

**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Good afternoon

The link for the Headteachers video message for this week is below:

<https://jwp.io/s/qvdg1F1D>

Mr David Garrido, CEO of SELCAT Trust, has asked that the attached information from SELCAT is shared with St Mary's families.

Have a great weekend.

Mr J Sims  
Headteacher

**WEEK BEGINNING 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

#### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Y5-Stations of the Cross-Christchurch  
Class H Parents' Evening  
Gymnastics Display for Parents–  
4pm

#### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Class H Parents' Evening  
Teacher Strike

#### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Teacher Strike

#### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Y3 Educational Visit to Eltham  
Palace  
Photographer on Site for Combined  
Y6 Photo  
PA Event – Mother's Day Gift Sale  
Bromley Music Festival – Chamber  
Choir Singing – 5.30pm  
St Patrick's Day

### FAITH FRIENDS LITURGY

Today the Faith Friends told the story about Jesus speaking to a Samaritan woman at the well. The story is a reminder that God loves all people, from all walks of life and from all corners of the world. We must try to be like Jesus – show respect and care for everyone.

*God of peace, you care for all people in our world. Move us to do the same and to do all that we can to help others, no matter where in the world they are. Amen*



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## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week in Y1 Collective Worship, Grace Morris and Verity Masterson led the children in prayer and reflection with the focus on the earthquake devastation in Turkey and Syria.

The girls prepared the focal area in the colours of the country's flags as well as choosing prayers, art work and a song.

Following their example, some children added their own prayers.

*Ella's prayer: 'I hope that the children will get their new home soon. Amen'*



## TEACHERS STRIKE ACTION

Please refer to the table below outlining the teaching schedule for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

<i>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Not in School</i>	<i>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Not in School</i>
Nursery	Nursery
All of Reception	All of Reception
All of Year One	All of Year One
All of Year Two	Class J – Y4
Class J – Y4	Class K – Y5
All of Year Five	All of Year Six
All of Year Six	

All other children should attend school as normal.

After school clubs will be taking place so if your child is enrolled in a club, they are welcome to return to school, at 3.30pm, to attend the club.

## ROYAL BOROUGH GREENWICH SHORT STORY COMPETITION

In line with World Book Day, Royal Borough Greenwich has launched the **500 Word Short Story Competition**. Children are invited to write a short story, no more than 500 words, preferably typed, on the theme of **IMAGINATION**.

All entries can be sent to Mrs Thaxter by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Please include your full name and class.

## PARENT'S EVENING

TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>/WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup>

Miss Donnelly, Y3 class H, is holding her Parents' Evening meetings on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Parents can log into Wisepay to reserve their place. The meetings will begin at 3.30pm. Children will finish at 3.15pm on both of these days.

The remaining year group meetings will take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. If you have not already done so, please log onto Wisepay to book your slot.

Children will finish school at 3pm on both days and every child must be collected at 3pm, even if you have an early appointment. The slightly earlier finish gives the teachers additional time to prepare for the meetings. Children who normally walk home on their own will not be allowed to leave the school premises unaccompanied before 3.15pm so please ensure an adult collects them (3pm)

**After school clubs will not be running on either day.**

Allkidscan, our wraparound care provider, will run as normal.

Meetings with Mrs Lopez, SENCO, can be booked through Wisepay. Parents of children with SEND have been informed.

## VISITING GOVERNOR

The children in Nursery, Y1 and Y2 had some very important visitors today to see their Collective Worship-Governor Mrs Dee Michalakakis and Mrs Anne Marie Caruana. The visitors were very impressed with the way the children set up their own altar and led their class with their chosen prayer. Well done to the children.



## CLASS PHOTO COMBINED Y6 PHOTO

The photographer will be on site on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March to take the traditional combined Y6 photo. This photo is a great memento for the children when they leave St Mary's.

Please ensure your Y6 child comes to school in full school uniform.

## ESAFETY

Please see attached important information for parents and carers regarding children's use of ipads/tablets.

It is important for parents and carers to be aware of any risks to children whilst using this technology.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Members of the School Council met this week with the Head Chef of the kitchen. It was a productive meeting, in which the children gave positive feedback on the school menu, a request for clearer information in the dining hall about the meals on offer each day, highlighting which options are vegetarian and the Chef has asked the children to compose a list, from all year groups, of the children's favourite foods.

Many thanks to Mrs White for organising this beneficial meeting.



## CHARITY NEWS

We are so pleased to confirm that there was £850 raised for the Earthquake Appeal from the non-uniform day yesterday.

The Headboy and Headgirl were given the important task of counting the money.

Many thanks to families for supporting this worthy cause and to the children, who braved the rain to stand outside with the buckets!



## CHAMBER CHOIR

The Chamber Choir is taking part in a competition on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March in Buller's Wood School for girls. The competition is part of Bromley Music Festival and St Mary's Chamber Choir will sing against other primary schools.

Emails have been sent to parents of choir members about the event along with recordings of the songs the children will be singing. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Parents will be able to come along to support – details to follow.

## SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Our annual school magazine is always a brilliant showcase of all the children's work and achievements! We would like parents and carers to please send us their children's photos, artwork and poems so they can all be included in the magazine. We would also love to hear about any sporting activities or even holiday highlights that you would like to share.

The magazine will be printed in the Summer term and will go on sale at the Summer Fair. Please include your child's name, class and some details with all content.

Items can be emailed to [stmarysmagazine2023@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysmagazine2023@gmail.com) or alternatively if it is easier, you can leave items with the main office staff.

Deadline for entries is Wednesday 12th April. Thank you for your support.

## PA NEWS

The PA are holding a Mother's Day Gift Sale on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March in St Mary's. Children will be able to bring some money to school that day, in a sealed envelope/wallet so it doesn't get lost, and choose a special gift for their mum/grandmother/special aunt.

Gift items will range from 50p - £4.

There is an abundance of stock so any unsold items will be available to buy after school on that day.

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