

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 15th November 2024

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Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

On Monday 11th, we observed a two-minute silence to commemorate Remembrance Day. Members of The British Legion joined us. The Chamber Choir and Orchestra sang and played "Abide with Me" followed by the hauntingly beautiful sound of The Last Post, played by Joe Hassan, our brass instrument teacher.

Remembrance Day is a time for reflection. We honour the sacrifices that have been made and renew our commitment to making the world a better place, where the values of peace, justice and friendship are at the forefront of everything we do.

Please take a look at the videos and photos that were uploaded to X.

<https://x.com/StMarysEltham?lang=en>

During anti-bullying week, the children focused on the theme "Choose Respect". Choosing respect means choosing empathy, choosing understanding and choosing to lift each other up, even when it is not easy. I encourage everyone to reflect on the importance of respect, not just this week but each and every day.

Enjoy your weekend

Kind regards

Mrs Hansen
Head of School

WEEK BEGINNING 18th
NOVEMBER

Monday 18th

Y6 children visit Eltham Library to meet and talk with an author

Tuesday 19th

Y3 Class H Mass. Convent. 10am
Height and weight nurses on site for Reception and Y6.

Wednesday 20th

Jewish visitor on site to talk about Judaism.
Coffee morning 9am. Young Greenwich Health Team on site for parents Q&A session.
Y5 children visit Vue Cinema, Eltham to see The Eagle Huntress.

Thursday 21st

Y6 Girl's Football Event

Friday 22nd

Flu vaccination nurses on site.
Reception – Y6. Please ensure you have completed your online form.

PRAYER AND LITURGY

Mia and Connie, 2F, read the story of Noah's Ark to their class. They made puppets at home to act out the story and they wrote a beautiful prayer.



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

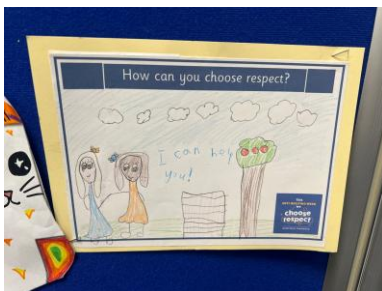
ANTI BULLYING WEEK

The children have all been very busy during our anti-bullying week. Classes have been thinking of ways to show kindness and courage, choosing respect for each other.

Everyone enjoyed wearing odd socks on Tuesday to demonstrate our differences. We are all unique, which makes the world a special place. Talk to your child about the topics they covered in class.

For more information, please visit

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/parents-and-carers>



LITERACY



This week Mrs Thaxter recommends a poem.....

Shel Silverstein
Listen to the MUSTN'TS

Listen to the MUSTN'TS, child
Listen to the DON'TS
Listen to the SHOULDN'TS
The IMPOSSIBLES, the WONT'S
Listen to the NEVER HAVES
Then listen close to me-
Anything can happen, child
ANYTHING can be

APPLYING FOR A PLACE IN RECEPTION

If your child is in Nursery, you will need to apply for a place in Reception to start in September 2025. The deadline to submit your application is Wednesday 15th January 2025.

Parents/carers will need to ask their priest to complete a Certificate of Catholic Practice and return the completed form with the parent's information form, original baptism certificate and a proof of address to the main office.

Parents/carers also need to apply to their local authority; details of the application forms can be located online.

<https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/Admissions-04122019150956/>

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200286/apply_for_a_school_place/458/apply_for_a_primary_school_place

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Jessica Watson, 3G, represented TwistFizz Tennis, competing in her first tennis tournament for Girls LTA National League.



Mia Schelfhout, 2F, has been busy!

She received her half marathon bracelet for completing her half marathon in Junior Park Run and she was also the flag bearer at the Remembrance Ceremony in Eltham High Street last Sunday.



Y4 ROMAN WORKSHOP

On Wednesday, children in Y4 re-enacted life in Roman times as they dressed up as Romans. Their topic this term is *Life in Roman Times*. The children really enjoyed making Roman artefacts and marching like Roman soldiers.



Y3 STONE AGE DAY

Stone Age fever hit Y3 today! The children arrived in school dressed as people from Stone Age times. We had a visitor on site who ran some workshops for the children. They had great fun and learned all about life from that period of time.



PA NEWS

Last chance to order personalised Christmas cards and gifts

The deadline for ordering is **18th November**:

1. Check your child's bookbag for the order form from *Class Fundraising*.
2. Visit approve.myfundraisinghub.com
3. Place your order!

You can choose a range of things such as cards, gift tags, baubles, tea towels and more, personalised with your child's design. They make wonderful gifts and the school receives a percentage of every order placed in fundraising.

Friday 6th December – Wreath Making. This popular festive annual event will take place in the gym hall. Tickets cost £40. All the materials and tools needed to make a wreath will be provided. There are two sessions available:

1pm-3pm: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stmaryspa/1459986>

6pm-8pm: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stmaryspa/1460004>

Can you help with our Christmas Raffle?

We're organising our annual Christmas Raffle and we're looking for prizes. We rely entirely on donations from local businesses and parents for raffle prizes. Perhaps you have an unwanted gift? A bottle of wine? Chocolates or a box of biscuits?

Please drop any donations to the school office by **29th November**. Or, you can email stmaryspaaltham@gmail.com for more information.

MESSAGE FROM CHRISTCHURCH

If you attend Christchurch and would like Fr John to sign your school form (nursery or reception) see remaining times below. Booking is not essential.

Date - Friday	Time
15 November	5pm – 6.30pm
16 November	4pm – 5.30pm
29 November	5pm – 6.30pm
30 November	4pm – 5.30pm
10 January	5pm – 6.30pm
11 January	4pm – 5.30pm
17 January	5pm – 6.30pm
18 January	4pm – 5.30pm
7 February	5pm – 6.30pm
8 February	4pm – 5.30pm

Date for your diary:

Sunday 24th November – Christchurch Christmas Fayre 10am – 1pm.

If you have unwanted or unused toys, gifts or bottles, please consider donating them to Christchurch. There are black bins at the end of the church to take donations.

If you would like to rent out a stall, please contact Halina Faratro on halinkagawor@hotmail.co.uk.