

Weekly Newsletter
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Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Parents Evening

Thank you so much to everyone who came to parents evening this week. One of the strengths of our school is the strong relationship between home and school and these events provide a direct channel of communication between teachers and parents which can only benefit the children in our care.

NSPCC

On Wednesday, we welcomed the NSPCC to run workshops with children in Y2, 5 and 6. This was following up the Speak Out, Stay Safe assemblies that all children watched earlier in the year. For more information please click on this link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Police Officer Visit

Police Officer McNab visited St Mary's on Thursday to speak with Y6 about how to stay safe online. He is based between Thomas Tallis and Halley Academy, but took time out of his day to empower children to remain safe online.

Debate Club Practice

On Thursday, the debate club held a practise with guests including our chair of governors and representatives from SELCAT (the trust that the school is in). The debaters impressed the visitors using a range of evidence (including quoting Catholic Social Teaching) to support their arguments. Very impressive!

Cross Country

Parents will hopefully have seen on Twitter how successful the school was in the Greenwich Primary Cross-Country Event held on a very rainy morning in Avery Hill Park. Well done to the children.

Results:

Y6 Boys Greenwich Champions
Y5 Boys Greenwich Champions
Y5 Girls 2nd in Greenwich
1st in Y6 Girls individual
2nd in Y5 Boys individual
2nd and 3rd in Y6 Boys Individual

Enjoy your weekend

Kind regards

Mr J Sims

WEEK BEGINNING 18th MARCH

Sunday 17th

St Patrick's Day. A very happy St Patrick's Day to all families.

Monday 11th – Friday 22nd

The Big Wheel and Walk Event

Tuesday 19th

Palm Procession in Nursery
Gymnastics Display for Parents – 4pm

Wednesday 20th

Y2 Victorian Day Assembly – 2.50pm

Thursday 21st

Y4 Magic Lantern on Site
Y6 Stations of the Cross

Friday 22nd

Y6 Easter Reflection at St George's Cathedral
Class D visit Eltham Library – 1.30pm

Sunday 24th

Palm Sunday

PRAYER AND LITURGY

Leon and Rory led prayer and liturgy in Class D. We reflected on Lent said the prayer the boys had chosen for this special time.



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

LITERACY



This week Mrs Thaxter recommends.....

This week I recommend watching your favourite TV show or film with the subtitles on!

"Whether your child wants to be an awesome movie star, or an awesome musician, an awesome president or just generally an awesome person, they will be way more awesome if they can read."

Jack Black.

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 **DISCOVERY**.

All entries can be sent to Mrs Thaxter by Friday 19th April. Please include your full name and class.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

This week, the Infant children were treated to one of their playtimes in the Junior playground. They had a fun time! Many thanks to the school council for a great suggestion and to Mrs White for overseeing.



MUSIC NEWS

Well done to the Chamber Choir who took part in the Bromley Music Festival last Friday. The standard was very high and St Mary's just missed the top slot by one mark! The children performed brilliantly and look forward to the next event at Blackheath Halls on Wednesday 8th May.

Please refer to the email from Mrs McGarry this week, with details of the songs the children will be singing. She is asking that the children practice at home so they feel confident for the show.

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

BIG WALK AND WHEEL EVENT

Many thanks to all the families who have taken part this week. Children have enjoyed participating and look forward to next week's challenge.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, is the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge will finish on Friday 22nd March and we hope that everyone will have given a new way of getting to school, a go.

PA NEWS

School Magazine

Last chance to contribute to the school magazine! Don't miss your chance to be in this year's magazine. Please send your content to stmaryrcmagazine@gmail.com as soon as you can. We are finalising the pages in the next week.

As a reminder you can send anything from this school year. Ideas include achievements, experiences, artwork, poetry, holiday or pet, photos and quizzes.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their wonderful contributions so far.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Poppy Salter, 6M, won gold medal for coming 1st at the Bromley Festival of Speech and Drama. Poppy recited the poem "*How was School*"



Ruby Salter, 6M, won silver medal for 2nd place at the Bromley Festival of Speech and Drama reciting a monologue from *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare



Hope Salter, 6M, won an honours award at Bromley Festival of Speech and Drama reciting the poem "*Shopping Trolley*"

