

**Weekly Newsletter**  
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WEEK BEGINNING 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

London Mini Marathon

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Y5 Class L Cycle Training

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

Nursery/Reception Road Safety  
Workshop

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

Y2 Spring Walk Eltham Park South

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Faith Friends lead Rosary in gym hall.  
8.30am. Families welcome

### MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

We have been blessed this week with the beautiful Spring sunshine. The sun brings a real sense of energy and positivity to the school.

We were delighted to celebrate Earth Day on Wednesday, with pupils taking part in a range of activities focused on caring for our planet. From planting seeds to discussing ways we can reduce waste; it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm for protecting the environment. Many thanks to Mrs White and the School Council for instigating and leading this event.

When you receive this newsletter, I will be in France on a day trip with some of our Y5 pupils. It is a fantastic opportunity to experience a different culture, practise language skills, and sample some local cuisine. We will share some photos in the newsletter next week. The other students had a wonderful time at Chez Maitre on Westmount Road where they were shown how to make croissants.

We are always grateful for the wide range of opportunities our school offers, and for the enthusiasm and dedication of our staff who make these experiences possible for our pupils.

Have a restful weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs J Hansen  
Head of School

### PRAYER AND LITURGY

Henry and Helen from class A led prayer and liturgy in their class this week. They told the story of Easter and showed some beautiful artwork.



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

## MAY IS A SPECIAL MONTH!

May is a very special month as it marks the month of Our Lady. She is especially important to us at her school, St Mary's.

Our Faith Friends would like to invite parents, with their children, to join them saying the Rosary every Friday during May, at 8.30am in the gym hall. The first Rosary will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. To pray as a community, led by wonderful children, is a privilege.

Maybe make a May altar at home with your children. A few flowers around a picture or statue of Mary would be a lovely way to honour Our Lady. Take pictures of your home altar and email them to us and we will upload them to the school Twitter account and share them with our families.

The Crowning of Our Lady will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at St Mary's, so please save the date. Weather permitting, families will be able to attend this lovely ceremony.

## PARENT SURVEY

An email was sent out to all parents and carers with details of a survey we would like you to complete to help us celebrate and strengthen Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at St Mary's.

Details of the survey can be found by clicking on the link or QR code below.

[Parental EDI Survey – Fill in form](#)

Parental EDI Survey



## BUDDING PIANISTS IN Y3

Lara Darski and Lottie Meyer, 3G, treated the children and staff in class 3G to some amazing piano playing during hymn practice this week.

Lara played a piece that she composed herself and Lottie played 'Fireworks Minute' by Handel.



## CROISSANT MAKING AT CHEZ MAITRE

Year 5 had a wonderful visit to Chez Maître on Westmount Road, where Pierre and Charlie showed how croissants, pain au chocolat and tartes are made. The children particularly enjoyed tasting the recent award-winning croissant, a perfect way to finish a fantastic experience.

Thank you for hosting us @Chez Maitre!



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Siblings Izabella and Oskar Lloyd Jones (4J and 2F) were recently awarded *Player of the Month Award* by their respective football teams. What an achievement for both children and in the same month!



Coco Meyer, 1D, grew her hair for the last 4 years in order to donate it the Little Princess Trust. She recently donated 16 inches of hair, raising a massive £792! Coco's hair will be used to make a wig for a child with cancer. This is a wonderful thoughtful thing to do...well done Coco.



## PRE LOVED BICYCLES

Please see below details of a preloved bicycle sale that will take at St Mary's on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. This is a brilliant initiative that was very successful last year so we are excited to do it again this year

Please bring your old bikes to school on that morning, where they will be collected and serviced by Peddle My Wheels.

There will be a collection of preloved bikes for sale on the afternoon of Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> so if you are interested, please take a look.



### SECOND-HAND BIKE MARKET

## ST MARY'S PRIMARY WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY



Our second hand bike markets are an excellent way to create affordable bike stock for your community and to help everyone to experience the joys of cycling.

Donate your outgrown, unwanted bikes in the morning - Peddle My Wheels will spend the day getting them ready. Proceeds from the sale of donated bikes will go back to your school.

After school you can buy a serviced, affordable, used bike (you can pay by cash or card).

The bike markets are run by Peddle My Wheels  
For more information visit [peddlemywheels.com](http://peddlemywheels.com)  
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## CLASS L CYCLING PROFICIENCY


Next week, Cycle Confident will be on site to help the children in 5L achieve Levels 1 & 2 Cycle Training.

If your child owns a bike and helmet, please bring them to school on Monday morning for your child to use during the week. There will be some spare bikes but not enough for every child.

Parents and carers are required to consent so click on the link below to provide your authorisation.

[Course Details & Booking](#)


## PA UPDATE

 \*Don't miss out on the 2026 School Magazine\*

There's still time to submit your content for this year's school magazine. Published in July, it's a lovely memento of the school year.

We're extending the deadline until \*30 April\* for contributions.


Here are some ideas for the children:

 \*Creative corner\*: such as artwork, poetry, photography, recipes etc.

 \*Achievements\*: a photo with any awards or achievements

 \*Talent showcase\*: a photo showing any skills or talents

Please send your child's content (with their name and class) to: [stmarycmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:stmarycmagazine@gmail.com)

 \*Have a business, or service to advertise?\*

We're also looking for advertisers to take space in the magazine. Get in touch on the email above for more information about rates and how to book your advert.

## EARTH DAY

We celebrated Earth Day this week. This year's topic was Our Power, Our Planet. The school council asked for this event to be celebrated in our school.

Each class chose to celebrate it in a different way:

- YR – Earth day lesson, making their own earth using materials from nature
- 1C - Reduce, reuse, recycle and make something out of junk that can be used to help the earth
- 1D – paintings to show how the school could be
- Yr2 - reserve water and design posters
- Yr3 – Earth day lesson
- Yr4 – No electricity day, lesson outside
- Yr5 - Bird feeder/bug houses made from plastic
- Yr6 - turn lights off for a week

