

Weekly Newsletter
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WEEK BEGINNING 19th JUNE

Monday 19th June

Science Week (all week)

Thursday 22nd June

Y4 Education Visit River Trip

Windrush Day

Y6 CAFC Football Tournament

Friday 23rd June

Y1 Education Visit Horniman Museum

Saturday 24th June

PA Event – St Mary's Summer Fair

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Please click on the link below to see the Headteacher's message this week.

Have a lovely weekend

<https://cdn.jwplayer.com/previews/YR9wxUAK>

Kind regards

Mr Sims

Headteacher

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Children from Y1 led their classes in prayer during their collective worship today. Anointing and Eden, 1D, and Daniela and Fionn, 1C, made beautiful altars to show that the bread we receive at Holy Communion represents the Body of Christ.



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

SCIENCE WEEK

We are all looking forward to Science week, week beginning Monday 19th June. The children will take part in exciting experiments and will work scientifically to solve a "crime"! Look out for pictures uploaded to Twitter next week.

There are a number of visitors coming on site to talk to the children about their careers in science.

Many thanks to Mrs Woodhouse for arranging this week.

If you have a career in science and would like to join us for Careers Day on Friday 14th July, please contact the main office.

Y6 PRODUCTION

The Y6 children are busy practicing for their performance, **A Whole New World**, which will take place on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July. Please encourage your child to practice all their songs and lines.

Y5 classes provide the backing music for all performances.

Performances will take place at 1.30pm and 6pm on both days. Tickets will be issued at the beginning of July so please ensure you inform us of the time and day you require. Y6 parents will get four tickets each to begin and Y5 will get two tickets. We will inform parents when spare tickets become available.

Please ensure that your Y5/Y6 child has brought their costume to school as soon as it is ready. It is very important that if you require any help with the costumes, please speak to the office staff.

RBG SHORT STORY COMPETITION

In line with World Book Day, the Royal Borough of Greenwich launched a 500 Word Short Story competition, inspired by the theme of *imagination*. Many of our children submitted very impressive stories.

We got this message from the judges this week:

"Yet again, we were overjoyed at the amount of fantastic entries we received from all key stages. The stories were incredibly imaginative, and covered a huge range of topics and themes.

It was very difficult to pick a winner, so we chose a shortlist and then asked award-winning young adult author Sarah Morrell to choose a winner and a runner-up.

A huge well done to everyone who entered".

We are delighted to say that Jago Jennings, 1D, won the runner up prize in the KS1 section and Arlen Jennings, 3G, won the KS2 runner up prize!

Very well done to these boys.

MUSIC NEWS

Mrs McGarry is excited to inform parents that we have a piano teacher, Mrs Szymanska, starting with us next Friday. Children in Y3, Y4 and Y5 can avail of lessons. If your child is interested, please inform the main office. Lessons will cost £7 per 15 minutes and places will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

Date for your diary:

The Summer music concert will take place on Monday 17th July at 3.30pm. Children who are receiving instrument lessons at school will take part as well as the chamber choir and school orchestra.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week....

Hope, Ruby and Poppy Salter, 5L, recently passed their LAMDA exams with distinction.

Ruby Salter, 5L, was awarded the parent's player of the year trophy for Welling Red's Girls U11.

Excellent achievements for the girls!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mr Williams talked at the school council meeting this week about his plans to set up a children's diversity and inclusion group. The children were very responsive to his ideas.



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. If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

22 June – Y4 – River Trip

23 June – Y1 – Horniman Museum

30 June – Y2 – Dinosaur Fossil Workshop

4 July – Y5 – Mosque Visit

5 July – Y3 – British Museum

UNIFORM

We have noticed that many girls are wearing cycling shorts under their summer dresses. Whilst this is acceptable, we ask that the shorts are either white or navy, our uniform colours, and do not come below the dress hemline.

Many parents have asked about school hats this week. Hats should be navy blue with no logos. They can be either baseball or bucket hat style and please ensure that all hats are clearly labelled.

Our uniform policy can be viewed on the website:-

https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/docs/UNIFORM_LIST.pdf

Many thanks for your support with the uniform but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

CAREERS DAY

We are planning to have a Careers Day for the children in years 5 & 6 on Friday 14th July. This was very successful last year so we hope that we can repeat the same this year.

If you or you know someone who would like to come to the school to talk to the children, please contact the main office.

We would like people from different career backgrounds to show case their jobs so please contact us for more information

PA NEWS

The PA are busy planning for the forthcoming events so they would like parents to save the following dates:

Saturday 24th June – Annual Summer Fair. Many thanks for all your donations so far to the Summer Fair. We have quite a selection of soft toys and **bottles** but if you wish to continue to donate, please drop items at the main office. It does not matter what the contents are but the more we have for the stall, the better your chance is of winning something special.

The **Cake Stall** will welcome all types of cake donations. The homemade cakes and buns go down a treat with a cup of tea but shop cakes are also needed. Please state if your cake is gluten free or contains nuts, as it is important that the customer is aware. Shop cakes can be left at the main office any time but anything homemade will have to wait until the day before the Fair (Friday 23rd June) or can be handed straight to the stall on the Saturday morning.

Look out for the **Annual School Magazine**, which will be on sale next week. It costs £2.50 and is a good read. Children love to see their special piece included and parents and grandparents love to have a copy as a keepsake. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the magazine. Children and parents alike love to look back at old copies and reminisce. Many thanks to the parents for working so hard putting it all together.

Many volunteers are needed to help set up before the event and clear up afterwards as well as helping out during the day. Please give your name to the PA to let them know you can give up your time. It is a very worthwhile thing to do.

<https://volunteersignup.org/KC7B7>

Tuesday 27th June - PA Meeting at 7pm

Saturday 15th July – Y6 Leaver's Party

VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Level 2 Teaching Assistant to start in September 2023. Details of the position can be viewed [here](#) or you can see the information by logging onto our website (under latest news, teacher training/school vacancies).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to our Business Manager, Mrs Pampling