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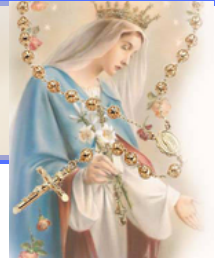


St. Mary's mission: To love God above all things by: learning together, loving ourselves, loving each other, loving all people, loving life itself and constantly striving for excellence worthy of our God-given gifts.

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

Our theme for the Autumn term is: 'Family and Communities'

Our virtues for this half term are: - Compassionate and Loving



7th October 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week, we have enjoyed poetry week and the children were wonderful in their poetry recital - learning poetry off by heart and performing it to their peers. The relics of St. Bernadette are now in our Archdiocese and will be displayed in three venues over the next few days. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for those who wish to venerate her relics and celebrate St. Bernadette of Lourdes. We are now collecting for our harvest festival with your generous donations going to SIFA fireside. Those wishing to donate, please send food, toiletries and clothing in with your children next week. We ask for all donations by Wednesday 19th October ahead of our harvest festival Mass. As we continue to expand on our virtues this half-term of 'compassionate and loving', we teach the children that kindness comes in all forms - charity is just one. On Monday, we have our mental health awareness day in school - where the children can wear yellow and we will promote the importance of sharing our feelings.

Mrs Yorke

This week's Gospel and Prayer

Mark 10:17-27

"For men," He said, "it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God."

Reflecting on St. Bernadette this week, we learn:

- Bernadette showed us the importance of faithfulness and trusting in God.
- Lourdes is a pilgrimage site of special devotion to Our Lady.
- God works through those who are open to Him

Dear God,

You sent St Bernadette to be an example to us all.

May we trust in your love;

May we turn to you in penance;

May we listen and be open to you, just like St

Bernadette.

Amen

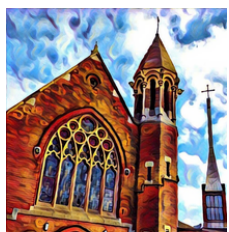
Catholic Life in School

Y5 Mass - St. Faustina

On Wednesday, Y5 led us in our Mass to St. Faustina. They made decades of the rosary beads to say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



Year 3 Mass in Church - 12.10.22 at 9:15am - St. John Henry Newman - Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 12th October 2022, starting promptly at 9:15am. **Year 3 children** will be leading our Mass and Year 4 children will attend too. All parents are welcome to attend.



Poetry Week

This year's national poetry day was on the theme of environment.



Mrs. Noone introduced our poetry week and theme in our whole school assembly.



Year 3 learnt their poem 'sun kenning' to perform.



Year 6 learnt the poem 'custodian' by Brian Moses to perform in our poetry recital.



Year 1 performed an acrostic poem about Autumn.



Year 2 described all the colours of the rainbow in their poetry.



Year 5 learnt the poem 'nature trail' by Benjamin Zephaniah.



Year 4 rehearsed their poem 'The Storm'

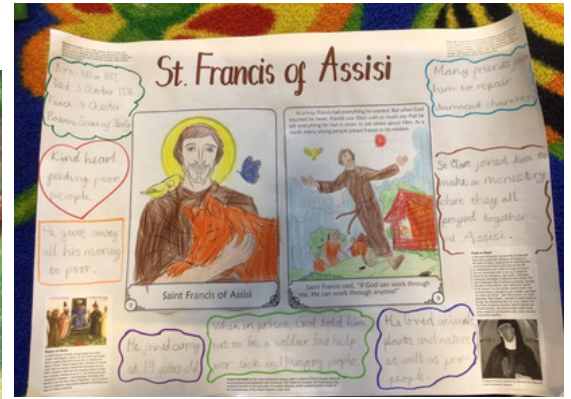


Reception class found rhyming words to describe Stick Man.



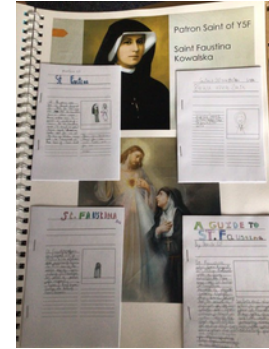
1F Feast day of St. Francis of Assisi - 4th October

On Tuesday 4th October, 1F celebrated their class Saint's feast day. The children came into school in their own clothes and created some beautiful drawings and sentences about St Francis.



SF Feast Day - St Faustina - 5th October

Then on Wednesday 5th October, 5F celebrated their class Saint's feast day. Beginning with a Mass dedicated to her and fun activities in the afternoon.



Reception and KSI craft and film evening

Thank you to our St. Mary's PTA for hosting our craft evening for Reception children and KSI film club. The children had a marvellous time.

