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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

St Mary's are proud to announce that we are participating in the Oscar Romero Award, which will recognise the school's commitment to Catholic Social Teaching.

Oscar Romero was an Archbishop of San Salvador who spoke out against social injustice and political turmoil through his popular radio sermons. He was tragically killed while celebrating Mass in 1980.

Through the Oscar Romero Award, we will be able to demonstrate how we live our mission as a Catholic community, by challenging injustice and by taking part in charitable organisations. This is a very worthy scheme that will help students understand the importance of equality and community cohesion.

We look forward to telling you more about this award in future.

Enjoy your weekend.

Kind regards
Mr J Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 24th JANUARY

Tuesday 25th January

Y6 Reconciliation in Christchurch

Wednesday 26th January

Y4 Maya Day

Thursday 26th January

PA Meeting – Dining Hall – 6pm

JEWISH VISITOR ON SITE

Mr Jon Leigh, a Jewish Rabbi, who came on site to talk about the Jewish faith, visited the children from Y1 – Y6. The children learned about many aspects of the Jewish faith.

Mr Leigh has been visiting St Mary's for many years so knows our school very well. It was wonderful to be able to invite him back after a two-year absence.

Please see below some pictures from the Y1/Y2 assembly. More pictures have been uploaded to Twitter so please take a look.



Y4 MAYA DAY

The children in Y4 are looking forward to celebrating Maya Day on Thursday 26th. A specialist visitor will be on site to inform the children about ancient Mayan culture.

The children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a Mayan civilian. This can be a brightly coloured t-shirt and leggings/trousers with jewellery and a headdress to enhance the costume. If you are unsure, please contact the main office for advice.

Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of the day - £6. This payment can be made through Wisepay. Please contact the main office should this payment be a problem.

Y6 SCHOOL JOURNEY TO KINGSWOOD

The Y6 children are really looking forward to their residential journey from Monday 31st January to Friday 4th February.

Information has been sent to all parents but if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff.

Should you have any questions about the kit list, please ask. We can help and offer advice.

The children will have a wonderful time but if there are little worries reassure them and speak to one of the Y6 team.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Eleni Blaney, 5K, had 41 cm cut off her hair this week and decided to donate it to The Princess Trust who make wigs for children.

What a noble thing to do – well done Eleni!



PA NEWS

The PA are having a meeting on Thursday 27th January at 6pm in the Dining Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along. The PA like to get new ideas from the school community.

The PA are looking for volunteers to help run the events! Having a list of volunteers to help organise each event makes the event run smoothly and spreads the workload. If you can volunteer, please click on the link below to add your name to the volunteer list. This google sheet has a list of tasks for each event, from wrapping gifts to making event posters, small tasks to bigger ones. Every job is important. You can email the PA directly if you would prefer.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1cNfbQyZbi_9GgFvJCFIt7BUo2l8a4_t39Di7O_cGMk/edit#gid=1614239094

Y2 VICTORIAN DAY

Victorian Day is coming closer for Y2 children so the children will experience a school day in the life of a Victorian child (Friday 4th February). Visiting Victorian style teachers will visit St Mary's and teach the children for the day. They will be quite stern; different from the Y2 teachers of today!

Children are encouraged to dress in Victorian clothes. Please do not rush out to buy a new outfit; with imagination, you can use what you have in your wardrobe and create a Victorian look. We have a few outfits in the main office, which have been kindly donated so if you wish to look at the items please come to the main office.

READING BUDDIES

Y6 have been really enjoying their *reading buddy* sessions with the Reception children. This takes place every Friday! They have been reading with them, practicing their tricky words and creating friendships!



ITEMS WANTED

The Sisters in the Convent are looking for a few items of furniture for a family in need in their community. If you have anything that you no longer require, please phone the school office and the staff will be able to advise.

Many thanks for your support.

MATHLETICS

Please ensure your child is logging onto their Mathletics account regularly to complete the tasks set. Teachers are setting work to be completed but the children are not logging on.

Every child has been given login details. If these details have been mislaid, please contact the class teacher or main office.