These parking restrictions have been introduced as they have been proven to reduce accidents between drivers and pedestrians as well as providing access to emergency services. While parking can be frustrating, please put the safety of our children, families and staff first.



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Autumn term diary dates

September

Mon 30—Y5 & 6 Shakespeare workshops (in school)

Fri 4—International Food Event—school hall after pick up

October

Tues 1 – Y4 Parent Lunch

Wed 2—Y3/4 Boys football tournament

Thurs 3 – Y3 Parent Lunch

Fri 4—International food event after school in hall

Tues 8 – Y 2 Parent Lunch

Thur 10—Reception, Y1, 2 & 3 Reading morning

Fri 11—Y6 class assembly 3pm

Thur 10 – Y1 Parent Lunch

Mon 14 – Parents Evening

Tues 15 – Parents Evening

Wed 16—PTSA AGM 7.30pm Venue TBC

Mon 21 – 1 November – Half Term

November

Tues 5 – Y5 & Y6 Millfield Theatre trip

Tues 5—Reception, Y1, 2 & 3 Reading morning

Fri 8—Year 2 class assembly 3pm

Fri 15—Flu Immunisation

Fri 15—Year 5 class assembly

Wed 20 – Reception Parent Lunch

Fri 22—Year 4 class assembly 3pm

Fri 29—Reception, Y1, 2 & 3 Reading morning

Fri 29—Y3 class assembly 3pm

December

Tues 10—Pantomime in school hall

Wed 11 – Y4 Tate Britain

Thur 12—Christmas lunch

Fri 13 – Nativity (TBC)

Tues 17—Keyboard assembly with Mr Mills 9am

Tues 17 – KS2 Carol Concert (TBC)

Thur 19—TERM ENDS 1.30pm

Rain stops play for Year 4 A huge thank you to Year 4 for being so brilliant about not one, or two but three disappointments this week as rain prevented them from going swimming, on a school trip and to a sporting event at St Marks. We will be rearranging things as soon as we can, but were really impressed with their mature attitude.

In this week's assemblies:

Ms Luzmore continued reading the school *A Little History of the World*.



This week we travelled to Egypt and heard about the construction of the Pyramid at Giza, the importance of the Nile, how hieroglyphics were deciphered with the Rosetta stone and how their traditions lasted over 3000 years. This week we have been listening to William Onyeabor, a Nigerian Afrobeat artist.

It was lovely to welcome parents into class for our first **reading morning** this week. The next one is on Thursday 10 October.



Have you a spare hour or two a week? Would you be willing to come into school and hear children read? We need volunteers who can commit to a weekly session. If you are interested, please contact Mr Standing.

Superstar Rosie!

Well done to Rosie (Y5) for raising over £4000 in memory of her grandad when she and her mum Race for Life in 45 minutes. What a star!



Year 3 have begun to learn the recorder in music

This week's HEROs:

Year 1 - Lucia

Year 2 - Lucy

Year 3 - Alex J

Year 4 - Harry

Year 5 - Jayron

Year 6 - Ronnie

Have you got what it takes to be an **SMMA H.E.R.O?**

