




St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Go, shine in the world and live as Jesus lived.



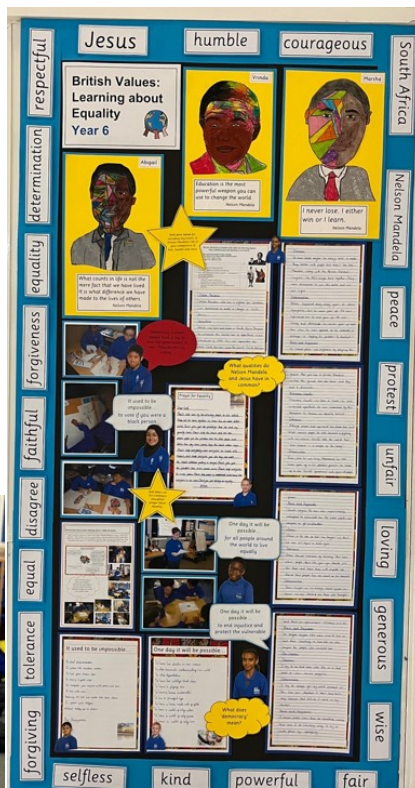
Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who has bought a poppy over the last two weeks. All the money we raised will be donated to the Royal British Legion charity to help injured, sick or wounded service men and women and their families. Today, at 11:00am, we held a 2 minute silence to remember those who died in war and to honour their sacrifice. Some Y6 children also attended a special Remembrance Service at the War Memorial in Hampstead Cemetery. During the month of November, we continue to remember loved ones and family members who have died - demonstrating our Christian Values of respect and compassion.

With best wishes, Miss Mitchell (Head of School) and Mr Webb (Executive Headteacher)

Learning about British Values and Equality in our Society...

Last week, as part of our Equality Studies curriculum, the children enjoyed learning about many of the important issues surrounding Racial and Gender Equality, Social Justice (including votes for women and the Suffragette movement) and British Values. We have created some amazing displays to showcase the brilliant learning that took place.



Design Technology at St Mary's...

Year 2 made moving pictures for as part of their Design Technology curriculum. They learnt how to make a slider mechanism and a pivot lever mechanism to make parts of their pictures move. They thought carefully about their designs and used their materials creatively.



Year 6 explored structures of bridges and learned how their designs make them effective. They then applied this knowledge design and build their own prototype bridge.

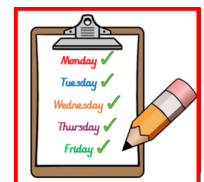


Attendance...

Congratulations to **Year 6** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** last week.

100% of Y6 pupils came to school every day.

Please make sure your child is in school every single day this term unless they are too unwell to come to school.



Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small :) Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to see the class teacher. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile :)

Important dates for your diary.....



Wednesday 16th November— School photograph day

Wednesday 23rd November at 9.05am- Parent Information Coffee Morning in the school hall– How you can help your child stay safe online- All parents welcome

Thursday 24th November— 10.00am— Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 music concert; 2.30pm—Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 music concert

Friday 25th November — Non-uniform day– Children donate £1 to wear their own clothes

Wednesday 30th November at 9.05am- Parent Information Coffee Morning in the school hall– How to read with your child at home- All parents welcome

Thursday 1st December— 10.00 Nativity performance for Y2 parents; 2.00— Nativity performance for Reception and Y1 parents

Monday 5th December—2.30pm— Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's Church— Parents welcome

Tuesday 6th December— Y5 and Y6 Christmas party

Wednesday 7th December — Y3 and Y4 Christmas party

Thursday 8th December— Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas party

Friday 9th December— 3.30pm— Christmas Craft sale outside classrooms

Wednesday 14th December— Christmas lunch

Friday 16th December— Last day of term

Tuesday 3rd January— Start of Spring term— all pupils back at school

Charitable Giving at St Mary's...

Children show our Christian values of 'compassion' and 'community' through the act of charitable giving. Thank you for your generous donations on Non-uniform Days.

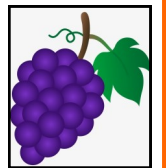


One of the charities that we support is **New Ways**. Angela from New Ways visited St Mary's this week and talked about how the money that we donate covers the education and meals of some of the children who attend St Joseph's Primary School in Turkana County, Kenya. She shared a video of the children at the school and answered questions about what life is like there and how the money donated has been spent.



Choking Hazards...

A reminder that, if you are including grapes or other healthy snacks that are small in your child's lunch box, please cut the grapes / healthy items up nice and small to avoid them being a choking hazard.



Work of the Week...

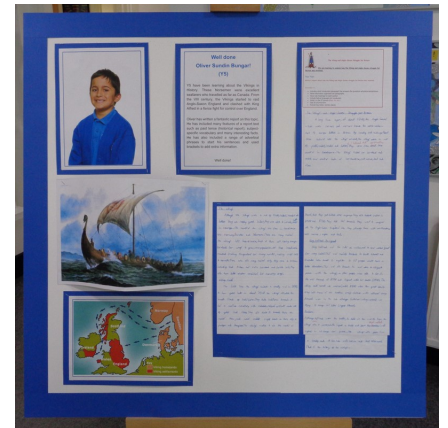


Every week a great piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby.

As part of their History learning, Year 5 have been learning about the Vikings.

Oliver has written a fantastic report about how the Vikings raided Anglo-Saxon England. He has included excellent subject-specific vocabulary and many interesting facts.

Well done, Oliver!



Our prayer of the week...

Dear God,
We remember those who stood for love and truth, and thank you for the sacrifice they made for me and you.
Thank you that we can now enjoy peace and learn to love not fight.
Thank you that we can now sing and play, and not be scared or hide.
We pray for other countries where children live in fear, and there is war and fighting and many are in tears.
Please help to make things better, and bring some peace to them.
Amen



Person of the Week!

Reception - Hafsa
Year 1 - Nia
Year 2 - Hectoria
Year 3 - Sophia D
Year 4 - Haron
Year 5 - Eldana
Year 6 – Lexi