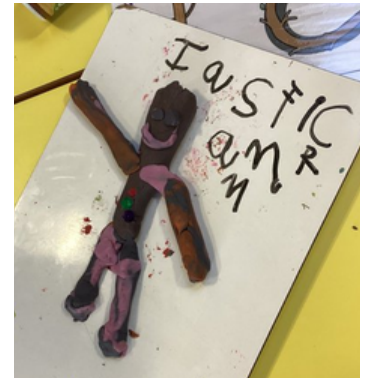
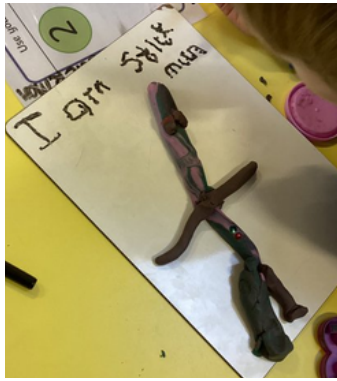


Boys football team

Another fantastic win for our Year 5 and Year 6 footballers tonight, who won their game 6-1. They played brilliantly and did us proud! Go on boys!

Reception news: -

Reception class made Stick Man out of different materials and wrote tricky words to describe him.



Year 1 news: -

Year 1 made sliders and mechanisms in their DT lessons.



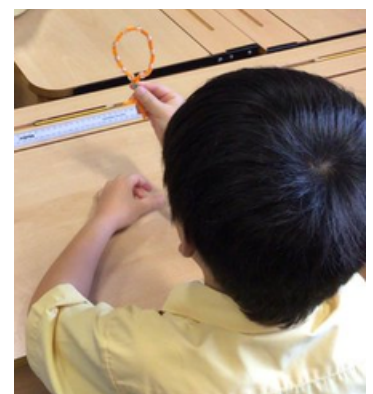
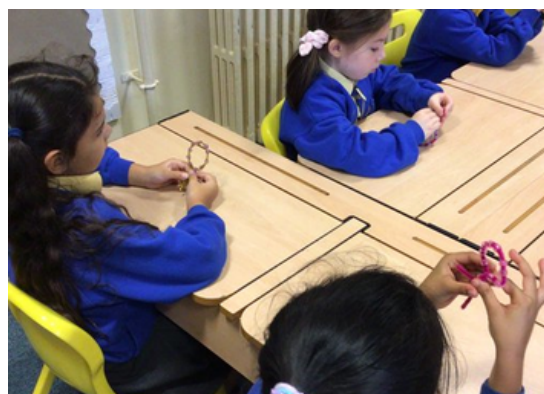
Year 2 news: -

Year 2 worked on their mouse skills, clicking and dragging to create digital art.



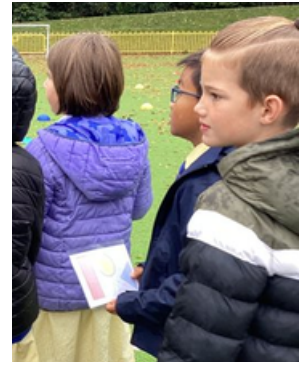
Year 3 news: -

Year 3 made their own decade of the rosary to help them pray throughout October.



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 enjoyed their orienteering lessons.



Year 5 news: -

Year 5 learned how the Beatitudes help us better understand the blessings that God has in store.



Year 6 news: -

Year 6 used iPads to research different Greek cities focusing on climate, tourist destinations, historical sites and cuisine.

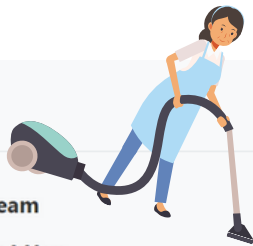


Year 2 Curriculum Workshop - 3.10.22

Thank you parents who came along to the Year 2 Curriculum Workshop this week. We hope that you found out more about how the curriculum is run at St. Mary's, and left with ideas of how to support your child's learning at home.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Cleaner



We are looking for a Cleaner to join our team

Closing Date: Thursday 6th October 2022 at 9:00am
Interview Date: Expected to take place week commencing 10th October 2022
Proposed Start Date: As soon as possible
Salary range: Grade 1, £18,333 - £18,887 pro rata, (actual salary £7,411 - £7,635)
Hours: 15 hours per week
Contract Type: Permanent, Term Time Only, plus 5 weeks in school holidays
Email Address: office@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk
Telephone Number: 0121 464 2141

Senior Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking for a Senior Lunchtime Supervisor to join our team

