



Our Lady Queen of Heaven R.C. Primary School

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STARS Seminar and Presentation 12/10/2016

(STARS – Sustainable Travel: Active Responsible Safe)



We went to The Oval near Vauxhall to the Stars award ceremony for all the STARS school across London. **We received the SILVER award for our school completing over 30 activities during the last year.** These activities are all about being a school that tries to travel to school sustainably, actively, responsibly and safely by championing active travel behaviours like walking, scooting and cycling. We felt very proud receiving the award from a Director of TfL- especially having our photo taken!



Over the day we discussed troubles and excuses for bad travel decisions- for example 'I'm running late' when they park on zig zag lines outside school. We also discussed what we can do to help change attitudes and what sort of activities we like doing in school to promote walking and cycling. We tried to be superheroes with our ideas for change. We will be leading an Assembly in November to raise awareness after meeting with Miss McCloskey and the Eco council to develop our ideas.

By Mikolaj and Lesley, Head boy and Head Girl



On Saturday

October 15th a team of

runners from our cross country club took part in the annual Putney Primary Schools Sports Association (PPSSA) Cross Country race at Richardson Evans playing fields. Eleven schools competed, with eight children, boys and girls, from each school running in the main race, which was followed by a fun run. We were very proud of all our runners – our team finished in 5th place! The trophy was won by St Marys school Putney. Special congratulations to James, our fastest Year 6 runner, who came in 9th out of 88, and to Diego who was the second of our children to finish and the third Year 5 boy to finish overall. Thank you to Miss Morgan and Mr Ruby who helped with training, to all the staff who helped on the day, and to Ms Darvill for training our team and organising the whole event for the PPSSA.

Winter uniform After half term all children must wear winter uniform. Boys from Year 1 to Year 6 should wear long sleeved white shirt, navy blue v-necked jumper, school tie, grey socks, sensible black shoes (NOT TRAINERS!) and grey shorts or trousers. When the weather is cold, boys must wear long trousers. Girls should wear navy skirt or pinafore dress, white long sleeved shirt, school tie and plain navy blue v-necked cardigan, sensible black shoes and navy tights or white socks. Children in Reception class wear white polo shirt, school sweatshirts – all other items of uniform are the same as the older children. If children wear wellington boots to school, they must bring their school shoes with them to change into – and just in case we have snow, remember only children with wellie boots will be allowed out to play! All children must wear their school coat to school every day, even if the weather seems mild. **Please ensure that ALL items of school uniform are labelled. Children are constantly losing coats, hats and other items and a lot of the time there is no name on them! There is a 'lost property' box outside of the school office full of items. Thank you for your co-operation.**

Online Payments : Ms Duncan recently wrote to all parents and carers to explain about the online payments system we are introducing. Initially this will be used by parents of Years 3 to 6 to pay for school meals then over the year will be rolled out for all payments including clubs, music lessons etc. As the letter explained, this system will be a quick and secure way for parents to make payments to school. It will also reduce administrative time in the school office. At the time of writing 113 parents had already downloaded the app – thank you. Please could all parents log into School Gateway as soon as possible so that we can check for any queries and help where needed. If you can download the app it will allow us to text you for free. Thank you! The cost of meals next half term is £76.00. Please pay via School Gateway. *Please note that the minimum payment is set at £10 since each transaction carries a charge to the school.*



Congratulations to Mr Hardman who visited Kensington Palace where he met Prince Philip who presented him with his Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. A great achievement, and the result of 5 years perseverance and hard work.

Thank you to the Friends of the School for another successful Race Night last week. Thanks to Sharon for organising it and to Louise Brown, our new Chair and to all the parents who helped organise the evening, manned the tote and the bar, and of course those of you who came along to support us and have fun! We are particularly grateful to David and Katie from McChina (343-345 Haydons Rd. 0208 542 3504 mcchinaeating@hotmail.co.uk) who provided the food. Please do pay them a visit and tell them you are from Our Lady Queen of Heaven School - ; their food was delicious! The evening has raised over £500 for school funds! We are also very grateful to everyone who sent in cakes for the cake sale, for those who donated and

bought second hand uniform and Sasha, Vicky, Louise and everyone else who helped with these two events. Money raised from these will be sent to support the relief effort in Haiti.



On Monday October 17th we went with Mrs Pitcher to take the food, toiletries and clothes that our school families donated to the Ace of Clubs. When we got there we took the food to a storage room. Clinton, the chef showed us the dining room, the kitchen and storage rooms. He took us to the library and to the job club where the clients can apply for jobs, use the computers, and they could also go to literacy classes. Clinton showed us the laundry room where you can do washing and

there were cupboards full of clothes, and he showed us the showers. They take donations from schools, churches and charities and also Sainsburys and Tescos donate food. If you come to the Ace of Clubs you can buy a hot meal for £1, soup and bread for 50p, tea for 10p and coffee for 20p. By paying they learn to be ready for the outside world, to manage their money and to feel independent. You can use the Ace of clubs address to apply for a job and benefits and you can use the telephone, and they help you fill out the forms. Sarah, the manager told us that between 80 and 100 people come every day for help. We saw volunteers helping with the preparation of food. Clinton told us that he used to be a volunteer and it was so rewarding that he now works as the Head Chef. After Christmas we would like to organise a collection for them of sleeping bags, trainers, coats and underwear – we will let you know when we would like you to send in your donations. Thank you to everyone who sent in food and toiletries – they were very grateful. By Leslie and Mikolaj, Head Girl and Head Boy



You will see from the dates below that parent teacher meetings will be held the second week after half term, for Years 1 to 6. For parents new to the school, this is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, to hear about your child's progress and to talk about how to work together to take them forward in their learning. It is essential that parents/carers attend these meetings. Appointment sheets will be available outside the school office from Tuesday 1st November. Please sign up for a ten minute slot, allowing time in between appointments if you have more than one child in the school. Miss O'Connell will make appointments with nursery parents to meet during the nursery sessions. On Thursday 10th Mme Noakes will also be available.

Dates for your diary

New/changed dates are in bold

Friday 21st October

INSET Day school closed

Monday 24th to Friday 28th October

Half Term Holiday

Monday 31st October

Pupils Return

Tuesday 1st November

All Saints Mass

Tuesday 1st November

Appointment sheets for Parent / teacher meetings in reception

Tuesday 1st November

Y6 Victorian Schoolroom Guildford Museum

Wednesday 2nd November

Y2 Museum of London

Thursday 3rd November

Y5 Assembly

Friday 4th November

Y5 British Museum

Friday 4th November

Y1 Fulham Palace

Tuesday 8th November

3.40-6.30pm Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 10th November

3.40-6.30pm Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 10th November

Y4 Assembly

Wednesday 16th November

Y 1 & 2 Mass

Wednesday 23rd November

Y5 Mass

Thursday 24th November

Y6 Assembly

Thursday 8th December

KS1 Nativity 2.00 pm. (Year 1 & 2)

Tuesday 13th December

Foundation Stage Christmas Prayer Circle (Nursery & Reception) 11.00 a.m

Thursday 15th December

KS2 Carol Service 6.30pm

Wednesday 21st December

School closes 1.30pm Christmas Holiday

Thursday 5th January 2017

School Re-opens for pupils