



Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parents,

It has been an exciting week here at Sacred Heart. Our children have fully embraced our Anti Bullying message "we are all different and all equal".

Today, we had a lovely surprise for the children. They were entertained with a special show by Wizard Theatre, who performed "The Reluctant Dragon". This story was written by the author of The Wind in the Willows, Kenneth Grahame and addresses issues of friendship, family and bullying as well as the difference between people's reputation and their real personality. This was thoroughly enjoyed whilst at the same time, a great way to end our anti bullying week. On Monday, our Anti bullying ambassadors will be involved in selecting the winning posters for our anti bullying poster competition. These will be shared in our celebration assembly.

On Tuesday morning we had an IR35 audit from the financial team from HCC. We were delighted with the outcome which will be officially reported in the near future. The auditor stated that we had robust systems in place. A special thank you to Mrs Pryke for all her hard work during this.

On Wednesday, many of our school governors were able to join us and had the opportunity to carry out a learning walk with our school councillors and gather pupil voice. The children that were involved were commended on their confidence and excellent attitude to learning. This enabled us to celebrate all the things we are so proud of as well as reflect on areas we can further improve.

On Thursday, we had our open morning for prospective reception parents. Everyone was over-whelmingly positive about our school which was wonderful to hear, but most importantly again, our Y6 pupils who took our visitors around the school were complimented for being such fabulous representatives for Sacred Heart.

This week, our Y6 football team took part in a local league game. We thought it would be nice to share one of the pupils match reports shown below.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs Rebecca Tregear
Headteacher

Football League Match: Sacred Heart 4-2 Bushey Heath

Shortly after kick off, the ball quickly sped down to Bushey Heath's half of the pitch and Sacred Heart piled on the pressure and had a number of early corners and a numerous amount of shots. The ball was mostly kept down by the opponent's goal, despite the amount of Bushey Heath tackles. Claiming the ball back, Frankie slotted the ball into the bottom left corner of the goal and scored in the 13th minute.

1-0 at Half Time

Soon after half time, Bushey Heath scored. Nevertheless, the Sacred Heart boys kept going and after good work from Daniel and Frankie, James scored in the 26th minute to make it 2-1. But another long ball from Bushey Heath led them to their equaliser. However, the team fought back and Sacred Heart's third goal involved a throw in from Daniel to JJ who played a brilliant touch into James who finished from the edge of box in the 34th minute. And if that wasn't enough, Sacred Heart clinched the game in the 37th minute when James unleashed a long range shot with his left foot and the ball bolted into the back of the net.

All of the boys played some excellent passing football and made good use of the wide areas.

4-2 at Full Time

Sacred Heart Team:

Alessandro, Cian, George, Daniel, Ronnie (C), Frankie, James, Darragh, Cameron and JJ

Reported by Megan Stapleton.

Ofsted Report

Mrs Morgan (Chair of our Governing Body) has written a letter on behalf of the full board of Governors regarding our Ofsted inspection. This is attached to today's newsletter.

The Ofsted report is now published on the Ofsted website. There is a link to this address on our website.

Friday 1 December Christmas in a Box

Details to follow next week

Photos

Mr Perretta has been coming into school to take photos of our pupils for our new display boards in reception. The children have been thinking of ways to demonstrate our school values of Courage, Peace, Mercy, Perseverance, Faith, Justice, Dignity, Respect, Forgiveness, Trust, Love, Truth, Compassion and Hope.

Next week, we invite pupils to bring in any dressing up outfits that can be used for our "Who is God calling you to be?" display. For example: firefighters, doctors, nurses, police officers or builders.

FOSH

Raised £2060.10 for the Circus in September, £4894.36 for the fireworks in November plus a mystery parent who made up the difference to get us over £5,000 mark. Total raised was an incredible £7,000. Thank you everyone.

Muffi Day

Thank you for your contributions to our Christmas Bazaar. We are still in desperate need for more bottles for our tombola which is the highlight of our fair. Any further donations would be greatly appreciated.

Mapac Black Friday Event 15% discount
Friday 24 November-Wednesday 29 November.

Performing Arts School

The NRYA, or Nichola Rees Youth Academy, is a performing arts school, based in Watford, for children aged 5-13. They currently have spaces on Saturday afternoon classes and will be holding auditions for our upcoming production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This will take place at The Pump House Theatre in May 2018. Please contact Nichola at nichola@nrya.co.uk to arrange a taster session or visit www.nrya.co.uk for more information.



Absences

When reporting absences, please give your child's full name and report absences before 9.30am.