Closing Date: Tuesday 11th October 2022 at midday
Interview Date: Monday 10th October 2022
Proposed Start Date: As soon as possible
Salary range: Grade 2, £18,887 - £20,852 pro rata
 Hourly rate £9.79 - £10.81
Hours: 10 hours per week
Contract Type: Permanent, Term Time Only
Email Address: office@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk
Telephone Number: 0121 464 2141





St Mary's RC School
PTA
 Parent-Teacher Association
 Charity No. 1130390

Parentkind
 Member Association

MONSTER STOMP DISCO

Friday October 14th
Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6
 6.30pm-8.30pm
£4 per ticket (cordial and sweets included)
Location: PARISH CENTRE

FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL

Limited tickets available due to Parish Centre Capacity
 Tickets available from Mon 3rd Oct
 Tickets for children and one parent

- Photo area with props
- Chocolate stall
- Glitter tattoos &
- Nail paints
- Sweet stall
- Soft drinks
- Snack food available to purchase

- Tickets available from your PTA REPS or from committee members Hayley Rochelle-Floyd, Joanna Leek or Sumaira Asghar.

VOLUNTEERS on the night would be very much appreciated. Please contact PTA Year REPS or email ptaofstmarys@hotmail.com



At St Mary's, we want to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor. Each week, we will send out an action, for you to try! This week, in order to live sustainably, can you use energy-saving lightbulbs and switch off the lights?



Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Parents' evening consultations can now be booked for your child using e-schools



When you log on to e-schools, you will have the opportunity to book an appointment to see your child's teacher. Booking opens on Monday 3rd October 2022 at 12pm and closes on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 12pm.

Parents' evening appointments will be carried over two days - Tuesday 18th October 2022 and Thursday 20th October 2022.

This year, all appointments will take place in the school hall. There will be an opportunity to look at your child's books following your appointment.

The appointment will last for ten minutes and timings will be strictly kept to. Please do not arrive any more than 5 minutes early for your appointment to help us keep numbers in school to a minimum.

As we are keeping numbers down in school, we ask that you do not bring children (including pre school children and babies) to your appointment.

We will be asking all parents to complete a parent questionnaire on the night. Please look out for this.

There will also be the opportunity to visit our book fair and to take home any pre-loved uniform.

Next week: - WB 10.10.22



World Mental Health Day - 10.10.22 all day

Monday is world mental health day and we are encouraging all children and staff to say #helloyellow, and to wear yellow this day in school. We believe in our young people and want them to know that how they feel matters. Our pastoral team are always available for the children to talk to and we have strategies to support all our children express how they feel.



St. Bernadette relics

The relics of St. Bernadette have come to the Archdiocese this October. On Monday 10th October, children and staff will gather to pray and join in with the Livestream event from The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Bicester.

Year 1 Curriculum Workshop - 10.10.22 - 2:00pm

Year 1 parents are invited to find out all about their child's Curriculum in our Curriculum Workshop on Monday.

It is an opportunity to find out how the curriculum is run at St. Mary's, what topics are planned in for the school year, how maths and English is taught and what you can do to support your child's learning at home.





KS2 film club "Lightyear" - 11.10.22 3:20-5:15pm

St. Mary's PTA will be showing "Lightyear" (Universal rating) after school. Children will receive a snack as part of their film evening. They must be collected by an adult on our contacts list at 5:15pm.



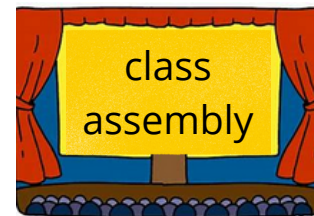
Netball competition - 12.10.22

If your child has been selected to represent the school in Wednesday's netball competition, please remember to collect your child at 3pm and help transport them to Bournville School, where Miss Adams will meet you. The competition will finish at 5:30pm.



Year 6 Assembly

We are looking forward to welcoming parents of all Year 6 children into school next Friday 14th October, for their year group assembly. Please arrive in time for a 9:15am start.



October



Black History Month

In October we learn about role models and inspiring people of all races and cultures and the children will have the opportunity to celebrate their own families, cultures, traditions and backgrounds.

October - Pray the Rosary

Throughout October, we will be praying the rosary in school. We will pray and meditate on our Lord's life, faithfully witnessed by Our Blessed Mother.

The rosary is the recitation of five decades consisting of the Our Father, 10 Hail Marys and the 'Gloria Be'.



Parish News



Children's Liturgy - 9:30am Mass

9.30am Sunday Family Mass. Children and parents, please, after Mass, do not play with any School gym items that have not been locked away. Our Caretaker has enough work on a Monday morning, without having to collect gym items scattered across the astroturf!

