



The Marist Catholic Primary School

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Dear Marist Families,

"We do not pretend that life is all beauty. We are aware of darkness and sin, of poverty and pain. But we know Jesus has conquered sin and passed through his own pain to the glory of the Resurrection.

And we live in the light of his Paschal Mystery – the mystery of his Death and Resurrection.

'We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!'

- Pope John Paul II

Lent in a Catholic primary school is always a sacred time, and this year is no exception. The children have had the opportunity to share their prayers; to raise money for our Lenten charity - over £100; to experience the Paschal Play and to pray Stations of the Cross as a school community. Well done to all at Team Marist. I am particularly proud of the children who have been integral to making these moments special as we approach the Easter break.

As we begin the Easter holidays, let us take a moment to reflect on the significance of this holy season. Easter is a time of joy and renewal, commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of new life. It is a time to gather with loved ones, attend Mass, and engage in spiritual practices that deepen our connection to God. As we prepare to celebrate this most blessed of seasons, may we embrace the spirit of hope, love, and forgiveness that Easter embodies. Let us also remember those who may be facing challenges during this time and extend a hand of compassion and support. May the grace of the risen Christ be with us all, and may everyone have a truly blessed and joyous Easter holiday.

Science Fair

This event was the inaugural Xavier Science Fair. Held at the Royal Holloway College, and attended by children from every Xavier primary school, this was a celebration of science, which was enjoyed by all. Of course, the build up to this event was exciting in itself, and Mrs Walsh ensured that The Marist entries were of an exceptional quality. Our Marist Learners really get a good deal with their science curriculum, so special thanks to Mrs Walsh for her enthusiastic and inspirational leadership of the subject.

The Historical Association Year 5 and 6 Talking History Competition

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 are invited to enter the Talking History competition. The title this year is: Who is my local hero? Prepare a talk of no more than 5 minutes and no less than 2 minutes about who is my local hero. This must be a person you believe is of historical significance. Your talk must show knowledge about the person from your research as well as argue why they deserve to be recognised. The talks will be given to an audience in school and the 2 best ones will be put forward to a virtual heat run by the Historical Association in June. Closing date to give copy of your talk to Mrs Way is Monday April 22nd.



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A few reminders

- Blazers should be worn by all children in Years 1-6.
- EYFS children can begin to move into summer uniform, which includes a blazer for all children.
- The register closes at 8.55am. Children arriving after this time will be marked as late.
- Please do not request term-time holidays, as they cannot be authorised.
- Parents should set an example with safe and legal parking. There is going to be traffic every day, and you need to allow time for this when planning your journey. Thank you to the vast majority of our parents who park safely and considerately.

Local Governance Committee

Update from the Governing Team

Despite the term being quite short in length it's been a very busy one for all of Team Marist, and I'm sure we are all looking forward and are ready for the Easter break.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the recent governor fund survey. The fund is an important part of the school and is used for capital projects, such as building and general site maintenance and improvements.

In the 2022/2023 academic year the governor fund spent £23,625. The expenditure covered repairs to the hall floor, the new blinds in all classrooms, maintenance and installation of more air conditioning units for year 5, maintenance of the trees and the two gates on Old Woking Road.

There were a number of questions raised in the survey, which I'm pleased to be able to answer below:

The old swimming pool area. Mrs Fanzo, the governing team and the Xavier Trust are in discussion about the potential use of space and associated costs and will update the community in due course.

Governor fund spending this year. The fund has paid for interactive whiteboards for the classrooms at a cost of £6,700. These boards are used for a variety of purposes making lessons more interactive and dynamic. Further digital resources for the classrooms is currently being researched, and the fund may be used to help purchase resources in the future, in addition to continued maintenance.

Funds raised this year and how to contribute. This year the fund has received £2,899. Contribute can be made via Trips & Events on your SCOPAY App.

