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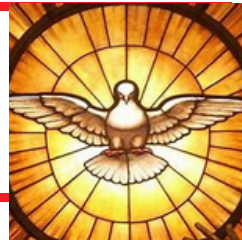


St. Mary's mission: To love God above all things by: learning together, loving ourselves, loving each other, loving all people, loving life itself and constantly striving for excellence worthy of our God-given gifts.

April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit

Our theme for the Summer term is: 'Stewardship'

Our virtues for this half term are: - 'Eloquent and Truthful'



19th April 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We are all filled with the joy of the Resurrection and pleased to have returned to school. I do hope that you all had a wonderful Easter break and managed to catch up with friends and family. The children have had a great first week back and have been really enthusiastic in their learning. Year 4 and Year 1 have even been out of school on their special school trips this week. I would like to thank you all for your cooperation as we establish new routines in response to the gate being installed at the top of the drive. This is a safeguarding initiative to allow further security during the school day to ensure that only authorised adults and vehicles come on site. In order for your children to be safe, please do not leave them unattended before the gate opens. School does not open until 8:30 and are not responsible for the safety of your children before this time (unless they are attending a before school club). If you need child care before 8:30, please book your child in at Kidz.comm. We have a drift-in period between 8:30-8:45 and your child can arrive at school at any point in this window and still be on time for school, if you prefer to miss the 8:30 rush. The vehicle gate is closed between 8am and 5pm so that children can safely

Mrs Yorke

This week's Gospel and Prayer

Luke 24: 35-48

"So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in His name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this."

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- Jesus helped his disciples understand the Good News
- That Jesus' Resurrection showed that Jesus is the Christ – the Son of God
- That Jesus calls us to be His witnesses by living our faith

Christ is Risen!

Alleluia! Alleluia! May we all rejoice. Singing of His glory with such joyful hearts and voices. May we find peace, faith and hope anew. Amen

Catholic Life in School

Year 5 Mass - 17.04.24 - Votive St. Bernadette On Wednesday, Year 5 led us in a Mass commemorating St. Bernadette and her special devotion and faith in Our Lady.



Y2 Mass – Votive of St. George

Our next Mass is in the School Hall on Wednesday 24th April 2024, starting promptly at 9:15am. Year 2 children will be leading our Mass and their parents/carers are welcome to attend.



This week's news

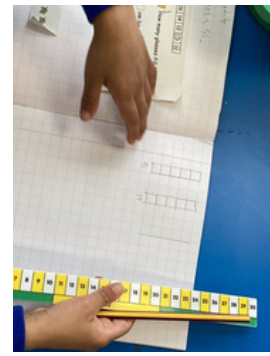
Reception news: -

In PE this week, Reception retold the story of 'The Last Wolf' and learnt how to pounce, stalk, slither and lurk!



Year 1 news: -

Year 1 have been counting in 5s this week, in lots of different ways!



Year 2 news: -

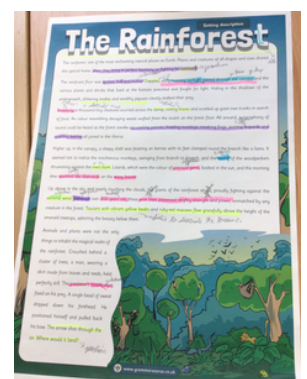
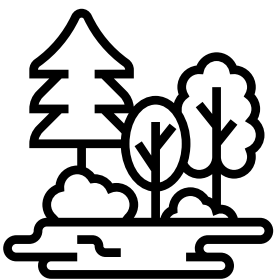
Year 2 started learning about fractions in Maths this week using concrete resources to help explain their reasoning.



$$\frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{3}{4}$$

Year 3 news: -

Year 3 identified the features of a setting description in English this week.



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic visit to Bosworth Battlefield this week where they consolidated their learning about the Roman Empire.



