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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.



November is dedicated to the Holy Souls.

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

Our virtues for this half term are: - Faith-filled and Hopeful

11th November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week in particular we are remembering those who have died for their country in war. We all gathered today (staff and pupils) for our 2-minute silence, and we continue to remember those who have died throughout November. Next week is anti-bullying week in school, it will begin with 'odd socks day' and the children can wear odd socks on Monday to launch our week. Within this newsletter (towards end), I include 'reminders' - it is important to check this section so that consistent messages are followed throughout school. We have had a few children injure themselves this week because they have not been in correct footwear, or are wearing jewellery in PE lessons. Please support us by ensuring your children are not wearing earrings on PE days and are wearing correct uniform. If children are wearing jewellery, they may not be able to do the planned PE task if teachers feel it is unsafe. All children should now be in their winter uniform and should be wearing ties. If you need support with purchasing uniform, please speak to a member of SLT as we do have donated uniform in school that we can hand over to you. Check the 'reminders' section for more updates about rules and regulations in school over the upcoming weeks - all of our policies can be found on the website too. Thank you for your support and we hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Yorke

This week's Gospel and Prayer

Luke 20: 27, 34-38

"Being children of the resurrection, they are sons of God."

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- Jesus' Resurrection gives us clues as to what happens after we die.
- After our death, life is not ended but changed.
- Jesus gives us clues as to what life in Heaven is like.

Father God. Thank you that you love us so much you never want to be apart from us. Jesus. Thank you for dying for us and bringing us new life!

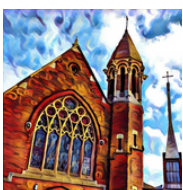
Holy Spirit. Help us to remember that we are made for life with God now and in Heaven, and to listen to the guiding words of Jesus. Amen

Catholic Life in School

Year 1 Mass - Remembrance

On Wednesday, Year 1 led us in a beautiful mass all about Remembrance.

We will remember them!



Year 6 Mass in Church - 16.11.22 at 9:15am - St. Andrew -

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 16th November 2022, starting promptly at 9:15am. **Year 6 children** will be leading our Mass and Year 5 children will attend too. All parents are welcome to attend.

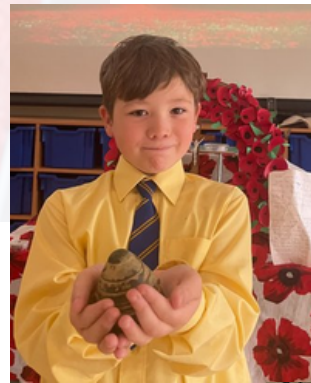
Remembrance Day

The prayer areas in school have been updated to reflect our focus on remembrance.

Our Spiritual Council have been monitoring these areas and taking photos.

The children have been creating art work and poppies to place on the tables, and they have been bringing in poppies and names of loved ones that they would like to remember.

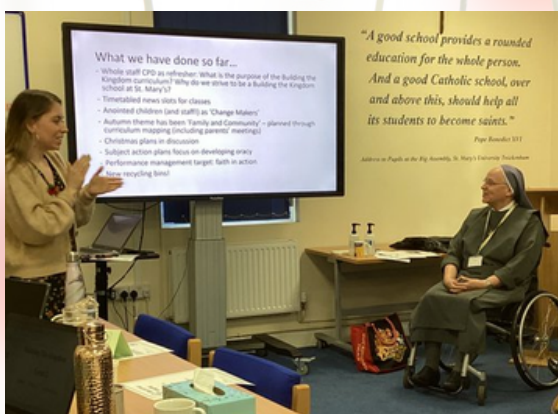
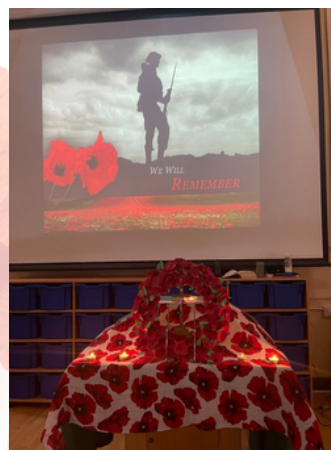
We have a remembrance book in school - please let school know, via email or by sending in the names on a strip of paper with your child, if you would like any names added to our book of remembrance.



Prayer Service and 2 minute silence

On Friday 11th November at 11am, we remembered a time when the guns fell silent, marking the end of World War I.

All children and staff members gathered in the hall for a special prayer service and 2 minute silence.



Building the Kingdom

Well done Miss Horton for presenting our Catholic Curriculum to schools across the Diocese on Wednesday. We're very proud of you and the work that the children are doing.

inspire WORKSHOP



"Very well organised, great to have the time with kids at school. Perfect."



