

Weekly Newsletter
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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Happy St David's Day to all our Welsh families. I hope you enjoy your special day.

Our Y6 children receive confirmation today of their secondary school destination for September 2024. I hope that every child is happy with their outcome but if any parent has any questions, or are unhappy with the school that has been offered, please make an appointment to see me where we can talk things through.

I am very happy to announce that the St Mary's Debate Team has got through to the final of the Cicero Cup, a national debating competition for primary schools. The children performed brilliantly in the semi-final this week and look forward to the final in the Summer term. Many thanks to Mr Williams for his encouragement and coaching.

Well done to Dantae Benjamin, Mary Eva O'Connor Reilly, Agatha Tykarska, Julian Labuschagne and Remi Azeez.

Have a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Sims
Headteacher



Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

WEEK BEGINNING 4th MARCH

Tuesday 5th

Y6 Viking Workshop

Thursday 7th

Girls Football Competition at St Paul's
World Book Day

Friday 8th

PA Event – Mother's Day Sale
Chamber Choir – Bromley Music
Festival
International Women's Day

Sunday 10th

Mothering Sunday

FAITH FRIENDS

The Faith Friends led prayer time today in the prayer garden. They spoke to the Infant children about our world and how we should look after it the best that we can.

All the children sang "He's Got the Whole World in his Hands".



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

ART COMPETITION

Children from Y5/6 recently entered an art competition in St Paul's Academy.

The theme of the competition was "anything in your life that makes you happy"

Out of 120 entries, we are pleased to say that Leonardo Manuell, 5K, won 2nd prize and Dolly Kearney-Henley won 3rd prize! These children will be presented with their certificates in one of the upcoming assemblies.

Well done to all the children who took part.

LITERACY



This week Mrs Thaxter recommends.....

Sidewalk Flowers

Ages 4-7

In this wordless picture book, a little girl collects wildflowers while her distracted father pays her little attention. Each flower becomes a gift, and whether the gift is noticed or ignored, both giver and recipient are transformed by their encounter.

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

Mrs Thaxter has organised a competition for World Book Day! She would like the children to design a book character out of a paper plate! You can use any materials you like with the paper plate. All entries must be given to Mrs Thaxter by Wednesday 6th March. Please ensure your name, class and book character are written on the back.

A display will be made for the whole school with all the designs and winners will be announced on World Book Day.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week....

Pedro Gouveia, RB, won footballer of the week for the 7th time. A marvellous achievement!



Peter Griffin, 5L, recently completed his gold level in swimming. He was very proud of himself. He has now moved up to academy status. Well done Peter!



BRAILLE AWARENESS DAY

St Mary's celebrated Braille Awareness Day on Tuesday. Throughout the school, children were made aware about how important braille is as a means of communication.

Louis Braille lost his sight at 3 years and devised the Braille system based on a Morse coding system. Louis showed great resilience to create a system that would make communication in the visually impaired world easier.

Mrs Johnson demonstrated how to use the Braille typewriter and typed a message for everyone to feel.



CLASS PHOTOS

The photographer was on site today taking the class photos. As soon as the proofs are returned to us, we will send them home to parents. Details about ordering the photos will be included.

The traditional combined Y6 photo was not taken today so the photographer will return to take this photo.

A reminder email will be sent to Y6 parents to ensure full school uniform is worn and a good hairstyle on that day!

CHAMBER CHOIR

The Chamber Choir is taking part in a competition on Friday 8th March in Bromley High School. 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 the choir members with the songs, so that the children can practice at home so please contact us if you have not received any communication.

Parents and family members will be able to come along to support.

PARENT'S EVENING
WEDNESDAY 13th/THURSDAY 14th MARCH

Parents' evenings are scheduled to take place on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March. Parents are now able to book their times on Wisepay. Please choose a time that suits you. If you have more than one teacher to see, please ensure that you leave enough time between meetings.

Children will finish school at 3pm on both days and every child must be collected at 3pm, even if you have an early appointment. Parents should wait in the usual place to collect their children. The slightly earlier finish gives the teachers time to prepare for the meetings. Children who normally walk home on their own should be collected as they are not allowed to leave the school premises unaccompanied before 3.15pm.

Meetings for Infant children will take place in the dining hall and Junior children in the gym hall. Parents and carers of Nursery children can see Mrs Dennis Huille in the Nursery.

Parents of children with SEN will also see Mrs Henderson, our SENCO. You will be able to book times on Wisepay.

After school clubs will not be running on either day. You have not paid for these clubs.

Allkids can, our wraparound care provider, will run as normal.

BASIC BIKE MAINTENANCE COURSE

If you, or someone you know, is 18 years+ and either live or work in the Royal Borough Greenwich, please note that you can attend a Basic Bike Maintenance Course for free. The course includes how to fix a puncture, adjust brakes, index gears and lubricate your chain correctly. These useful skills are necessary for people who regularly use their bikes as a means of transport.

There are three dates available in March, with the first one taking place this **Saturday, 2nd March, 09:30-15:30** at the Woolwich Common Community Centre. To find out more and to book please [click here](#).

Saturday 9th of March, 09:30-15:30 - Woolwich Common Community Centre - Please [click here](#)

Saturday 23rd of March, 09:30-15:30 - Kidbrooke Community Hub - Please [click here](#)

PA NEWS

Please put these dates in your diary:

Friday 8th March – Mother's Day gift sale (during the school day). Children will be able to purchase gifts for their mother, grandmother or special aunt to gift on Mother's Day. Items will cost from 50p - £4.

Volunteers are needed to help on the day so if you would like to help, please sign up on the link below:

<https://volunteersignup.org/MPWAK>

Friday 15th March – St Patrick's Day Celebration.

This lively evening, with Irish music, dancing and bar will take place from 7pm – 10pm at St Mary's. It is aimed at all families and enjoyed by all ages. Tickets are now available to buy from the main office. If you cannot get to the office, please email your request and the tickets will be put aside for you until you can collect. Payment can be made by cash or card.

Adults £7

Child £4

Children under 3 are free.

Volunteers are also needed for helping on the night so please sign up if you can give 30 minutes of your time. Volunteers will not have to pay to attend.

<https://volunteersignup.org/RKBAD>

School Magazine – The annual St Mary's School Magazine is in production! The PA would like contributions from the children which can include exciting adventure and experience stories, artwork, achievements, poems, holiday stories, pet news, recipes, word searches and quizzes.

Send your entry to the PA on this email address:

stmaryrcmagazine@gmail.com

If you require any help, please contact the main office.

If you have a business or service to advertise, please contact the PA about rates and how to book your advert.