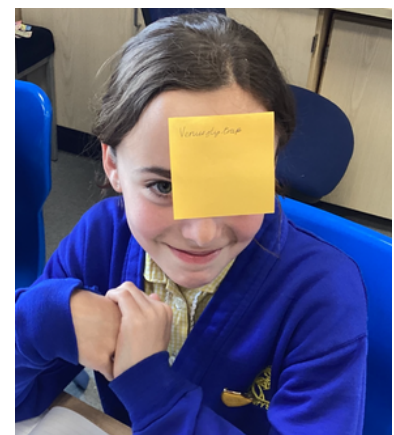
Year 5 news: -

Year 5 enjoyed a 'stunning start' to their learning about rivers in Geography by taking a journey down the River Indus using Now Press Play!



Year 6 news: -

In Science this week. Year 6 played the 'Who am I game?', asking questions about characteristics. They learnt to start by asking broad questions and then get more specific.



Easter tide

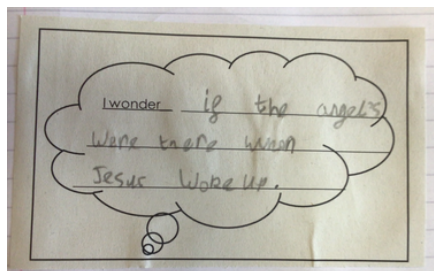
He is Risen



Year 2 prepared their prayer tables for their Easter learning. They began their Easter journey by learning the story of the Resurrection and asking some 'wondering' questions.



Mrs Yorke welcomed the whole school back for Summer term on Monday and shared the Good News of Jesus' resurrection!



Year 3 have also been thinking deeply about how people may have reacted to the Risen Christ. They 'hot seated' Mary Magdalene and asked her about how she felt before and after seeing Jesus. They were also very interested to ask what it was like to see an angel.



Year 3 started their Easter unit by creating a target map to organise everything they knew about Easter. They reflected upon the most important thing about Easter.



Easter Blessings





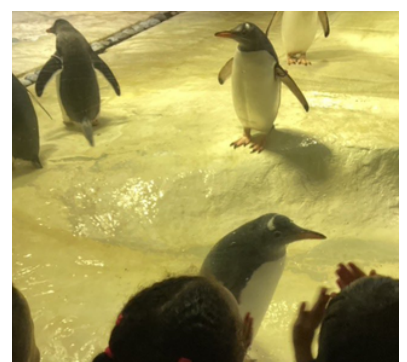
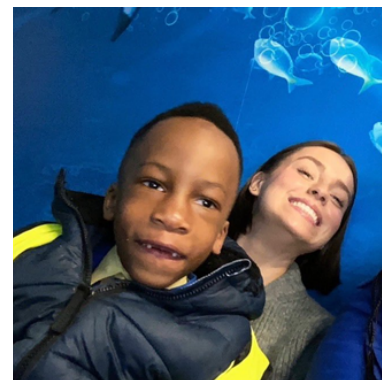
U11s girls football team
Our U11s girls played their first league match this week and played absolutely amazingly. We didn't take the win this time, but there is always next time - Go Team!



School Trips

Year 1 trip to the Sea Life Centre

Year 1 had a wonderful day at the Sea Life Centre. They learnt so much about different sea-life centre and came back to school buzzing with all the new, interesting facts that they had learnt.



Year 4 trip to the Sea Life Centre

Year 4 consolidated their learning about the Roman Empire with a trip to Bosworth Battlefield on Tuesday.



