



# 21st June 2024

## Where everyone SHINES



The **Appointments Button** is live - to make an appointment to see me, you can now book online. Thank you for your support. Abi Cuthbert, Head Teacher

### Summer in St Monica's



We have many lovely events which the children take part in during the Summer term. As many of these events and activities are outdoors, please can you make sure that your child either comes to school wearing sunscreen (there are sunscreens which should last for the whole day) or bring sunscreen to apply (a messier option but for some skin types a 'top up' is essential). All children need to bring/wear a sun hat and should always have a water bottle with fresh water. Top ups of water can happen at any time during the day too.

[For more information about this and other important health messages from our School Nursing team - please click here.](#)

### Summer Reading Challenge at Cathays Library

The Summer Reading Challenge is just around the corner, starting Saturday 6th July. The 2024 theme is, '**Marvellous Makers**'. It will focus on the encouragement of creativity through music, junk-modelling, photography, dancing, and story-writing. To find out more information, please visit: [Summer Reading Challenge](#)



### Internet Safety - essential advice for parents



Internet Matters is supporting schools with free e-safety leaflets for Year 6 parents, designed to help manage children's online safety as they transition to secondary school. All leaflets are available online - use the links below.

[Moving to Secondary School guide](#): This leaflet offers a comprehensive guide to explain the challenges children face when moving to secondary school and how parents can address them with their kids.

[Guidance for parents of 11-13 year olds](#): This online safety guide provides quick tips in just 2 pages to help parents keep up with their children aged 11-13 years' digital needs.

For access to all of the internet matters resources: [Online safety guides and resources centre | Internet Matters](#)

### Parent Space

Parent Space is an open forum of online meetings for parents. Sessions are moderated by parents and enable parents to get together to chat for personal support, connection and look at ways parents can work together to support our whole school community. A link will be sent from

school via text message on the day of each meeting. The next meetings will be on the following dates:

June 25th

July 9th

All at 9pm on Tuesday evenings

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/yfs-cfmh-xdz>

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Refugee Week Wales

The hub

**Cardiff Central Library Hub**  
in partnership with  
**Welsh Refugee Council**  
presents

# Our Home

A Refugee Week Celebration

**SATURDAY**  
**22 JUNE 2024**  
**11AM-3PM**

**MULTICULTURAL MUSIC & DANCE**  
**COMMUNITY FASHION SHOW**  
**INSPIRATIONAL TALKS**  
**THEMED WORKSHOPS**  
**ART EXHIBITION**  
**INFORMATION STALLS**  
**...AND MUCH MORE**

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For more information contact-  
centrallibrary@cardiff.gov.uk  
02920382116

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The event is free and no booking is needed. Come along and experience:

- Multicultural music & dance by Oasis One World Choir, Kurdish Community, Sudanese Community and Ukrainian Community
- Inspirational talks involving future changemakers- facilitated by Cardiff University
- An art exhibition based on CardiffMet Refugee Art project,

- Themed workshops led by Displaced People In Action (DPIA) and The Birth Partner Project (TBPP)
- A community Fashion Show
- and much more!

Information stalls will include the following local community organisations- Welsh Refugee Council, Oasis, Trinity, Displaced People In Action, The Birth Partner Project, Cardiff Volunteer Centre, FAN, Cardiff Women's Aid, Housing Justice, Diverse Cymru, Hyaat Women Trust, Sub Sahara Advisory Panel, City of Sanctuary, Welsh Asian Heritage Project- RCAHMW, Cruse, Migrant Help UK and Cardiff Council Tenant Participation and Wellbeing Team.

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Over the years, the Community Languages department based at Central Library have worked in partnership with frontline service providers and organisations to deliver annual events celebrating the cultural and literary diversity of the city enhanced through migration. Refugee Week is an integral event of its annual calendar to engage and support community members and raise awareness about its stock and services.

For more information: [www.cardiffhubs.co.uk](http://www.cardiffhubs.co.uk) [centrallibrary@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:centrallibrary@cardiff.gov.uk) 029 2038 2116  
<https://refugeeweek.org.uk/>

## **Cathays Fair 2024 - Saturday 6th July 2-5pm**

We host this exciting event for the whole community in Cathays, if you or an organisation you are connected with, would like to request a stall or book stage time, this is your chance to SHINE!!!



[Stall Holders  
Booking Link](#)



[Stage  
Booking Link](#)



**Next in the newsletter - our usual information**

Links to Step webpages      Contact details for staff  
Dates for the diary **- if it is highlighted yellow - family can attend too**  
Parent Pay links      Donation button

**See X (Twitter) @stmonicascw1 for lovely pictures and videos of us at work!**

**Links to the School Website**

For up to date information about:

**what your child is learning in school, PE days & home learning tasks**

**Step 1 Web Pages**



Reception / Year 1

**Step 2 Web Pages**



Years 1, 2 & 3

**Step 3 Web Pages**



Years 4, 5 & 6

**Contact details for staff**

**We MUCH prefer a face-to-face chat rather than an email, however, we know that for some parents, getting hold of us at the right time can be tricky.**

For questions about Parent Pay or music lessons contact Mrs Fedorova:

[Jozefina.fedorova@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:Jozefina.fedorova@cardiff.gov.uk)

To make an appointment to speak directly with (or see) the Head Teacher contact Miss Williams:

