



## ~ Newsletter for the St. Scholastica's School Community

### **Year 5 and 6 Motor Cross Bike Racing**

By Neo and Caitlin Year 5

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November we were lucky to be chosen to take part in a motor cross BMX cycle event at Hackney Downs Park.

We had to ride around a course of about 1 mile doing 3 laps in total.

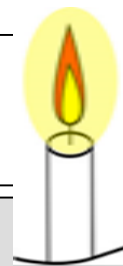
The day started off very well, although the weather was not the greatest as it was very gusty and we got caught in a very heavy downpour of rain.

The first race was for Year 5 girls, then Year 5 boys, followed by the Year 6 boys and girls.

We all found it extremely hard going and tiresome but we were happy to have taken part. We all got covered in mud and dirt but that's what happens when you cycle in a motor cross event.

It was a very well organised event and we would like to do it again to improve our finishing times and places.

For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
And if we die, we die for the lord:  
So then, whether we live or die,  
we are the Lord's. Romans 4:7-8



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November** - Recycling Assembly at 2.45

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** - Fire Brigade Safety Visit for Yrs 2 & 5

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** - Yr. 5 to Westminster Abbey & Athletics in Hackney Downs

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** - Yr. 3 Assembly

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December** - Change For Life Tournament

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Mass for Immaculate Conception & Year of Mercy at 2pm in Church

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Reception & KS1 Nativity Play 2pm

**Thursday 10 December** - KS 2 Nativity Play 2pm & 6 pm

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Cycling Roller racing Yrs 5 & 6, Forest Centre & School Council Assembly

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Green Team Assembly 9am & Panto in school pm

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Choir singing at St Anne's Home

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** - Celebration Assembly at 2.45 pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - end of school term 1.30pm

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** - INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** - School opens for start of spring term for pupils

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** - Epiphany Mass 2pm in the Church

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January** - SW Labrom Football Cup Competition 4pm

**Friday January 8<sup>th</sup>** Yr. 6 Assembly

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January** - Spirituality Week

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January** - Spirituality Assembly - 9am in school hall & Cycling Circuit Race in the Velodrome at the Olympic Park

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January** - Yr. 5 Assembly

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January** - Cross country Yr. 5 & 6

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January** - Girls football Competition, Alan Hutchinson

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January** - Yr. 4 Assembly

### **CHANGE FOR CHURCH:**

Once again we will be collecting loose change to donate to St Scholastica Church Building Fund.

At the beginning of the year we collected £52.02 for our Church next door. From now until Christmas please let your child bring in any loose change (1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p) that you may have around the house or down the back of the sofa! Each class will have a jar in which they can put in any monies they bring in and we will let you know which class collected the most and how much we raised in the New Year.

Thank you for your support.

### **PLAYGROUND UPDATE**

The bad rain over the last two weekends delayed the tarmacking, but now it has been completed the builders have started the adventure area this week and it should be finished next week. Then some health and safety work needs to be completed and the structures assessed to ensure that they are completely safe for the children to use. Hopefully it will be in use before we break up for the autumn term. The spring term will see the completion of the stage and the playground games and road markings. The road markings will be used to teach the road crossing safety rules and also the cycling safety rules of the road.

**Please note KS 2 Nativity also at 6pm and Spirituality assembly is at 9am not 2.45 pm.**

### **What a lot of Rubbish!**

As part of our Sustainability, **This is Rubbish (TiR)** are delighted to be delivering an Edible Education programme with St Scholastica's Primary School. This is Rubbish aims to communicate the preventable scale of food wasted in the UK, through community and arts led public events. 'This is Rubbish' will be working with approximately 90 children from year's 3, 4 and 5. The Edible Education team (TiR) will deliver a School Feast Learning Journey for each class. This will include an engaging, entertaining and informative workshop lasting 1 hour 15 minutes per class. They will then end the day with an assembly at 2.45 with the whole school in which **all parents are welcome.**

### **Our Trip to the Cinema**

Jeremiah Year 4

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015 we went to Islington to watch Annie at the cinema. Before we left Mr Healy came into our classroom to warn us about being safe on the road.

Excitedly, we got into our pairs and set off for the 38 bus. When we arrived at the cinema it was pouring with rain so we ran to the Vue cinema. There were lots of other schools there too.

When the movie started the cinema became very quiet. The film was about an orphan called Annie and her search for her parents who had left her in a restaurant when she was a baby. There were lots of amazing songs in the film and the acting was fantastic. My favourite character was Will Stacks because although he wasn't very kind at the beginning of the film, he changed his ways and became really good.

### **The Phenomenal Life of Rita Ora**

By Rachel Year 6

The winsome Rita was born in the awe-inspiring capital city of Pristina, Yugoslavia (now known as Kosovo). She was born on November 26<sup>th</sup> 1990.

Her amiable parents' names are Vera and Besnih Sahtciu. As a child, her main aim was to become a famous, international singer and luckily it became a reality. Rita is a euphoric, British singer and is now better known for her role as an honest, hardworking judge on the XFactor.

She is sanguine. Sanguine to sing and perform in front of large audiences and has become a massive role model to girls around the globe.

### **Christmas Sewing Classes**

If you are interested in Art & Craft then we at St Scholasticas have an opportunity for you to learn more.

We have started a family learning sewing course on Mondays at 12:15 in our school's parent room.

Because it is a family learning class the children will join their parents/ carers at 3:30pm where you will both continue to make something on a theme around Christmas for a family member or friend it is up to you.

This course is FREE. All we ask is that you make an effort to attend every week so as not to disappoint your child/children.

This course is also a great way for you and your child/children to work together to create something from scratch. It is also a great chance for you to help teach the little ones how to sew and stitch in a warm friendly environment with no distractions.

If you are interested or have any questions please let me know. Mr Healy

### **There's a new baby coming!**

In year one we are feeling very excited because Baby Jesus is on his way! We have been learning about what Advent is and we know that this is a special time when we prepare for the coming of Jesus. We thought about the babies that we know and we made a list of all the things we must prepare for the baby before it arrives. Jesus is a special baby and there are some extra special things we do during Advent to prepare for him. Here is a list.

- The Advent Wreath
- The Advent candles
- The colour purple
- The Advent Calendar

### **Are you ready for Advent?**

### **NEW POLICIES & UPDATES**

Arrangements at the Start and End of the School Day, Prevent and British values and Educational Leave During Term Time.

These policies are extensions of existing policies and hopefully they explain more fully the school's procedures. Many other up dated policies such as Child Protection, SEND, Positive Behaviour and Admissions can be viewed on the school website. [st-scholasticas.com](http://st-scholasticas.com)