

ST CATHERINE'S PREP NEWSLETTER

"Be who God wants you to be, and you will set the world on fire." St Catherine of Siena

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A NOTE FROM MRS MCPHERSON HEADMISTRESS

Prep girls have enjoyed some great events over the last few weeks, not least the wonderful celebration of Women and Words Week, which included an array of beautiful costumes last Thursday. This focus on books, and on girls and young women, created a buzz of energy that was lovely to see.

Lent has included some special events too, with the Shrove Tuesday Drinks Reception and the Ash Wednesday Mass, where I was pleased to speak to so many parents. The Year 4 girls have also been able to focus on this time of year, with their special Retreat, led by our Chaplain, Miss Ryan.

Lastly, I thank you for your support as we manage the news and advice about the Coronavirus. The girls are very well aware of the need to follow simple hygiene rules and have otherwise been encouraged to continue with their lessons and life at school as usual. We will continue to keep parents updated as we respond to advice and I am sure you join me in hoping and praying for calm and safety, for all our community.

With best wishes,
Mrs McPherson

A NOTE FROM MRS MARSH HEAD OF PREP

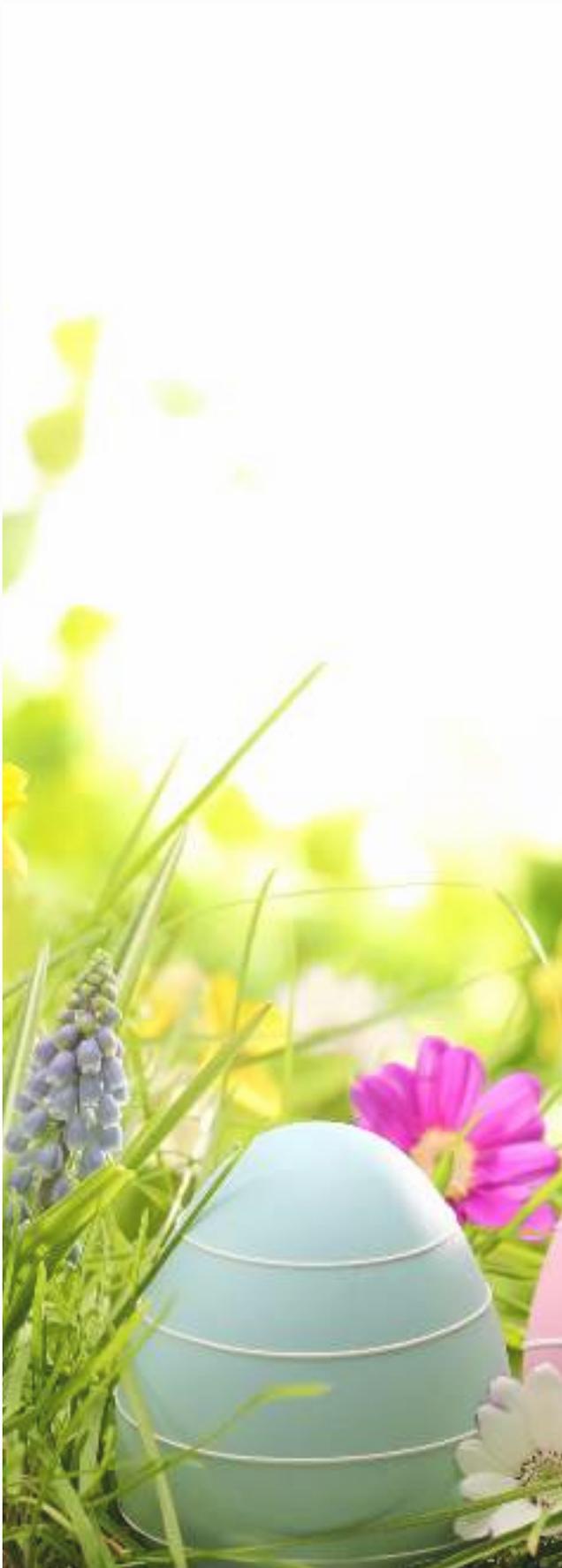
Welcome to the Spring newsletter. This is a bumper edition full of all the exciting events that the Prep School have been involved in during the last few weeks.

