

FAITH, FAMILY AND FELLOWSHIP

Celebratory news from across the Koinonia Federation

May 2023

A message from the Executive Co-Headteachers

Welcome to our bumper edition of celebratory news. Although Summer 1 is a short half term we have had lots of exciting opportunities happening across our Federation. We hope you enjoy reading about just a small selection.

It has been a challenging half term with Year 2 and Year 6 SATS. We would like to say well done to all the children for trying their very best in the tests. Year 11 and Year 13 have been sitting their GCSE and 'A' Level exams respectively. We have been impressed with how studious the vast majority of students have been in both cohorts. No doubt they will continue to work hard over half term in preparation for exams which run up until 26th June. We wish them the best of luck in the final phase of examinations.

With best wishes

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Wainwright

Bishop Karowei Visit

How often do you get the opportunity to interview a Bishop? The pupils and students of St Mary Magdalene, Peninsula Campus recently had the opportunity to do just that.

During a busy morning on 25th April, Bishop Karowei – Bishop of Woolwich - joined staff and students in the Peninsula School campus for an inspiring and engaging time of discussion and sharing. He started the day by leading our Primary phase in Collective Worship, followed by meeting with a selection of students from all year groups up to and including our Year 13 Sixth Form students. He met with our Secondary Pupil Faith Team who asked, among other things, about his journey to becoming a Bishop and whether he thought his past career and skills were now being wasted. The Primary Pupil Faith Team spent some time asking him questions including a rather interesting question about free will, choice and God knowing our destiny.

Finally, the Bishop spent time with a selection of our Sixth Form students from Year 12 and 13. They asked for words of wisdom about the journey of life and what his favourite Bible passage was at the moment. He spoke deeply about his faith – through life's toughest times of loss and grief, through times of celebration and through watching others going seasons through hard situations. He spoke of the words in John 3:16 and God's love for each and every one of us and that God's love means that we have no reason to perish or be lost forever. Our students asked fascinating questions about faith and strength, about scripture and theology. I wonder what you would have asked if you had been in the room. The Bishop then prayed with each group and left them with some words of wisdom and God's blessing.

Rev Hubbuck





The King's Coronation

St Mary Magdalene Peninsula

The children came to school dressed in royal headgear and clothes if they wished. Some of the homemade crowns resembled the actual crown used in the coronation!

Our celebration began with a Collective Worship, which focussed on the meaning of the jewels used in the Coronation Service and prayers for the King.

We enjoyed picnic style food at lunchtime.

During the day, every child made a paper flower that was added to the 'Coronation Garden.' The garden was shared with parents and carers at the end of the day. We made flowers because we know King Charles is very interested in nature and for many years has spoken about Climate Change and the importance of looking after our planet.

Mrs McCullough



Ipgrave class dressed up as royalty and worked collaboratively to design some flowers for one of the gardens. This was done in commemoration of King Charles' Coronation and was later showcased to parents after school. The children had a great time taking part in these activities.

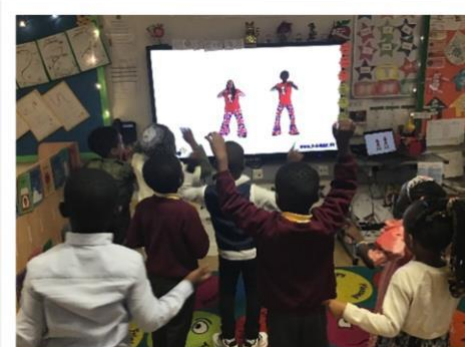
Year 2 Team



St Mary Magdalene Woolwich

Makeba class had a splendid day, celebrating the King's Coronation. Dressed as King's and Queen's they had a day of collaging, designing, and colouring their crowns and flags. They enjoyed their Coronation lunch of cheese, ham and tuna sandwiches followed by 'yummy' strawberry cake. Lots of dancing and singing took place and most of the children wanted to write prayers to God to look after and protect our new King. Great fun was had by all of us!

Mrs Turner



Nursery class (Monet) engaged in a range of activities to celebrate the King's coronation. They discussed the special event as well as decorated a prayer for the King. The children also decorated their crowns to wear on their heads. They were all dressed up for the special celebration!

