

Weekly Newsletter
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Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

The Y6 children have had a wonderful residential week at Kingswood.

The children's attitude and behaviour was excellent as they attempted new challenges in an outdoor setting. It was a privilege to be see our students conquer their fears, try new things and eat so well! We are so proud of them.

Without the commitment and dedication of our school staff, the trip would be unable to go ahead. Please join me in thanking: Mrs Hansen, Miss Gannon, Mrs Williams, Mrs O' Donnell, Mrs Everett and Mrs Prescott, who spent a week away from their own families in order for the children to experience a lifelong memory.

Please ensure you have seen all the pictures, which have been uploaded to Twitter.

Have a nice weekend

Kind regards

Mr Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 5th FEBRUARY

Monday 5th – Friday 9th

Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th

Y4 Maya Day

Reception Superhero Day

Thursday 8th

Netball Final at Woolwich Poly

Friday 9th

Athletics Competition at Carshalton

Closing date for Nursery applications

End of half term

Saturday 10th

Chinese New Year

FAITH FRIENDS

At their lunchtime meeting today with the Infant children, the Faith Friends spoke about the times when Jesus healed sick people.

The children asked the Infants who are the people that help them when they are sick. Everyone joined together to thank God for all those people who look after the sick.



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

PRAYER AND LITURGY

Noah and Pedro led prayer and liturgy in class A. They told their friends that God made the world and the class talked about how we can look after our Earth.

Grace said *"Don't put rubbish in the ocean"*



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is *'My Voice Matters'*.

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

When we feel empowered, this can have a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children and young people who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem.

This year, we want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing.

During Children's Mental Health Week we want all children and young people, whoever they are, and wherever they are in the world, to be able to say, and believe, *"My Voice Matters"*.

LITERACY



This week Mrs Thaxter recommends.....

The Confidence Code for Girls: Taking Risks, Messing Up, & Becoming Your Amazingly Imperfect, Totally Powerful Self
Ages 8 -12

Packed with graphic novel strips; appealing illustrations; fun lists, quizzes, and challenges; and true stories from tons of real girls, The Confidence Code for Girls teaches girls to embrace risk, deal with failure, and be their most authentic selves.

SPORTS NEWS

Today, six children from Y5 attended an Ultimate Frisbee Competition at Eltham Hill School, with five other schools from Greenwich.

St Mary's won the competition! The children played with determination and displayed true sportsmanship.

Well done to the children and many thanks to Mrs Thornton and Mrs Clark for accompanying the children.

FRENCH COMPETITION

The first round of the Primary French Bee has taken place and a number of children have been successful. Those children will take part in the second round, at the end of the next half term. Three winners from the second round will progress to the national final.

Well done to the children, who have worked very hard and are excited for the next challenge.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday 6th February. The theme this year is *'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'*.

Each year the theme focuses around things young people are seeing and experiencing online.

1. Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
2. Using the internet to make change for the better
3. The changes young people want to see online
4. The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline.

Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the celebration sees thousands of organisations get involved to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

James Porter, RB, received player of the week in his football team and has progressed to the next level.

Well done to James!



APPLICATIONS TO NURSERY

If you are applying to Nursery for your child, to start in September 2024, please ensure you hand your application to the main office before Friday 9th February.

The application forms are available to download from our website and you can also come to the office to collect them.

https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/docs/Admissions_/Nursery_Supplementary_Form_2024-2025_docm.pdf

Children born between September 2020 and August 2021 are eligible to apply. Forms need to be completed, signed by your priest and returned to us with your child's baptism cert and a proof of your address.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone and speak to the office staff.

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.

Paper tickets will go on sale soon....please look out for information.

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.

If you have a business or service to advertise, please contact the PA about rates and how to book your advert.

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS NEWS



Mr Williams has been discussing the international sports events that are currently taking place. Some of our children are following The Africa Cup of Nations (ACoN) which is currently at the quarter-final stages!

Amani: my mum is from Egypt, so I support Egypt. They have won the Africa Cup of Nations 7 times, more than any other country! Unfortunately, they were knocked out by DR Congo this year.

Kenechi: I was born in England but lived in Nigeria for 4 years. I support Nigeria in the ACoN. My favourite player is Ademola Lookman. I am looking forward to Nigeria play Angola in the quarter finals on Friday.

Please join Amani and Kenechi from Year 4 in cheering on the remaining teams.

WRAPAROUND CARE

We hope that all parents are now familiar with the new arrangements regarding the wraparound care provision, beginning Monday 15th April. We want the changeover to be as smooth as possible but if anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to phone the main office.

Details about registering your child have been emailed to all parents today. Any child that attends the wraparound provision has to be registered first so please do this as soon as you can so you are ready to use the booking system when it goes live.

<https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/Wraparound-Care/>