

Weekly Newsletter
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WEEK BEGINNING 12th JUNE

Tuesday 13th June

Y5 Educational Visit – Museum of London

Wednesday 14th June

Meetings for parents of new children starting in Nursery/Reception in September 2023.

Reception – 9.30am and 11am
Nursery – 10am and 2pm

Current Nursery children will not attend their sessions on this day.

Friday 16th June

Pyjamarama Day (Non-Uniform Day) in aid of The Book Trust.

PA Event – Father's Day Gift Sale

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

What a busy week in school.

The students came in Monday to see two fantastic pieces of artwork in the dining room and outside the library. These pieces have enhanced the indoor spaces and the children have commented on how they brighten up those walls.

Yesterday I took the St Mary's tag rugby team to Acton Town to participate in the London Youth Games Finals. After an early 8am meet at Eltham Station, the children spent a long day in the sunshine representing the Royal Borough of Greenwich in the finals. In the first group, they finished second and after seeding, another group took place, which resulted in them reaching second place again.

Despite the short notice given to the team, they finished sixth overall in London, which given there are over 2,000 primary schools is a phenomenal achievement. Well done to all who were involved.

Today I visited the Sisters of Mercy Institute as they have asked St Mary's to partner with them to ensure that the values of Sr Catherine McAuley (their founder) are still present in schools across the country today.

I will be writing to parents over the next few weeks regarding the review of our school mission statement.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine

Kind regards

Mr Sims

Headteacher

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Amelie, Harper and Jessica, Class A, led collective worship today. They talked about Corpus Christi and set up a beautiful prayer table. They prayed that all people around the world should have enough to eat.

Christ Jesus, Bread of Life, feed us with your love and wisdom and move us to help one another, so that all people may have enough to eat. Amen.



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

WEATHER WARNING

The weather forecast is promised very hot for the next week so please ensure that your child comes to school with a sun hat (navy blue) and has sun cream on them for protection.

We are all aware of the dangers of the hot sun.

Y6 PRODUCTION

The Y6 children are busy practicing for their performance, **A Whole New World**, which will take place on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July. Please encourage your child to practice all their songs and lines.

Performances will take place at 1.30pm and 6pm on both days.

Please ensure that your Y6 child has brought their costume to school as soon as it is ready. If you need any help with the costumes, please speak to the office staff.

A letter regarding tickets for the performance has been emailed to Y5 and Y6 parents today.

CAREERS DAY

We are planning to have a Careers Day for the children in years 5 & 6 on Friday 14th July. This was very successful last year so we hope that we can repeat the same this year.

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

PA NEWS

The PA are busy planning for the forthcoming events so they would like parents to save the following dates:

Friday 16th June – Father's Day gift sale. Gifts from 50p - £3.

Saturday 24th June – Annual Summer Fair. Many thanks for all your donations so far to the Summer Fair. We have quite a selection of soft toys and **bottles** but if you wish to continue to donate, please drop items at the main office. It does not matter what the contents are but the more we have for the stall, the better your chance is of winning something special.

The **Cake Stall** will welcome all types of cake donations. The homemade cakes and buns go down a treat with a cup of tea but shop cakes are also needed. Please state if your cake is gluten free or contains nuts, as it is important that the customer is aware. Shop cakes can be left at the main office any time but anything homemade will have to wait until the day before the Fair (Friday 23rd June) or can be handed straight to the stall on the Saturday morning.

The **Annual School Magazine** will be on sale prior to the event so look out for more information.

Many volunteers are needed to help set up before the event and clear up afterwards as well as helping out during the day. Please give your name to the PA to let them know you can give up your time. It is a very worthwhile thing to do.

<https://volunteersignup.org/KC7B7>

Tuesday 27th June - PA Meeting at 7pm

Saturday 15th July – Y6 Leaver's Party

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week....

Gabriella Bruce, 5L, took part in the Cancer Research UK 5KM Race for Life in Battersea Park on 7th June, with her brother Cameron and her mum. They raised £325 for Cancer Research!

Very well done for this marvellous achievement!



PYJAMARAMA 2023

Next Friday, 16th June is Pyjamarama Day! We would like to invite all children to wear pyjamas or onesies to school on this day and make a voluntary donation of £1 for the charity, **The Book Trust**. St Mary's staff will be joining in too!

This donation is voluntary so only give if and what you and your family can afford.

The Book Trust is the UK's largest reading charity. They reach 3.9m children each year with books, resources and support to help develop a love of reading.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/>.

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

Many of the year groups are going out on educational visits before the end of the school year. Parents have already received information about some of the trips. There will be information about the remaining trips next week. If you have any concerns please contact the school office.

13 June - Y5 – Museum of London
22 June – Y4 – River Trip
23 June – Y1 – Horniman Museum
30 June – Y2 – Dinosaur Fossil Workshop
4 July – Y5 – Mosque Visit
5 July – Y3 – British Museum

LUNCHES

Please ensure your child's dinner money balance is paid up to date. Payments can be made through Wisepay. The cost for lunches for this half term is £88.06.

Please note that nuts are not allowed, in any form, in your child's packed lunch. Some of our children have severe allergies and should not be put in a dangerous position.

Chocolate bars/fizzy drinks/sweets should not be included in your child's packed lunch. A nutritional packed lunch that will sustain your child's energy for the afternoon is what is required.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Level 2 Teaching Assistant to start in September 2023. Details of the position can be viewed [here](#) or you can see the information by logging onto our website (under latest news, teacher training/school vacancies).

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to our Business Manager, Mrs Pampling

CHILD SAFETY WEEK

This week (5 June – 11 June) is **Child Safety Week**, an annual campaign run by the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT). This year's theme is *Safety Made Simple*.

According to CAPT, every day around 40 children, under-5, are rushed to hospital after choking or swallowing something dangerous. It can happen quickly and it can happen to anyone.

With this in mind, we would like to share with you some useful resources regarding food safety and choking prevention.

Please click on the link below to read more information about keeping your children safe.

<https://capt.org.uk/child-safety-week/>