Ms Bdeir



Christ Church

The school had a celebration for the Kings Coronation. The children came to school dressed as royalty or in attire fit for a royal occasion. In the classrooms the children did a range of activities linked to the coronation. At lunch time, the children enjoyed a special afternoon tea style lunch.

Ms Reid



Year 1 at Christ Church were been busy making crowns for the King's Coronation! They enjoyed celebrating the Coronation and learning more about this piece of history and its significance.

Miss Cleanthous



St Mary Magdalene Woolwich – Career Workshops

We have partnered with an organisation called Parent power (<https://parentpower-ed.co.uk/>) to organise a series of career workshops. These workshops are to introduce and inspire children to different careers and aspire to set and achieve their goals in life.

We are very fortunate to have inspirational volunteers from the local community coming in to talk about their careers such as; gardeners, Artists, Musicians, Sports business owners, Podcast and radio presenters and a Woolwich Local Councillor.

We are looking forward to rolling out these workshops at the other campuses next year

Below are photos from nursery Monet, Makeba and Hawkins classes- workshop with a local gardener.



Miss Shah



Earlybird Readers

Every Friday, parents & carers across the Federation have the opportunity to stay and read in the morning with their children. Our Sixth Form pupils at the Peninsula campus have also been volunteering their time each week to join them. The pupils really enjoy the visits and sharing stories with our older pupils.

Mrs Butterworth



Brilliant Club 2023

The launch trip to Goldsmiths College, London University



This year has been an exciting year for the Brilliant Club pupils at both Saint Mary Magdalene and Christ Church. Following on from the Covid lockdowns, the Scholars Programme recommenced the Brilliant Club for a group of selected pupils to undergo University Style learning with PhD tutor. Unfortunately, due to the rules of Covid, the launch trips, tutorials and graduations were all undertaken virtually. This year, we have been very fortunate in that all elements of the Scholars Programme are no longer run remotely. This included our university launch trip, which is the initial part of the programme and involves our Brilliant Club pupils visiting one of the Russell Group universities to find out what life and learning are like there.

This year our launch trip took place at Goldsmith's College, University of London. Having selected 14 pupils, 6 from our Woolwich Campus, 5 from our Peninsula Campus and 3 from Christ Church, we undertook our Launch visit. All 14 pupils were both excited but also a little nervous as this was a very new experience for them. With the exception of a rather wet Spring Day, we had a really interesting time at Goldsmiths. Our pupils learned a lot about life at a university, what it was like being an undergraduate and all the different degrees students would be able to study. This was followed by a tour around Goldsmiths, which definitely impressed our pupils, visiting the lecture theatres, library, science labs and the many cafeterias and recreation areas the college offered.

Overall, the day was a real success and our pupils behaved extremely well, being excellent ambassadors for our Federation. Our project for this academic year is all about the Heart which will be taught by our PhD tutor; Randy Chance. Brilliant Club pupils are now looking forward to participating in their tutorials and studying hard with their assignments and science investigations over the next few weeks.

Mr Ermellino

Lent Service 2023

On Wednesday 3rd May the KS1 and KS2 Pupil Faith teams from across the Federation were invited to the annual Lent Service at Southwark Cathedral. The service was led by Bishop Chessun. Prior to the service, Bishop Chessun had time to stop and chat with the children from Woolwich and remembered how he opened the school and was able to regale children with how the balloons were let off by all the children present at the time.

Not only did they present a cheque but the children told all present how they had dressed up as bible characters for the day and brought in £1. The Bishop thought it was a novel idea as nobody else had done this.

The children had a wonderful time and came back full of spiritual courage and ideas.

Mrs Kristensen



Ootiboo Project

Year 4 children across the federation all came together at Christ Church to work on a project called Interdimensional Explorers. The children took part in workshops with the author of Interdimensional Explorers and people from Farshore. They watched videos, had discussions and did some hot-seating thinking about the book and then exploring ideas for what their own dimension would be like. The children then had to design and draw a character being reunited with a lost object in that dimension, which will then be entered into a competition. It involved a lot of creative thinking!! It was a great day and we have some great entries to put into the competition. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we win!