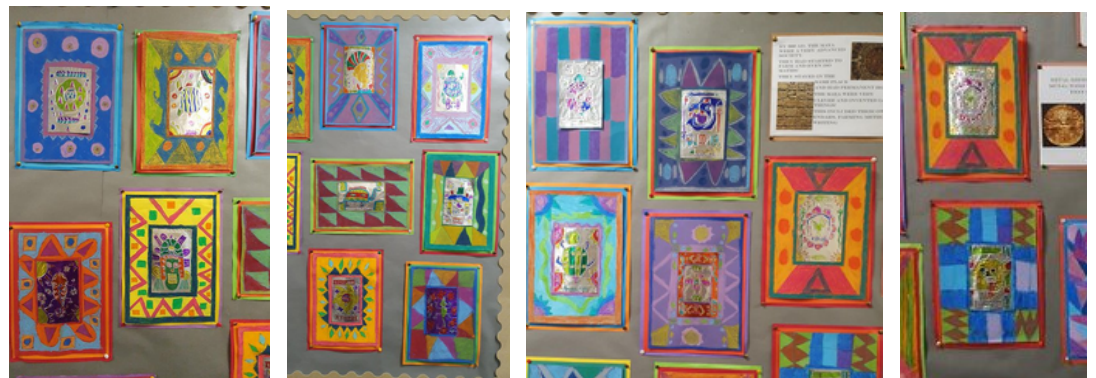
More learning

Our beautiful art work

We thought that you would like to see our lovely art work inspired by artist Eli Helman. Year 4 have created a maximalist portrait of a tree using only a black felt tip.



Year 5 studying the technique of metal repoussé used by the Mayan artists.



This is the incredible work of our Year 6 artists who reinterpreted Edvard Munch's 'The Scream'.



God our Loving Father,

you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness.
Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit.
Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross 'I thirst'
and respond to the call

'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'.

Guide us in every step we take in life

and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call.

Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son,

who was always close to those in need.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Vocations Sunday

We celebrate Vocation Sunday on the fourth Sunday of Easter 'Good Shepherd Sunday' - This year, 21st April 2024, marks the 61st Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Perhaps you will say the prayer with your family at home, this Vocations Sunday.



PTA Movie Night for KS1 (22.04.24) and KS2 (23.04.24)
St Mary's PTA are showing Disney's "The Great Mouse Detective" on two nights from 3.30pm until 5pm.
Tickets are £3.50 per child.



2G Non-Uniform Day for St George's Feast Day - 23.04.24
2G may wear their own clothes on Tuesday 23rd April in celebration of their class saint, St George. The class will enjoy a day of celebrations!



Year 5 Prayer Service - 25.04.24 at 9am
Year 5 parents and families are invited to join us in the School Hall for the Year 5 Prayer Service on Thursday 25th April starting at 9am.



Green Clothing for St Gianna's Feast Day - 26.04.24
In celebration of the feast day of St Gianna on 28.04.24, all children in the St Gianna House may wear green clothing to school on Friday 26th April.

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET

BRB Dance Track - 26.04.24
Birmingham Royal Ballet will be in school working with Year 1 on Friday 26th April as part of their Dance Track scheme.



Hair styles

Pupils are **NOT ALLOWED** two-toned hair colours in school. We will be speaking to any parents in violation of our uniform policy.

Large bows, hair accessories and dyed hair is also **not allowed**.

Extreme hair styles and shaved lines are also **not allowed**.

All hair styles must be plain and sensible and not a distraction to others. All long hair needs to be tied back.

Summer uniform

Children are now able to wear their Summer Uniform, which consists of a yellow Summer dress and black shoes for the girls and grey shorts, yellow polo shirt and black shoes for the boys.

Girls' Summer Uniform

- Yellow summer dress
- Black shoes



Boys' Summer Uniform

- Grey shorts
- Yellow polo shirt
- Black shoes

PE

- Blue shorts
- Yellow t-shirt
- Black, blue or white trainers / black indoor pumps



Jewellery

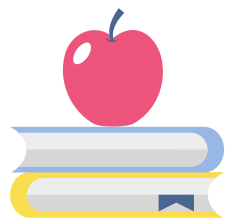
To ensure the safety of all children, we will only allow children to wear small stud earrings (not dangly earrings) and a watch, on the days that they are not doing PE. On PE days we are asking that children do not wear any jewellery, so that it is not lost if they are asked to remove it for physical lessons. Thank you for supporting us with this, your child's safety is at the forefront of our uniform decisions.