There have been plenty of trips and visits and special days, and we are busy rehearsing and preparing for the last couple of events of the term. Our popular holiday club is now taking bookings and we are looking forward to our Spring Concert and Spring assembly along with the new Year 4 residential trip.

We are also busy preparing for next term so please do look out for our new gardening club and musical theatre sessions and, thanks to FOSC, our new mud kitchen in Early Years should be ready for action!

Kind regards,

Mrs Marsh



PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY

We have received several complaints recently of inconsiderate parking. Please help us maintain good relationships with our neighbours, and ensure the safety of everyone, by parking considerately. Thank you.

Snacks

Please do provide a healthy and nut free snack if your daughter is staying for an after school club. The girls have an opportunity to eat before their activity to recharge their energy levels before the next part of the day.



Scholastic Book Club

You should have received this week the new Scholastic Book Club leaflet. Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-catherines-tw1> to browse the latest books and order online.

Alternatively, you can return your completed order form to Mrs Jones (Prep Librarian), enclosing cash or a cheque made payable to "St. Catherine's School". For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order by 22 March.



HATS AND GLOVES REMINDER!

A reminder that any hats and gloves brought to school need to be navy blue.



Prayer Group meeting

St James's Church - 3.00 - 3.25 pm on Thursdays

All are welcome

Mother's Day Breakfast

We will be celebrating our mums at Breakfast Club on March 20th. Please contact Ms. Goldburn to secure your place.

cgoldburn@stcatherineschool.co.uk

EY/KS1 PREP STARS

NURSERY

Anaya: for super number work.

Sarah: for writing your name.

Isabelle: for joining in & willingness to have a go.

Everyone in Nursery for being super book day characters.

YEAR 1

Hannah: for being focussed and independent in all lessons.

Matilda: for effort & resilience in learning to tell the time.

Zizi: for your clear & detailed instruction writing.

Angela: for working at finding solutions to tricky maths problems.

YEAR 2

Mary: for super quick knowledge of times tables.

Kiara: for beautiful artwork & for a super job in learning her times tables.

All of Y2 for super work on Katie Morag day & great behaviour on our trip.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Time	Event
Tues 17 Mar	9.00am – 10.30am	Spring Concert Rehearsals Year 3-5
Tues 17 Mar	6.30pm	Y3-6 Prep Spring Concert, Main Hall (Y3-6 girls may go home at 1pm)
Thurs 19 Mar	9.00am – 10.30am	EYFS/KS1 Spring Assembly Rehearsals
Thurs 19 Mar	Afternoon	Y2 Scooter Training
Thurs 19 Mar	8.30am	Prep Pupil Council Meeting, Prep Library
Fri 20 Mar	1.35pm – 3.00pm	EYFS/KS1 Spring Assembly Rehearsals
Fri 20 Mar	7.30 – 8.30am	Breakfast Club Mother's Day Special
Fri 20 Mar	All Day	Y4 and Nursery Trip to London Zoo
Mon 23 Mar	All Day	Y1 Bracknell Forest Discovery Centre
Mon 23 Mar to Fri 27 Mar	Afternoons - All Week	Y6 Bikeability Afternoons (Level 2)
Tues 24 Mar	9.00am	EYFS & KS1 Spring Assembly – Nursery to Y2 parents welcome (coffee from 8.30am)
Tues 24 Mar	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Y3 Retreat, Chaplaincy
Weds 25 Mar to Fri 27 Mar	3 Days	Y4 Phasels Wood Scout Campsite & Activity Centre Residential Trip
Fri 27 Mar	7.30 – 8.30am	Breakfast Club Bikers & Scooters Special
Fri 27 Mar	7.00pm	FOSC Quiz Night, Main Hall
Fri 27 Mar	5.30pm	All Clubs and Extra-Curricular Activities now finished for the term (ASC & Y6 Homework Club continue until end of term)
Mon 30 Mar	9.00am – 10.30am	Y5 Health & Hygiene Talk, Provider: Knowledge is Power
Mon 30 Mar	10.50am – 12.20pm	Y6 Health & Hygiene Talk, Provider: Knowledge is Power
Mon 30 Mar	4.00pm – 6.00pm	Prep Charity Film Night, Small Hall
Tue 31 Mar	9.00 am – 9.45 am	Year 5 Personal Safety Talk with PC Simon, Safer Schools Officer
Tue 31 Mar	1.30-3.00pm	Y6 Interhouse Hockey
Tues 31 Mar	4.00pm – 5.00pm	Years 1-4 View of Work for Parents, Small Hall
Wed 1 Apr	8.30am	Prep Pupil Council Meeting, Prep Library
Fri 3 Apr	7.30am – 8.30am	Breakfast Club Easter Bunny Special
Fri 3 Apr	12.15-12.25pm	END OF TERM – Staggered leave times for Prep: 12.15pm EYFS; 12.20pm KS1; 12.25pm KS2

