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and staff of St Michael's Catholic College**

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Beginning of the School Year Celebration Mass at St George's Cathedral



On Friday 1st October along with Ms Corcoran and the Head of RE Ms Bryant, six members of the sixth form student leadership team went along to the beautiful St George's Cathedral for the Southwark Diocesan schools' Mass to celebrate the beginning of the new school year. The service was led by the Archbishop of Southwark John Wilson along with other priests from the parish, and focused on the importance of Catholic education as a work of love. There were hymns and readings led by Southwark school students, which really highlighted the community spirit that collective worship creates. Inspired by the feast day of St Therese, which was on the same day, we were directed with the message to share love in little ways, and we received a blessing for good luck for the coming academic year which, for us as Year 12 and 13 students was much appreciated!

Jonas K, Head Boy

St Michael's College Winners

Over the whole of the last lock down, King's college set challenges for all of the King's scholars. St Michael's King's scholars completed the most challenges of all the participating schools and King's has awarded all the scholars from last Year a £10.00 book token.

Our thanks go to King's College – and congratulations to the lucky recipients!



Maths support

We'd just like to let you know about free Maths support provided by Eedi.

Free webinar for parents on helping your Maths-anxious child

Using both the latest research and her vast experience in this area, this will give practical advice on ways parents can help their children with their maths, whether they are struggling with maths anxiety or stuck on their homework. And they'll learn tips for keeping their own maths anxieties at bay too!

The webinar takes place on Wednesday 3rd November at 7:30pm.

Please use the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_RaZtoO11RIGk7HzuDRVYMA



Girls Football



On the 11th of October some of our Year 7 and 8 girls football players represented us at the Southwark school games football tournament. This was the first chance the girls have had to represent the school in a competitive fixture outside of school. We as a school are incredibly proud as they did not disappoint. After losing our first 2 games the girls showed incredible courage and determination to finish our last 3 games unbeaten, winning two matches and drawing one. A special mention to our striker Cindy O. who finished as our top goal scorer with 3 goals and some very impressive performances. The girls have been invited to the next competition in November, where we will be going to recreate some more incredible performances. **Mr E. Sesay**



Students Activities



Da Costa House organized a Charity week to honour Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa whose Feast Day was on the 13th October.

Here below are some of the activities promoted for the fund raising.

Prayer

With her resolution to "love, suffer, make reparation" Blessed Alexandrina gave expression to a profound journey of faith and holiness

Grant to all Christians the encouragement and the motivation to ennoble ever sorrow and sadness that life brings with the greatest proof of love sacrificing one's life for the person one loves.

Blessed Alexandrina re-lived your Passion in a mystical manner and offered herself as a victim for sinners, receiving strength from the Eucharist:

Re-new in us faith and love for the table of your Body and Blood.

St Michael – Pray for Us
Blessed Alex Da Costa – Pray for Us
All the Angels and Saints – Pray for Us

SOAP RUN 2021!!

Year 7

Prize	Points
1 st Place - Vicino	1000 Points
2 nd Place - Vicino	500 Points
3 rd Place - Muzandilo	400 Points
4 th Place - Vicino	300 Points
5 th Place - Vicino	200 Points

SOAP RUN 2021!!

Year 8

Prize	Points
1 st Place - Vicino	1000 Points
2 nd Place - Vicino	500 Points
3 rd Place - Vicino	400 Points
4 th Place - Vicino	300 Points
5 th Place - Vicino	200 Points

* 1 person team

SOAP RUN 2021!!

Year 9 and Year 10

Da Costa Charity Raffle!

1st Prize – £30 Nando's Voucher

2nd Prize – £10 Amazon Voucher

3rd Prize – Tub of Chocolates

8th Form students will come around form classes selling tickets

50p per ticket
£2 for 5 tickets
Draw takes place Monday 18th Oct

Year 9 Da Costa – Charity week

Beat the keeper ! 50p to take a penalty

Wednesday 13th October at lunchtime

8 DA Charity Fund Raising

Come to our tuck shop under the astro

Lunch 4g Friday!

Home made cookies and chocolates...yum

Tuck Shop

Are we selling competition, applied to KS3 pupils only in their year group

50p per entry

Bring your paddle and join us. Can you beat Ashton & DA?

Chaplain's Corner

The Word of the Lord

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-14

There is a time for everything,

and a season for every activity under the heavens:

- 2 a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- 6 a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.
- 9 What do workers gain from their toil?
- 10 I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race.
- 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.
- 12 I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.
- 13 That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God.
- 14 I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him

What's been happening in the faith life of the school?

Alongside Miss Casey, the chaplaincy team across Year 10, 12 and 13 created a Sukkah in order to celebrate the Jewish festival of Sukkot. This Year, St Michael's are showcasing the diversity and inclusion across the school and our local community by having a celebration of world festivals for different religions

We had our biggest St Michael's celebration to date, pupils were able to write messages of hope on wings of angels and ask that St Michael watches over us to help this happen

Finally, we've welcomed the return of Friday masses led by the wonderful Father Keith!!



A reflection on this...

As we look back on the start of this term we understand that there is always a time for everything we need to do, if we allow God in our lives.

These seasons in which certain pursuits are proper are appointed by God. His plan for life involves a variety of experiences and activities. Weeping may be part of life, but life is not all weeping; laughter has a place, too (Ecclesiastes 3:4). Construction is good in its time, but sometimes deconstruction is necessary (verse 3).

We should show appreciation for new starts and changes in our lives as it can all be part of a bigger plan.

Miss Casey, Head of Chaplaincy

Lost property

Please make sure your child's property has their name on, this makes it easier to reunite lost property to its owner.

Please don't bring expensive property to school;

Please note that all lost property that is not collected will be disposed of at the end of each half term.

Safeguarding

Important Notice from the Safeguarding Officer - there is a copy of our Safeguarding Policy on the College Website. A hard copy of this is available in the College Office.



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