

Weekly Newsletter
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Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I would like to pay tribute this week to the tremendous amount of effort from the staff to support the school during its Catholic School Inspection. They are deeply committed to developing the children's faith and this has been evident over the last two days. The children spoke confidently about their commitment to Catholic Social Teaching and their understanding of the school's mission of 'Nurturing out God-Given Talents'.

Unfortunately, the result is confidential until the report is published, but I want to say thank you to all of our parents and carers who have completed the survey and supported the school also.

This week we have had three sporting tournaments taking place with the Girls Cricket on Tuesday and Boys on Wednesday. Today, our Y6 tennis team participated in a tournament at Eltham Park, which they won. I'm pleased to announce that the girls finished 2nd in the tournament on Tuesday and the boys were Greenwich champions meaning that they qualify for the London Youth Games Finals held in Acton in a couple of weeks.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you at the School Fayre on Saturday!

Kind regards,

Mr Sims

WEEK BEGINNING 10th JUNE

Saturday 8th June

PA Event – Summer Fayre (12 – 4pm)

Monday 10th June

Y5 Educational Visit to Severndroog Castle

Wednesday 12th June

Nursery Sport's Day

Thursday 13th June

PA Event – Father's Day Gift Sale

Friday 14th June

Sport's Day in Eltham Park

Infants: 9.30am – 11am

Juniors: 1.15pm – 3pm

Sunday 16th June

Father's Day

PRAYER AND LITURGY

Lea and Philip, 1D, held prayer and liturgy on being peacemakers. Lea drew a lovely picture of the dove as a symbol of peace and Philip thought of special 'peace' words; Love, harmony, forgiving, calm and quiet. We discussed that it is important to keep working hard to build a more peaceful world. We thought about the different ways we can promote peace.



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

SPORT'S DAY

INFANTS - 9.30am-11.30am
JUNIORS - 1.15pm-3.00pm
ELTHAM PARK SOUTH

I hope that the weather will be dry for the St Mary's Sports Day on **Friday 14th June**. Please ensure your children wear adequate sun protection and hats or bring a light raincoat if needed.

Infants will start at approximately 9.30am. Parents are invited to Eltham Park South to support their children.

Juniors will commence at 1.30pm. Parents are also invited to come along and if you wish to take your Junior child home straight afterwards, please inform the teacher when the events are finished. Any Junior child not collected will be escorted back to school. If another person collects your child, please inform the teacher or the main office. After school clubs (science, drama and American football) will take place as normal in the school.

The **NURSERY** Sports Day takes on a slightly different format. It will take place on **Wednesday 12th June** in the Nursery. Parents can come along to watch.

AM children – Activities begin at 9.15am

PM children – Activities begin at 1.20pm

FT children – Children who attend all day Nursery will take part in both activities so parents can come along to either session.

After the children have finished their sporting challenges, there will be a small celebration in the Nursery for the children. Once this is over, parents will be free to take their children home.

Full time Nursery children will remain at school for lunch.

LITERACY



This week Mrs Thaxter recommends.....

Leo and the Octopus

Ages 7+

The world was too bright for Leo.

And too loud.

"I must be living on the wrong planet," Leo thought.

Leo struggles to make sense of the world. He doesn't understand the other children in his class, and they don't seem to understand him. But then one day, Leo meets Maya.

Maya is an octopus, and the more Leo learns about her, the more he thinks that perhaps he isn't alone in this world, after all.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week....

Anne Casey, 2E, received a certificate for swimming 25m in her swimming class.



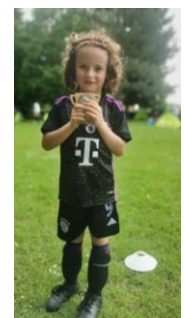
Lottie Meyer, 1C, received badges for completing stages 1- 3 in her swimming lessons.



Adrija Juskelyte, 4J, recently moved to gold level in her swimming group.



Pedro Luzio Santos Gouveia, RB, won "best player of the week" for the 9th time this season.



Well done to all the children for their wonderful achievements!

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

Many of the year groups are going out on educational visits before the end of the school year. Parents have already received information about some of the trips. There will be information about the remaining trips next week. If you have any concerns, please contact the school office.

10 June: Y5 Severndroog Castle

21 June: Y5 Shakespeare Globe Theatre

Y3 British Museum

28 June: Y1 Horniman Museum

Y2 History Workshop

VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Site Manager. For more details, please click on the following link or contact Mrs Pampling. The closing dates for completed applications is Friday 14th June.

<https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/School-Vacancies/>

SPORTS NEWS

CRICKET

On Tuesday, some of our Y6 girls participated in a cricket tournament with other Greenwich schools in Charlton Park. They played brilliantly, winning 3 out of their 4 matches and scoring the highest number of runs on the day. Their sportsmanship was commendable, highlighting the principle of "Participation" in our Catholic Social teaching.



On Wednesday, the Y6 boys took part in their cricket tournament. They won all their matches and showed great responsibility and sportsmanship with the other schools.



Congratulations to both teams. Many thanks to Miss Gannon, Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Thornton and Mrs Beever for volunteering at short notice.

TENNIS

Today, six boys and girls from Y6 took part in a tennis competition in Eltham Park, run by TwistFizz Tennis Club, against some local schools. They played Wimbledon standard tennis and won all games. Many thanks to Miss Gannon and Mrs O' Donnell for accompanying the children.



PA NEWS

Summer Fayre (Saturday 8th June).

We are all looking forward to the Annual **Summer Fayre** tomorrow, Saturday 8th June, here at St Mary's. The gates will open at midday. A donation is suggested as an entry fee. There will be lots to do for the whole family to enjoy, including, country dancing, chamber choir singing, art gallery, inflatables, hot and cold food, bottle stall, tombola, sweet treats and various stalls to browse and look at.

The **Cake Stall** welcomes all types of cake donations. Homemade cakes and buns go down a treat so please drop your goodies at the stall so they can be sold. Please state if your cake is gluten free or contains nuts, as it is important that the customer is aware. If you can spare any plastic bags, please bring them along as they are always needed to take home any purchases made. Even better, bring your own shopping bag as we like to encourage recycling.

The **Plant Stall** looks like it will be bursting with life so please pop along to see Mrs Jefferys posing as Monty Don hat for the day!

If you have not already volunteered but find you have some spare time, please see a member of the PA and they will allocate you a little job.

Many thanks to the members of the PA for working so hard putting it all together. We are very grateful for the tremendous effort, all of which benefits the children at St Mary's and promotes the principle of "The Common Good" (thinking of everyone).