



# Saint Francis School

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Dear Parents & Students,

We would like to wish all Mothers a Happy Mother's Day. May Our Holy Mother bless us all in this month dedicated to her. We encourage you to say the Rosary prayer if possible every day.

Hereunder please find list of activities for the month of **May**:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Holiday - St Joseph the Worker
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Day for all parents from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Confessions for all students.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting for Year 1 parents re Literacy organized by Kurja Literacy team at 8.45 a.m.  
Meeting for KG2 parents re Literacy organized by Kurja Literacy team at 10.30 a.m.  
Year 6 girls will be going to St Francis Secondary Sliema Open Day. Students are to bring €3 for transport. Any parents who wish to use the school's transport are to send another €3.  
Festa Santu Kruċ for KG students, and Years 4, 5 and 6 together with students from St Theresa College Primary B'Kara.  
Year 3 students will be going to Smoochie Factory. Students are to bring €8 for transport and fee.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Change to Summer Uniform.
- 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Sale organised by PTA members.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Confessions for Years 3,4, 5 and 6 students  
Ekoskola Meeting during break
- 11<sup>th</sup> **May Crowning Celebration.** This will be held at **Madre Margherita Hall** at 8.30 a.m. All parents and relatives are invited. A procession with the statue of Our Lady will be held from school to the new building. The crowning of Our Lady will take place just before mass. Year 3 students may wear their Holy Communion dress. Year 3 students must come from home wearing their P.E. kit and bring their Holy Communion dress in a labelled bag.  
PD session for teaching staff from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Year 5 students will be going to Mdina and Mdina Experience for their Maths trail. Students are to bring €5.25 for transport.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Year 1 students will be going to Theatre-in-Education at San Anton. Students are to bring €3 for transport.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Confessions for Year 3 students
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mass for Kinder and Years 1, 2 and 3 students.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 5 students will be having a P.E. session at University. Students are to bring €3 for transport.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> KG students and Year 2 students will be going to Mediterraneo Park. Students are to bring €6 for transport and admission fee.  
Ekoskola Meeting during break
- 24<sup>th</sup> Confessions for Year 5 students

25th Mass for Year 5 students

Pasta Salad Day organised by PTA (PTA circular to be issued soon)

28th Benchmark Orals

29th Benchmark Orals

Year 4 students will be going for a Basketball session at Ta' Qali. Students are to bring €5 for transport and donation to MBA.

30th - 1st June Benchmark Exams (see timetable)

### **National Benchmarking Exams for all Year 6 students**

Written exams are going to be held at our school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> May and on 1<sup>st</sup> June (please see timetable). At the end of each exam, the children are to leave school. For more information regarding Benchmark click on [www.curriculum.gov.mt](http://www.curriculum.gov.mt)

### **Benchmark Sessions**

			Exam finishes at:
Monday	28 May 2018	Maltese Speaking Component	
Tuesday	29 May 2018	English Speaking Component	
Wednesday	30 May 2018	Maltese Writing, Maltese Listening Comprehension and Maltese Reading Comprehension	11.50 a.m.
Thursday	31 May 2018	English Writing, English Listening and English Reading Comprehension	11.50 a.m.
Friday	1 June 2018	Mathematics Mental Mathematics Written	10.45 a.m.

**N.B.** Year 6 students will have their Religion exam on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June and Social Studies exam on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Annual Exams**

Students of Years 4 and 5 will have their Oral exams on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June and Written exams between Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Time-tables will be given later.

### **Half-Days**

We would like to inform you that for this year, school finishes at 11.30 a.m. between the 21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Important Dates in June**

6<sup>th</sup> June Holy Communion Commemoration at 6.30 p.m. at St Theresa Church B'Kara. His Grace Monsigneur Charles J. Scicluna will be celebrating mass.

7<sup>th</sup> June Sette Giugno -Public Holiday

8<sup>th</sup> June Additional Holiday - Children have no school

12<sup>th</sup> June Award Day for students in Kindergarten classes & Years 1, 2 and 3 between 10.30 am to 12.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> June Holy Communion Party at school at 7.00 p.m.

19<sup>th</sup> June Award Day for students in Years 4 and 5 at 10.30 a.m.

19<sup>th</sup> June School Leaving Mass for Year 6 students at 8.30 a.m.

- 22<sup>nd</sup> June End of Year family party in our school ground. (PTA circular will follow)  
27<sup>th</sup> June Last Day of School (School finishes at 11.30 a.m.)

### **Third Term Donations**

May we please remind you to send the donation for the third term. Kindly label the envelope with your child's name and class. Thank you.

**Students' Council** - €330 was collected by the Students' Council during Casual Day.

### **GDPR Act**

• The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), agreed upon by the European Parliament and Council in April 2016, will replace the Data Protection Directive 95/46/ec on 25th May 2018 as the primary law regulating how companies protect EU citizens' personal data. According to this law there are a number of clauses which need to be noted. Articles 23 and 30 require companies to implement reasonable data protection measures to protect consumers' personal data and privacy against loss or exposure. For this reason, we inform you that any photos taken during school activities such as Award days **cannot be uploaded on Social media** (Facebook, twitter etc).

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