

Weekly Newsletter
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Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a restful half term break.

Classes have changed their focal points to purple to highlight the season of Lent. All the year groups are visiting Christchurch this half term to learn about the Stations of the Cross and to see how the church is preparing for Easter.

The RE newsletter has been sent to parents so please refer to this to see what your child is learning in class this half term.

Parents have been notified that the booking system for the wraparound care is now live. St Mary's Wraparound will begin on Monday 15th April. Please log into your child's Wisepay account to book on. Should you have any questions please contact the main office.

Today, the St Mary's Debating Team competed in the semi-finals of the Cicero Cup, a national debate for primary schools. Mary-Eva O'Connor Riley, Remi Azeez, Dantae Benjamin, Julian Labuschagne and Agatha Tykarska performed excellently, showing great critical thinking and speaking skills. The outcome of the competition will be announced on Monday.

Have a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 26th FEBRUARY

Saturday 24th

Rugby Match at Blackheath Rugby Club – 1.15pm

Monday 26th

Class B visit Convent of Mercy 1.30pm
Class A visit Convent of Mercy 2pm
Y2 visit Christchurch

Tuesday 27th

Braille Awareness Day
Y5 Stations of the Cross

Thursday 29th

Y5/Y6 Boys Football Competition
Y4 Stations of the Cross

Friday 1st March

Tempest Photography on site for Class Photos
Secondary School Offers for Y6 Children
St David's Day. A very happy national day to all our Welsh families.

FAITH FRIENDS

At lunchtime today, the Faith Friends went around the classrooms to see the prayer areas. As it is Lent, a time of preparing our hearts for Easter, the prayer areas are purple. The children have written their own Lenten promises



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 children from St Mary's took the second and joint third prizes.

Well done to all the children who took part.

VICTORIAN DAY

The Y2 children enjoyed their Victorian Day today, although there were some sceptical faces when their visitor arrived! It gave them a taste of school life in Victorian times and I am sure they enjoyed telling you all about it. The children all looked very Victorian so many thanks for your support.



CHRISTCHURCH NEWS

Preloved Baby Sale:

Do you have lots of baby clothes that you don't need anymore? Toys that your children have outgrown? Come and sell all your preloved baby items at Christchurch!

And the best thing about it, you keep all your profit! Please let us know if you'd like to hire one of our tables on **Saturday 2nd March 10.30-12.30.**

If you are interested, please email: halinkagawor@hotmail.co.uk

BEAUTIFUL POETRY

Marie Robles, 3H, wrote a beautiful narrative poem in class which Miss Donnelly wants to share with everyone. Well done Marie!

The Challenge

*The sky was dark and the clouds were grey.
The villagers were going about their day.
The day had ended and in came the night.
But the farmers and villagers got a terrible sight.*

*Falling from the sky was a beast.
And when he finally landed, he demanded a feast.
Hogarth had heard about the news,
And went to wake the Iron Man from his snooze.*

*The big metal monster travelled East,
To face a great challenge against the beast.
But by the time the Iron Man came,
The dragon already had lots of fame.*

*Children were crying,
As the people were dying.
But the Iron Man ignored them.
He cleared his throat and said "a-hem."*

*The Iron Man sat on a bed of flames.
The creature realised this wasn't a game.
When the Iron Man's turn was over.
The Space Bat Angel Dragon began to hover.*

*The beast final reached the sun.
Then he stared down at everyone.
He had his turn so off he went.
The Iron robot was then sent.*

*The beast shouted "No, not again,
I'm covered from head to toe in pain.
Now that he was the slave of the Earth.
He had to show what he was truly worth.
By Maria Robles*

LITERACY



This week Mrs Thaxter recommends.....

Final Year
Ages 10-11

Life can be tough in your last year of primary school. Tests to take, preparing for the change to high school. Nate is ready for it all, knowing his best friend PS is at his side - they've been inseparable since Nursery.

But when they are put in two different classes and PS finds a new friend in Turner, the school bully, Nate's world turns upside-down. As he struggles to make sense of this and forge new friendships, he's dealt another blow when his youngest brother, Dylan is rushed into hospital. His new teacher, Mr Joshua, sees a spark inside of Nate that's lit by his love of reading and writing and shows him how to use this to process what's going on. But with so much working against him, and anger rising inside him, will this be enough?

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week....

Margot Maitre, 2E, took cross country skiing lessons during half term in the Jura. She achieved her Piou Piou.

Very well done Margot!



PA NEWS

The Parent's Association are working behind the scenes organising their next two events. Please put these dates in your diary:

Friday 8th March – Mother's Day gift sale (during the school day)

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 will be available to purchase from next Friday, 1st March. Please look out for more information next week.

Volunteers are also need 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.

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