Dates for your diary

Nov

Tues 21 Nov Y4 Speed Stacking, Queens, 1pm-2.30pm
Thurs 23 Nov Girls Football Match, St Josephs 3.45pm
Fri 24 Nov Y4 Mrs Leaper Class Mass 2pm in school (Mrs Leaper class)
Sat 25 Nov Christmas Bazaar, 11am-2pm
Wed 29 Nov FOSH meeting to be held in school, 2pm

Dec

Fri 1 Dec R-Y4 Flu vaccination
Mon 4 Dec Y6 School Visit (Crucial Crew)
Wed 6 Dec Y5 Singing at Bushey Luncheon Club 2pm-2.30pm
Fri 8 Dec Nursery Retreat morning in school
Tues 12 Dec Y3 Advent Service Westminster Cathedral
Wed 13 Dec Infant Play with siblings, 9am
Thurs 14 Dec Infant Play no siblings, 9am
Thurs 14 Dec Junior Play Advent Service, 11am in church
Thurs 14 Dec Carol Singing INTU 4-5pm, all KS2
Fri 15 Dec Nursery children finish for Christmas
Fri 15 Dec Afterschool DISCO, details to follow
Mon 18 Dec YR/1 Retreat morning in school
Tues 19 Dec School finish for Christmas 1.15pm
Tues 19 Dec Christmas Dinner day at school (Children to wear Christmas jumper and bring a hat)

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Jan

Wed 3 Jan INSET day School Closed
Thurs 4 Jan All children back to school



Competitions & Achievements



Year 6 Basketball Tournament

On Tuesday the 15th November, 16 members of Year 6 visited Queens for a basketball tournament. Two teams of eight children were entered following a number of PE sessions. In total there were 24 teams from across Hertfordshire who entered. One of the teams made it past the group stages and into the semi-finals. After winning the semi-final 4-0 they faced off against Nascot Wood in the final. The teams could not be separated during normal time or in overtime and unfortunately it came down to sudden death free throws. Our PE teacher Mr Longman thought that we were extremely unlucky and that all 16 children played brilliantly and represented Sacred Heart well. *By George Taboda*

On the day, the classroom was buzzing with excitement. All of us were so ecstatic and nervous. When we arrived at Queens, we saw all of the other schools ready and warming up. 24 other teams was a lot and I must admit it was quite intimidating. But that wasn't going to stop me from giving my best performance. When we got to the court for our first game, I was extremely nervous! On my team I had: Elena, Frankie and George. We soon became relaxed after winning our first game 8-0. In our second game, we won 5-0 and in our third game we won 4-1. A few minutes later, we found out that we were in the semi-final. After winning that game we reached the final where we narrowly lost in a sudden death free throw shoot out. Despite the result, all of the children really enjoyed the experience and were delighted to have made it so far in the competition. *By Katie Gully*

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Sacred Heart Ofsted Inspection

Dear Parents and Carers

Following on from the Ofsted inspection which took place on the 10th October, we are delighted that Sacred Heart retained a 'Good' rating as judged by Ofsted. The criteria for being judged a good school has become more stringent since our previous inspection so this makes maintaining the good judgement all the more pleasing.

This is a clear reflection of the hard work that has been carried out by our pupils and staff, as well as reflecting the clear future leadership and strategic aspirations that Mrs Tregear is starting to form for Sacred Heart.

We are so very proud of the way that the children have acted as true ambassadors of our school during our recent inspections. They have been polite, welcoming and hardworking; a real credit to the partnership of parents and school working together.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone involved in achieving this, including those parents who have assisted in and supported the school over the years in many ways.

Whilst it is pleasing that Sacred Heart retained its 'Good' rating, particularly during a period where the school faced a number of key challenges, including two Head Teacher recruitment rounds, we must not rest on our laurels. It is important that we now develop a clear strategy and plan to take Sacred Heart to 'Outstanding' and become the very best we can be. This is something that the Governing Body, Mrs Tregear and her leadership team will be working on over the coming term and we welcome any views that you as parents have around the school and our future aspirations.

As you will know from last week's newsletter, Mrs Tregear also informed you that the Diocese of Westminster have just carried out our Section 48 - Religious Education Inspection and we will write to you as soon as we are able to share the outcome of that as well.

Sacred Heart School faces an exciting and transformational journey over the next stage of our evolution and as the plans form in more detail we will share these with you and look forward to working with you to make Sacred Heart the very best it can be for our children's futures.

If you have any questions, or would like to share your broader views, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Tregear and the Governing Body via the school office.

Kind regards

Sacred Heart Governing Body

