

FAITH, FAMILY AND FELLOWSHIP

Celebratory news from across the Koinonia Federation

February 2022

A message from the Executive Co-Headteachers

Welcome to the third issue of our Federation Newsletter. We are proud that we continue to offer many initiatives to celebrate with you.

We are very thankful to all our staff teams who have continued to work as hard as ever in such difficult circumstances. As with most schools across the country we have faced many challenges this half term with increased numbers in staff absence due to the pandemic. We are proud we have not had to shut any classes and your children have been able to attend school every day.

We thank our learners and their parents for their understanding during this difficult time which has meant some classes have been taught by a range of staff members.

We hope you enjoy reading about our good news stories this month. With best wishes for an enjoyable half term break.

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Wainwright

Ofsted at Christ Church School

Christ Church School were inspected by Ofsted on 10th and 11th November 2021. We have once again been deemed a good school and we are delighted with the result.

We are sure you would like to join us in congratulating everyone in the staff team at Christ Church.



This was our first inspection under the new framework and the process will support us in our work across the Federation as well as with preparations for St. Mary Magdalene's next inspection.

The full inspection report can be found on the Koinonia website but we would like to share some words from the inspector:

'Pupils spoke with joy and enthusiasm about their life at school. They love to talk about their learning and are proud of their achievements. Pupils behave well and are friendly and welcoming. They enjoy being part of the Christ Church community and get on well together.'

'Leaders and staff have high expectations of themselves and of pupils. Staff make sure that pupils do well across all subjects. They keep a watchful eye on pupils' individual needs and give pupils extra help when they need it.'

'Pupils enjoy all the special things the school has to offer. During the inspection, for example, children in Reception took great delight in learning and exploring in the woodland area. Pupils in Year 6 enjoyed painting in the community garden.'

Curriculum Focus – Upper Key Stage 2

Year 6 Science

As part of the Year 6 topic of Medicine through Time, pupils from Woolwich visited our secondary science labs and dissected lamb eyeballs! The children were fascinated and we were very impressed by their dexterity and enthusiasm. The remainder of Year 6 will be visiting the lab over the next few weeks.

Mr Smith & Miss Levesley



Christ Church - Year 5

Year 5 have been inspired by all our curriculum themes so far!

In the Autumn term, Year 5 transformed the classroom into a mini London with their home creations of famous London buildings.

Miss Vong



St Mary Magdalene, Woolwich - Year 5

A Special Visitor in Curie Class



Camron (8 years old) is a published author and he visited Curie Class

We were very fortunate to have Camron visit Curie Class and share his new book of short stories with us. We had many questions to ask and Camron happily answered them all.

We can't wait to read Camron's next publication. Thank you, Camron for inspiring us and sharing your wisdom.

Ms Ndisang

Extreme Environments

This term Year 5 are studying extreme environments with a focus on the polar regions. They have created explanation texts to help any young explorer!

Rev Dominic has kindly arranged for his friend Jonathan Hawkins (who is completing a PHD with the department for electrical and electronic engineering at UCL) to speak with each Year 5 Class in the primary campuses followed by a Q&A. He is currently researching Ice Penetrating Radar and looking at ice shelves. Jonathan visited Antarctica in December/January for 2 weeks. It involved landing at a base, prepping and then going on an expedition to the ice shelves to test his equipment that he has designed. The pupils will be Zoom calling Jonathan on Thursday 10th February to hear all about his stories and adventures.

(Photos courtesy of Prof. Reinhard Drews)



Faraday Class in Woolwich have been looking at strong structures and bases that can be used for shelter in the polar regions, as part of our unit. The children have been making prototypes with a range of materials evaluating this in hopes our final structure (made from wood) will be successful.

Miss Omojafo

In March, Year 10 and 11 students will be visiting Iceland as part of their Geography project work. The students will be staying in Iceland for 4 days and will be taking part in activities in the Blue Lagoon as well as all day excursions to the Golden Circle and South Shore.

