

# Newsletter

Autumn Term: Issue 6  
24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together.

## Forthcoming dates

**28 Nov:** Coffee Morning

**29 & 30 Nov:** Parents' Evening (Reception and Year 6 will be 28 & 29 Nov)

**11 Dec:** Parent workshop  
9am, school hall

**14 & 15 Dec:** Infant Nativity Plays 2pm

**18 Dec:** Junior Carol Service 7pm

**19 Dec:** Children's day and Christmas Lunch

**20 Dec:** Break up at 1.30pm

**2 Jan:** INSET

**3 Jan:** back to school

**12 Jan:** Y4 cake sale

*Please note that class trips are not added here, please check your child's bag daily for letters from the teacher.*

## Dear Parents,

This morning, members of the school's governing body joined me for a learning walk around the school. Our focus was creative learning, and how the school develops a balanced curriculum which not only enables children to gain the basic skills of Reading, Writing and Maths, but also enriches their understanding of the world around them, and enhances their enjoyment of culture and the arts. We had the pleasure of seeing every class at work. There were examples of art and design, writing based on history and geography, poetry and music- with each class thoroughly engaged in their learning and motivated by their teachers. Well done everyone!

**Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher**

## Reminder: Parent/Teacher meetings

Next week, there will be parent/teacher meetings after school. Reception and Year 6 will be holding their meetings on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November and the other classes will be holding their meetings on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November. These meetings are very important for you. Your child's class teacher will be able to let you know about the progress they have made in each core part of the curriculum. They will also share with you the next steps which are planned for your child's learning, what their targets are and how can help at home. In turn, it is a good opportunity for you to ask questions and let the teacher know of any concerns. Appointments need to be kept to ten minutes though, otherwise there can be a terrible backlog, and parents who have later appointments can end up waiting for a long time. Your child's class teacher may even have an alarm to remind them to finish talking on time! Ten minutes is usually enough, but if you or your child's teacher needs further time, another appointment can always be made at a later date. Sign-up sheets are available on the moveable whiteboard in the hall until Tuesday morning, when they will be taken down in order to allow teachers to plan their meetings in advance. Please make a note of your child's time before then.

## Term Time Holidays

Please remember that the last day of term is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December; term time holidays are not authorised. Absence from school at the end of term affects children academically and socially, and reflects badly on the school.

## Parents' Association News

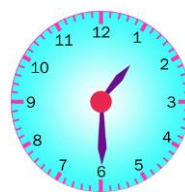
Do join us on Tuesday morning for a coffee morning and second hand uniform sale. We start at 8.30 in the hall.

I'm delighted to confirm we raised £3083.00 at the PA evening earlier in the month. Thank you for your support.

The PA is busy getting ready for the Children's Day on the 19th December. Your rep will be in touch shortly with details of how you can help.

And finally a big thank you to the consortium of Reception parents who have clubbed together to get this year's Christmas tree. We're looking forward to seeing it in place for the beginning of Advent and all the children (and Mr Toro) will then help to decorate it.

Have a lovely weekend  
Alex Yates



## Reminder: Last day of term before Christmas

Our last day of term is Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>, and school will finish at 1.30pm, following our recent parent consultation and agreement from governors.

It is important that the routines and expectations surrounding this change are made clear from the outset, therefore we ask that you please note the following points carefully:

- All classes will be registered at 1.20pm and dismissed from the hall in the usual way at 1.30pm.
- Please do not arrive early at the office, requesting for your child to leave before lunch. Afternoon absence will not be authorised.
- It is important that all families attend school for the half day. If registers show a dip in attendance, then the school may need to revert to a 3.30pm finish once again.

## Reminder: Winter Bugs

If your child has suffered from vomiting or diarrhea, please keep them at home for a full 24 hours after their last symptoms, to prevent the spread of infection. It is not appropriate for children to miss the school day due to sickness but be brought in after school for a club, or instrumental tuition. They should be kept at home until well enough. Thank you for your help with this.

## Parents: Please **DO NOT** park on our zig zags.

It has been noticed that some parents continue to stop on the zig zags outside our school when picking up and dropping off their children. Please may we remind you that the school worked with the council to have the zig zags installed in order to ensure the safety of the children when crossing the road before and after school. It is disappointing that it is our own families who are flouting this rule.

We would appreciate your cooperation with this.

Our colleagues at Marlborough are hosting an event in aid of schools affected by the fire at Grenfell Tower. Please do support the event if you are in the area on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

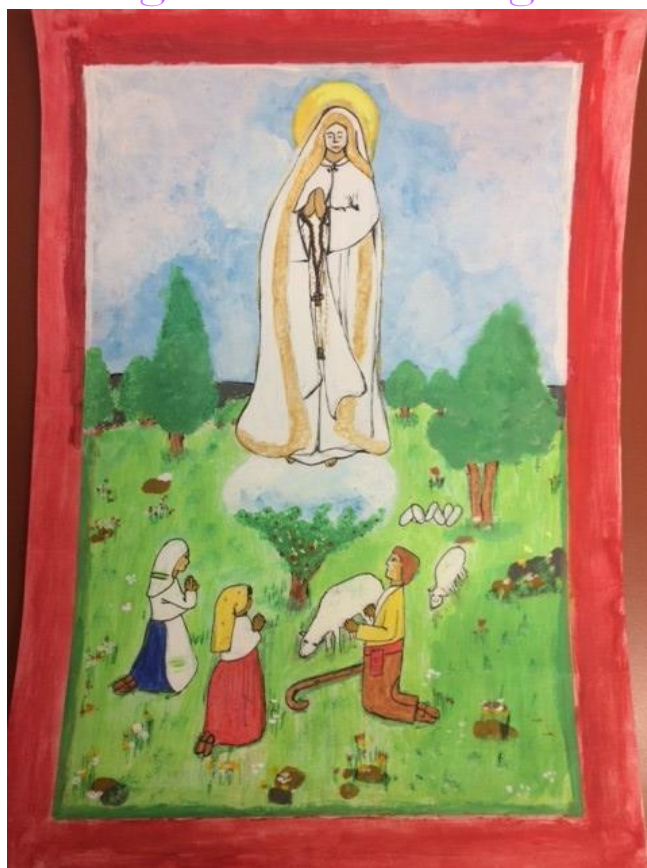
**7.30pm Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017**  
(doors open 7pm)  
**at Marlborough Primary School**  
**Draycott Avenue**  
**SW3 3AP**

**GIG**  
**FOR**  
**GRENFELL**

live music from  
**The Angels Of Kaos**  
(North London's finest casual singers)

To reserve tickets email [gig4grenfell@gmail.com](mailto:gig4grenfell@gmail.com)  
Entry by donation on the night  
All proceeds to schools in North Kensington  
most affected by the fire

## Congratulations Angela!



Angela in Year 6 was the overall winner in our Governors' art competition to design a poster to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima. Very well done Angela- a wonderful painting! Congratulations also to our year group winners, and thank you to all those children who entered the competition.

## Reminder: Parent Workshop

Mrs Griffiths will be holding a workshop for parents on raising children's self-esteem on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 9.00- 9.45. The workshop will explore ways in which we can help our children to have a positive sense of self-belief, resilience and confidence.



We haven't yet looked at the entries for the Anti-Bullying Poster Competition so the final deadline has been extended until Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

If you haven't yet entered, you have this weekend to complete your entry.

