

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

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*Nurturing Our God-Given Talents*

### WEEK BEGINNING 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH

#### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Happy St Patrick's Day to all our Irish friends!

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

#### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Y3 Stations of the Cross

Boys Regional Football Tournament in High Wycombe

#### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Y2 Victorian Day Assembly. 2.50pm in the gym hall

#### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Y2 Stations of the Cross. Christchurch

Y4 Stations of the Cross. Christchurch

#### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Y5 Greek Day

Reception Spring Walk:

Class A: 9.30am – 11am

Class B: 10.30am - 12

### MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

Happy St Patrick's Day to all our Irish friends and families. I hope you enjoy your celebrations.

We wish the Chamber Choir lots of luck at the Bromley Music Festival this evening! Hearing children sing can be such a beautiful and heartwarming experience. It has a way of lifting spirits and making one feel happy.

The Y5 children enjoyed their Bikeability training over the last 2 weeks. Learning to ride a bike is a significant milestone that offers children a sense of freedom, confidence, and physical activity. I watched the children celebrate their small victories and the professional trainers on site provided encouragement, boosting their confidence and making the learning process enjoyable.

Many thanks to the Bikeability team for their wonderful support.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Hansen

Head of School

### ST OSCAR ROMERO FEAST DAY

We will celebrate St Oscar Romero Feast Day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

Parents and carers are invited to a prayer session on this day at 8.30am in the gym hall. Please enter the gym hall via the Reception gate.

Our Faith Friends will lead us in prayer.

## PRAYER AND LITURGY

Noah and Mabel, 1D, prepared the prayer table for prayer and liturgy using the colour purple for Lent. The children focused on sharing fairly, reflecting on the Bible verse: "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth".

The children reflected on ways we can share at home and in school, considering whether everyone should receive exactly the same or if some people should get more, and why.



## FAITH FRIENDS

Today the faith friends told the Infant children about an amazing thing that happened to Jesus, which showed the disciples just how important He was. A great change came over Him, His face changed appearance and His clothes became dazzling white.

We thought about the changes that we make during Lent.

*God of light, you sent your Son Jesus to show us how to live. Help us to make a change in our world, so that all people may live free from poverty and hunger. Amen*



## LITERACY

*This week Ms Gannon recommends a poem....*

**Shel Silverstein**

### **Imagining**

*You're only just imagining  
A mouse in your hair  
You've got to stop imagining  
That mice are everywhere  
I think you're just imagining  
To give yourself a scare  
But trust me dear, I wouldn't lie  
There is no mouse up there!*

## ROYAL BOROUGH GREENWICH SHORT STORY COMPETITION

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

All entries can be sent to Miss Gannon by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please include your full name and class.

## NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION WEEK

17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025



Next week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week. It is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It is a chance for us to recognise and respect all kinds of minds.

We will be taking part in activities and events to increase our awareness and understanding of everybody's unique strengths, challenges, how we can all benefit from different thinkers and how we can nurture our God-given talents.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Bertie Bartholomew, 2F, is now stage 5 in swimming. He is swimming 50m in fly, breast stroke, front crawl and back stroke. Excellent performance Bertie!



Bruno Piorkowski, RA, received the player of the week award for his football team. Well done Bruno, who has been practicing very hard to achieve this.



## Y2 VICTORIAN ASSEMBLY

Y2 parents and carers are invited to a special assembly on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 2.50pm in the gym hall. The children are excited to share their Victorian Day experience.

Please send your child's Victorian costume to school that morning as the children will wear them for the assembly.

## SPORTING NEWS

The Y5/Y6 football team have been participating in the Greenwich Schools Football League since the beginning of this year. The team has been performing brilliantly, so far unbeaten, with only a couple matches to go.

Well done to the children and to the parents who support each week by taking the children to the matches and standing on the side-lines cheering and encouraging the children on.

We will keep you updated with their progress.



## PRE LOVED BICYCLES

Please see below details of a preloved bicycle sale that will take at St Mary's on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. What a brilliant initiative!

**PEDDLE MY WHEELS**

### SECOND-HAND BIKE MARKET

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY**  
**THURSDAY 8TH MAY**

Our second hand bike markets are an excellent way to create affordable bike stock for your community and to help everyone to experience the joys of cycling.

Donate your outgrown, unwanted bikes in the morning - Peddle My Wheels will spend the day getting them ready. Proceeds from the sale of donated bikes will go back to your school.

After school you can buy a serviced, affordable, used bike (you can pay by cash or card).

The bike markets are run by Peddle My Wheels  
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## MUSIC NEWS

The Chamber Choir is taking part in a competition today, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March in Bromley High School. We wish them the very best of luck.

The competition is part of Bromley Music Festival and St Mary's Chamber Choir will sing against other primary schools.

Choir members must arrive at Bromley High at 5.40pm, in full school uniform, including jumpers. We ask that the girls wear navy tights and their hair tied back.

The concert will start at 6pm and should last approx. 30 minutes. Parents and other family members may join the audience; entrance fee payable on the door.

Many thanks to Mrs McGarry for preparing the children so well and to all the parents for their support.

Please refer to the emails that have been sent regarding parking at Bromley High School.

## SCIENCE PHOTO COMPETITION

National Science Week' is currently taking place with the theme 'change and adapt'. At St Mary's we will celebrate our own Science Week from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025. In recognition of 'National Science Week' we invite **all** pupils to participate in a fun and creative **photo challenge**.

We would like children to take a photo that captures something scientifically changing and adapting, that is happening in Spring.

Examples of this could be:

- plants growing from seed to plant
- Buds opening into flowers
- insects that have come out of hibernation
- changes that can be seen in the weather.

Along with the photo, please include a short explanation (2-3 sentences) about what is scientifically happening in your picture. You can either email the photo and explanation to the main office or print it out and bring it to school by **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**.

We look forward to seeing the wonders of Spring and celebrating Science Week together. There will be prizes awarded for the most unique and interesting image/series of images so be sure to be creative!