Mrs Gibbs



Music Concert

On Tuesday 9th May, Year 4 children at SMMW attended an interactive music concert at Woolwich Works, in collaboration with *Royal Greenwich Music Service*. It was the launch of the jazz music project the students are participating in over the Summer term. The concert was a fantastic opportunity to watch professional jazz musicians in a live concert environment and to see them performing on a range of exciting instruments (including the double bass, trumpet and vibraphone). Also, they learnt about many famous jazz musicians from history whilst travelling on the "Jazz Train". The children were very excited to begin their own musical journey following the concert and they are looking forward to performing at the Tramshed in June!

Mrs Levesley-Turner

Secondary



Junior UKMT Challenge

During this half-term, 60 of our Year 8 students took part in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Junior Mathematical Challenge. This challenge pushed their problem-solving skills, tasking them with tackling interesting questions using all of the skills and techniques they've acquired in their maths lessons so far. We were very happy to have three pupils achieve Silver awards and ten achieve Bronze awards in the challenge, and look forward to seeing them tackle the Intermediate UKMT Challenge next year!

Count on Us Competition

On Thursday 4th May five pupils from Years 8 and 9 travelled to Ark Globe Academy with Ms Gazo to compete in a maths competition against other London schools. As part of the contest, they needed to use number skills, algebraic thinking, and statistical reasoning involving probability, and do try and do it all faster and more accurately than the other teams! Although we didn't qualify for the final, the five pupils - Ezra, Benjamin, Valerie, Ifeoluwa, and Jesselyn - represented the school admirably and should be proud of their efforts.

Mr Pigott



"The Magic Flute (Die Zauberflöte)"

We are thrilled to share the incredible experience that 60 of our Year 7 students had during their recent trip to see "The Magic Flute (Die Zauberflöte)" at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. The outing proved to be an enlightening and awe-inspiring journey into the world of music and culture.

The students were buzzing with excitement as they arrived at the grand entrance of the Royal Opera House. The sense of anticipation was palpable, and it was clear that they were ready to embark on an unforgettable adventure. The stunning architecture and rich history of the venue set the stage for what was to be an extraordinary day.

We are particularly proud to report that the behaviour displayed by our students throughout the trip was nothing short of exemplary. They showed immense respect for the venue and its staff, demonstrating their maturity and understanding of the importance of good conduct in such esteemed surroundings. Their polite interactions and engagement with the ushers were a testament to their exceptional character and upbringing.

One of the most memorable moments of the day came as the students were making their way back home. Filled with the lingering magic of the performance, they burst into spontaneous song, delighting passers-by with a rendition of the iconic "Queen of the Night" aria.

We believe that such experiences go beyond the classroom walls, enriching the student's understanding of the arts and broadening their horizons. Trips like these not only nurture their love for music and performance but also inspire them to explore their own talents and aspirations.

We extend our deepest gratitude to all the parents who supported and encouraged their children to take part in this incredible opportunity. Your unwavering commitment to their education and personal growth is truly commendable.

We look forward to more such enriching experiences and cannot wait to witness the growth and development of our students as they continue to explore the world of arts and culture.

Mr Freeburn



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Sixth Form

Schools Social Enterprise Programme

On Thursday 20th April a group of Y12 girls were invited to pitch their idea for a new social enterprise in a 'Dragons Den' style event hosted at Greenwich University. During the Spring term the students took part in 2 workshops where they began to consider which social issues facing our community would benefit a new initiative and how they could design a business model to get their initiative off the ground.

The group decided to pitch an idea focussed on creating more positive engaging opportunities for young people in the borough, providing a fun and safe space for students to commune in order to help tackle youth violence and other offences that have impacted many local young people's lives. The girls recognised the lack of funding available for this, so coordinated a jersey day in the 6th form to begin raising money. The team hugely impressed the Dragons with their strong community message, well delivered pitch and ability to answer panel questions in a thoughtful and decisive manner.

A huge congratulations to all of the team for all of their hard work, I can't wait to see how this idea and other future endeavours unfold!

Miss Botha





Empowering 6th Form Students Through "The Bridge" Writing Masterclass

Our 6th Form students recently had the privilege of experiencing an immersive writing masterclass called "The Bridge," hosted by professional authors from the renowned Royal Literary Fund (RLF). This unique program aimed to equip our students with essential skills, boost their confidence, and prepare them to face the challenges that lie beyond school.

