

Weekly Newsletter
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Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Student leadership is strong at St Mary's. In response to the tragic events in Morocco and Libya, the children petitioned school leaders that they wanted to respond as a school to events thousands of miles away. As a result, we had our own-clothes day today that raised just under £600. Thank you for everyone who has donated. The money will be donated to the British Red Cross who have an international aid programme to work to keep people safe.

This student led event demonstrates that our children understand that we have a responsibility for the common good and that we are stewards of the earth. They are inspired by the works of Catherine McAuley in her works of Mercy.

Have a nice weekend

Mr Sims
Headteacher

WEEK BEGINNING 2nd OCTOBER

Monday 2nd

Flu Immunisation Nurses on Site for Children in Reception – Y6.

Tuesday 3rd

Open Day for Prospective Parents – 9.15am

Wednesday 4th

Height & Weight Nurses on Site for Reception & Y6

Class Mass for Class H – Convent

Friday 6th

Parents are invited to say the Rosary, led by the Faith Friends, in the gym hall at 8.30am

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Camera and Isabella led collective worship for RA. They shared the story of creation and thanked God for our beautiful world.

Oscar and Maya led collective worship in 2E.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Many thanks to everyone for supporting our own clothes day today in aid of the disasters in Libya and Morocco. All money collected will go to the British Red Cross.

Well done to members of the school council, led by Mrs White, who counted the money today at lunchtime. A whopping £580 was collected.



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

LITERACY



This week Mr Williams recommends.....

Tuesday

Age 4-7

The unpredictable events of a particular Tuesday unroll before the reader with the precision and clarity of a silent movie. There are so many ways to have fun with this book. My children loved being narrators and, most of all, making up voices for the frogs!

BOOK WEEK

Monday 16th – Thursday 19th October

Please see attached some details of our upcoming book week. We are all looking forward to celebrating this special week with the children. Mrs Thaxter has managed to secure another author to come and speak to the children so please take a look at the details. The Travelling Book Fair will be open all week (gym hall). Children will be able to look at the books at lunch times and parents will be able to come to the hall after school to take a look at the books.

On Thursday 19th October, the children can come to school dressed up as a character from a favourite book. Please do not go to great expense but see what creations you can put together from items you have at home. Get creative and involve your children in the process. It's more fun that way!

Weather permitting, parents will be able to see the children parade around the Infant playground in their costumes (9.15am). The parade will last approx. 30 minutes. More details will follow over the next few weeks.

OCTOBER – THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Praying the rosary is a special way of letting Jesus and Mary into our lives, asking for their help to grow in faith and a powerful way of praying for others. It is a wonderful way of families getting together and making time for prayer.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary falls on 7th October.

Parents are invited to come and say the Rosary with the Faith Friends on Friday 6th and Friday 13th October and Friday 3rd November at 8.30am in the gym hall. There will be special focus on the Luminous Mysteries bringing a deeper understanding of the life of Jesus. The Faith Friends will lead this prayer service.

PARENTS EVENINGS WEDNESDAY 11TH/THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER

Parents will be able to book their timeslot on Wisepay next week. An email will be sent to parents to say when the appointments are live. Please ensure your child's Wisepay account is active to book your appropriate time.

The appointments will run from 3.30pm – 6pm. Each appointment is 10 minutes long. When booking timeslots for more than one child, please allow time in between appointments.

Mrs Green will see parents of children with SEN on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October.

FAITH FRIENDS

The Faith Friends led the Infant children in prayer today. The children told the story of the two sons who are both asked to help their father. We must think about how we listen to what God is asking us to do and how we can help people at home and around the world.

God of love, open our ears to listen to your word. Lead us to help one another and to live our lives as you ask us to. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



GREAT FIRE LONDON WORKSHOP

Today, Freshwater Theatre Company visited Y2 children to run a drama workshop on The Great Fire of London 1666. All of the children took part in acting out scenes from Thomas Farnon's bakery, Pudding Lane and Samuel Pepys' diary writing. They had great fun and were able to share all they already knew about The Great Fire of London as well as learn new things, through drama.



PA NEWS

The PA would like to invite parents to their first meeting of the new school year on 2nd October. This is a great opportunity for parents to meet the PA, meet other parents and discuss current school and PA affairs. More details will follow next week.

Tickets for fireworks night are now on sale! The display this year is taking place on Saturday 4th November at The Oaks (Eltham Town Football Club). Tickets will go on sale online on Friday 29th September. There are a limited number of tickets so watch this space and grab yours quickly!

Volunteers are needed to help with the stalls. All they ask for is 30 minutes of your time between 6pm and 7pm on the day (Saturday 4th November). All volunteers will get free entry to the display. Please use this link <https://volunteersignup.org/HERWW> to sign up.

There will be a costume sale on 6th October, time tbc. If you have any costume which you would like to donate, please drop it off at the main office by the end of September. Examples of what the PA are looking for are:

- Christmas Jumpers
- World Book Day costumes (which can be used for the World Book Day in October)
- Ugly Bugs (Nursery children)
- Superhero Day (Reception)
- Victorian Day (Y2 children),
- Stone Age Day (Y3 children),
- Mayan Day (Y4 children),
- Roman Day (Y4 children),
- Greek Day (Y5 children)

Many thanks for your support.

VACANCY FOR SENCO

We would like to appoint a new member of staff as a SENCO teacher at St Mary's. Please click on the link to read the full details about this role. Closing date for applications is Friday 20th October 2023 at 10am.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

<https://www.stmaryrc.org.uk/School-Vacancies/>

Y6 SECONDARY TRANSITION

If you are interested in a place for your child in St Thomas More Comprehensive, please note their open evenings take place on **10th, 11th and 12th October**. Please visit their website to see the different timeslots to book a place. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/st-thomas-more-catholic-comprehensive-school-71507663123>

Please note that applications for secondary school must be submitted by Tuesday 31st October. If any parent would like help with the application forms, please speak to the office staff. The ladies can organise a meeting to help with the application process.

MESSAGE FROM CHRISTCHURCH

Form Signing for Primary and Secondary School

If you attend Christchurch and would like Fr John to sign your school form (nursery, reception or secondary school) please take a look at the times he will be available. Booking is not essential.

Date	Time
30 September	10.00am – 11.30am
6 October	14.30pm – 16.00pm
7 October	10.00am – 11.30am
13 October	14.30pm – 16.00pm
14 October	10.00am – 11.30am
20 October	14.30pm – 16.00pm
21 October	10.00am – 11.30am
28 October	10.00am – 11.30am
10 November	14.30pm – 16.00pm
17 November	14.30pm – 16.00pm

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

During the month of October, the UK celebrates Black History Month. There are many events taking place this month across the country, celebrating key figures who have made substantial contributions to this country.

Please have a look to see what exhibitions are taking place in the museums in London, such as The Museum of London. They have a schedule of very interesting events taking place throughout the month.

<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london/london-black-history>

The children at St Mary's will focus on black people in sport. Please encourage the children to research lots of interesting facts to share with their class.