Thank you



ABC - About Being Catholic program

The About Being Catholic programme begins on Thursday 6th October, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, for anyone, Catholic or not, to learn more about Catholics and their prayers and practices, - so as to help their children with their faith. See Fr John if interested.



Bach Cello Recitals - every Saturday at 4pm

The Bach Cello Recitals will take place in St Mary's Church, live-streamed across Ukraine, with donations being made for medical/surgical equipment for the paramedics/Hospitals of Ukraine.

The Recitals and a Justgiving page can be accessed on St Mary's Harborne website

Miss Price wedding - 1.10.22

Miss Price is now Mrs Yorke, and would like to thank the choir of St. Mary's, the staff and governors who attended the ceremony and supported her on her wedding day. Thank you parents for bringing the children to the Church. They were absolutely wonderful.



Reminders

Y6 applications for Secondary Schools -

All children in Year 6 should have received a letter before the holiday with details on how to apply for a Secondary School place for September 2023. Online application is now open on the Birmingham City Council website at <https://leadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php>

If you need any assistance with this, please come into school and we will be happy to help.

Please ensure that you apply online before the closing date which is 31st October 2022.

Offer day is 1st March 2023

Safety Tip of the Week: -

Talk with your children about what they think is normal online and what behaviour to expect from others and from themselves. Encourage them to think critically and question what they see online. Talk to them about where they go to get information they trust, talk about fake news, fake followers and scams. Help them develop a healthy suspicion of whether people are who they say they are.



Stay up to date with everything that is happening at St. Mary's by following us on our Twitter Page and giving us more likes!!!

October collection for harvest - SIFA Fireside

Throughout October, we will be collecting for our harvest festival and supporting SIFA fireside. Here are the items to donate to school if you are able to support our charity work.



SIFA fireside

Our most needed items...

Food

- Instant meals e.g. pot noodles, cuppa soup, porridge
- Canned meals
- Baked beans
- Chocolate bars
- Cereal bars
- Biscuits
- Long life dessert items
- Crisps
- Coffee
- Sugar
- Squash
- Bottled water
- Soft drinks
- Instant hot drink sachets

Clothing

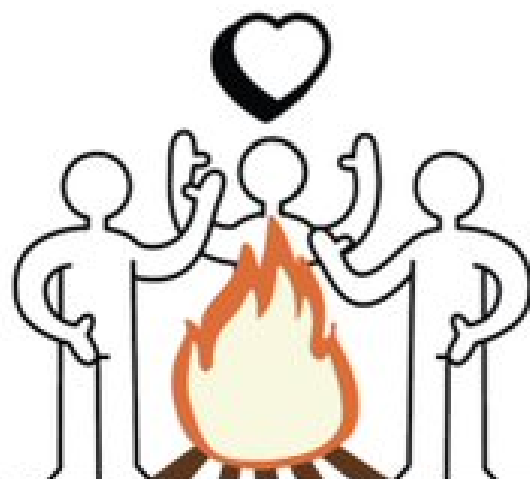
- Men's boxers & women's underwear (must be brand new)
- Socks
- Jogging bottoms
- Jackets
- Trainers

Other

- Sleeping bags
- Roll mats
- Plastic carrier bags
- Rucksacks
- Toiletries

Birmingham, you're not alone

SIFA Fireside, 48-52 Allcock Street, Birmingham B9 4DY
Registered charity number: 1049728



We are an operation encompass school. Therefore school is working alongside the police to ensure support for any child who has been involved in or witness to domestic abuse.

Please find more information about this on our website or contact the school office.

Pastoral Team

If you require any support from school please speak to a member of our pastoral team



Update your contact list

Contact details

Please make sure that we have the correct contact details for any adults that you wish to pick up your child. School can not release your child to somebody who is not on the contact list.

We legally need two contacts for each child.

If you would like somebody to pick up your child that is not you – please make sure that you provide school with contact details of who is picking up your child.

Do not book holidays during term time

This is a reminder that holidays during term time are unauthorised. If you intend to take your child out of school during term time, we ask that you complete a holiday request form at least 2 weeks prior to the leave date where possible. Parents may be fined by the Local Authority for taking unauthorised leave of absence. Children need to be in school every day so please ensure holidays are only booked during school holiday time.

Term dates are on this newsletter and on the website.

Good attendance, continues to be a school and government priority.

Remember below 95% is a concern and below 90% is classed as persistent absence. If you have any problems with regards to getting your child to school or you are struggling to improve your child's attendance, please speak to Miss Price or Mrs. Davis.

We will announce the attendance for the previous week in this section of the newsletter each week.

