

Weekly Newsletter
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Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week is a highlight of the school calendar as we celebrated the Crowning of our Lady, a cherished tradition at our school. Year Four students planned and lead the ceremony with reverence and joy. Thank you to our orchestra who lead us in 'Ave Maria'. The floral offerings from our families created a serene and uplifting atmosphere in our hall. The only downside was that parents and carers could not join us in the service due to the wet weather.

In addition to our spiritual celebrations, we also enjoyed a fun and exciting Break the Rules Day, an innovative idea from our Deputy Head Boy. It was wonderful to see the children embrace this day with enthusiasm and creativity. Thankfully, normal service will resume after half term!

I hope all families enjoy the half term break, giving time to rejuvenate and spend cherished moments with loved ones.

Kind regards

Mr Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 3rd JUNE

Monday 3rd June

Inset Day. Children will not attend school on this day.

Neurodiversity Celebration Month begins

Tuesday 4th June

Children return to school after half term.

Girl's Cricket Competition

Vision Nurses on site for Reception children

Wednesday 5th June

Boy's Cricket Competition

French Play – KS2

World Environment Day

Thursday 6th June

Meeting for new parents (Reception and Nursery)

Friday 7th June

Tennis Tournament Eltham Park

Saturday 8th June

PA Event – Summer Fayre

FAITH FRIENDS

The Faith Friends focused on the 4th Glorious Mystery, Mary's Assumption into Heaven, at Rosary this morning. Many thanks to all the parents who attended. We would like to thank The Catenain Rosary Group for their gift of 60 sets of Rosary Beads to use here at school and with our families. The Rosaries are perfect for little hands and we were able to use them this morning at the service.

At lunchtime, The Y4 Faith Friends taught the younger children the sign language for "Mary Did You Know", a hymn the children sang this week, at The Crowning of Our Lady.



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PRAYER AND LITURGY

Ivy Overfield-Collins, RB, led a beautiful communal worship today. She prepared the prayer table for Pentecost with disciples, different languages and a beautiful dove. Ivy told us how the world is better place because of the word of God.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

As part of their Catholic Social Teaching of Stewardship, Y3 have been recycling and passing this recycling to the Reception classes to use for their model making.

Looking after our world for the Common Good.

We are looking forward to seeing the models the Reception children make!



Class D have also been learning about Stewardship. The story of Sofia the sloth reminded us that we need to be caring for the many gifts that God has given to us. These include our environment, our own talent and other resources.



LITERACY



This week Mrs Thaxter recommends.....

Dino Dad
Ages 5+

Ruby ("I'm six-and-a-little-bit years old, and I have long, wavy blonde hair. I love outdoor adventures, solving problems and learning new things") comes from a long line of dinosaur experts. Not only does her dad own a "VERY popular local dinosaur museum, full of fossils and models of amazing prehistoric creatures that people come from all over the world to visit", but her great-great-GREAT-grandad named the first-ever dinosaur to be discovered.

But, as our heroine discovers on one typically chaotic Saturday when her little sister Indie vanishes, Ruby and her dad are, in fact, "POOPAS", AKA Protectors of our Prehistoric Allies, and that's not even the half of it! After journeying to find Indie on a special island on which dinosaurs still exist, Ruby finds out she and her dad can actually transform into dinosaurs.

RECEPTION ASSEMBLY

Thank you to all the parents who joined our wonderful Reception assembly on Thursday morning. The children amazed and dazzled us all with their God Given Talents which they showcased so proudly.



Y2 GEOGRAPHY TRIP

This morning, Y2 children walked from St Mary's to the local meadows, pond and park land. They had to locate objects and places on a map, which they had already prepared using a key. Whilst in the woods, they stopped and listened to bird song, learnt about oak trees and meadow land and saw ducks with ducklings, moorhens and geese with goslings on the pond. They looked at the London skyline from a viewing point. The children learned that, in war time, Eltham Park was used for allotments to grow food. By the time they got back to school they had walked approx. 4km!



NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION MONTH



June is Neurodiversity Celebration Month at St Mary's. It is a chance for us to recognise and respect all kinds of minds.

Over the coming month we will be taking part in activities and events to increase our awareness and understanding of everybody's unique strengths, challenges and how we can nurture our God-given talents.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Children on the School Council have been busy organising different events this half term. The Infants and Juniors enjoyed different days where they played board games at lunchtime. Y3 - Y6 enjoyed a 5aside football tournament at lunchtime. Many thanks to Reece, our lunchtime sport's coach, who helped run the tournament. Congratulations to the winning teams!



SCIENCE CLUB

This half term, the Science after school club had great fun making various concoctions!



END OF TERM AWARDS CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Class A	Pedro, Jakob
Class B	James, Mia
Class C	Louie, Lottie
Class D	Leon, Franco
Class E	Delano, Helena
Class F	Annointing, Clara
Class G	Sebastian, Eliza
Class H	Connor, Tiggy
Class I	Archie, Isabel
Class J	Kevin, Lena
Class K	Tymon, Sienna
Class L	Claire, Charles
Class M	Eugene, Ruby
Class N	Oliver, Harriet

END OF TERM AWARDS CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Class A	Oskar, Megan
Class B	Thomas, Connie
Class C	Oxli, Alana
Class D	Jude, Sofia
Class E	Oscar, Janelle
Class F	Noah, Olivia
Class G	James, Florence
Class H	Sebastiao, Aiyanna
Class I	Kenechi, Donata
Class J	Margot, Rory
Class K	Benas, Coco
Class L	Alexander, Valentina
Class M	Evan, Osasere
Class N	Chris, Agatha

END OF TERM AWARDS PSHE

Class A	Lilly
Class B	Aoife
Class C	Indie
Class D	Connie
Class E	Erin
Class F	Benaiah
Class G	Annie
Class H	Nathania
Class I	Philip
Class J	Emily
Class K	Leonardo
Class L	Abbie
Class M	Muko
Class N	Grace

ATTENDANCE

TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2023 – FRIDAY 24th MAY 2024

RA	RB	1C	1D	2E	2F	3G	3H	4I	4J	5K	5L	6M	6N
95%	97%	96%	97%	97%	96%	97%	96%	96%	96%	97%	96%	97%	97%

Well done to classes for achieving 97% so far this year! Keep up the good work for the remainder of the academic year!

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SPORTS NEWS

Children in Y6 enjoyed their tennis experience at Shooters Hill College today. Mr Sims and Mrs O' Donnell accompanied the children.



PA NEWS

Summer Fayre (Saturday 8th June).

The PA committee would like to thank all the parents for their support and generous donations of bottles today. These bottles will all be part of the tombola at the Summer Fayre on Saturday 8th June.

If you can volunteer, please contact the PA, as many helpers are needed on the day. The more volunteers there are, the easier the event will be to organise. Volunteers are needed to set up before the event, during the day and for cleaning duties afterward. If there are not enough people to help, the event will not be successful and the future of the event is in jeopardy.

Please use this link to sign up:

<https://volunteersignup.org/WTPPK>

Mrs Jefferys from the main office will be running the plant stall this year so if you can donate any plants, please let her know. This used to be a very popular stall so we are trying to revive it! We are appealing to all the gardeners out there to start propagating plants, both indoor and outdoor, so we can sell them at the fayre. All donations will be gratefully received. We would also love if people could make up window boxes and hanging baskets. Contact Mrs Jefferys as she will give you an idea what sort of plants are needed.

Once we return to school on June 4th, the PA will start asking for cakes for the cake stall. Freshly baked goods always go down a treat with a cup tea!

Many thanks for all your support.