

Weekly Newsletter

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Last week, the Gospel reminded us of the story of Jesus in the boat with the fishermen when he chose his first two Apostles. After a day without luck catching fish, Jesus encouraged his disciples to take the boat further out and to drop their nets. Although Peter and Andrew hesitated, they displayed faith and resilience – two of our own school values – and they were rewarded with fishing nets full to the brim.

This half term, I have seen our children show faith and resilience in abundance and know that they are looking forward to a restful week of half term.

Thank you to the School Council for organising an own clothes day today and the generous donations that will go towards the sports pitch. We are now very close to our target of £56K so if you would like to make a donation please follow the link below. Many thanks to everyone for your huge support.

gofundme.com/f/st-marys-sports-pitch-project

I would like to wish all families a safe and peaceful half term break.

Kind regards
Mr J Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 21st FEBRUARY

Monday 21st February

Children return to school after the half term break

Wednesday 23rd February

Y2 children visit Christchurch

Friday 25th February

Tempest Photography on site for class photos.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE FOR THE NEXT HALF TERM

Wednesday 2nd March

Ash Wednesday. This day marks the beginning of Lent.

Tuesday 8th March

Y5 Ancient Greek Day

Friday 11th March

Y6 Kingswood Assembly

Tuesday 15th/Wednesday 16th March

Parent's Evening

Friday 18th March

Y3 visit Eltham Palace
PA Event - St Patrick's Day

Friday 25th March

PA Event – Mother's Day Gift Sale

Thursday 31st March/Friday 1st April

Easter Services at school

Friday 1st April

Last day of the term

SCHOOL VALUES: FAITH, MERCY, TRUTH, RESPECT, RESILIENCE, LOVE

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Emmett Murphy and Luke Calter, 3H, attend classes in Japanese Jujitsu and were recently awarded the yellow belt. This is their first grading and a great achievement.

Well done boys!



Y6 KINGSWOOD ASSEMBLY

Y6 parents are invited to attend an assembly on Friday 11th March at 2.30pm to hear about their adventures on their residential trip to Kingswood.

Please come along to hear all about it!

ART AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We are pleased to say that an art after school club will be starting after half term. This will take place every Tuesday from 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

An email was sent to parents from Y1 – Y6 this week with the booking details. If you missed out this time, please let us know, as we will keep a waiting list to gauge interest for further clubs.

PA DATES

Please look at the online calendar to see the upcoming PA events.
<https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/Calendar/>

The next event on the PA calendar, Friday 4th March at 8pm, is an online Zoom quiz with Mr Sims as the quizmaster. Tickets are £10 per family and can be purchased directly from the PA on stmaryspaeltam@gmail.com.

On Friday 18th March the PA are organising an Irish themed evening to celebrate St Patrick's Day. Everyone welcome.

Tickets (adult £5, child £2.50) can be purchased from:
<https://buytickets.at/stmaryspa/65204>

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Thank you to Mrs White and the School Council for organising today's non-uniform day, to raise funds for the planned sports pitch at St Mary's.

Many thanks for the donations. We will confirm the amount collected when the contents of the buckets have been counted.

The School Council helps the children take an active interest in sharing their views about what they love about St. Mary's and what they would love to have, to help them at school. The councillors represent the views of everyone in their class, so please encourage your children, particularly the younger ones, to talk to you so that you can help them make suggestions to make our school even better. There are suggestions boxes in all the classrooms.

FREE HOLIDAY MEALS DURING HALF TERM

Royal Borough Greenwich would like parents to be aware that free lunches will be available for all children across the borough during half-term (February 14th – 18th).

Healthy lunches can be collected at libraries and adventure play centres, with no sign up required. Serving times and days vary.

For more information including, serving times and a list of locations, please signpost to

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaymeals>

SAFER INTERNET DAY

The theme of *Safer Internet Day 2022* was '**All fun and games? Exploring Respect and Relationships Online**'.

Safer Internet Day focussed on the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

A national conversation is currently taking place to promote the responsible use of technology and how it can be used responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

Children in school participated in a range of activities and discussions on using technology wisely.

We focussed on the importance of having the correct settings on all devices to achieve a positive digital footprint of ourselves.

Please continue to have these discussions with your children at home. Many children have spent more time online in the last few years than ever before so encourage time away from all devices every day for better mental health.

**END OF TERM AWARDS
CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT**

Class A	Ziylon, Ella
Class B	Dexen, Lily
Class C	James, Jessica
Class D	Igor, Sydney
Class E	Rory, Igor
Class F	Enzo, Emelia
Class G	Charles, Grace
Class H	Luke, Coco
Class I	Barney, Christine
Class J	George, Grace
Class K	Dante, Nell
Class L	Lucas, Excellent
Class M	Antoni, Amanda
Class N	Oscar, Manu

**END OF TERM AWARDS
CELEBRATING SCHOOL VALUES**

Class A	Charlie, Nandi
Class B	Fionn, Janelle
Class C	Oscar, Esme
Class D	Julian, Chisom
Class E	Michael, Dotty
Class F	Rory, Alyssa
Class G	Allistair, Maja
Class H	Nicholas, Caitlyn
Class I	Austin, Osasere
Class J	Dolly, Julian
Class K	Kylan, Hayleigh
Class L	Charlie, Alexandra
Class M	Zac, Anais
Class N	Josh, Isabelle

**END OF TERM AWARDS
PSHE**

Class A	Benaiah
Class B	Isabella
Class C	Winnie
Class D	Kisabelle
Class E	Bobby
Class F	Nicole
Class G	Finn
Class H	Isabella
Class I	Muko
Class J	Alice
Class K	Seline
Class L	Ava
Class M	Amber
Class N	Freddie

ATTENDANCE

The teachers would like to bring parents attention to attendance. It is so important that children attend school every day but it is also understandable that children get sick and need to take time off to recover.

Well done to class 5K for achieving the highest attendance to date. Let's hope the half term break will give everyone the rest they need and with Spring approaching everyone will feel full of vigour! Please ensure your children get plenty of rest and fresh air over the week and make the most of the outdoor facilities around us.

THURSDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER 2021 – FRIDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2022

Attendance

RA	RB	1C	1D	2E	2F	3G	3H	4I	4J	5K	5L	6M	6N
95%	96%	97%	96%	97%	97%	96%	97%	97%	97%	98%	97%	97%	97%