
Weekly Newsletter
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Headteachers' Message

This week's Gospel is the first and one of Jesus' most famous miracles; turning water into wine. It marks the first time that Jesus let his glory be seen, following on from his Baptism. It is significant that this took place at a very human celebration as part of a family and wider community. Jesus saved the wedding from disaster, turning the water into wine, bringing joy to his mother and the village that were in attendance.

Just as Jesus brought joy to the guests he can bring great joy to us. Happiness comes and goes but the joy that comes from close friendship with Jesus stays with us forever.

MESSAGE FROM MR PAUL DRAKE – CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

The school community will be delighted to hear that we have secured over £200k of funding from the Department of Education in order to replace our aging school boilers. Work will commence very shortly and the whole school is looking forward to a modern system which can control and regulate heat and hot water. It is an investment for the future, benefiting pupils and staff for many years to come.

We were, of course, hoping to have the project completed before the colder months but such is the timing of grant funding. The contractors will be working at top speed to get everything finished as soon as possible and will endeavor to keep disruption to a minimum.

Have a very pleasant weekend.

Miss C Phipps



Mr J Sims



Upcoming Events For: Week beginning 21/1/2019

Monday 21st

Lifebus on site all week

Tuesday 22nd

Y1 visiting Convent

Thursday 24th

Y4 Mayan Day

Wednesday Word

This week the Wednesday Word is "Joy". We feel joy in our hearts at special occasions or when we hear good news and also when we welcome Jesus into our hearts.



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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Rosie Wohlman (6M) completed a healthy life style course. She learnt how to decipher food labels and the hidden ingredients in food and also about the importance of taking part in sports for healthy mind and body. It was an 8 week course called "Explore Kids with Better Health".



We would like parents to inform us of special awards/competitions that their children take part in or receive as we would like his news to be highlighted in the newsletter. Please submit the information to headteachers@stmary-rc.greenwich.sch.uk

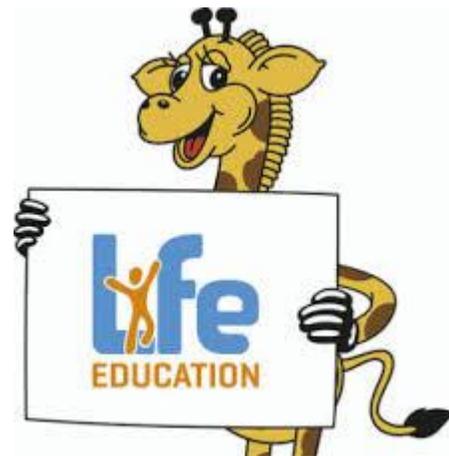
VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSETS

You may have heard your children talking about using virtual reality headsets in class. These were delivered to St Mary's in the Autumn term and the children have started to use them to enhance their learning. We are one of a small number of schools in Greenwich that are fortunate enough to have them and this is down to the funding which the PA gave us. Many thanks to them, for the tireless work they put into raising funds to help all the children at our school and to all the parents and families who support the events.

The following year groups have used the headsets to look at topics they are covering in class:



Reception	Animals in the Rainforest
Y1/Y2	Sleigh Ride (associated with gift giving)
Y3	Stonehenge
Y4/Y5	To use next half term
Y6	The human heart



Lifebus

The Life Bus will be on site again at St Mary's next week, week beginning Monday 21st January. Look out for the colourful caravan with the giraffe on the side! It will be stationed in the car park all week.

Every class will have the opportunity to work in the caravan with an experienced leader from the Life Bus Company. Topics covered will support the PHSE/Science work the children are doing in class. It has proved very beneficial in previous years so the teachers are looking forward to attending the sessions with their classes.

PARENTS' SESSION

All parents are invited to a session in the caravan on Monday 21st January at 2.50pm. You will be able to see what your children will be focusing on through the week. If you would like to pop in, please let us know in the main office so the leader can prepare.

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MESSAGE FROM SR SUSAN

Dear parents, teachers, children and all the staff of St. Mary's

On behalf of all at the Dellow Centre, I thank you for your wonderful generosity and support, not only during the Christmas time, but also throughout the year. The very generous amount of money raised from the Junior Carol Concert and the Infant Nativity went towards buying each of the clients (60) a Christmas gift and other items were also provided at the hostel to make Christmas a special time for them. We also appreciate your efforts in donating so many items of food, toiletries, cutlery etc. for the Just Giving Tree. The remaining money will be used to buy toiletries, towels and bedding as the need arises. Your great generosity helped to put a smile on many faces this Christmas.

With grateful thanks to each one and wishing you and your families every blessing in the New Year

Sister Susan
On behalf of all at the Dellow Centre

Y2 VICTORIAN DAY

The children in Y2 have a special day on Friday 8th February for Victorian Day. Visiting Victorian style teachers will visit St Mary's and teach the children for the day. This gives the children a flavor of the school life of a Victorian child. The teachers will even bring the cane with them!

Children are encouraged to dress up in Victorian clothes on that day. Please do not go to great expense. With a little imagination you can create a suitable costume with clothes your child already has in their wardrobe. We have a few items in the main office for sale (aprons, hats, 1 dress) so if you are interested please get in touch.



MESSAGE FROM ALLKIDSCAN

Places are available in both the breakfast and after school club with Allkidsan. Details about the wrap around care is available under the General Products button on Wisepay.

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