"The Bridge" workshops were carefully designed to help our pupils overcome any anxieties they may have had about writing and develop the necessary tools to succeed in their academic journey. The course comprised of four comprehensive 50-minute sessions, each facilitated by highly accomplished RLF Bridge Fellows who have previously served as RLF Writing Fellows in universities. These individuals possess a wealth of experience in working one-to-one with students, fostering their essay writing skills and nurturing their literary talents.

During each session, our students engaged in a variety of interactive activities and exercises, tailored to meet their specific needs and concerns. They were encouraged to explore their creativity, enhance their critical thinking abilities, and refine their writing techniques. Through lively discussions, brainstorming sessions, and guided writing exercises, our students discovered new perspectives, gained valuable insights, and honed their written expression.

One of the primary objectives of "The Bridge" was to empower our students and instil in them a sense of confidence in their writing abilities. By providing a supportive environment and personalized attention, the RLF Bridge Fellows inspired our students to embrace challenges, take risks, and unlock their full potential. They received expert guidance on structuring their essays, crafting compelling arguments, and improving their overall writing style.

The impact of this writing masterclass has already been palpable. Our students have reported increased self-assurance when approaching writing assignments and greater clarity in expressing their ideas. The skills acquired during "The Bridge" will undoubtedly serve them well in their future academic pursuits and beyond. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Royal Literary Fund for partnering with us and offering our students this exceptional opportunity. We firmly believe that this experience will have a lasting positive influence on their writing abilities and overall academic development.

The 6th Form Team

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Sports News

Year 6 Football Tournament Team



Primary pupils in the federation took part in their first inter federation football tournament. Well done to all the participants for taking part.

It was really great that we have such wonderful sporting talents within our federation. Congratulations to Team Peninsula for winning the Cup, they face Team Woolwich in the next competition. The matches were supported and refereed by Year 13 BTEC sports students – thank you!

Mrs Murillo Rodriguez

Y9 Athletics - Cambridge Cup Competition - May 2023

Our Y9 Athletics Squad competed in the 2023 Cambridge Cup at Sutcliffe Park Athletics Track. Below are a list of the Boys 'Podium Performances'. The Girls Results are yet to be finalised and announced.

Emmanuel O- 2nd in 100m - Emmanuel has been selected to represent Greenwich at the London Schools Athletics Championships, an excellent achievement!

Maxwell O - 1st in 200m.
Elroy B- 1st in Heat for Hurdles.
Elisha J - 3rd in Heat for Hurdles.
Elroy B - 1st in Triple Jump.
Arinze E- 2nd in Shot Put.

Ian B - 3rd in Discus.



Y8 Athletics - Cambridge Cup Competition - May 2023

Our Y8 Athletics Squad competed in the 2023 Cambridge Cup at Sutcliffe Park Athletics Track. Below are the 'Podium Performances' from the event.

Paris P – 3rd in 100m.
Chloe D – 2nd in High Jump.
Emmanuel T – 3rd in Javelin.
Joel M – 3rd in Discus.
Daniel E-U – 2nd in Hurdles.

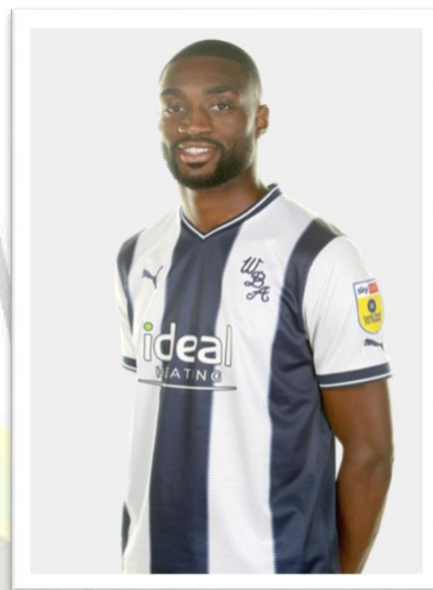


Y7 Athletics - Cambridge Cup Competition - May 2023

Our Y7 Athletics Squad competed in the 2023 Cambridge Cup at Sutcliffe Park Athletics Track. Below are the 'Podium Performances' from the event.



Ozy E – 1st in 100m.



Ozy E– 1st in 200m.
Georgia D– 1st in Discus.

Samuel E-A – 2nd in Long Jump.
Samad B– 3rd in 100m.
Micah U – 3rd in Discus.
Georgia D – 3rd in Javelin.
Kimberley L– 3rd in High Jump.
Girls Relay Team – 3rd in 4x100m Relay.