Attendance and Punctuality: –

Our attendance for last week was –

Week 26th Sept – 30th Sept

| Class | YRB | YRT | Y1L | Y1F | Y2E | Y2G | Y3L | Y3T | Y4J | Y4M | Y5M | Y5F | Y6R | Y6O |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| % | 92.6% | 94.5% | 99.3% | 96.3% | 99.3% | 98% | 96.7% | 96% | 98.7% | 97.3% | 97.1% | 97.9% | 95.3% | 97% |
| Lates | 7 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 8 | 8 |
| Whole School Attendance so far this year | | | | | | 96.9% | | School Target | | | | 97% | | |

Well done Y1L and Y2E: - our Attendance Champions

Dates for this term

Autumn theme -

October 2022 - all month

10th October 2022 - all day

10th October 2022 - 2:00pm

11th October 2022 - 3:30pm

12th October 2022 - 9:15am

14th October 2022 - 9:15am

14th October 2022 - morning

14th October 2022 - after school

WB 17th October 2022 - all week

17th October 2022 - 2:00pm

18th October 2022 - 3:40pm

19th October 2022 - 9:30am

20th October 2022 - all day

20th October 2022 - 3:40pm

21st October 2022 - all day

WB 24th October - all week

1st November 2022 - 1:45pm

2nd November 2022 - all day

2nd November 2022 - 9:30am

2nd November 2022 - 1:45pm

3rd November 2022 - afternoon

4th November 2022 - 1:45pm

4th November 2022 -after school

7th November 2022 - 2:00pm

8th November 2022 - 1:45pm

9th November 2022 - 9:15am

9th November 2022 - 1:45pm

10th November 2022 - 1:45pm

11th November 2022 - 1:45pm

WB 14th November - all week

16th November 2022 - 9:15am

18th November 2022 - all day

18th November 2022 - 9:15am

22nd November 2022 - all day

23rd November 2022 - 9:15am

26th November 2022

Families and Communities

Black History Month

World Mental Health Day - WEAR YELLOW!

Y1 Curriculum Workshop

KS2 film club

Y3 Mass in Church (Y3,Y4 parents welcome)

Year 6 Assembly

Year 1 walk around the local area

Monster Stomp Disco - KS2 in Parish Centre

Book Fair in school

YR Curriculum workshop

Parents' Evening

Reception Welcome and Harvest Mass

Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Day in School

Parents' Evening

School closed for children - INSET day

October half term holiday

Y5 Autumn Inspire

Flu immunisation day

Whole school Mass for All Saints and All Souls

Y3 Autumn Inspire

New Reception parents 2023-2024 open afternoon (New YR parents welcome)

Y2 Autumn Inspire

Monster Stomp Disco - KS1 in Parish Centre

Y4 Curriculum Workshop

YR Autumn Inspire

Y1 Mass in Church (Y1, Y2 parents welcome)

Y1 Autumn Inspire

Y6 Autumn Inspire

Y4 Autumn Inspire

Anti-bullying week

Y6 Mass in Church (Y6, Y5 parents welcome)

Children in Need NON-School Uniform Day

Year 5 Assembly

Let All Creation Sing Retreat Day in school for the children

Y4 Mass in Church (Y4, Y3 parents welcome)

St Mary's Parish Christmas Fair

Star of the week

Congratulations to the following children who have shone in school over the last week:

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|---------|---------------|---|
| Year RB | Eliab | <i>creating a fantastic flower design as part of our Little Way retreat morning</i> |
| Year RT | Adrian | <i>being kind and helpful to other children and his teachers</i> |
| Year IF | Scarlett-Rose | <i>her outstanding effort in school and super home learning</i> |
| Year 1L | Olivia | <i>coming into school all week with a smile on her face</i> |
| Year 2E | James | <i>being a good listener and having excellent manners</i> |
| Year 2G | Ioan | <i>working hard in maths to complete different challenges</i> |
| Year 3L | Peter | <i>demonstrating perfect manners when speaking to adults</i> |
| Year 3T | Fera | <i>great participation and positivity in everything that she does</i> |
| Year 4J | Erina | <i>always setting an excellent standard of behaviour</i> |
| Year 4M | Kate | <i>always being focused and ready to learn</i> |
| Year 5F | Jagoda | <i>an excellent attitude to learning in all areas of the curriculum</i> |
| Year 5M | Katherine | <i>creating a brilliant school councillor presentation</i> |
| Year 6O | Victoria | <i>working very hard in maths this week</i> |
| Year 6R | Cinnamon | <i>outstanding effort in all areas of the curriculum</i> |

