

Weekly Newsletter
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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHERS

Miss Gannon and I took forty one Year 5 and 6 students to the Blackheath Rugby Tournament at Hervey Road today. The behaviour of every student was outstanding. Each of the four teams won every single match. We were so proud to be a part of the day.

Please can I thank Mr Jones, Mrs Rooney and Ms Erskine who accompanied us on today's trip – we could not have done it without you.

Fr John is in need of altar servers at Christchurch – this is an invaluable service and an excellent way for children to learn more about the different parts of the Mass. Children who have already received their first Holy Communion can participate.

This Wednesday, St Mary's staff will welcome teachers from St Thomas More Comprehensive to St Mary's. They will talk about subject areas and see how the curriculum links up between the two schools. This is an excellent initiative to ensure that children who attend both schools enjoy a coherent and logically structured curriculum.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Mr J Sims
Headteacher



WEEK BEGINNING 7th NOVEMBER

Saturday 4th

PA Event – Fireworks Night at Eltham Town FC

Tuesday 8th

Y4 Class Mass

Friday 11th

Flu Vaccination Nurses on Site

Remembrance Day

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Sunday 27th November

The first day of Advent

Thursday 1st/Friday 2nd December

Fr John on site blessing crib figures

Friday 2nd December

PA Event – Wreath Making

Wednesday 7th/Thursday 8th

December

Infant Nativity

Friday 9th December

Christmas Jumper Day

PA Event – Family Christmas

Gathering

Monday 12th December

KS1 Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 13th December

KS2 Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 14th December

Junior Carol Concert at Christchurch

Thursday 15th December

Y3/Y4 Children at St George's

Cathedral singing Christmas Carols

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PA EVENT

Fireworks Night
Saturday 5th November
At The Oaks, Eltham Town FC,
176 Starbuck Close, SE9 2TD

The PA have worked very hard at organising this event and look forward to seeing many families there, past and present. The gates will open at 6pm and the fireworks display will begin at 7pm. The display will last approx. 30 minutes but the club will be open until 11pm so families can stay around and enjoy an evening socialising with friends and families.

The PA have asked to inform people that they require proof of ticket purchase to be shown at the gate before entry, sparklers should not be taken to the event and to remind parents that they have full responsibility for their children for the entire evening.

Toys, hot food and drinks will be available, and you will also be able to purchase drinks from the bar.

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 3rd December – Wreath Making. This popular festive annual event will take place in the gym hall. More information about the event and how to purchase tickets will be emailed to parents next week. The tickets will cost £25 and this will include all the materials need to make a wreath with a little glass of mulled wine/prosecco and a mince pie!

Friday 9th December – A St Mary's Christmas Gathering. More information to follow but please keep this date free.

SPORTS NEWS

Children from Y5/Y6, accompanied by Mr Sims and Miss Gannon, competed in the Blackheath Rugby Club Interschool's Rugby Festival today. The children were phenomenal! All four squads won every game and enjoyed every moment of the day.

As well as playing excellent rugby, the children represented St Mary's with respect and true sportsmanship towards the coaches and the other teams.

Many thanks to the parent volunteers for helping today (Mrs Rooney, Ms Erskine and Mr Jones).



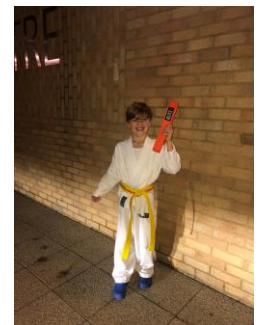
CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Jack Saunders, 1D, is very proud to have progressed to a higher level in his swimming lessons after working very hard.

George Cornwell Prove, 5K, has recently been awarded the orange belt in his karate lessons!

Very well done to the children!



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer was on site today taking individual/family photographs.

The children will bring home the proofs as soon as we receive them from the photographer. You can then choose what to order. Online orders will also be available for parents. We will aim to have all the photos returned to parents before Christmas.

LEGO

If you have any Lego that you would like to donate, please take it to the school office. The children love to play with it at break times.

RBG POETRY COMPETITION

We have extended the deadline for children to submit poetry for the Royal Borough Greenwich Poetry Competition to Monday 7th November. The theme this year is ***The Environment***.

Children can write any type of poem inspired by the theme of **The Environment**. The maximum number of lines, per poem, is 20. There will be a winner and a runner up for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

In school, there will be a winner and runner up in each class!

Children can either hand their entries to Mrs Thaxter or email the main office (with their full name and class) by Monday 7th November.

PUPIL PREMIUM FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Our economy is currently going through turbulent times and many families may be struggling. If you are experiencing any financial hardship or worried about any payments to the school, please come to speak to one of the office staff. First and foremost, they can give some information about applying for free school meals and then maybe investigate other avenues that can provide help, if required. It is important to keep the school informed. If your child does qualify for pupil premium free school meals they will also get help towards uniform, clubs and school trips.

We have some preloved uniform on site so please come and ask if there is anything you require. We are very happy to help.

MEDICAL

FLU VACCINATION

The immunisation nurses will be on site on Friday 11th November to give children the flu vaccine. This is available for children in Reception to Y6. Details of the vaccination has already been sent to parents so please refer to the email. Consent can be given by following this link –

<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Oxleas/imms/Oi41/144091>

The nursing team would like all parents to complete the form, whether or not you wish your child to be vaccinated.

A MINDFUL MOMENT

Stand Firm Like a Tree

A great way to ground yourself when you are in the midst of turmoil, is to take some deep breaths and visualise roots growing from your feet into the ground.

Stand firm like a tree, while the chaos around you blows through your branches and disappears on the breeze.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

As we approach Remembrance Day, (Friday November 11th), please look out for Mrs Kingdon and the Faith Friends selling poppies for The Royal British Legion.

The children and staff will hold a minute's silence on Friday 11th, followed by a Remembrance Day service, at 11am.

“We don't know them all, but we owe them all”

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