St Catherine's Summer Ball

12 June 2020

Hopefully you all saw our recent "Save the Date" and have Friday 12 June booked in your diaries to get dressed up and join us for the St Catherine's Summer Ball! We're hugely excited to be holding an event of this calibre for the first time and can't wait to get our St Catherine's community together to celebrate our girls and our school with a great night out!

The Summer Ball is aimed at:

- Strengthening the feeling of community at St Catherine's
 - Fundraising for school-wide enrichment programmes, as well as a carefully selected charity – Justice & Care
- Creating an annual event as a permanent fixture in the St Catherine's social calendar that parents can look forward to
- Showcasing the achievements of our girls, for example, through music and art
 - Providing a fun and fabulous evening out at the start of the summer!

What will the evening include? Prosecco on arrival, three-course dinner, coffee, fundraising auction, DJ, dancing and lots of fun!

The venue: The Lensbury, Teddington

With its unique riverside location, The Lensbury provides an elegant backdrop for special events such as ours. The gala dinner will be held in the Thames Suite, which boasts a stunning terrace overlooking the River Thames - perfect for summertime drinks!



Who are Justice & Care?

Justice & Care helps rescue victims of slavery and human trafficking, many of whom are young women, and empowers them to rebuild their lives. They work with the police to pursue and dismantle criminal networks and bring perpetrators to justice. They secure communities at risk from traffickers and spark systemic change. St Catherine's has partnered with Justice & Care for Senior Prize Giving Ceremonies and we will continue to nurture and foster this link. Their mission resonated with our young female community and their families. Deepening this partnership also flows along our mission of looking outward and will help raise funds for worthwhile causes.

How to order your tickets:

- Tickets will be on sale from late March 2020, at a cost of £75 per person.
- Tickets will be purchased through our online ticketing system, Ticket Tailor.
- Each table will seat 10 guests, so parents can form their own tables or buy tickets in any configuration they wish and the event organisers will put tables together.

A little about the auction:

A key part of the evening will be our auction, led by a former Sotheby's auctioneer. To help make this auction a big success, we need parents to donate auction lots.

Ideas for great auction lots would include: holiday homes or ski chalets, travel opportunities, tickets to exclusive events, "money can't buy" experiences, debenture seats to sports stadiums, the Royal Ballet, Royal Albert Hall, Glyndebourne or similar, memorabilia, private chefs, tech items, rare or vintage wines, work experience opportunities for students, hotel stays, spa experiences, golf four balls, shoot days, designer fashion items, etc.

If you have something you can offer, then please email skonthepie@btinternet.com – we would love to hear from you!

INTERNET SAFETY DAY

BY ALISON OAKLEY, ICT COORDINATOR

We took part in Internet Safety Day on 11 February. The girls enjoyed workshops and an assembly on keeping safe online. This half term the focus of our PHSE lessons has been a Internet Safety. During our Assembly, Year Three taught us about staying safe in the form of a rap!