Miss Hickman



General Information

St Mary Magdalene – Sixth Form Volunteer Afternoons



As part of our Sixth Form curriculum students volunteer at a range of locations. We are so proud to share this message:

'The 6th form students that carried out voluntary work at Christ Church, Shooters Hill are an asset to your school.

The students were always punctual and attendance was good. During their time here all the students were polite, professional and demonstrated enthusiasm and flexibility each week, willing to support where needed. It was also a delight to welcome back past pupils who attended Christ Church previously. We would welcome back your students at any time.' – Mrs Balhol, Headteacher at Christ Church School, Shooters Hill.

Mrs Kwabi

Anti-Racist Hub Meeting

On the 3rd of February, Mr Greenwood (Vice Principal for St Mary Magdalene Secondary Phase) attended an anti-racist hub meeting and presented a PowerPoint. The PowerPoint included how our schools decolonise the curriculum and use the curriculum to embrace equalities including explicitly-racist and anti-sexist teaching opportunities. Mr Greenwood's full presentation can be found below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/de9ol254v96f1mc/AACePWNpDgN3rkaCgD1Uht1Oa?dl=0&preview=St+Mary+Magdalene+AR+Presentation.pptx>

Equality and Equity Charter

The Koinonia Federation is proud to be signed up to the Equality and Equity Charter through The Royal Borough of Greenwich. The Equality and Equity Charter sets out pledges to promote the values of equality, diversity and inclusion.

More information about the Equality and Equity Charter can be found on the link below:

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/equalitycharter>



This Half Term's Sports News

Rugby



Y7/8 Boys Rugby - won their Rugby 10s tournament last week (without losing a single game) and are now the "Champion of SE London". They remain undefeated all season.

Y7/8 Girls Rugby - They have been selected to represent Greenwich in the London Youth Games after their victory in the 10s tournament before half-term.

They came second yesterday in the SE London Spring Cup after losing a hard-fought match against Thomas Tallis - 3 tries to 2.

Y7/8 have multiple members of both teams playing for Old Colfeians RFC, we are particularly pleased with the uptake amongst the girls.

We continue to build links with Charlton Park and Old Colfeians RFC.

Charlton Park are generously allowing us to use their pitches and equipment for all fixtures/ training and have gifted us bibs.

Old Colfeians are going to be sending coaches to work within PE lessons and have offered bursaries and kit to our PP. student playing for them.

Mr Freeburn



Secondary Football



Y8 Boys Football

Y8 Boys Football team are in the Quarter-Final of the Blackheath Cup after beating Sedgehill and Prendergast Vale in previous rounds. They will face St Thomas More in the Quarter-Final.

Y9 Boys Football

Y9 Boys Football team are in the Quarter-Final of the Blackheath Cup after beating Halley Academy and Woolwich Poly in previous rounds. They will face Thomas Tallis in the Quarter-Final.

Y11 Boys Football

Y11 Boys Football team are in the Quarter-Final of the London Cup after a good victory over Beacon High in the last round. They will face Graveney in the Quarter-Final.

Mr Lawrence

Primary Football

The Boys and Girls Year 5 and 6 football teams have had a really successful start to their leagues. Both teams have played a number of matches in the Meridian Sports Club against other local schools and have been improving with each performance. The teams are representing the school really well, displaying great sportsmanship.

As the league progresses, we will keep you updated!

Mrs Laird

Notices

Would your child be interested in...

The Casting Assistant Producer at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2022, but our **applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022**.

Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Please do feel free to contact Love Productions on **0207 067 4833**, should you have any questions regarding the above.



EasyFunding

The Koinonia Federation are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE.

Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online.

Just find the retailer you want to shop with on the easyfundraising website or App, shop as usual and you'll raise a donation for us when you make a purchase. This means you can support us at no extra cost to yourself when you do your everyday shopping. Whether you're buying school supplies, clothes, groceries, takeaways, insurance, or anything else!

It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/koinoniafederation/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=en-n1

A huge thank you to those who have already signed up and managed to raise money for our schools.

Mrs Beaumont