

Weekly Newsletter
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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This past week at St Mary's, we came together to remember Stephen Lawrence Day in our school assemblies. This day is especially important to us here in Eltham, as it reminds us all to stand against racism and promote fairness and kindness.

I am also very pleased to share about the great talks Mrs Shallice had with our students about Religious Education. It was wonderful to hear how much our students enjoyed their creative lessons and how Catholic Social Teaching has positively touched their lives. Their thoughts show just how much our faith-based learning helps them grow not just in school, but as kind and ethical individuals.

Have a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Sims
Headteacher



Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

WEEK BEGINNING 29th APRIL

Sunday 28th April

First Holy Communion at Christchurch.
We wish all the children a very special day.

Thursday 2nd May

Y5 Trip to Museum London Docklands

Friday 3rd May

Rosary 8.30am in gym hall.

BEAUTIFUL PRAYER

Vincent Varju, 1C, wrote a beautiful prayer for his class prayer book.



PRAYER AND LITURGY

Hugo and Bertie, class 1D, held prayer and liturgy in their class this week. The class enjoyed the story of Sid the sheep. The story helps us to remember that everyone should have a say and we should listen to and respect each other's ideas.



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

MAY IS A SPECIAL MONTH!

May is a very special month as it marks the month of Our Lady. She is especially important to us at her school, St Mary's.

Our Faith Friends would like to invite parents, with their children, to join them saying the Rosary every Friday during May, at 8.30am in the gym hall. To pray as a community, led by wonderful children, is a privilege.

Maybe make a May altar at home with your children. A few flowers around a picture or statue of Mary would be a lovely way to honour Our Lady.

Take pictures of your home altar and email them to us and we will upload them to the school Twitter account and share them with our families.

The Crowning of Our Lady will take place on Wednesday 22nd May at St Mary's, so please save the date.

FAITH FRIENDS

Today the Faith Friends explained to the Infant children how Jesus is like the vine that gives the branches food, water and everything it needs to grow fruit. We are like the branches that grow out of the vine. When we are connected to Jesus, we will produce fruit too.

Dear Lord, you are the vine, we are the branches. Help us to bear your fruit and follow your word. Amen



LITERACY



This week Mrs Thaxter recommends.....

I Love Books

Ages 3+

Imagine the injustice of having to read a WHOLE book over the summer holidays! That's the horror one little girl is faced with in I Love Books, and she's not happy about it. A trip to the library does little to quell her disgust at least not at first, but when the right book is put in her hands a world of imagination opens for her and maybe, just maybe, her hatred of books starts to change.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This is an important part of the year for our families as many of the children are receiving their First Holy Communion. We know that the children will look very smart in their First Communion outfits and have attended First Communion classes to prepare them. We must all help them understand the significance of this very important day whilst enjoying the celebrations.

When the children receive the Sacrament for the first time, they are accepting the body and blood of Jesus. Communion means, simply, 'togetherness' and this shows that the children are together with God.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

We have attached some information about how to increase your child's physical activity at home. See how many activities you do already and maybe aim to do something different each week.

The benefits of being physically active is so important for both mind and body. Let us know how you get on 😊

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Molly Gilligan received her Duckling 2 award at swimming. She was very happy!



Brothers Jack and Alexander Birchnell-Winter, (1D and Nursery), have both recently received swimming certificates. Very well done to both boys!



PA NEWS

The PA are busy making preparations for the Summer Fayre (Saturday 8th June).

If you can volunteer, please contact the PA, as many helpers are needed on the day. The more volunteers there are, the easier the event will be to organise.

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Please look out for more information about this event from the PA over the next few weeks.