

Weekly Newsletter
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Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Another busy week in school!

On Monday, Mrs McGarry and I accompanied the Chamber Choir to Southwark Cathedral to commemorate 150 years since Sr Clare Moore died. She was one of the early Sisters of Mercy who set up the original school on Eltham High Street in 1874. The children were joined by around 100 Sisters, bishops, abbots, canons and other members of the clergy! They performed so well and the Sisters were so pleased to see the legacy of mercy so strong. It is important for the children to understand that as students of St Mary's, they are part of something bigger than our small community. This gives them a sense of belonging, excellent role model and helps broaden their perspectives.

On Tuesday, three students from Y5 and 6 travelled to Cambridge University to participate in the French Spelling Bee. Children pitted their linguistic skills in a national competition against a mixture of state and independent schools. We are so proud of our students competing in one of the most prestigious universities in the world – well done!

Year 3 led our Mass for the Feast of St Peter and St Paul on Tuesday, in their first Holy Communion Clothes – they looked so smart and celebrated Mass with such reverence. Mrs Shallice on that day, spent the day on a training course about Catholic Social teaching and met Cardinal Nichols who is a member of the College of Cardinals, a group of men who advise the Pope!

Thank you to the teachers who have arranged the Nursery Bug Ball, the Food and Fellowship Week and the Pirate Picnics!

And good luck to the boy's football team who are attending the presentation evening at Charlton Meridian after school today.

Kind regards,

Mr Sims

WEEK BEGINNING 8th JULY

Monday 8th July

Y6 Dress Rehearsal. Whole School to Attend

Tuesday 9th July

Y6 Production
1.30pm & 6pm

Wednesday 10th July

Y6 Production
1.30pm & 6pm

Friday 12th July

Reports sent to Parents

Saturday 13th July

Y6 Leaver's Party

PRAYER AND LITURGY

Chisom and Izabella, 2F, recalled the story of Jesus walking on water and shared prayers that they had written.

The children collected toys representing different countries from around the world and made a Lego model to illustrate the story.



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

Y6 PRODUCTION

THE AMAZING COLOURED COAT

The Y5/Y6 children are busy practising for the performances next Tuesday 9th /Wednesday 10th July. Please make sure you have requested your tickets as spare tickets are now available for the afternoon performances. You can email Mrs Jeffrey (sjeffrey@stmary-rc.greenwich.sch.uk) and she will accommodate as best she can.

Please ensure you bring your tickets with you when you come to see the show. No child under secondary school age will be allowed to watch the performance. All the children at St Mary's will see the show at the dress rehearsal on Monday. If you have any special requests for seating, i.e., wheelchair access, please speak to the office staff.

A recording will be made of the show so parents will be able to purchase a copy. We will inform you when this is available so look out for information.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EVENING PERFORMANCES

The matinee performances will not impact the normal school day arrangements so children should be collected in the normal way.

For the evening performances, we ask that the children be dropped back to school at **5.30pm (Y6) and 5.40pm (Y5)**, giving them time to get into their outfits.

Parents who are not watching the show should return to collect their children at **7.15pm** at the main entrance in the Infant playground. If another parent is collecting your child, please inform us beforehand.

LITERACY



Perfectly Norman

Ages 3-6

Norman loves his new wings, and has the most fun ever trying them out high in the sky. But then he has to go in for dinner. What will his parents think? What will everyone else think? Norman feels the safest plan is to cover his wings with a big coat.

But hiding the thing that makes you different proves tricky and upsetting. Can Norman ever truly be himself?

YOUNG CITIZEN OF GREENWICH AWARDS

Zion Williams, 3H and Yamen Newton-Osagie, 2F, were joint winners of the *Bravery Award*, celebrated at *Do the Right Thing Awards* in Greenwich Town Hall last week. Mr Sims and Mrs Johnson attended the event with Zion and Yamen's families.

Very well done to both of these very brave children!



CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Adam Zielinski, 3H, has been very busy! He recently achieved his 8th KYU in karate (red belt) and completed his first *Race for Life* in support of cancer research.

Two great achievements!



Amelie Laye, 6N, achieved her 7th KUP belt in tae kwon do last week.



Cyprian Piotrowski, 1C, reached his stage 2 in swimming.



Chloe Badger, NPM, performed in her ballet group at the Orchard Theatre!



CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR

Please see the table below with the class teachers for the next academic year:

Current Class	Current Teacher	New Class	New Teacher
N/A	N/A	Nursery	Miss Dennis
N/A	N/A	Class A	Mrs Shallice/Mrs Otley
N/A	N/A	Class B	Miss Brophy
Class A	Mrs Shallice/Mrs Otley	Class C	Mrs Thaxter
Class B	Miss Brophy	Class D	Mrs Piechota
Class C	Mrs Thaxter	Class E	Mrs Loynton
Class D	Mrs Piechota	Class F	Mrs Hansen – 2 days Mrs White – 3 days
Class E	Mrs Bone	Class H	Mrs Whitewood
Class F	Mrs Hansen/Mrs White	Class G	Mrs Bone
Class G	Mrs Whitewood	Class I	Mrs Green - 2 days Mrs Evans - 3 days
Class H	Miss Donnelly	Class J	Mrs Woodhouse
Class I	Mrs Holmes/Mrs Evans	Class L	Mrs Parsons – 4 days Mrs Flynn – 1 day
Class J	Mrs Woodhouse	Class K	Mrs Pita
Class K	Mr Williams	Class N	Mrs Williams
Class L	Mrs Parsons/Mrs Flynn	Class M	Miss Gannon

TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

Class A had a wonderful teddy bears picnic this week. They enjoyed their picnic and played games in the sun. Thank you to all the parents that came along to help.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All after school clubs will finish for the term on week beginning Monday 15th July.

The children attending the gymnastics club will take part in a display for their parents on Tuesday 16th July at 4pm (Gym Hall).

The children attending Creative Stars will perform for their parents on Friday 19th July in the gym hall. Time tbc.

FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to all the parents who made, served and contributed food to the International Food and Fellowship event on Thursday. The food was fantastic and certainly enjoyed by all the families that attended!

Many thanks to Mrs Whitewood for organising the event.



CAREERS DAY

We are looking forward to the Careers Day on Friday 19th July. This was very successful last year so we hope that we can repeat the same this year. Many thanks to all the parents who have offered to participate.

If you or you know someone who would like to come to the school to talk to the children, please contact the main office.

We would like people from different career backgrounds to show case their jobs so please contact us for more information