

Weekly Newsletter
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Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

On behalf of the Governing body, I would like to wish all parents, pupils and staff a restful and peaceful summer.

It has been another successful year for the students at St Mary's, both academically, in sport and other competitive events. I was particularly pleased to see, in addition to our many sporting achievements, the choir invited to participate in many external events, the debating team doing extremely well and the French Spelling Bee successes. This really underlines our charism, nurturing our student's God Given Talents.

The school was again inspected this term by the Catholic Schools Inspection team and was judged to be "outstanding". The comments of the Inspection team talked about how St Mary's is a truly special place, something we all know but to have that validated externally is a wonderful thing to hear.

I would like to wish our leavers this year every success in their next schools. I was lucky enough to attend the leavers assembly this week and see the send-off they, and the staff departing, received from the school. It was a reminder to me how amazing St Mary's is, the strong community identity the students and staff have and how lucky I am to be Chair of Governors at a school like St Mary's. There is a saying "you may leave St Mary's, but St Mary's never leaves you", I hope departing students, staff and parents hold fond memories of their time at St Mary's in their hearts.

I hope whatever you are doing this summer you take some time to enjoy a break and look forward to another great year for the school in the 2024-2025.

God bless

Kind regards,

Gary Farrelly
Chair of Governors

WEEK BEGINNING 2nd SEPTEMBER

Monday 2nd September

Staff Training Day

Tuesday 3rd September

All children return to school – 8.55am

The new Reception and Nursery children start school on a staggered basis. Times and dates have been emailed to all parents but if you have any questions, please contact the main office.

HOLIDAY CLUBS IN ROYAL BOROUGH GREENWICH

Holiday Food and Fun is back for summer in Royal Borough Greenwich.

If your child is aged 4 to 16, and eligible for or in receipt of pupil premium, they can get a free holiday club space this summer. Each family can sign up to 16 sessions of free holiday provision through the scheme.

There are also spaces available for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

Please click on the link below for more information:

https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/directory/95/holiday_food_and_fun_2021

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

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Please click on the link below to register your child in a summer reading challenge. Mrs Thaxter would love to hear how many rewards the children earn so please let her know when we return to school in September!

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Don't forget to visit your local library during the holidays as there will be a timetable of events for children to get involved in.

<https://www.better.org.uk/library/london/greenwich/eltham-library/whats-on>

PA NEWS

The PA would like to thank all the parents and supporters who have helped us raise money for the school this year and bring our community together.

Please see attached a breakdown of the profits made from the events the PA organised.

A huge thank you for all your support and we look forward to starting again in September!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Violet Hill, 1C, grew this sunflower from the seeds given by the PA for Mother's Day! She sewed the seeds and tended to the plant, watching it grow into this beautiful flower! Very interesting, Violet.



Sasha Slynko, 1D, recently competed in his first gymnastics competition earning a gold reward! A great achievement!



Well done to all the children throughout the year who have achieved great things. Keep all your news coming for the children's corner next year.

ESAFETY

The summer holidays are full of opportunities. It is uplifting for children and young people to have a change from the restrictions of their normal weekly timetable – and with the whole holiday to enjoy, there is lots of time to fill. Of course, the challenge for parents and carers is to find activities that are not only educational but will prove popular with young people! There are many options for children so parents please ensure all the safety features are active and limit your child's usage. The Summer holiday is a great time for children to be outdoors, enjoying the fine weather and limiting screen time.

It is all about balance.

SPORT'S NEWS

A couple of weeks ago, Y4 children took part in a cricket tournament, organised by Platform Cricket. The children played wonderful cricket on the day and won some of the matches.

Here are a just a few photos of the day:



MANY THANKS

The staff at St Mary's would like to thank all the families for the kind words and generous gifts that were given as we end this school year.

We wish all our leavers the very best of luck as they begin a new stage of their lives.

We are all looking forward to our summer break, ready to begin a new year in September, full of energy!

END OF TERM AWARDS
CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Class A	Kass, Isabella D
Class B	Hezekiah, Ava
Class C	Violet, Harper
Class D	Jack, Ava
Class E	Violetta, Evelyn
Class F	William, Chisom
Class G	Joshua, Florence
Class H	Freddie, Igor
Class I	Enzo, Emily
Class J	Connie, Michael
Class K	Luke, Ruby
Class L	Zorian, Heidi
Class M	Dantae, Christine
Class N	Noah, Remi

END OF TERM AWARDS
CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENT

Class A	Asher, Alice
Class B	Lucas, Ivy
Class C	Benjamin, Charlotte
Class D	Charlie, Bertie
Class E	Joshua/Daniela, Samuel
Class F	Chibunna, Nandi
Class G	Anna, Maeve
Class H	Julian, Stella
Class I	Logan, Nicole
Class J	Adrija, Myles
Class K	Mitch, Caitlyn
Class L	Leo, Maja
Class M	Max, Ella
Class N	Jan, Jasmina

END OF TERM AWARDS
PSHE

Class A	Noah
Class B	Mya
Class C	Laura
Class D	Jaden & Dominic
Class E	Isabella
Class F	Freddie
Class G	Winnie
Class H	Leon
Class I	Amani
Class J	Hugo
Class K	Daniel
Class L	Abbie
Class M	Noah
Class N	Amalie

ATTENDANCE

TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2023 – TUESDAY 22nd JULY 2024

RA	RB	1C	1D	2E	2F	3G	3H	4I	4J	5K	5L	6M	6N
95%	97%	96%	97%	97%	96%	97%	96%	96%	96%	97%	96%	97%	96%

Please view the class attendance so far this year. Many classes have achieved 97%. Attendance at school is very important for all children so please ensure that all holidays are taken during the school holiday, not during term time.