It is really important to talk about being safe online and for more information, please visit: thinkuknow.co.uk.



NEW SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

This half of term we have welcomed a new set of school councillors.

The girls have voted in the following representatives

Year 6 Anya and Hettie

Year 5 Eva and Ennaya

Year 4 Florence and Jasalba

Year 3 Maia and Hannah.

We look forward to hearing about their news ideas at meetings.



WORLD BOOK DAY

BY ALISON JONES, PREP LIBRARIAN

On Thursday 5 March, the Prep department celebrated World Book Day in style. This year, in conjunction with International Women's Day, the girls were encouraged to come dressed as their favourite female book character, female author, or character created by a female author, with amazing, incredibly imaginative results.



WORLD BOOK DAY

To help us celebrate WBD we were joined by Lillie from The Drama Hut who ran a series of workshops for the girls.

KS1 used the fairy tale Cinderella to discuss what makes a good story, story structure and characterisation. Years 1&2 really enjoyed pretending to be the characters from the stories and acting out parts of the fairy tales.

KS2 looked at storytelling using the work of Roald Dahl. They discussed the stories of Roald Dahl, and in groups, created pictures from individual stories. They also learnt how a story is structured, looked at characterisation and learnt a song. At the end of the sessions each class created their own version of Dahl's revolting Rhyme based on Little Red Riding Hood.



The workshops were all very lively with the use of improvisation, role play and movement to take the girls on a journey into the world of storytelling. I trust that they all came away inspired for their own writing.

YEAR 3 & 4 RESILIENCE WORKSHOP

BY DIANA GARRETT, YEAR 3 TEACHER

The workshop was fun and fast paced with lots of interaction between the provider and the girls. The girls worked in twos and groups on a range of tasks, jotting down ideas and strategies in their "PowerPads". The session involved plenty of movement, discussion and role-play and the girls really enjoyed the tasks.

The girls were asked to think about their internal language to help build a resilient thought processes. For example, instead of saying - "I can't do that" say to yourself - "I can't do that yet". Everyone was asked to identify weak or difficult areas in their life and look to find ways of making positive, confidence-building changes. All were encouraged to talk to themselves kindly as if they were their own best friend. "Be careful how you talk to yourself because you are listening." was a key message on one of the slides.

The classes looked at well-being and were shown a holistic approach to minimising stress. We all enjoyed learning fun and positive ways to remember facts using mindmaps, pictures and mnemonics. A strategy that the girls are now much more confident and enthusiastic to use at school for revision, note taking and planning projects and topics.

This was followed by a thought-provoking Parent twilight session that was very well received and should support parents and pupils alike in the learning journey at St. Catherine's.



"Be careful how you talk to yourself, because you are listening."



FOOD & NUTRITION

Year 5 made dough balls and made their own filling from a choice of ingredients: parmesan, black olives, goat cheese, cherry tomatoes, red pepper and fresh basil.



SITE SECURITY

The safety of all those in our community is our highest priority, and, as you would expect, we have careful procedures in place for any visitors coming onto the school site. If any parents are visiting, please would you make sure to sign in at Reception, who will telephone the member of staff you are visiting to come and meet you. Please bear in mind that, due to safeguarding regulations, unless a parent has received a DBS clearance through St. Catherine's, they will need to be escorted. Please note that these requirements do not apply for evening events when we have other arrangements in place. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Miss Amy Wallace
Deputy Head