[Debra.williams@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:Debra.williams@cardiff.gov.uk)

To email the Head Teacher: [abigail.cuthbert@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:abigail.cuthbert@cardiff.gov.uk)

To email the Deputy Head Teacher: [mrsmeakins@stmonicasschool.co.uk](mailto:mrsmeakins@stmonicasschool.co.uk)

To email the Additional Needs Co-ordinator: [mrsogorman@stmonicasschool.co.uk](mailto:mrsogorman@stmonicasschool.co.uk)

To email any teacher:

Step 1 Mrs Vaughan: [mrsvaughan@stmonicasschool.co.uk](mailto:mrsvaughan@stmonicasschool.co.uk)

Step 2 Mr Wycherley: [mrwycherley@stmonicasschool.co.uk](mailto:mrwycherley@stmonicasschool.co.uk)

Miss Hampson: [misshampson@stmonicasschool.co.uk](mailto:misshampson@stmonicasschool.co.uk)

Step 3 Mr Thomas: [mrthomas@stmonicasschool.co.uk](mailto:mrthomas@stmonicasschool.co.uk)

Mrs Irwin: [mrsirwin@stmonicasschool.co.uk](mailto:mrsirwin@stmonicasschool.co.uk)

We try to answer all emails within 24 hours, if your query is really urgent please phone the school 029 2023 3925. **To help preserve the family life of teachers, I have asked them not to respond to any emails outside of the normal working day or at weekends.** Most parents find asking the parent WhatsApp group for their child's year group really helpful too.

**Keeping your child safe is our key priority - [this link](#) takes you to a poster which explains what we do if we have concerns about a child's safety. It also explains what you can do if you have concerns about a child or member of staff's conduct.**

## Dates for your diary

I am not able to authorise any absence for term time holiday or any extended time away from school. Please do not be tempted to take your child out of school during term time.

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Schools-and-learning/Schools/School-term-dates/Pages/default.aspx>

Monday 24th June	Tuesday 25th June	Wednesday 26th June	Thursday 27th June	Friday 28th June
	Getting Ready for School - new Reception to visit 3/4 <b>Parent Space - 9pm online</b>	CAW – Rev Caroline <b>Y5 Cycling Festival at Maindy</b>	1pm Governing Body Learning Walk 4pm Full Governing Body meeting	SMU - 4/4 <b>9am Helping Hands at The Table</b>
Monday 1st July	Tuesday 2nd July	Wednesday 3rd July	Thursday 4th July	Friday 5th July
<b>9.30 - 11.30 am Sports Day at Gelligaer Street Park</b>	Getting Ready for School - new Reception to visit 4/4	CAW – Rev Caroline Y5 & 6 App & AI project finals  PCSOs to visit Years 1&2 - Antisocial behaviour talk		11am Y5 to Cathays High <b>2.40pm Praise and Celebration - all welcome</b>
<b>Cathays Fair - Saturday 6th July 2 - 5pm</b>				
Monday 8th July	Tuesday 9th July	Wednesday 10th July	Thursday 11th July	Friday 12th July
	<b>Parent Space - 9pm online</b>	CAW – Rev Caroline 10am Leavers Service (Y6) at Llandaff Cathedral		<b>9am - 3pm Drummathon / Dance A Thon fundraiser for school</b>
Monday 15th July	Tuesday 16th July	Wednesday 17th July	Thursday 18th July	Friday 19th July
		CAW – Rev Caroline	<b>6pm Y6 Leavers Celebration - family members invited</b>	Last day of term for all children

## Booking Lunches

Please could parents **book lunch for their child the day before they need it** – it takes up a huge amount of time each day for teachers to ask each child what they would like.

Parents are able to book lunches and make menu choices a week in advance.

**Please do this using Parent Pay.** <https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login>



**Booking your child's meal is essential!**



## Helping Hands

The school is very well-supported by parents and the local community. There is an active Helping Hands group, who work very well together to organise fun, fundraising events and support learning in school. They have their own website where all dates for meetings and minutes are shared. [Helping Hands Web Page](#)

There are also WhatsApp groups for parents and carers for each Progression Step. THANK YOU to the parents who have agreed to be group admins for these groups. It is helpful for parents to join the relevant group/s to be able to keep informed and help answer any questions – there is no such thing as a daft question – we've all been there with last minute queries that need an urgent answer! The school office will pass on your details should you wish to join a group.

## How to donate to St Monica's

There are many ways you could help in school, the first step is to either:

- come to the monthly Helping Hands meetings at The Table, or
- join the Helping Hands WhatsApp group, or
- join the online Parent Space meetings held at 9pm once per month

We welcome any donations, whether they be:

- **donations of time** (become a regular walker for trips to the park, listen to children read, help with fundraising events)
- **donations of resources** (Step webpages will have resource lists of things they may need to help with a particular learning context or with things needed for Christmas plays)
- **donations of money** (to help support trips or special events in school)

If you would like to donate money – you can do this in several ways, either in an envelope into the school office, via our donate button on Parent Pay or by doing a sponsored event – just like Miss Meyer...

### Donations Greatly Received!!!

Our donation button is active on Parent Pay – thank you to those people who have found it. Our new target is to ensure that every child can access educational trips. You can get to the link by clicking on the picture below, or by visiting the school website...

[www.stmonicasschool.co.uk](http://www.stmonicasschool.co.uk)

