

## Weekly Newsletter

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*Nurturing Our God-Given Talents*

### MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

I want to say a huge well done to the Y6 children for completing your SATs this week. We are all proud of the effort, resilience, and determination you have shown throughout.

The children started the week with a calm attitude, worked hard, and did their best — and that is all we could ever ask of them.

It is now time to celebrate the hard work and look ahead to the exciting events still to come in Y6.

Many thanks to the Y6 team for preparing them so well.

On Wednesday, we will come together as a school family to honour Our Lady, by celebrating the Crowning of Mary.

This beautiful ceremony reminds us of Mary's purity, love, and faith. The crowning of her statue is not just a symbol of her queenship in heaven, but also a reminder of how we are called to live – with kindness, humility, and trust in God, just like Mary did.

We look forward to seeing many families to celebrate with us.

Have a nice weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs J Hansen  
Head of School

### WEEK BEGINNING 19<sup>th</sup> MAY

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

First Holy Communion at Christchurch.  
We wish all the children a very special day.

#### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

Y5/Y6 Children take part in a  
Blackheath Rugby Festival

#### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May

Rosary led by Faith Friends in Gym  
Hall. 8.30am

Crowning of Our Lady 9am

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

ADHD Coffee Morning with the  
Educational Psychologist

Y6 Educational Trip to Imax Cinema  
for French Film

Chamber Choir in Singing Spectacular  
in Blackheath Halls

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Non-Uniform Day for the PA. Bring a  
Bottle or Teddy Bear and wear your  
own clothes.

Last Day of this Half Term

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

The children require more bottle tops!  
Please keep sending them in to us as  
the art project needs as many as we  
can collect.

Many thanks

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

## MAY IS A SPECIAL MONTH!

Onyeka and Nkem Ezeadi, 5K and RB, collected flowers from their garden and arranged them beautifully for their May Altar. The family have created a special place to gather and say the Rosary.



*Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Stewardship.*

## CROWNING OF OUR LADY WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> MAY

Y4 children will lead this wonderful celebration of Mary, our Blessed Lady (9.05 am on Wednesday 21st May). The weather is looking good so pray that the service can be held outdoors so families can join us. Y4 children will start the ceremony with a procession from the statue of Our Lady at the front of the school and then proceed to the Junior playground. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Traditionally here at St Mary's, the children bring in flowers to honour Our Lady, so we are asking everyone to bring some flowers to school. You can start to send these in from Tuesday so we can gather all the flowers together by Wednesday morning. We can then arrange them in appropriate vases and containers.

Please do not feel you have to bring a big bouquet of flowers - a few flowers from your garden will be as beautiful. We do not want to put extra expense on families. Ask your children to help you arrange the flowers into a lovely bunch.

Traditionally, the May Altar consisted of the statue of Our Lady with primroses placed at Her feet. Many thanks for your support.

## FAITH FRIENDS

This morning, the Faith Friends led a beautiful Rosary for parents, focusing on the Second Glorious Mystery, Jesus' ascension into Heaven. Many thanks to all who joined us.



At lunchtime, the Faith Friends gathered the Infant children together in the prayer garden to say the Rosary together. Being outside, appreciating God's world was a wonderful experience that we all enjoyed.



## LITERACY

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

### ***Whether the Weather Anon***

*Whether the weather be fine  
Or whether the weather be not  
Whether the weather be cold  
Or whether the weather be hot  
We'll weather the weather  
Whatever the weather  
Whether we like it or not!*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Miah-Rose Cathersides, 1C, made this beautiful clay structure of a camp site which she wanted to share.



Emily Murphy, RA, has completed her stage 1 swimming.



Evelyn Kovacs, Isabella Lloyd-Jones, Y3, and Jessica and Sofia Demmon-Calvo, Y2, all completed the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice Mini Marathon last Sunday.



Very well done to all the children.

*Catholic Social Teaching Principles of Participation and The common Good.*

## ECO EXPLORERS

The Eco Explorers were very busy again this week. They designed their own town giving careful consideration to where people might like to live and what services they need. The children also looked at safe places for children to cross the roads to get to the park and to school. They have also designed and started to build a rainforest for a troop of monkeys. We will see the finished product next week!



## CHAMBER CHOIR

We would all like to wish the Chamber Choir good luck in their next event!

Mrs McGarry is looking forward to their performance, *Singing Spectacular 2025*, on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, in Blackheath Halls. The concert will begin at 6.30pm but children will need to be present by 6pm. If you are not attending the concert, please note that you can drop the children at 6pm and the estimated finish time is 8.15pm for collection.

There is a rehearsal scheduled for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May in Blackheath. Mrs McGarry, with some parent volunteers, will accompany the children to it. They will travel to Blackheath by train from Eltham and return back before the end of the school day. Children will require a packed lunch on this day.

Chamber Choir practice **will not** take place next Thursday, to give the children time to eat and relax before their performance.

*Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Participation and Stewardship*

## SUMMER FAYRE

The PA are busy making preparations for the Summer Fayre (Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June).

If you can volunteer, please contact the PA, as many helpers are needed on the day. The more volunteers there are, the easier the event will be to organise. Volunteers are needed to set up before the event, during the day and for cleaning duties afterward. If there are not enough people to help, the event will not be successful and the future of the event is in jeopardy. Please sign up by following the link below:  
[volunteersignup.org/L7L8K](https://volunteersignup.org/L7L8K)

Please note that next Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, is a non-uniform day to support the PA. Children are asked to bring a bottle and/or teddy to school, which will be used at the Summer Fayre. Bottles must be full and unused. They can have anything in them e.g., squash, wash up liquid, bubble bath, alcohol etc.

We are appealing to all the gardeners out there to start propagating plants, both indoor and outdoor, so we can sell them at the fayre. All donations will be gratefully received. We would also love if people could make up window boxes and hanging baskets. Contact the PA as they will give you an idea what sort of plants are needed.

The cake stall will need lots of delicious cakes on the day so think about what you can donate.

Many thanks for all your support.

## ADHD COFFEE MORNING

Mrs Henderson has organised an ADHD coffee morning on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, run by our Educational Psychologist, Sam Worth.

Parents will receive information and talk about the following:

- Symptoms of ADHD and how it can present differently. How it can impact the life and education of children.
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- Ideas and strategies to support your child.

If you have any specific questions for our Educational Psychologist regarding ADHD, please email them to the main office and we will endeavour to answer them at the meeting.

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