YEARS 2 & 3 VISIT THE NATIONAL GALLERY

BY ALISON OAKLEY, YEAR 2 TEACHER

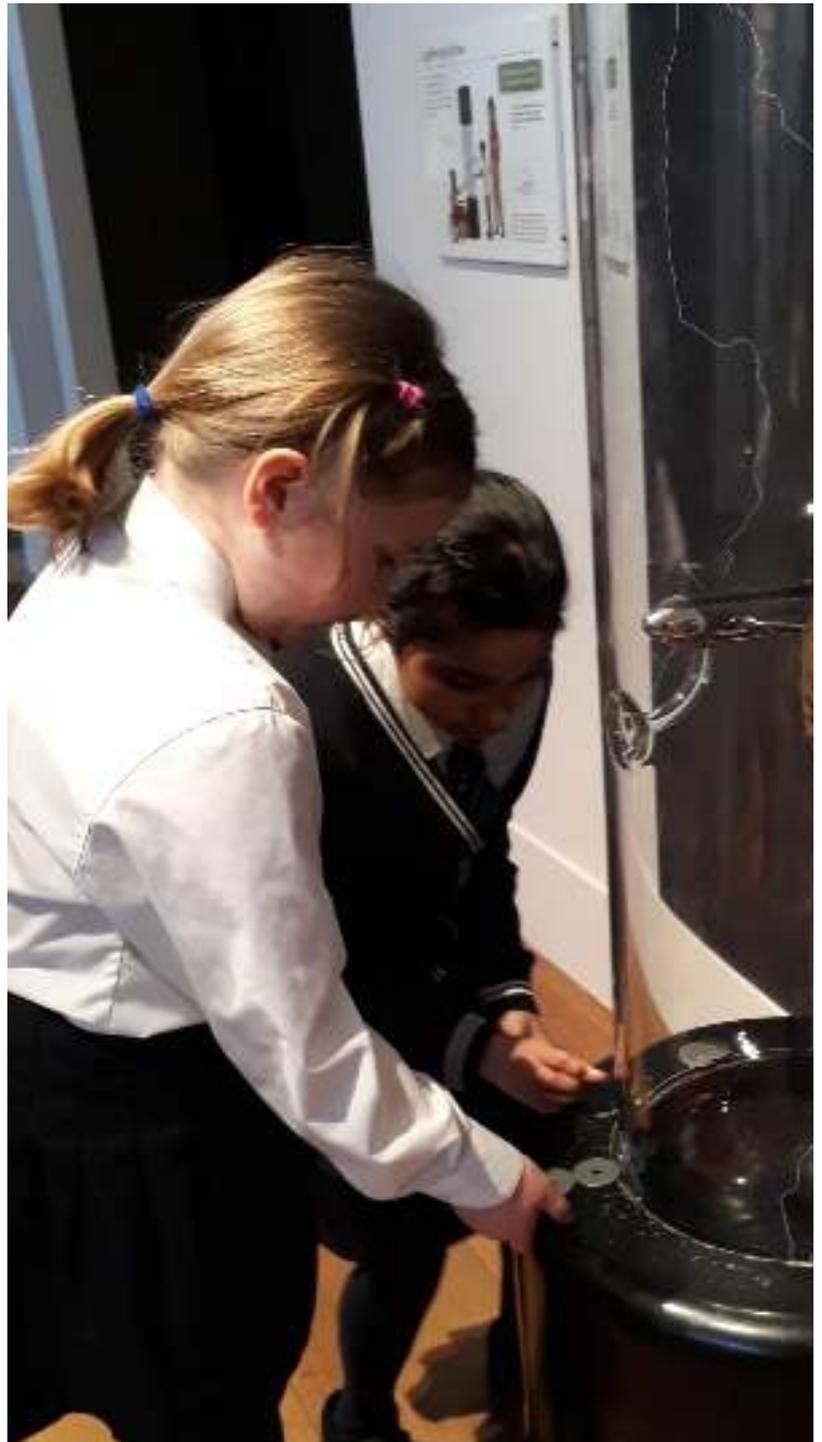
Years 2 and 3 had a fantastic trip to the National Gallery. They were very excited to see works by the famous artists they have studied, including Van Gogh, Constable and Turner. Whilst we were there, we looked for different cities, mythical creatures and designed a new umbrella for Renoir! However, I think the highlight of the trip was our picnic lunch on Trafalgar Square.



YEAR 5 AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

BY LUCY GOODHEW YEAR 5 TEACHER

Year 5 had a fantastic day at the Science Museum. The girls found out about what daily life for an astronaut is like, how everyday objects have developed over the years in 'The Secret Life of the Home' exhibition and fluid dynamics in the Science show. We explored all sorts of opportunities with exciting hands-on scientific phenomena at the Wonderlab. A great day was had by all.



