



St Mary's Catholic School Newsletter

4th March 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

You will see from this week's newsletter that the children and staff have been extremely busy over the past two weeks!

It is wonderful to see that so many exciting learning opportunities have been taking place and that children have had a number of different opportunities to represent the school at local events.



This week we also say goodbye and good luck to Mrs Kwiatkowska in Year 3.

Best Wishes, Mrs Herbert

RE this half term:

We shall be learning about Lent and follow Jesus on the way to the events of Holy Week and Good Friday. We shall discuss why he died and how this can help us in our lives today and the institution of the Mass. We shall also study another major world faith.

NEXT MASS: Tuesday 22nd March at 2.00pm in the hall.



Sorting Office Visit!

Last Monday Class 1 visited the sorting office to find out where our letters go after we post them. The manager showed us how parcels and letters are sorted and we found some of the roads where we live. We tried our hand at sorting letters by the house number. We were surprised to hear that they have 32 mail vans. Evie wrote, *"It made me so happy because it was fun!"*

Mrs Smith

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World Math's Day

On Wednesday 2nd March all of the children across the school celebrated world maths day by undertaking a number of exciting activities!

The day started by every child undertaking a maths problem solving activity and after break the children joined in a Timestableathon!!!!

Our Timestableathon champions were:

Year 1: Miley and Evie

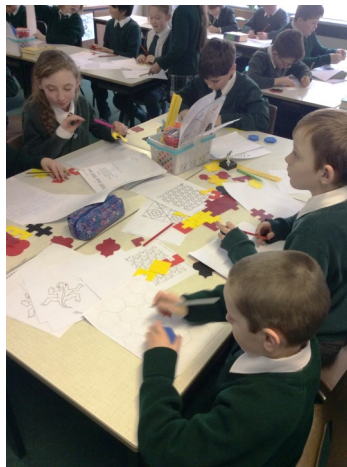
Year 2: Fletcher

Year 3: Oliver

Year 4: Cameron

Year 5: Oscar

Year 6: Aoife



In the afternoon all classes took part in an art activity that involved mathematic knowledge and skills!

Please remember to contact the school office by 9.30am if your child is unwell.

Thank you.

Swimming Gala:

On the 24th February the following children represented St Mary's at the Penwith Primary School swimming gala:

Year 2: Fletcher, Lyra and Harry

Year 3: Dylan and Iona

Year 4: Tazeena and Ella

Each child swam a 25m event and a team also took part in a relay race. A special well done must also go to Dylan who swam backstroke and got through to the final and took fifth place.

All of the children worked hard and made us very proud of them.

Thank you to all of the parents and staff who supported this event.

The next swimming gala will take place on Tuesday 8th March!



St Piran's Day Celebrations:

St Piran's day celebrations started on Thursday when a large number of children and staff chose to have a Cornish pasty for lunch!

Today year 6 took part in St Piran's day celebrations. The class have worked hard at learning the St Piran's day dance which they then performed in Penzance with a number of other local schools. Miss Tarbet said that the class worked well as a team and that they should be congratulated on their behaviour. Well done Year 6!



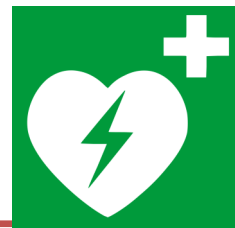
World Book Day

Well done to all of the children and staff who dressed up for World Book Day on Thursday. There were some fabulous costumes and the children really enjoyed it.

Defibrillator Training

Many of you will have seen that we now have a defibrillator in the main entrance of the school.

Last week 20 staff attended a two hour training session and are now qualified to use the defibrillator should a situation arise.



Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Tressa Herriott, our new Safeguarding and Pupil Welfare Worker to St Mary's.

Mrs Herriott's role will be to provide support to families and pupils. Between now and the end of this academic year we will continue to implement further systems and methods of support to further improve and reward punctuality and attendance.



A message from Father Phillip:

Poswiecenie pokarmow,

Pragniemy poinformowac, ze w Wielka Sobote, tj 26 marca w kosciele katolickim w Penzance, o godzinie 12 w poludnie odbedzie sie poswiecenie pokarmow. Wszystkich zainteresowanych serdecznie zapraszamy.

On Easter Saturday, at 12 noon in Penzance Church there will a traditional Polish blessing of baskets of food. Everyone is welcome.



iPad

Ipap Workshop for Parents:

Please remember to return the slip to your child's class teacher if you would like to join us for an Ipad workshop on **16th March 2016**.

Important Notice

Reminder!

- **22nd March:** 2.00pm whole school Mass, in the school hall
- **24th March:** last day of the Spring Term
- **11th April:** Summer Term starts
- **27th May:** whole school INSET day—school closed to pupils.
- **30th May:** half term commences
- **6th June:** children return to school
- **20th July:** last day of the summer term—school closes at 1.30pm.

Last weeks star pupils were:

Reception: Caleb

Year 1: Mazey

Year 2: Keeley

Year 3: Dylan

Year 4: Ammelia

Year 5: Daisy

Year 6: Charlie

This weeks star pupils are:

Reception: Elsa

Year 1: Miley

Year 2: William

Year 3: Julia

Year 4: Lilly

Year 5: Kane

Year 6: Olivia

Hockey League!

At the end of last half term St Mary's hockey team: Aydon, Dominic, Alex, Oscar, Ellie, Daisy and Tazeena took part in a tournament. We are thrilled to report that they did exceptionally well. They won three matches and drew on their fourth game. A number of staff and parents have reported that the children were a real credit to the school. Well done!



We look forward to seeing you next week at our parent consultation meetings!

Attendance: aiming for a minimum of 95%

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.8%	97.8%	94%	92.9%	93.9%	92.6%	93%