A Special Visitor

The students and staff at St Mary Magdalene Peninsular Campus welcomed a very special visitor on Wednesday 24th May. Mrs. Ajayi's son, Semi Ajayi, who is a professional footballer for West Bromwich Albion and Nigeria, spent time talking to staff and children.

Semi delivered an assembly to everyone and shared the story of his early education, through to his success as a professional footballer. It was wonderful to hear how Semi achieved his success through dedication, sacrifice and hard work, at the same time as studying at school. His inspirational talk blew everyone away!

A group of pupils were chosen to have a chat with Semi and ask him questions. When asked who was his favourite parent, he shared how he loves them both - what a wonderful answer! Semi is a wonderful role model and we are extremely privileged to have him as an excellent associate with our Koinonia Federation family.



Ipgrave Class asked Semi:

Who is your best football friend?

Jake Livermore. He us my Captain at West Brom

How many goals have you scored in your career?

I don't know the exact number but I think it's around 30-35

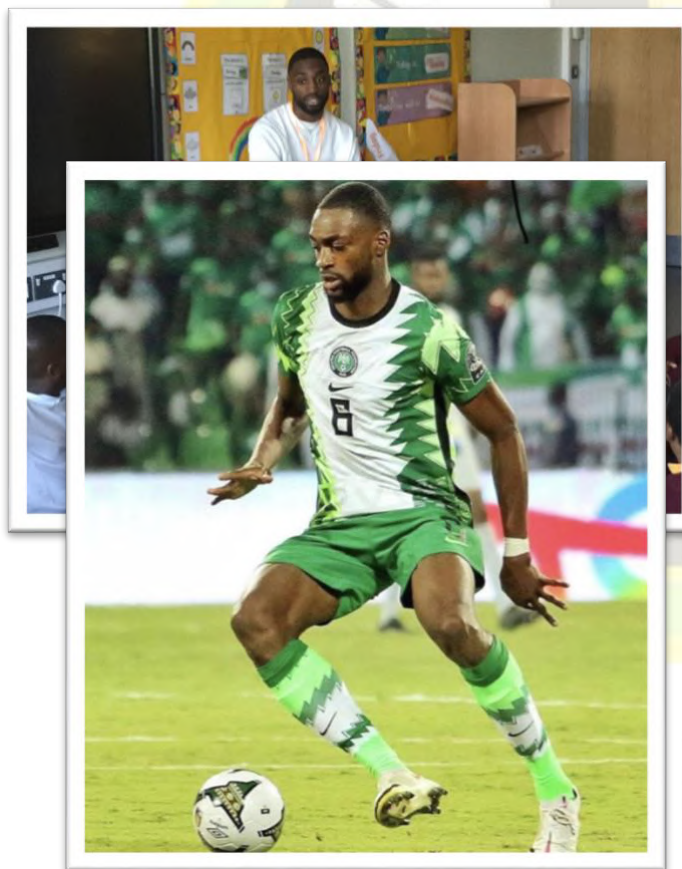
Who is your favourite football team?

I grew up supporting Chelsea because of my Dad

What was your favourite subject at school (apart from PE)?

I loved Spanish


The Y9 boys PE group had the chance to listen to Semi's journey into pro football and were then able to ask him questions on his lifestyle and career. Many of the students were inspired by what Semi had to say and were encouraged by his advice. Semi was great with the class and many of the boys were keen to take photos with Semi after the talk.



Semi took time to speak to our Year 9 boys PE group and Y10 and Y13 BTEC Sport students about his journey in sport and the dedication it took to get to the Premier League. Semi stayed for a Q+A with students which was a unique opportunity to hear first hand how he made it to professional ranks in sport.





Everyone was super impressed with Semi's 22 caps for the Nigerian National Team and over 200 caps in Professional Football.




