

FAITH, FAMILY AND FELLOWSHIP

Celebratory news from across the Koinonia Federation

December 2021

A message from the Executive Co-Headteachers

Welcome to the second issue of our Federation Newsletter. This half term has many initiatives to celebrate and share with you.

As we draw to the end this first term of the academic year, we would like to give thanks to everyone across the Federation for their continued support.

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

Mrs Harrison and Mrs Wainwright



Christmas Productions

We were lucky enough to still be able to invite primary parents to watch the children's Christmas productions this year. In total there were 16 performances and it was delightful to see the pupils spreading the joy of Christmas.



St Mary Magdalene, Peninsula Campus - Year 1 & 2



Christ Church – Year 5 & 6



St Mary Magdalene, Woolwich Campus

Sports News

St Mary Magdalene – Secondary Phase

Football – Boys Teams

Y8 Boys Football

SMM 4-2 Sedgehill Academy

Y9 Boys Football

SMM 5-5 Ark Greenwich

SMM 8-2 Ark Greenwich

SMM 4-1 Halley Academy

Y10 Boys Football

SMM 2-2 John Roan (SMM 2-3 John Roan AET)

Y11 Boys Football

SMM 4-5 St Matthew Academy (was 4-4 but SMM lost on penalties)



Netball – Girls Team

Girls U16 Blackheath cup

Eltham Hill 1 6-3 SMM

Goal scorers- Jessica x2

Ogechi x1

Year 8 Netball League table

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
St Paul's Academy	3	3	0	0	30	0	30	9
St Mary Magdalene	3	1	1	1	3	9	-6	4
Ark Greenwich	3	1	1	1	8	16	-8	4
Woolwich Poly School for Girls	3	0	0	3	2	18	-16	0

We are extremely proud of all of our teams and how hard they work to represent St Mary Magdalene School when competing in a match.

Year 6 School Journey – Primary Phases

Year 6 children across the Federation went to Manor Adventures, Norfolk Lakes, for a week's residential journey. They had a fantastic time and were able to take part in all sorts of activities; kayaking, sailing, canoeing, raft-building, climbing, archery, obstacle courses and so on. It was a great opportunity for all of us (adults included) to build resilience and work as a team.



St Mary Magdalene & Christ Church Year 6 Team

Royal Museums Greenwich Inclusive History Event – St Mary Magdalene, Secondary Phase

There was fantastic representation at the Royal Museums Greenwich Teaching Inclusive Histories event earlier this month from St Mary Magdalene, Newhaven, James Wolfe, Mulgrave and South Rise schools.

Schools shared how they have started to diversify their curriculums and their whole school approach. A recording of the webinars can be accessed

here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=cCfiy9GB--A>.

A pupil voice video with students from St Mary Magdalene and Mulgrave talking about why a diverse curriculum is so important can also be found here: [National Maritime Museum History Teacher Resources](#) | [Royal Museums Greenwich](#) (rmg.co.uk) Our student's voices have really made the school extremely proud!

Mr Brown

Pupil Voice

We asked pupils at Mulgrave Primary School and St Mary Magdalene C of E Secondary School what they have been learning in the classroom and what teaching inclusive histories means to them.



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St Mary Magdalene, Peninsula Campus – Zebra Crossing Patrols



We are pleased to inform you that we now have 2 patrol officers, Pat and Clare who are working on the double zebra on John Harrison Way. Both colleagues are both fully DBS checked and they plan to update us regularly on traffic and crossing issues outside the St Mary Magdalene School.

The patrols will also monitor the parking on the zebra crossing and allow children to alight from cars in the road is an issue they are currently working on.

So far we have had positive feedback from the patrols and they have informed us all of our students are polite and engaged. Thank you to Pat and Clare for helping to keep our school community safe.

Mrs Harrison & Mrs Wainwright

Angels, Buddies & Assistants



Across our Federation we have selected some of our Year 6 pupils to be Guardian Angels, Playground Buddies and Lunchtime Assistants.

Guardian Angels are our Year 6 pupils across the Federation who help the Reception Pupils during lunchtimes.

Playground Buddies (School Prefects) support pupils to make playtime a more positive experience for children.

Lunchtime Assistants help make the lunchtime routine run smoothly inside the hall.

St Mary Magdalene Sixth Form

On Thursday 25th November 2021, St Mary Magdalene Sixth Form had a Sixth Form Open Event 5pm – 7pm. Many of our current Sixth Form students were tour guides and representatives for each of our courses on offer.



Thank you

Mr McGarrigle and Ms Fenwick would like to say a special big thank you to students Jonathan and David for helping out on the Year 12 Media Studies Sixth Form Open Evening. They offered advice on selecting the subject to Parents and Year 11 students and they were calm and professional throughout, helping to display the subject in a positive light.

Ms Fenwick and I welcome year 11's who wish to take up the subject next year, and would like to personally thank David and Jonathan.

Applications to study at our Sixth Form for September 2021 entry are now open. Applications close on 31st January 2021.

All applications must be submitted via our online portal. The link can be found here:

<https://www.koinoniafederation.com/page/?title=Admissions&pid=352>

Mr McGarrigle

Shelter Canopies

At our primary campuses we are pleased to have shelter canopies arriving in our playgrounds after saving for several years to fund these. They will help protect pupils from the sun during the Summer months and harsher weather during the Winter months.

The Woolwich and Peninsula campuses will have their canopies installed in the Spring term



Shelter Canopy at Christ Church School

St Mary Magdalene, Secondary Phase

RBG Poetry Competition

As a part of enrichment programs in the Library some of our students have participated in the RBG Poetry Competition.



Eniola's poem "Other" stood out to many of the judging panels for its emotion and powerful use of repetition to challenge attitudes effectively. The use of questions also added to the overall effect. As a result poem "Other" by Eniola Oladimeji 10AOU is the runner up in the whole KS4 in the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

We hope, this continues to inspire Eniola and rest of the students at SMM to write and engage even more with poetry and many opportunities at SMM. Well done Eniola!

Jack Petchey Award Nominations

For this term we have been able to nominate two students for the Jack Petchey Award. This is in recognition of outstanding work and efforts in specific departments, and awards funding to those departments from the Jack Petchey Foundation in order to help foster these students passions and interests. This term's nominees:

Tj Ogunyemi (Y9) - TJ has not only been excellent in all PE lessons this academic year but has also committed more than any other pupil in the year group to extra-curricular sporting activities. TJ was brilliant in his Rugby lessons and soon gained a reputation for being a great tackler and team mate. TJ has been to every Football afterschool club and has since represented the school Football team on three occasions, two of which he was named Player of the Match. Due to his excellence in PE, TJ was invited to attend extra-curricular Boxing sessions and has been progressing very well since joining, impressing the Boxing coach. I hope TJ continues to excel in PE, he is becoming a great athlete!

Max Slowinski (Y9) - Max always goes above and beyond in science, and regularly plans his own investigations to do with the science technicians outside of class. He already has an admirable understanding of the practical investigations required at GCSE as well as many at A-level, as well as others outside of the curriculum.

Congratulations to Tj and Max!