



St Mary Magdalene C of E Through School

Woolwich Primary Campus

Spring Term 2 - 2025



Headteacher's Message

Spring Term 1 was a great term for our school community! We demonstrated how we are **united in fellowship** by celebrating and embracing the diversity of the communities from which the students come. Students flourished in companionship with others through shared experiences that celebrated our differences, supported our school community and learnt more about how to look after ourselves and others in Mental Health Week. We finished the term with an Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion, 'We Are One event'. Peninsula campus was a wonderful celebration of our vibrant and diverse school community. The event, which featured performances and Year 5 artwork, brought together students from both the primary and secondary stages in a powerful display of unity and creativity.

In our Reception classes, we explored the theme **"Know Yourself, Grow Yourself"** through a fun and engaging discussion about how we grow stronger -both physically and mentally. The children shared ideas about what they think would help their bodies grow stronger. They also thought about what things would help make them feel happy! We also pretended to be little seeds growing bigger and taller with care and love!

These are some of children's contributions in Hawkins Class:

Henok: "Playing with my brother helps me grow because he's bigger than me, I can learn from him."

Meribel: "Eating watermelon helps me grow because it's colourful."

Miracle: "Sleeping helps me grow because I wake up stronger in the morning."

Emmanuel: "Running helps me grow because it keeps me healthy."

These are some of children's contributions in Makeba Class:

Amalia-Rose: "I go to the park with my cousins to play because it makes me happy!"

Aiden: "I do numbers with my sister to help me be clever."

Deborah: "We need to drink milk and eat eggs to grow our muscles."

Janell: "I like to play with my Mum and do homework; it makes me happy and smart!"

To bring this idea to life, the children worked together to decorate a **"Growth Tree."** We talked about how plants need sunlight, water, and care to grow beautifully – just like we need to look after ourselves to flourish. Each child contributed by adding leaves, flowers and positive messages to the tree, representing different ways we can nurture ourselves! Here are some top tips for families: Children's Mental Health Week

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/> Please do spend some time reading the Family, Faith and Fellowship newsletter to read more.



As we step into this chilly but bright term, the school is buzzing with enthusiasm, children are deep into their spring topic learning, and we are all appreciating the lighter mornings and evenings. We encourage you to take time to appreciate changes in nature with your children, discussing the beauty around them and how it makes them feel. Look for early blooming flowers like crocuses and snowdrops, and our bright daffodils at the entrance, listen for the cheerful melodies of returning birds and watch for the activity of animals waking from their winter slumber.

Thank you for your continued support in making our school a place where children feel ready, respectful and safe, allowing them to flourish and thrive in their learning.

Best wishes and blessings for the term ahead,

Mrs Savva-Brown





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Special Visitors



On Friday 28th February we were visited by Cllr Anthony Okereke and Cllr Matthew Morrow. They were warmly welcomed by our Pupil Faith team and other pupils who gave them a tour of the school and interviewed them. They spoke about how they are working to make schools better, and Greenwich safer. They enjoyed climbing on the outdoor play equipment. Cllr Okereke and Cllr Morrow were very impressed by the culture, and friendly nature of our campus and shared how they both very much enjoyed their visit. We all look forward to welcoming them back again.

A message from the Federation Chaplain, Rev Dom

Love is patient and Kind. Love is a many splendid thing. Can't buy me love. Love is all around us. Films, songs, books, paintings, photographs, and scripture are filled with stories and words of love. This last week we have been thinking about REAL LOVE and what it would mean to show love for one another as Jesus commanded us to.

The story of St Valentine is one of courage and bravery – standing up for his faith and his devotion to the people he cared for in the 3rd century when he lived. He wrote letters of encouragement and signed them 'From your Valentine'. My question though is do we really know what real love is like and how can we show it in our thoughts, words and actions.

Paul says that Love is patient and kind, it is not rude, it isn't jealous and rejoices in the truth. Love goes on. There is faith and hope and love, and the greatest of these is love. (1 Corinthians 13)

What would our schools and homes and cities be like if everyone showed these things in the life? There would be more peace, and everyone would be more at peace too.

Lord God, you gave your only son to show your love for the world.

Help us to be courageous in showing love for each other.

Help us to be more patient and kind and to think of others as people loved by God.

Help us to make a fresh start everyday so that we might make the world a better place.

Amen

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck
Federation Chaplain
Koinonia Federation Schools
Assistant Priest with East
Greenwich Team Ministry



**SPRING 2 –
Federation Value –
Respect
Theme: Love
SMSC: Inclusion**

1 Corinthians 13:13
And now these three
remain: faith, hope
and love.
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these is love.



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Useful Information and Expectations

I ask that when we are communicating, especially at times when we are unhappy, we all remember our mission and consider 'DO UNTO OTHERS, AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU' Luke 6:13, and treat everyone with the respect, politeness, compassion and understanding.

Uniform

We are continuing to look smart around the school.

If your child feels cold, please do not send them to school wearing a skin (tight clothing under a shirt) but ensure they are wearing the school jumper or cardigan. Whilst we are wearing dark-coloured bottoms and jumper, they must be regular jumpers and bottoms, not sports wear. If children are not wearing the correct PE uniform, they may be asked to wear school PE uniforms. Parents will be called to discuss this.

Children will continue to come to school on their PE lesson day in their school uniform;

- Plain white t- shirt
- dark-coloured shorts / bottoms
- dark-coloured jumper or cardigan
- black trainers/plimsolls for PE.



Children should NOT be wearing as PE uniform;

- a hoodie
- skins/ base layers under the white T-shirt
- football shirts
- sporty track suit with labels

When the children are on the campus, hoods should be down unless it is raining. This looks smarter, and we thank you again for supporting us with this.

To keep the children safe, only small studs (**no hooped earrings**) and a wrist watch is permitted. All other jewellery will be removed.

Allergies

We have multiple children and staff members with nut allergies, of which some have airborne are extremely dangerous.

Please do not send your child into school with;

- Any nuts
- Nutella or other chocolate spread containing nuts
- Peanut butter
- Snacks/ cereal bars containing nuts

Always check the ingredients of any food you are sending into school – class party food, gifts for staff, packed lunches or anything else to be certain that they do NOT contain nuts. Sometimes they are not obvious! We thank you all for your cooperation and support with keeping out school family safe.





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Safeguarding

Safeguarding and keeping our children safe are very important to us. If you have any suggestion on how we can improve on our safety measures, please do speak with Mrs Savva-Brown.

If you have any concerns about any child's safety or child protection, please see **the school's Designated Safeguarding Leads** – Mrs Amao or Mrs Badesha **ASAP**. If they are not available, please see Miss Thomas, Miss Hoon or Mrs Savva Brown.

There are photographs of the Safeguarding team placed in each classroom, please talk to your children and encourage them to talk to the adults in school if ever they need to.

For information on Safeguarding, please see the Greenwich's Safeguarding Children Partnership website <https://greenwicksafeguardingchildren.org.uk/>

Please talk to your children about how they can keep safe using their mobile phones and other electronic devices.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/mobile-phones-for-children/>

**Please do not approach other children in school if there are issues between children, speak with a member of staff who will be able to deal with this.
Please do not enter the building unless you are with a member of school staff.**



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C OF E SCHOOL

SAFEGUARDING



Mrs Amao
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Badesha
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Thomas
Designated Deputy
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Savva-Brown
Safeguarding team



Miss Hoon
Inclusion and
Safeguarding team



Keeping Children Safe