Tree mobiles in Reception



Candle Lanterns in Year 1

"Having these regularly (but not too often) would be nice."

"Many thanks once again for the opportunity."



Autumn greeting cards in Year 6



"Sharing this activity with my child and other parents was brilliant."

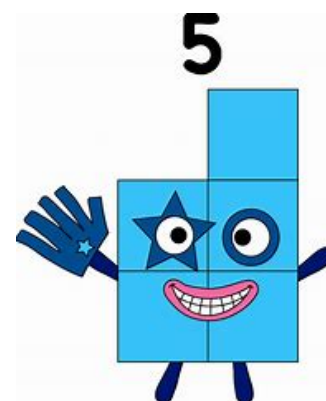


Autumn owls in Year 4



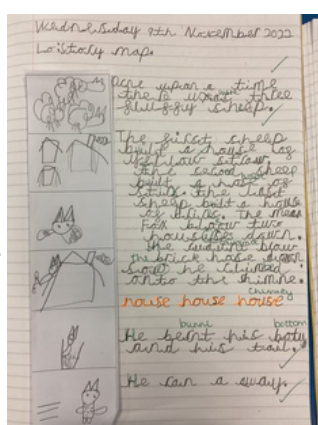
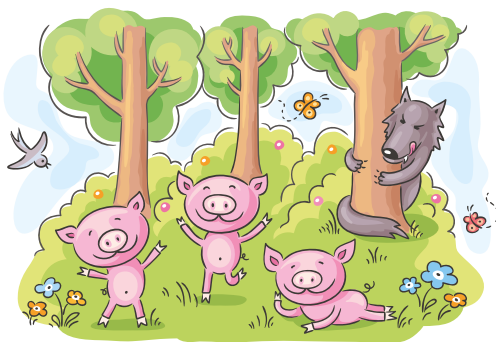
Reception news: -

Reception class have been making 5 in all sorts of ways this week.



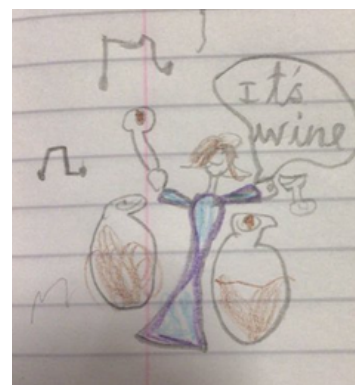
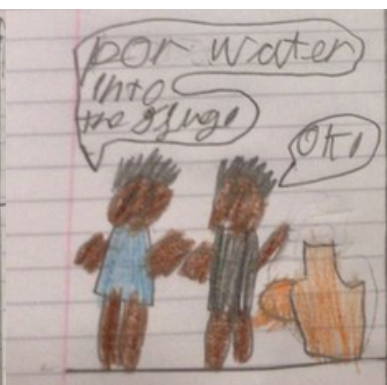
Year 1 news: -

Year 1 have been innovating the 'Three Little Pigs' story, creating new characters.



Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have retold Jesus' first miracle in RE lessons.



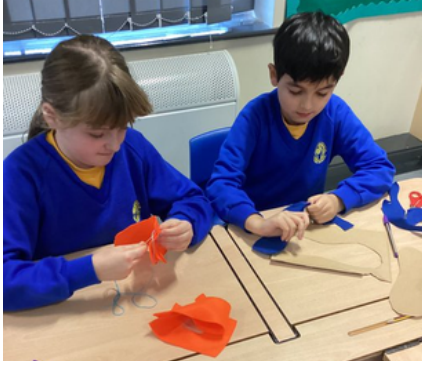
Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have used the programme Sketchpad Computing to create their own representations of a desktop computer.



