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St Matthew Academy Chaplaincy Spring-Summer 2022

Easter Celebrations

Easter marked the end of the spring term at SMA and the children celebrated with a beautiful liturgy service. All year groups across the school took part and the children sang, prayed, listened to scripture and took part in the reflections.

Charity work

In keeping with our school's watchwords of Integrity Courage and Service our school community ran various fund raising activities throughout the summer term to raise money for different charities that were chosen by the children.

Pupils had the opportunity to donate to a Clothes Bank to support the less fortunate which was a very successful drive

For children's mental health week, the children took part in a dress to impress event. The money raised was donated money to their chosen mental health charity. Everyone looked amazing!!

Marking the beginning of Lent- Pancake Day!!! Known in the Catholic Community as Shrove Tuesday, this was an extremely fun event for both primary and secondary children. The primary children had the opportunity to see how pancakes were made from scratch. They made their own batter and some of the children did the tossing of the pancakes. They then had the chance to add whatever toppings they liked. The Secondary children took part in flip and fill where they cooked their own pancakes and filled them with delicious toppings

Before Easter break the children also took part in an Easter raffle with the children winning some fantastic prizes! For the Easter bonnet parade there were some really creative entries and children across Foundation, KS1 and KS2 stages paraded their creations and won some delicious chocolate eggs donated by our staff members.

Charity events for the school year ended on a real high with the Academy putting on it's very first multi-cultural street party at the end of the summer term! All the funds raised during this event went to the school with the hardship fund, pupil enrichment, theatre trips and school journey funds benefitting tremendously from our students' and staff's generosity. Thank you so very much to everyone who donated their time and efforts to make this event a success.

Pop in Tuesdays In Chaplaincy

The month of May marked the beginning of various initiatives in the Chaplaincy area. The most popular was Pop In Tuesdays where the children came on Tuesday mornings before the start of school for a free light breakfast and a chat with the Chaplain's Apprentice!

Taking Part in The Sacrifice of Holy Mass

The Holy Mass is the sacrifice by which the Church not only remembers Jesus Christ, but really brings Him, His saving Death, and His Resurrection into the present, so that His followers might become part of it. During the summer term children from the Secondary phase had the opportunity to be part of mass celebrations at St George's Cathedral Southwark and at Our Lady Help of Christians in Blackheath and right here in our school hall. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to worship as part of the local Catholic community. For some children, it was the first time going to mass in a very long time.



Ascension Day mass on the 26th May here in our school hall was a wonderful occasion for the staff and students to come together as a Catholic community. This was our first school mass in many years and we were delighted that we were able to celebrate it with Fr Krzysztof from St saviour's parish, Lewisham. Many of our children volunteered and participated in the mass by writing bidding prayers and doing the various readings. The children were reverent and respectful and we very much look forward to celebrating whole school masses here again in the new term.