During this half term the school had a teaching and learning review conducted by a team from Xavier Trust. At the end of the day, the governing team had a message from the Trust commending each and every member of Team Marist and the Marist Learners. They were hugely impressed by a variety of initiatives, teaching, and curriculum breadth from Early Years through to Year 6. An excellent way to finish what has been a very busy term.

Thank you for your continued support and wishing you all a restful Easter break,

Rhoda Breakell
Chair of Governors



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Marist Learners

Spring Term is exceptionally busy and so much has been packed into the weeks since Christmas. International Week, Book Week, the Science Fair were definite highlights, as were the Winter Fair, Children's Mental Health Week and the Paschal Performance. There have been trips to Butser Farm and the O2 and sporting events which including swimming. Visitors to the school have included an author, an Olympic medallist and a Roman Soldier; whilst children have enjoyed learning old-fashioned playground games, baking and painting abstract landscapes. Threaded through all our learning has been oracy, with children gaining in confidence as speakers and empathy as listeners. We are so proud of all our Marist Learners, particularly those who won Headteacher Awards this term.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

**Congratulations
to all the children who received an award this term for:**

Courtesy

Arthur Smith	Clara Woodruff	Elsie Boughen
Haoming An	Poppy Gomm	Richard Carella
Adam Cook	Leo Gowland	Anasuya Rajasooriyar
Madeleine Field	Rafferty Fisher	Gabriel Nissan
Siena Buttaci	Rezli-Rae Aslam	Art - Kate Hereliuk
Art - Rhea Xenou	Music - Elsie Bristow	Music - Ella Todd

Behaviour

Orlagh O'Sullivan	Emma Hood	Robyn Benson
Rosie Richardson	Adah King	Johnny Brannigan
Darcie O'Driscoll	Quill Mcleod	Kacper Orkisz
Elsie Bristow	Isabelle Kenny	Leonardo Card
Lyla-Belle Hilderley	Eva Martin	Art - Arjun Farmah
Art - Alice Prior	Music - Arty Mallett	Music- Julian Mistretta-Nutt

Contribution

Dollie-Mae Grennan	Alexander Maitland	Nazim Hussain
Leo Magalhaes	Alessandro Garone	Annabel Turner
Leo Wiggins	Arya Baker	Dylan Lim
Finnian Adams	Luna Morreale	Ava Smith
Joseph Childs	Bea Decruz	Art - Sofia-Teresa de Anca Raymond
Art - Zara Khan	Music - Jasmine Tlhabologang	Music - Kyra Dover

Progress

George Parmar	Burnhaan Ali	Nico Ferlita
Fauzan Ismail	Maxwell Olufunwa	Ralphie Curtis
Hazel Smith	Sophia Dragomirescu	Olivia West
GT O'Reilly	Bastian Munnich	Evie Harrison
George Waterman	Freya Collis	Art - Luca Rouco
Art - Noah Tortorici	Music - Ronnie Sewell	Music - Jehoiakim Osazee

**And well done to all the Marist Learners across the school
who worked so hard to be their very best this term!**



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Staffing News

It is with mixed emotions that we announce that Mrs. Wort will be retiring at the end of the academic year. Mrs Wort has been part of Team Marist for an incredible 19 years of dedicated service. She has been an integral part of our team, contributing her passion, expertise, and unwavering commitment to the success and well-being of our children. She is always working hard behind the scenes and supporting all members of Team Marist. Her contributions have left an indelible mark on our school community, and she will be greatly missed. We extend our heartfelt wishes to Mrs. Wort as she embarks on this new chapter, and we hope she will keep in touch!

Easter

Please ensure you and your families take time to rest over the Easter break. Spending time together, limiting screens and getting outside – and even going to Mass - are things that may drop off the end in term time. Easter is a perfect opportunity for a re-set. So, enjoy the lighter days, the spring flowers and the Easter eggs – Team Marist wish you all a very happy and holy Easter.

With every blessing,

Emily Fanzo
Head of School