



# Weekly Newsletter-Friday 29th 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.

**Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs. G Owens and Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.**

**Safeguarding Deputy: Mrs. S Hulme Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been great for the children to enjoy their time outside freely with no rain, much welcome birdsong to appreciate as well as the hammering of the resident woodpeckers. It has been really lovely to see active children using our whole range of outdoor resources that are used at playtime both the fixed equipment and the small PE equipment - we may have seen the ever popular dressing up box out too!

Considering the late finish into April this term, the children are still managing to maintain their energy levels for learning time; including the popular creativity days and the special activities for the reflection of the Easter story. Year 4 were fortunate to have been invited last week to the Methodist Church in Ruskin Road for their Easter Experience.

Thank you to those parents who have remembered to send in notes following an absence from school as reminded last week. Please remember that absences should be reported on the day to the school office by a telephone call.

Parents please do not reply/use the InTouch messaging system for corresponding with the school. Everything must be emailed to either [office@stmarysjunior.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysjunior.org.uk) or [office@stmarysinfchool.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysinfchool.org.uk).

## Spirituality

## Sunday 31st March - Week 12 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 term, we have been sharing some of our Gospel stories using Godly Play resources. These allow teachers to tell a story in a creative way while giving the children a chance to be imaginative and thoughtful. Sessions finish with a chance to say "I wonder...." and share what the story has made you think about. We have been amazed by the responses of the children to these sessions. The simple wooden equipment, natural material and direct Biblical quotes have really made them think deeply about God.

A Y4 child, after this week's Godly Play lesson which focused on the events of Good Friday, explained, "I wonder why I haven't wondered before about how big the love of Jesus is...." Truly, he has an understanding of the real message of Easter.



 Table Talk Topic for this week - What has everyone in the family learned this week? Could you ever learn too much? – 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.

## News for the week

### Launch of St. Mary's Alumni Event

Venue: St. Mary's Junior School  
Date: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019, from 6 - 8pm  
Tour of the school by current students at 6pm  
Headteacher's welcome at 7pm

We look forward to giving you the opportunity to reconnect and reminisce with past pupils (Over 18's) and staff of St. Mary's Infants and St. Mary's Juniors.  
Please contact [knicol3@suttonmail.org](mailto:knicol3@suttonmail.org) to confirm your attendance.



### Top of the Form

St. Mary's Year 6 'Top of the Form' quiz team are now through to the final! Congratulations to Orla, Gabriel, Tom, George and Harriet for successfully reaching this point in the knockout competition.



The semi - final round was nail-biting and heart-pounding for the audience - the players themselves however, were cool, calm and collected! Many have said that this round was the most tense round ever played as the scores were so close throughout. Going into the 10th and final round of questions both St. Mary's and Cuddington Croft Primary School had even scores so heading into the final round everything was to play for.

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of this team - they really are a credit to St. Mary's and above all you can tell they are having lots of fun whilst quizzing! Every lunchtime this team are dedicated to practising questions and challenging their general knowledge further. Going into the final is an honour and the team are grateful for this opportunity. We wish them the best of luck in the final against Nonsuch Primary School. Well done team!

### Sports Results

#### Netball

St. Mary's vs Robin Hood Juniors

A Team - 7 - 5

B Team - 5 - 2

Two excellent games closely fought with exemplary sportsmanship between both schools.

#### Football

St. Mary's vs Holy Trinity

A Team - 4 - 5

B Team - 2 - 5

### Juniors – Easter Raffle

Thank you to those who have brought Easter Raffle tickets, please ensure all other stubs and money is handed in immediately as the draw will be called on Friday, with all prizes to be taken home by the children.



Last week, on Thursday 21st March 2019, it was **World Poetry Day**. Across the Junior school, we celebrated this day in a variety of ways across the classes. Some classes shared some poetry, wrote poetry or even held a 'Poetry Slam.' Others created shape poems or discussed how World Poetry Day is celebrated around the world.



Here are a few examples of what some classes did: 3 Hawthorn made their own special class poetry themed book to share poetry about some of their favourite things with each other. This book includes poems about dogs, cars, Chelsea, rats, fairies, flowers and much more!



Pictured, are some of the children from 6 Copperbeech with their own 'I am unique' poems where they celebrated various ways in which they are special through writing and designing a shape poem in the shape of a fingerprint.

*Y5 have been exploring poetry in a variety of ways and had opportunities to perform poetry.*



### **Stars of the Week - Week ending 29th March 2019**

**Elephant Class** - Harris B, **Penguin Class** - Benjamin W, **Bee Class** - Rakshanya J  
**Reindeer Class** - Saya S, **Cheetah Class** - Hannah S, **Giraffe Class** - Lucy Z,  
**Meerkat Class** - Aiden Q, **Horse Class** - Larissa C, **Owl Class** - Sami G  
**Well done to all of the Stars of the week!**