KATIE MORAG DAY-YEAR 2

First we tried Scottish Country dancing, my friends and I were rubbish at first, but we tried hard and got better at the "Dashing White Sergeant" Then we made a new tartan kilt for Katie Morag, it was going well and I think Katie would be very happy with it. Next, in our music lesson, we sang some traditional Scottish songs like Skye Boat Song and Five hundred Miles. It was very exciting! Finally, we went to food and Nutrition, to make Scottish Shortbread, it was so much fun! After they were cooked we sprinkled them with sugar and they looked yummy!

By Mary, Year 2

First, we learned how to do Scottish country dancing, we watched a video and listened to the instructions about how to do it. It was hard! Then we designed a kilt for Katie Morag, we cut out the kilt and coloured it in. We stuck it down like a bridge. Next, during break we played Katie Morag. There were four Grandma Mainlands, two Agneses, and only one Katie Morag and it was me! Finally we went to Food and Nutrition to make shortbread. We put sugar on it and it was the best thing ever!

By Sophie, Year 2



Y6 NETBALL VS. NEWLAND HOUSE

On 3 March, we took our Year 6 Netball team to Newland House School for a friendly netball match. Over the four quarters, our girls demonstrated excellent energy, enthusiasm and effort. We held a strong defence to ensure we maintained possession of the ball and there were moments of superb play in our attacking third to feed the ball to our GA and GS. We came away with a convincing win of 4-0 and the Girl of the Match was voted Chloe W. We look forward to more fixtures with Newland House who were brilliant hosts.



UPCOMING PE FIXTURES

A list of the upcoming fixtures and events this term:

24 March - Y6 Football Match vs. St Mary's C of E (4pm - 5pm)

25 March - Y5 Football Match vs. St Mary's C of E (4pm - 5pm)

31 March - Y6 Interhouse Hockey Competition (1:30pm - 3pm)

RICHMOND BOROUGH SWIM HEATS

On Thursday 13 February, our Prep swim team competed at the Richmond Borough Swimming Heats for a chance to qualify for the Richmond Borough Finals. Our squadron achieved 5th place overall which is a massive achievement as this was a mixed gender race against highly competitive schools. Our Freestyle and Medley relay team achieved incredible 1st places, qualifying them to the Borough Finals. Y3 Freestyle, Y5 Freestyle, Y6 Freestyle, Individual Backstroke, Breaststroke and Butterfly have all qualified for the borough finals too! We couldn't be prouder of our swimmers and look forward to competing for medals in March! Well done to our team: Harriet F, Isabel S, Lucie O, Lucy F, Tia H, Chloe W, Emma T, Josie WL and Hanna R.

ISA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



On Friday 7 February, the Prep department took 10 competitors to the ISA Cross Country Championships, where they had to run 1.9km across a range of challenging terrain in frosty conditions! They all gave it their best efforts and we are so proud of their determination and resilience on such a demanding course. A special congratulations to Samantha WL in Year 4 who came 9th in her event! This means she qualifies to the ISA Cross Country Nationals Event in Sheffield. Well done to all!



Bounce-a-thon Raises £371!

Well done to all involved in the St Catherine's Prep department Bounce-a-thon event. We can finally announce that across both Bounce-a-thon's, we raised a total of £371.66! This will be presented to our prep charities, A.R.C. and Momentum.

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<https://sites.google.com/stcatherineschool.co.uk/stcatherinesprepschoolpe/home>

A & B FOOTBALL MATCH VS. CLARENCE HOUSE



On Wednesday 5 February, our A team and B team played in their first ever football matches against Clarence House, Jack and Jill Prep School. Our girls were ready to give it their all and it definitely showed as they came out with two outstanding wins, 7-1 & 2-1! It was impressive to see how focused both teams were and how they applied their lunch time training to game play. They demonstrated an impressive work rate and held great composure during defensive play. The Girl of the Match for the A team was Lucy H, and for the B Team, Isabel S.

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