Standard Assessment Tests (SATs)

Please note the following:

- Year 6 SATs take place **Monday 13th May – Friday 17th May**
- Year 4 Times Tables Check from **3rd June (3 week period)**
- Year 1 Phonics Screen Check takes place Week Beginning **Monday 10th June**



Please do not book holidays for any of the above dates. Further details will be given out nearer the time.

Lego donation for school

The children have requested for more lego to be purchased for them to play with at break times in school.

We would gratefully receive any donations of lego as we look to increase the amount we keep in school for wet breaks.

Thank you



Multi-activity camp

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YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Harborne Academy Harborne Road Edgbaston B15 3JL

Dates: 28th May 2024- 31st May 2024

Times: 9am - 4pm (4 year olds allowed from 9am - 1pm)

Price: £18.84 full day (£12.30 for 4 year olds 9am - 1pm)

Ages: 4-11 (4 year olds 9am- 1pm)

Additional info: EARLY BIRD 30% discount ends on 1/5/24

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Our 5* Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the Whitsun half-term.

Children can meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

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Football camp

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This is an Operation Encompass School

KEEPING SAFE

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



Summary of Child Protection Information for Visitors and Volunteers

Our school is committed to the highest standards in protecting and safeguarding the children entrusted to our care.

Our school will support all children by:

- Promoting a caring, safe and positive environment
- Encouraging self-esteem and self-assertiveness
- Effectively tackling bullying and harassment

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.

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 Mrs. Yorke 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 15/04/24-19/04/24

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	97.3	93.6	97.3	95.3	94.3	95.3	98	100	91.3	99	98	98	91.6	97.9
Lates	7	5	6	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	3	0
Whole School Attendance so far this year						96.28%		School Target				97%		

Well done 3T: - Our attendance champions!

Dates for this term

Summer theme -

Summer 1

21st April 2024 - all day
23rd April 2024 - all day
24th April 2024 - 9:15am
25th April 2024 - 9:00am
25th April 2024 - 6:00pm
26th April 2024 - all day
26th April 2024 - am
1st May 2024 - 9:15am
2nd May 2024 - all day
3rd May 2024 - all day
6th May 2024 - all day
9th May 2024 - 9:30am
10th May 2024 - 9:15am
WB 13.5.24
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16th May 2024 - 2:30pm
17th May 2024 - all day
17th May 2024 - all day
22nd May 2024 - 9:15am
24th May 2024

Stewardship

Eloquent and Truthful

Vocation Sunday
2G non-school uniform day for St. George's day
Year 2 Mass ONLY for Year 2 parents in school hall
Year 5 prayer service to parents
PTA meeting
St. Gianna Feast day - every body in St. Gianna house can wear green
Fast track ballet in to work with Year 1
Year 3 Mass in Church (and Year 4 classes attend) - parents welcome
Voting day - school is closed
School is open as normal
May Day Bank Holiday - school is closed
Whole School Mass and May procession - parents welcome
Year 1 Year group Assembly
Mental Health Week
Year 6 SATs Week
Year Reception Year group Assembly
'Feel happy' dress down day - wear the clothes that make you feel the most happy - PTA treat too!
Reception Mass ONLY for Reception parents in school hall
Break up for half-term break - normal time

Star of the week

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

- Year RB Joey For trying so hard with his super reading this week
Year RT Priam For doing so well this week
Year IF Alex For being fantastic on our school trip to the Sea Life Centre.
Year IL Robyn For fantastic behaviour all week!
Year 2E Aaron For fantastic work this week
Year 2G Theo For being a bright and positive member of 2G
Year 3L Charlotte For being a happy, positive and caring member of 3L
Year 3T Maria For her superb effort during Maths lessons this week.
Year 4J Noah C For playing the piano so beautifully in KS2 Prayer and Liturgy
Year 4M Xavier For his continuous effort and hard work in lessons
Year 5F Chisom For working very hard and positive attitude to learning
Year 5M Isla For amazing participation during all lesson this week.
Year 6O Peyton Always maintaining a high standard of work and presentation.
Year 6R Catherine For always being hard-working and focused in every lesson

