

Weekly Newsletter
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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers,

I have recorded my headteacher's message with four students at lunchtime today but frustratingly the technology is failing and the newsletter deadline is upon me.

In this instance, I will have to summarise what the children have said. I apologise to the children involved.

- Neo spoke about his trip to St Thomas More with some of his Y6 colleagues to remember Stephen Lawrence who died in tragic circumstances thirty years ago on April 22nd.
- Oscar spoke about entering the writing competition that he participated in for Greenwich Borough – he wrote a story called The Invisible Man.
- Karissa talked about what she had learnt in her maths lesson today, measuring capacity of objects.
- Finally, Hope spoke about building catapults in Y5, how they had to design then and use them to knock down targets.

Thank you to all – have a great weekend!

Mr J Sims
Headteacher

TEACHERS STRIKE ACTION

Please refer to the table below outlining the teaching schedule for Thursday 27th April.

Thursday 27th April – Not in School

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| Nursery |
| Reception A |
| Reception B |
| Class D – Y1 |

All other children should attend school as normal.

After school clubs will be taking place so if your child is enrolled in a club, they are welcome to return to school, at 3.30pm, to attend the club.



WEEK BEGINNING 24th APRIL

Tuesday 25th

Y5 Ancient Greek Day

Wednesday 26th

Y5 Samba Concert–3pm-Gym Hall

Thursday 27th

Teacher's Strike Action.

Friday 28th

Class C Library visit

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Oxli and George led collective worship in Class A today. They chose to share the story of Easter. They set up their own prayer table and led the children in prayer.



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

CHAMBER CHOIR

Mrs McGarry is looking forward to the next singing event with the Chamber Choir!

This performance will take place on **Thursday 4th May** in Blackheath Halls. The concert will begin at 7pm and will finish at approx. 8.30pm. We will send an email to parents once the tickets have gone live on the Blackheath Halls website.

There will be a rehearsal on Thursday 4th May at 11.40am so Mrs McGarry will accompany the children to it. The children will travel to Blackheath by train from Eltham. We require some parent volunteers to assist so if you can help, please contact the main office. Relevant checks will have to be done.

Please refer to the emails sent to the Chamber Choir members with the tracks and lyrics of four songs. Please ensure your children are practicing their songs so they can put on their best performance!

Y3 FOLK DANCING

The Y3 children are currently taking part in an international folk dancing project, organised by a company called Two Left Feet. A dance teacher is coming on site, for three sessions, to run the workshops for the children, who are learning traditional dances from France, Russia and Israel.

The project is intergenerational, which offers the children the opportunity to perform with a group of over 60s in a live performance on Friday 5th May in Mycenae House, Blackheath..

In order to prepare for the performance and confirm numbers with the organisers, please go the link below and complete the Google form.

<https://forms.gle/pmtSqMNCDyRb9Wy16>

Many thanks for your support. This is a great opportunity for the children.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

Royal Borough Greenwich are re-running 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 **IMAGINATION**.

All entries can be sent to Mrs Thaxter by **Friday 21st April**. Please include your full name and class.

Well done to the children who have submitted their entries so far....many children look like they were busy over the Easter holiday! There is still time so please encourage your child to submit an entry.

PA NEWS

The PA are busy making preparations for the Summer Fair.

If you, or anyone you know would like to have a stall at the fair, please contact the PA (details below).

More information about the event will be sent to parents once finalised.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All the after school clubs will be up and running from Monday 24th April.

Please ensure you have registered your child in their chosen club. The list of clubs available can be viewed here.

https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/docs/CLUBS/After_School_Clubs_Timetable_Summer_2023_xlsx.pdf

It is important that children have the correct kit with them for their after school club and that they are collected on time when the club has finished.

SUMMER UNIFORM

It is lovely to see the children in their Summer uniform. The weather is still unpredictable so please ensure that they wear their coats and jumpers/cardigans to school.

Our uniform policy can be viewed [here](#) so please take a look.

Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit at school.

Y6 HOODIES

Please log onto Wisepay to order your Y6 child's leaver's hoodie. The order needs to be placed with the supplier and the PA need to get all the sizes together. We would like all children to have a hoodie so if you are worried about cost, please speak to the office staff.