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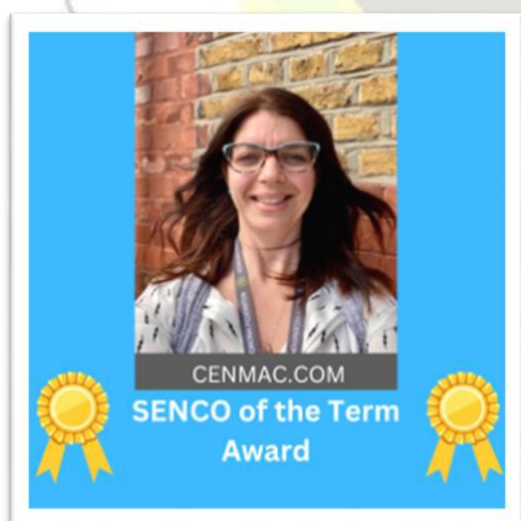
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DARNELL FURLONG	(2)	(3)	JIMMY DUNNE
CONOR TOWNSEND	(3)	(4)	ROB DICKIE
SEMI AJAYI	(6)	(8)	LUKE AMOS
ERIK PIETERS	(15)	(9)	LYNDON DYKES
JED WALLACE	(17)	(10)	ILIAS CHAIR
JOHN MUIR	(9)	(11)	CHRIS MARTIN
BRANDON THOMAS-ASAYE	(23)	(15)	SAM FELD
MARC ALBRIGHT	(1)	(22)	KENNETH PAAL
NATHANIEL CHALOBAR	(20)	(26)	LEON BALOGUN
TAYLOR GARDNER-NICKMAN	(29)	(17)	ALBERT ADOMAH
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DARYL DIXE	(12)	(7)	CHRIS WILLOCK
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SENCO of the Term Award – Spring 2023

We are very pleased to announce Miss Graham a SENCO who across the Koinonia Federation has received the SENCO of the term award from the CENMAC advisory service.



Advisory teacher David Howard nominated Miss Graham and said "I nominate Miss Graham for the award of SENCO of the Term. As someone who visits many schools and works with many exceptional SENCOs, I can confidently say that Miss Graham is one of the best I have had the pleasure of working with. Miss Graham works in both a large all-through school and a busy primary school, where she always has her finger on the pulse and knows exactly what challenges are facing the children in her care. She is knowledgeable, professional, and caring, and it's clear that she has a deep commitment to ensuring that every student receives the support and resources they need to succeed. What's most impressive about Miss Graham is how effortless she makes her job look. As we all know, being a SENCO is an incredibly challenging role that requires a great deal of skill, patience, and dedication. But she handles every challenge with grace and professionalism, always putting the needs of her students first.

For all of these reasons and more, I believe that Miss Graham is the perfect candidate for the award of SENCO of the Term".

Miss Graham said "I work across Christ Church C of E Primary School in Greenwich and at St. Mary Magdalene All Through School in the Secondary and 6th Form campus. This means in a week I can be supporting students ranging in age between 4 -18 years old. I spread my weeks across both schools and it brings me joy to see the variety of students needs being met due to the provision we put in place for them in our schools. When our students feel heard, empowered and proud of themselves because they can now achieve something they couldn't do before, that is what 'makes me keep ticking'"

Congratulations Miss Graham!

CALLING ALL ALUMNI

Mrs Harrison had a very special visitor this month – Muji an alumna of St Mary Magdalene Woolwich Campus. Muji is now 28 years old and a successful lawyer in Dallas. It was a pleasure to see Muji and many fond memories were shared.

If you are a former pupil and would like to visit any of our campuses and speak about your current career, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Ellis Holliday at eholliday@koinoniafederation.com to arrange a visit or share any successes or news.

Mrs Harrison



School Facilities for Hire

The Koinonia Federation has state of the art facilities to hire at St Mary Magdalene, Peninsula Campus consisting of a multi-use sports hall for games such as basketball, tennis, badminton and football. The school has a 4G Astro floodlit football pitch and two outdoor multi-use games areas, changing room accommodation serves both indoor and outdoor sports activities. Internally the school boasts a well-equipped main hall with projector and sound facilities along with dram and dance studios. For a more educational hiring experience, the school offers a 100 seat capacity lecture theatre or whiteboard equipped studio classroom.

The Federation also hires out facilities at St Mary Magdalene, Woolwich Campus and Christ Church School with a range of facilities including a sports hall, roof terrace, ball court, classrooms, outside multi-use games area and large capacity hall space. These facilities are heavily used, both by the school and the local community.

