

Weekly Newsletter
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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Good afternoon

I would like to wish all mothers a very happy day on Sunday for Mothering Sunday! I hope you get to put your feet up!

The link for the Headteachers video message for this week is below:

<https://jwp.io/s/ZFovEJLr>

Have a great weekend.

Mr J Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 20th MARCH

Tuesday 21st

Athletics Finals in Redbridge
Y6 Stations of the Cross - Christchurch

Friday 24th

Non Uniform Day in aid of the
Lenten charities (Catholic Children's
Society and St Vincent de Paul)
Y6 Girls Tag Rugby Tournament

CHAMBER CHOIR

We would like to wish the Chamber Choir lots of luck today as they are taking part in the Bromley Music Festival today in Buller's Wood School for girls.

The children will be competing against other primary schools. The children have worked very hard in their preparations so let the best choir win!

Parents are invited to attend the event. Please come along to support if you can. It should last approx. one hour. Parents are asked to be at Buller's Wood School at 4.35pm for a 5pm start.

Many thanks to Mrs McGarry, our music co-ordinator, who has worked very hard with the children and will lead the choir at the event.

*Happy St Patrick's Day-
Sona Lá St Pádraig*

Enjoy the celebrations.

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

PARENT'S EVENING
TUESDAY 21ST/WEDNESDAY 22ND

We hope all parents have booked their times to see the class teachers for parents' evening. The booking system will be closed from 10am on Monday 20th March so please ensure you have booked a slot.

The meetings will begin at 3.30pm.

<i>Nursery</i>	<i>In the Nursery</i>
<i>Infants</i>	<i>Dining Hall</i>
<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Gym Hall</i>

Children will finish school at 3pm on both days and every child must be collected at 3pm, even if you have an early appointment. The slightly earlier finish gives the teachers additional time to prepare for the meetings. Children who normally walk home on their own will not be allowed to leave the school premises unaccompanied before 3.15pm so please ensure an adult collects them (3pm)

Please ensure you arrive promptly. The children's books will be on display so have a good look at your child's work.

After school clubs will not be running on either day.

Allkids can, our wraparound care provider, will run as normal but will be based in the Y2 huts.

Mrs Lopez, SENCO, will see parents in the gym hall.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Hope Salter (5L) won a bronze medal and was awarded runner-up in the Challenge Cup at the Bromley Festival of Music and Speech - reciting the poem 'Nine Reasons for Hating Children'.

Ruby Salter (5L) won a silver medal at the Bromley Festival of Music and Speech reciting the poem 'Letters to the Three Pigs'.

Very well done to the girls!



Please ensure you have paid your Nursery fees and dinner money to date. If you are unsure about amounts, please contact the main office.

ELTHAM LIBRARY

St Mary's is very lucky to have such a proactive local library on its doorstep.

Each half term the library brings a selection of books for our Nursery, Y3 and Y4 children to give all our pupils the opportunity to read a selection of books, at no cost to families. Y1 are also super fortunate to have a class library card and visit half termly to exchange and borrow books.

Our library is a very important local facility to have and supporting it is crucial to its survival. Children love visiting the library so if you get a chance to take them please do.

I have attached some information they sent through to make people aware of some other services they offer.



ROYAL BOROUGH GREENWICH
SHORT STORY COMPETITION

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

All entries can be sent to Mrs Thaxter by Friday 21st April. Please include your full name and class.

MUSIC DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The children who have guitar lessons at school are invited to take part in an instrumental concert on Monday 27th March at 3.30pm. This performance will take place in the gym hall.

Parents and family members are invited to come along to hear the children playing.

GARDENING CLUB

In the last few weeks at gardening club, the children tidied the cultivated areas and collected some sticks and leaves, ready for the new bug hotel. Once it arrived, they had lots of fun filling the hotel with suitable materials for different guests to stay! They are watching this very closely, fingers crossed we get some interesting guests soon!

Due to the inclement weather the children made *potato pets* and sowed cress at the top, to give the animals some 'fur'!!

They also tidied up the memorial area for one of our past pupils, Michael Ryczko. The children planted some flowers around Michael's memorial tree.

This week was the last session in gardening club for this term. We are excited about lots of gardening activity after the Easter holiday when Spring bursts into life.



SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Our annual school magazine is always a brilliant showcase of all the children's work and achievements! We would like parents and carers to please send us their children's photos, artwork and poems so they can all be included in the magazine. We would also love to hear about any sporting activities or even holiday highlights that you would like to share.

The magazine will be printed in the Summer term and will go on sale at the Summer Fair. Please include your child's name, class and some details with all content.

Items can be emailed to stmarysmagazine2023@gmail.com or alternatively if it is easier, you can leave items with the main office staff.

Deadline for entries is Wednesday 12th April. Thank you for your support.

PA NEWS

The PA would like to thank all the parents and children for supporting their Mother's Day gift sale today. The children had lots of choice and are very excited to share their purchases on Mother's Day.

There will be a special visitor on the last day of term visiting the children with some Easter eggs! If your child has any allergies please let us know so we can inform the PA. They will source alternative options so that all children can be part of the excitement.

We are very fortunate to have such an active Parent's Association that supports our school so look out for more information about forthcoming events as their events calendar is filling up.