

## The Curriculum Enhancement at St Mary Magdalene Catholic Primary School

To enhance our curriculum and provide additional memorable learning experiences we offer a wide variety of cross curricular, subject specific and faith based activities. These activities are chosen to impact positively and effectively on our pupils in terms of their enjoyment and achievement.

Outlined below is a breakdown of current enrichment however this list is by no means exhaustive as we constantly review our provision and seek to find new and creative ways to enrich our pupils learning.

### Extracurricular Clubs

- Curriculum clubs run from 3-4pm daily for pupils from Reception – Year 6. Clubs are run by staff and are attended by 70% of the children. We currently offer 25 curriculum clubs. These are:

○ Book club	○ Science
○ Gardening	○ Art - 3 clubs
○ Maths	○ Well-being
○ Recorders	○ Running
○ Cultural club	○ Sign Language
○ ICT – 2 clubs	○ Lego - 2 clubs
○ Sports – 5 clubs	○ Co-ordination
○ Italian	○ Reading
○ Geography	○ Multi-skills
○ Drama	

### Educational Visits and Journeys

- Children are offered a wide variety of trips, usually linked to topics or subjects taught. These typically include visits to museums, wildlife parks, local theatres, Parks Trust activities, historic houses, use of the local area for geographical study, Caldecotte outdoor centre, Pizza Express, local restaurants (Kam Tong Gardens). The opportunity to participate in 2 residential trips is offered in Upper Key Stage 2. These are:

Year 5 2-day trip to London which includes a river cruise, trip to the National Gallery, Tower of London and National History museum, a cruise on the River Thames, a show and dinner in a central London restaurant.

Year 6 5-day residential trip to Normandy, France which includes trips to Mont St Michel, The Bayeaux Tapestry, Normandy landing beaches, War Cemeteries, a French street market, Airborne Troops Museum in St Mere Eglise and lunch in a typical French café.

- We offer a wealth of sporting activities in addition to the PE curriculum for which we employ specialist staff. Children have the opportunity to participate in the following sporting enrichment activities:

MK city wide cross country competitions, MK city wide athletics, after school clubs such as athletics, sports, football and running, Catholic School Sports day, Inter School Festivals for football, cross country, badminton, tag rugby. Pupils access swimming lessons in Year 4.

- Themed weeks/days eg. Anti-bullying week, RE week, Art week, Roman days, Mental Health week.
- Termly achievement assemblies. Children present their work to parents/carers.
- Monthly gold book assemblies; children receive acknowledgement for exemplary work or behaviour.

- Performance opportunities eg. Christmas, Easter performances.
- We enhance our music provision by working in partnership with MK Music Service and Rocksteady, Peripatetic music specialists offer tuition for children to learn guitar, violin, flute, cello, keyboards, recorders, drums, clarinet.
- Children are also given the opportunity to take part in city wide singing festivals, and the Catholic Schools musical extravaganza.
- A professional dance teacher teaches all year groups every week.
- School Council visit to the Houses of Parliament.
- Eco Council trip to Recycling Centre.
- A planned programme of sessions for Gifted and Talented children in liaison with MK Catholic Schools.
- Bring mum/dad to school day.
- Stay and Learn sessions for parents of Nursery and Reception children.
- Bikeability for Years 5/6 pupils.
- Weekly Italian lessons across the school taught by a specialist teacher.
- Links to the wider community include visits to Network Rail, singing at Lathbury House Residential Care Home and St Johns Ambulance regional headquarters, visits to local factories, MK recycling centre, Wolverton community garden, MK Foodbank.
- Enrichment linked to Religious Education
  - Regular visits from Father Bernard our school chaplain
  - Bridgebuilder Trust are regular visitors to the school offering assemblies and prayer spaces
  - Visits to the local church and St Marys Church Dunstable
  - Charity support – fundraising days are run by the children across the year for our chosen school charities
  - Lunchtime prayer groups at key times of the liturgical year