



Weekly Newsletter-Friday 15th March

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a windy week! We have been monitoring the damaged trees in the school grounds and have had a casualty of one lost tree on the junior site. Please be reassured that we have annual tree inspections and we do instruct work to be carried out as highlighted in these reports.

Last week was a busy one, saying Farewell to Mrs White, welcoming the inspection team to the juniors, attending Ash Wednesday celebrations, Book Day fun, culminating with the junior disco on Friday. Thank you to the band of helpers who made the children's event most enjoyable. We have heard that Mrs White is settled in her new home. She wishes her thanks to be passed on to everyone and you can read a copy of her personal thanks to you on a letter posted in the infant playground.

Spirituality

Sunday 17th March - Week 10 of Ordinary time

Morning reflection is issued every week by our Chaplain and is available on both school's websites:

<http://www.stmarysjunior.org.uk/spirituality.php> <http://www.stmarysinfchool.org.uk/spirituality.php>

This week pupils and staff at the Junior School had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We are grateful to Fr. Luke for enabling us to encounter the Lord's mercy in this very special way.

Junior pupils also had lunchtime opportunities for prayer and reflection in the Lent Tent and at Lectio Divina. A big thank you to the Chaplaincy Team for their help.

The Faith in Action team met for their third reflective session this week, the theme of which was "Our Active Love Builds the Kingdom of God". Reflecting upon the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta we learnt how we can make a big difference in our world by, in her words, "helping one person at a time, starting with the person nearest to you."

 Table Talk Topic for this week: What colour is Monday? Friday? Sunday? – Just a reminder, that we have a Prayer Intention Book in the Reception area of each school. Please feel free to write your intentions in as you wish. Thank you to those who have added to it. Please take the time to read it when visiting the school.

The New Mission Statement for the Federation

Please take time to read the draft Mission Statement below with your child and discuss the meaning of the statement and if any changes you feel may need to be made, please email your comments into the office, where we will take on board all of your contributions.

At St Mary's we know that Jesus loves us. We seek to share and give witness to God's love, so that every child believes, as they **grow**, that the **love of Jesus** is always with them.

Sharing our love in school enables us to live the Gospel: 'Love one another' John 1

We believe each child is unique and should feel loved. We pride ourselves on the supportive **learning** we offer at St Mary's, where we aim to meet the needs of every child so that they can meet their full potential. In our community, lessons happen indoors and outside, at home, in school and in our parishes. Children are valued as individuals and they work hard. We pride ourselves on the progress they make.

St Mary's is a welcoming school, so we love coming to school: working and **playing** together as friends. We are a telling school. This means we keep each other safe, we share and we are kind.

News for the week

World Book Day at the Juniors was a huge success - thank you for adapting to the change of day to Friday last week. All the children loved the events of the **day**, particularly the **book** marathon, definitely a firm favourite where we shared 'Gangsta Granny.' The key message of this year's World Book Day was 'Share a Story' and this is something we love to do anytime at St. Mary's. Please keep reading anytime, anywhere!



We shared a book day assembly where the children paraded in their book day outfits and each class had a winner for the most creative costume ...this was a particularly hard decision by some of the teacher judges! All the children looked fantastic!

Here are the winners from each class who received a book prize:

6 Oak - Owen, 6 CB - Molly S, 6C - Tom

5B - Charlotte, 5S - Kadi, 5E - Freya

4P - Aiden, 4R - Hristian, 4A - Dominic

3M - Ethan, 3W - Finley, 3H - Elizabeth

Each child has a World Book Day token that they can exchange for a book. Visit the World Book Day website link to have a look which books can be exchanged for the book tokens: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>



Feathered friend visitors to St Marys

We have enjoyed the company of a visiting swan at the junior school who was happy to have a stroll about last week.

The children have been really excited at the infant school to see the eggs hatching and are delighted with the new chicks - 5 girls and 4 boys. The babies have visited each classroom and the children have centred activities around them in class. These little happenings really do add a bit of sparkle to our days.



Sports Results

Netball

6th March 2019

A Team St. Mary's vs Harris Academy 4-3

13th March 2019

A Team St. Mary's vs St. Dunstan's 6-2

B Team played a close match 0-1

Football

7th March 2019

A Team St. Mary's vs Bandon Hill 3-0

B Team 0-7

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all

Keeping the enjoyment of reading alive!

Each school wish to re-open an opportunity for parents and grandparents to come into school to support the enjoyment of reading- we are currently looking at afternoon sessions.

If you wish to volunteer, then please send an email to the school office for the attention of Mr Pratsis (infant school) and Miss Sullivan (junior school). Once we have an interested group, we would then need to look at who holds a current DBS and how we would assign to year groups. Best practice would be to hear children's reading who are not in your child's class. Once we have the information we would, look at holding a preparation session too.



Stars of the Week - Week ending 15th March 2019

Elephant Class -Lois-Anne H, Penguin Class - Santiago F, Bee Class - Gabrielle P

Reindeer Class - Sadie K, Cheetah Class - Elodie C, Giraffe Class - Aidan R,

Meerkat Class - Violet K, Horse Class - Annie T, Owl Class - Noah V

Well done to all of the Stars of the week!