The school facilities are bookable Monday to Friday between the hours of 17.00pm-22.00pm, Saturday and Sunday 9:00am-17:00pm during term time, when not being used by the school. The school also operates hires in the holidays from Monday to Friday 9:00am-22:00pm, Saturday and Sunday 9:00am-17:00pm subject to availability, the school will endeavour to accommodate all requests whenever possible.

If you are interested in booking any of the facilities, please refer to the hire of premises webpage for each school or contact the hiring coordinator at premiseshire@koinoniafederation.com
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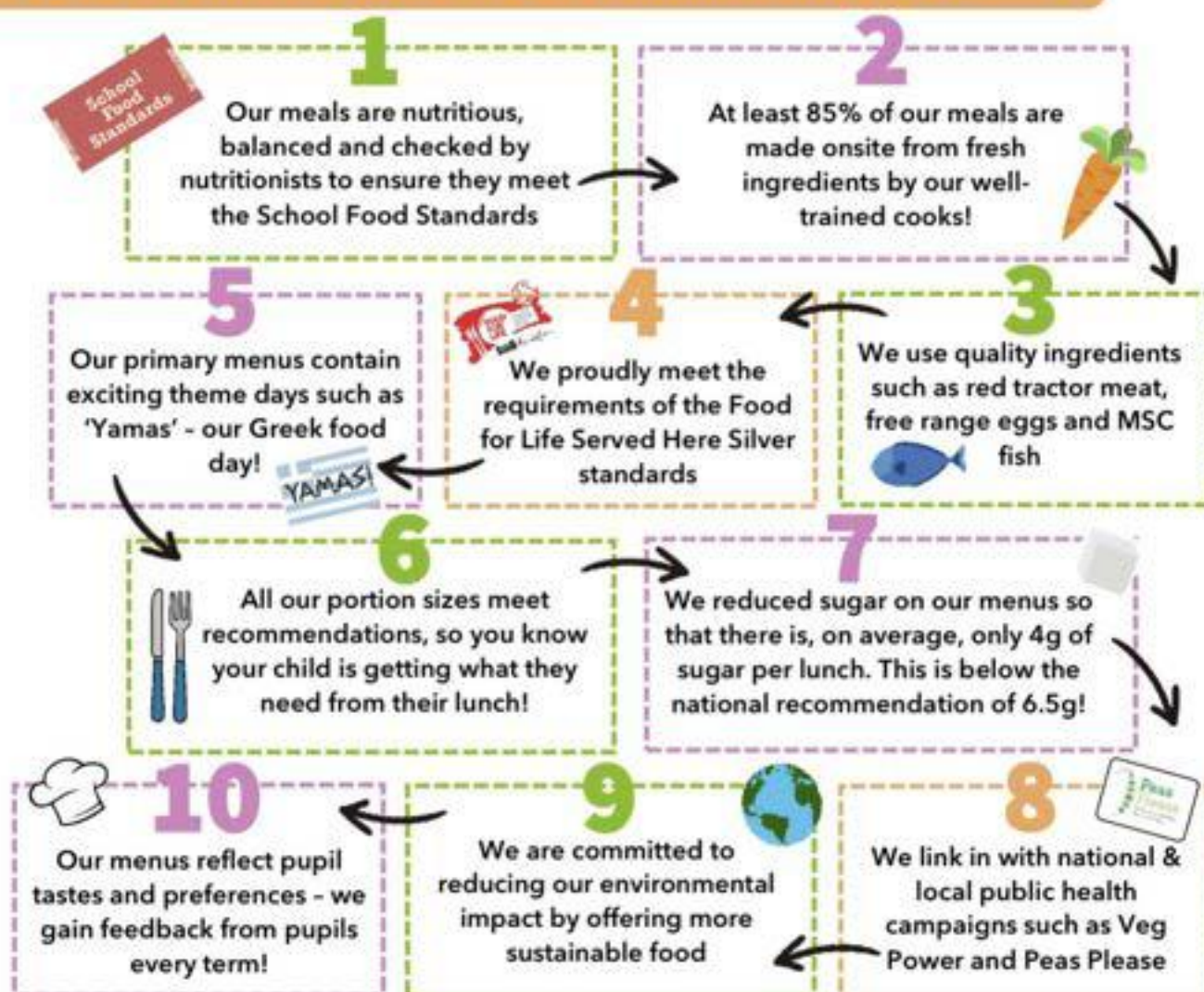
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