

Weekly Newsletter
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WEEK BEGINNING 27th MARCH

Monday 27th

Guitar Concert 3.30pm – Gym Hall

Tuesday 21st

Fr John will visit the Nursery for Palm Sunday Procession

Wednesday 22nd

Easter Service for EYFS and KS1.
Bishop Philip Moger attending.

Thursday 30th

Easter Bunny visiting the children

Friday 31st

Y6 Combined Photo
Last day of term – 2pm finish

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Good afternoon

The link for the Headteachers video message for this week is below:

<https://jwp.io/s/8AkyWWg>

Have a great weekend.

Mr J Sims
Headteacher

SUMMER UNIFORM

The children are asked to return to school after the Easter break in full Summer uniform. The weather should be better by then and the children look forward to wearing their lighter uniform.

Our uniform policy can be viewed [here](#).

If you are interested in pre-loved uniform please let us know as we may have your child's size in stock.

EASTER SERVICE

We are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Philip Moger, the Bishop of Southwark, to our Infant and Early Years Easter Services next week.

The children are preparing a lovely service so I am sure Bishop Philip will be very impressed.

FAITH FRIENDS

The Faith Friends liturgy this week told the story of Lazarus. Jesus raises his friend from the dead after becoming sick and subsequently dies.

*God of light and power, we give thanks to you for the gift of life.
Help us to do what we can so all people throughout the world can enjoy this gift. Amen*



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

PARENT'S EVENING

Many thanks to all parents who came to their meetings to hear about their child's progress so far this year. The evenings ran smoothly and on time.

If you were unable to make the meeting, please ensure you contact the main office to arrange another time to speak with your child's teacher.

If you have points that need clarifying with any of the teachers, please do not hesitate to contact us.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Sydney Baretic, 2E, recently received the award of *gymnast of the half term* from her gymnastics club.

Well done Sydney!



CHAMBER CHOIR

SAVE THE DATE

Mrs McGarry is planning another singing event for the Chamber Choir! This performance will take place on **Thursday 4th May** in Blackheath Halls. More information will be emailed to parents as soon as the full details have been confirmed.

Very well done to the choir for their performance in Buller's Wood School for the Bromley Music Festival last Friday. The competition was very high and although the children did not win this time, they learned a lot about performing against other schools.

Many thanks to all the parents who came along to support the children and to Mrs McGarry for preparing the children so well.

NURSERY AND DINNER MONEY FEES

Please ensure you have paid your Nursery fees and dinner money to date. Dinner money is £77.70 for this half term. Payment can be made through Wisepay

If you are unsure about amounts, please contact the main office.

MUSIC DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The children who have guitar lessons at school are invited to take part in an instrumental concert on Monday 27th March at 3.30pm.

This performance will take place in the gym hall.

Parents and family members are invited to come along to hear the children playing.

SPORTS CLASS

Very well done to the athletics team for participating so brilliantly in the London Youth Games in Redbridge last Friday.

The competition was extremely high and St Mary's were placed 8th overall! This was a great achievement. Primary schools from all over London took part.

Many thanks to Mr McGrath for preparing the children in the run up to the event and to all the parents who came along to help out on the day.



INTERNATIONAL RACISM DAY

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination takes place on the same day every year, 21st March. Communities must all work together to fight against racial discrimination and create a fairer society.

I have attached Information to help parents educate their children against racism. Having open conversations is necessary to move positively towards equality.

- Recognise and teach that no matter what our skin colour, accent, the language we speak or where we are from, we are all *equal* and deserve the same rights and treatment.
- Make sure everyone feels included and welcome in any given situation.
- Encourage people to tell someone if they feel they are being discriminated against because of their race.
- If you think you see racism happening, tell a responsible adult and get help. Speak up if you can.

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.