

FAITH, FAMILY AND FELLOWSHIP

Celebratory news from across the Koinonia Federation

October 2021

A message from the Executive Co-Headteachers

Welcome to the first issue of our Federation Newsletter where we would like to showcase some of the initiatives and work from across our schools' communities.

As we draw to the end this first half term, we would like to give thanks to everyone across the Federation who has kindly contributed Harvest gifts. We are grateful for your generosity. Our secondary faith team will be collecting the many hundreds of tins and packets donated and delivering them to the Greenwich Food Bank.

We are blessed to have an array of outdoor areas across our campuses and this half term we have chosen to highlight some of the work we are doing to enrich our curriculum offer and help our young people appreciate the outdoors. Each issue we will feature stories from our Nurseries through to our Sixth Form as well as a regular spot for sports news.

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

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Wainwright



Our Harvest Services

We both attended all of our Harvest services and appreciated the opportunity to once again worship as a whole school or key stage giving thanks for God's gifts.



St Mary Magdalene, Peninsula – Secondary Phase
Lael, Caitlynn & Mirable sung the song
Total Praise



St Mary Magdalene,
Peninsula – Secondary Phase
Mwenge & Laura signing



St Mary Magdalene, Peninsula
– Primary Phase
Faith Team leading the worship



St Mary Magdalene –
Woolwich Campus



Christ Church School





Spotlight on our outdoor areas

Roof Garden - St Mary Magdalene, Peninsula Campus

The staff at St Mary Magdalene School have been working really hard to ensure one of the roof terraces is a useable space for the pupils to enjoy. As well as two tables and benches the roof terrace have round outdoor cushions for the pupils to use. The space has resources needed for teaching a class. Last Summer term, Reception children enjoyed guided reading on the terrace.

Mrs Nutton



Community Garden – St Mary Magdalene, Peninsula Campus



Our very first working party met on Sunday 26th September and managed to clear overgrown pathways and a space for our new outdoor classroom (due to be delivered next half term). The Peninsula Primary PFA are working on a date for the next working party, if you would like to join in next time. More information will follow. Watch this space!

Rev Dominic



Forest School – Christ Church School

Things are getting very exciting for the children in Year 2 at CC. We have started forest school sessions, and the children are experiencing learning outdoors, through exploration and creativity of their natural environment. This has given all learners the opportunity to develop confidence and self-esteem. The children are encouraged to direct their own learning, make mistakes and take risks through free play and learning experiences.

So far we have explored with our senses, used sticks to create words, objects and maps, taken part in a scavenger hunt, identified trees and much more. The children have all engaged and enjoyed the activities.

Ms Roberts



Christ Church School Honey

Honey produced from the bees in the Christ Church Community Garden is on sale for £7.00 each jar. Honey can be purchased from Logan's Pharmacy on Trafalgar Road.

St Mary Magdalene, Woolwich Campus - Refurbished Play Deck

Over the summer holidays, we were fortunate to have the first floor play deck resurfaced with new soft crumb. This was funded by the Diocese after a successful bid from the school. The children love their newly refurbished play space!



Enrichment Programme

Among other brilliant works and achievements in the Library (completed by students last term) as part of our Enrichment programme our students had an opportunity to represent St Mary Magdalene School among other schools in Royal Borough of Greenwich Literature Quiz. Students had an exciting chance to test their literature knowledge.

The RBG Quiz was a fantastic event and our students were awarded with 2nd place. This is a great achievement for our school and we hope to take first place next year. Well done Gloria, Dandy, Gerald and Temi!

Ms Mnatsakanyan



Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Booth (Teacher at Christ Church) for running and completing the London Marathon in less than 5 hours. She raised over £1000 for Greenwich Food Bank.

If you would like to support Miss Booth by donating funds to the Greenwich Food Bank, please use this link:

<https://justgiving.com/fundraising/catherineruns2020>.



St Mary Magdalene, Secondary Phase – Open Events

This half term we had two successful and well attended Open Events for Year 6s and their parents who are hoping to join our Secondary Phase in September 2022.

We would like to say a huge thank you and well done to Favour, Jayden, Jenny and Zayd who all spoke at the events as part of the Executive Co-Headteachers' and Principal's presentation.



Sports News

St Mary Magdalene – Secondary Phase

Football

This month we have had several football matches against other schools. The results were:

Y9 boys football team won 9-2 to Greenwich Free School

Y11 boys football team drew 2-2 with Bexleyheath Academy

Y7 boys football team played St Paul's Academy in a friendly

Y9 boys football team played Thomas Tallis in a friendly

We eagerly await the dates for our girls football team matches.

Mr Lawrence

Rugby



Congratulations to our Year 7 & 8 girls rugby team on winning their SE London Schools Cup match at Old Colfeians Rugby Club!

Mr Brown & Mr Freeburn

Primary Campus - KICK LONDON

We are fortunate enough to have a specialist sports coach who spends a day a week at each of our Primary Campus. This work is funded by our Sports Premium money and offers a broad range of sports and activities to all pupils as well as increasing the confidence, knowledge and skills of all staff in teaching PE and sport.

Year 6 pupils at Christ Church are enjoying developing their tennis skills.



London on our doorstep ...

Sixth Form

We are delighted to have finally opened our doors to our first cohort of Sixth Formers! On Friday 3rd September our Year 12 enjoyed a trip to London. The day started by a special service led by Rev Dominic at St George the Martyr in Southwark followed by a trail along the South Bank. The students then enjoyed a flight on the London Eye and to top the day off, students travelled back to Greenwich by Uber Boat on the Thames.

Ms Kwabi



St Mary Magdalene, Peninsula - Year 5 The London Eye Mystery

In Year 5, we have been learning about architecture and looking at London Landmarks. Our core text was 'The London Mystery', which is why we visited the London Eye. Also for our homework project we made statues of London landmarks.

Mrs Murillo Rodriguez



St Mary Magdalene, Peninsula – Year 9 Globe Theatre

Two family groups from year 9 took part in the first Cultural Curriculum Day and visited the Globe Theatre on London Southbank. The students had a tour of the Globe, watched some actors rehearsing and then took part in a 'lively' workshop exploring themes from Shakespeare's Macbeth.

Ms Geldart

