

## Weekly Newsletter

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*Nurturing Our God-Given Talents*

### WEEK BEGINNING 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Class 5K Bikeability Training all week

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Tempest Photography on site for  
Class Photos

Chamber Choir at Bromley Music  
Festival. 6pm at Bromley High School

PA Event – St Patrick's Day  
Celebrations. 7pm – 10pm Gym Hall

### MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

Happy International Women's Day for tomorrow, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March!

We have had a very busy week in school preparing for Lent.

On Wednesday, the Infants took part in a special Ash Wednesday service and the Juniors enjoyed a visit from Fr John, who led us in Mass. We came together as a school to receive ashes on our foreheads to mark the beginning of the season of Lent.

Lent is a special time of year when we try extra hard to help other people. It is a time when, just like Jesus in the desert, we spend 40 days trying to come closer to God. We look at our lives and prepare ourselves for Easter. We try to pray more and share more, thinking less about ourselves and more about other people- our neighbours at home and around the world. Families should endeavour to pray together to help them grow in love. The children have also been thinking very hard about the importance of Lent and have made their very own special Lenten promises. They have been reflecting on ways in which they can look out for others, which in turn will help everyone grow in love for God.

For Lent this year we would like to provide some happiness to the children of families in need that the Sisters of Mercy support. If possible, we ask families to bring **one** Easter egg per family, to school, before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, giving us time to donate them before we break up for Easter holiday. We do not want families to spend a lot of money but a small egg, £3 or under, will make such a difference to those children in need.

The focal points in the school have been changed to purple to represent this Holy season.

Have a lovely weekend. Enjoy the Spring sunshine.

Mrs Hansen

Head of School

### LENT

The children from Y2 visited Christchurch this week. Fr John explained the story behind the Stations of the Cross, from the time Jesus was arrested to when he was placed in the tomb.



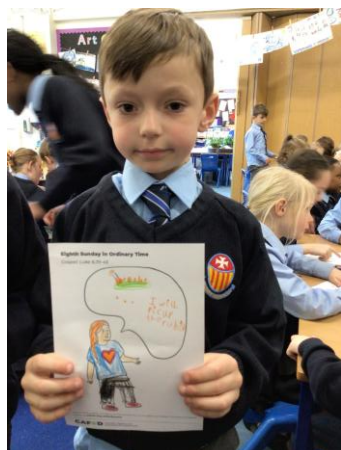
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## FAITH FRIENDS

At the Faith Friends gathering with the Infant children at lunchtime today, the children spoke about how we have all done things that are wrong at some point and how we should follow the teaching of Jesus; instead of picking on the tiny mistakes of others, we should change the things that are not so good about our own behaviour.

*Loving God, help us to see when we are doing something that hurts or upsets others. Help us to say sorry and make a change. Fill our hearts with love and goodness. Amen.*

The children then thought about what they could do to make the world a better place.



## LITERACY

*This week Ms Gannon recommends a poem....*

### **David Orme Band Practice**

*Terry toots a trumpet  
Dinah bangs a drum  
Gary twangs a steel guitar  
Poor old Mum!*

## WORLD BOOK DAY

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, the children took part in an exciting poetry challenge. A poem was shared with four students, and their task was to subtly spread it throughout the entire school. It encouraged everyone to embrace their inner poet! It was wonderful to see the poem travel through whispers, conversations, and creativity, uniting the school!

*The poem:  
"X marks the spot  
Where they could be a poet.  
Is the poet you?"*



The Y6 children took part in a virtual workshop with the poet and author, Michael Rosen.



## DYSLEXIA WORKSHOP

Mrs Henderson would like to thank the parents who attended the coffee morning about dyslexia. The dyslexia specialist was very informative and gave some great insight, ideas and strategies. We have uploaded the resources onto the website for anyone who was unable to make it.

<https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/Phonic-s-Workshop-September-2024/>

Look out for the date of our next coffee morning when our Educational Psychologist will be talking about ADHD in the summer term.

## ROYAL BOROUGH GREENWICH SHORT STORY COMPETITION

In line with World Book Day, Royal Borough Greenwich has launched this year's **500 Word Short Story Competition**. Children are invited to write a short story, no more than 500 words, preferably typed, on the theme of **HOME**.

All entries can be sent to Miss Gannon by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Please include your full name and class.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Éile McNally-Read competed in an Irish dancing Feis last weekend and won two medals for her reel and light jig. She was delighted. Well done to Éile!



## MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY

Mrs Flynn, MFL Lead, organised a very successful Mother Language Day last week. A Mother Language is defined as the language that a child first hears from birth. Mother Language Day is an opportunity to raise awareness of language, cultural diversity and multilingualism across the school.

Please click on the link below to see the video that Mrs Flynn created. Children from Nursery - Y6 were involved.

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## CHAMBER CHOIR

The Chamber Choir is taking part in a competition on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March** in Bromley High School. The event starts at 6pm but parents and carers are advised to get there at 5.40pm. The competition is part of Bromley Music Festival and St Mary's Chamber Choir will sing against other primary schools.

Emails have been sent to the choir members with the songs, so the children can practice at home so please contact us if you have not received any communication.

Parents and family members will be able to come along to support.

The event should be finished by 6.30pm so families will be on time to attend the St Patrick's Celebratory Event at St Mary's!

## PA NEWS

Join us for the St Mary's annual St Patrick's Day celebration! This is traditionally a fabulous family evening with Irish music and dancing. There will be a bar and bar snacks available and sweets and fun for the children.

The event is taking place at St Mary's, in the gym hall, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm - 10pm. Tickets are available to purchase through the following link:

<https://buytickets.at/stmaryspa/1551035>

If you can volunteer for a little while to help the event run smoothly, the PA would be grateful. Volunteers get free entry to the event. You can sign up to volunteer by clicking this link:

[volunteersignup.org/TKJKJ](https://volunteersignup.org/TKJKJ)



**ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY!**  
**FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**  
**7PM - 10PM**

Join us for St. Mary's annual St. Patrick's Day celebration!  
A fabulous family evening with live Irish music and dancing.  
Bar and bar snacks available on the night, sweets and fun for the kids.

Tickets available online  
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stmaryspa/1551035>

Adults: £7.50  
Children: £4.50 (under 3 years old free)  
Volunteers: free  
<https://volunteersignup.org/TKJKJ>

The next event on the PA calendar is the Mother's Day gift sale which will take place at school on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. Gifts from 50p - £3 will be available to purchase. More details will follow.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

As the weather is changing, and children are wearing lighter coats to school, please ensure that they are clearly labelled. The children often take their coats, jumpers and cardigans off in the playground so encourage them to make sure they bring all their uniform home at the end of the day. If they mistakenly take home an item that does not belong to them, please return it the next day. Please check lost property for missing items of uniform.

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