

Weekly Newsletter
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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I am so proud of the St Mary's debate team who this week participated in their first competitive debate against an independent school on Zoom. The children have been preparing at lunchtimes in Debate Club with Mr Williams and were well prepared however the competition was tough.

This is relatively new territory for St Mary's so to complete their first competition with a win was so amazing. Congratulations to the students involved and thank you to Mr Williams for leading the group and giving the children the chance to develop their oratory skills in this way.

This fits perfectly into our school vision of 'Nurturing our God-Given talents'

Enjoy your weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Sims
Headteacher



Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

WEEK BEGINNING 29th January

Monday 29th – Friday 2nd

Y6 Residential Trip to Kingswood

Wednesday 31st

Y4 Reconciliation

Friday 2nd

Y5 Ultimate Frisbee Day

PRAYER AND LITURGY

In Y1 Prayer and Liturgy we heard the Parable of the Lost Coin. The moral of the story is that God sees every person as having great value. He loves us so much and will never give up on us, no matter what!.

These are some of our responses after hearing the story.

"God knows everyone is precious." – Mia

"God helps people to be good." – Amelie

"People make wrong choices and God still loves them."- Jendrick



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

FAITH FRIENDS

The faith friends taught the infants a song with sign language that they can use to help them when they pray. "God hears me when I pray"

They helped the infants to share their own prayers then they sang the song together.



DEBATING COMPETITION

Yesterday, members of St Mary's Debating Club competed in the first heat of the Cicero Cup, a national debating competition for primary schools. Although we were up against stiff competition, our children performed marvellously and were successful in winning the heat, progressing to the national semi-finals! Many congratulations to Dantae, Remi, Agatha, Julian and Mary-Eva, for winning both the heat and for representing St Mary's so wonderfully with their respectful behaviour.



LITERACY



This week Mrs Thaxter recommends.....

A Dress with Pockets
Ages 2-5

Lucy and Aunt Augusta are dress shopping. And, at the Fabulous Fashion Store, there are dresses to suit just about everyone. There are fancy dresses, frilly dresses, stripy dresses, silly dresses, sun dresses, fun dresses, blue dresses, green. . . But Lucy doesn't care about frills or lace. She wants a dress WITH POCKETS. And as she wades through the titchy dresses, witchy dresses, very, very itchy dresses, she starts to worry about where she's going to put her leaves, and nettles, and delicate petals, her magical spells and beautiful shells

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The hunt is on: will Lucy find the dress of her dreams?

Y6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Y6 children are very excited about their trip to Kingswood next week. The coach is expected to leave St Mary's at 10am so all Y6 children must be on site at 9.30am to make last minute checks. The children are welcome to arrive at 8.55am, especially if there are younger siblings in the family.

Please take your children to the gym hall with their luggage and medical bags. If your child is taking extra medication, please see Mrs Williams on Monday morning. Information has been sent to parents so please refer to the letters and emails. Please ensure your child has adequate clothing. The weather forecast is looking good but please ensure you pack wisely.

A daily email update will be sent from the main office to parents so please look out for them.

The children will return to St Mary's on Friday 2nd February. We will inform parents of timings but we estimate a 3pm arrival at St Mary's.

SPORTS NEWS

On Friday 2nd February, six children from Y5 will be attending an ultimate frisbee competition at Eltham Hill School. The children have been training and learning all the rules for playing ultimate frisbee.

They are looking forward to competing against other primary schools in Greenwich.

FRENCH COMPETITION

We are excited to announce that St Mary's has entered a national French competition for the first time. It is the **Foreign Language Primary Bee** organised by **Routes into Languages**.

Children in Y5/Y6 have been busy preparing their word lists and have started to compete in the first round of the competition.

We wish all the participants all the best!

Bonne chance!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Pedro Gouveia, RB, was awarded *Best Player of the Week*, for the 4th time in as many months!

Well done Pedro!



INFANT NATIVITY

The links to download the Infant Nativity have been extended to 31st January. If you would like a copy, please make a £5 payment on Wisepay and we will send the links to you.

The year groups that were involved in the Nativity were Reception, Y1 and Y2.

CHARITY

We are very pleased to inform you that we collected £343.23 in aid of St Vincent de Paul at Christmas. We received this message this week:

"We, the volunteers at St Vincent de Paul, are very grateful to all the children's families for giving so generously; it helps us greatly in supporting people who need some financial support. Please pass on a big thank you to all!"

*Helene Agnew
for SVP*

PA NEWS

The Parent's Association are working behind the scenes organising their next two events. Please put these dates in your diary:

Monday 29th January – PA Meeting in the dining hall. All parents are welcome to attend. The PA welcome new ideas and opinions.

Friday 8th March – Mother's Day gift sale (during the school day)

Friday 15th March – St Patrick's Day family event (PM).

More details will follow about the St Patrick's Day event but the PA have asked parents to think about putting their name forward for volunteering.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council set up a board games event at lunchtime this week for children in Y2. All the children enjoyed playing. Many thanks to Mrs White and the school council for organising.



WRAPAROUND CARE

We hope that all parents are now aware of the new arrangements with the wraparound care beginning after the Easter holiday. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to phone the main office.

If you, or anyone you know, is having a Spring clear out and have items (toys/games/colouring pencils/crayons) that you no longer require, please bring them to the main office as we are in need of them.

Many thanks.