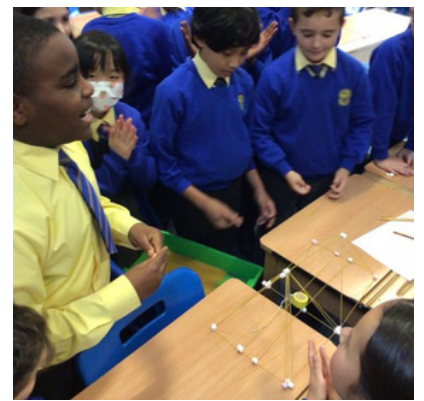
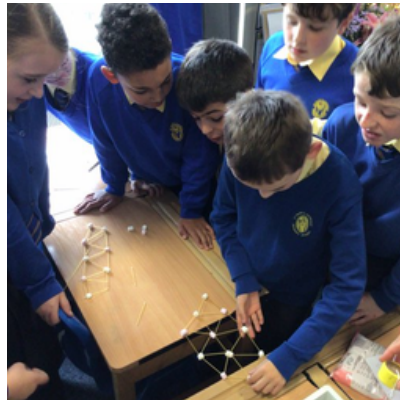
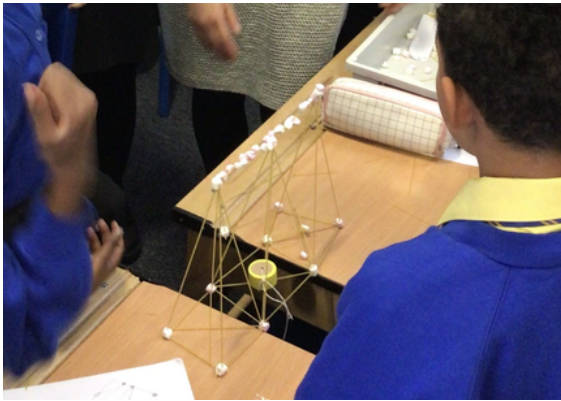
Year 4 news: -

Year 4 have been making Roman Sandals in their RE lessons this week.



Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have been building bridges using spaghetti and marshmallows.



Year 6 news: -

Year 6 have built playground apparatus using different materials in DT.



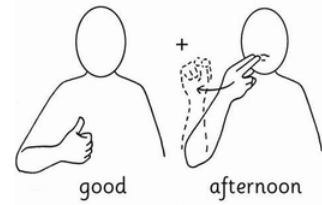
Year 4 Curriculum Workshop - 7.11.22

Thank you parents who came along to the Year 4 Curriculum Workshop this week. We hope 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.



Makaton signs

We are learning Makaton in school and using signs along our words as part of our inclusive approach to speech and language. Each week we will learn a new sign. This week, we have learnt how to say 'Good afternoon'.



www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZjgNIA_woyo

Recycling Week

Well done to our CAFOD Club, who are driving our recycling changes in school and many thanks to the PTA for supporting us through the donations of our recycling bins. It has been a wonderful week for encouraging our children to recycle and do what they can to be more sustainable.



Other News

Christmas Toys Collection

Last year St, Mary's school joined with others to provide Christmas presents for our local children in Birmingham. We are collecting again. If you would like to support this year, please send any donations in to school before Thursday 8th December.



CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Please give new toys (unwrapped) for our local children in Birmingham for all age groups ranging from 0-15 years



Collection Dates:
Monday 31st October -
Thursday 8th December
Irish TV are are visiting
St Anne's Parish Centre,
B12 0PA on Thursday 13th
December

Next week

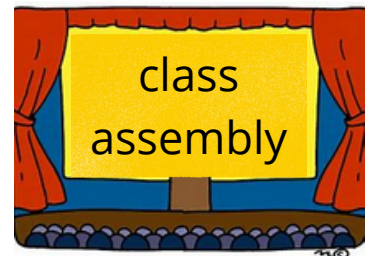
Odd Socks Day - Monday 14th November 2022

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. Children can come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 14th November. We can't wait to see all your funky socks!



Year 5 Assembly

We are looking forward to welcoming parents of all Year 5 children into school next Friday 18th November, for their year group assembly. Please arrive in time for a 9:15am start.



Brighten up this harvest Day in school - Friday 18th November.

Next Friday, we have a 'brighten up' day in school, where the children will come into school dressed as bright as they can, in order to raise money for CAFOD. Children to bring in a £1 donation. All money raised will help to brighten up the lives of those who are less fortunate!

Reminders

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. .

Parish News

Confirmation Meeting - Tuesday 15th November: 8:00pm



There is a meeting for Parents this coming Tuesday 15th November, 8.00pm in St Mary's Parish Centre with Fr John, Sister Brenda and Catechists. Please Register and collect the Programme from the Parish Office before Tuesday evening's meeting

Confirmation Meeting - Wednesday 2 November:



Masses at 8.30am, 12.00pm and 6.00pm. Light a candle for your loved ones: from 10.30am to 7.00pm, there will be three candle stands before the altar - please leave room for those lighting candles after you. Please place donations in candle stand.

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 26th November:



Christmas Fayre - Saturday 26 November, 12.00- 3.00pm. Donations can be put in the porch at weekends in box marked Christmas Fayre or on weekdays to the Priory.

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



The NSPCC have partnered with Ambitious about Autism to create online safety tips, advice and activities for parents and carers of children with SEND, including children with dyslexia, autism and speech and language difficulties. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send/>

Keep your children safe online

Child net advocate that the Internet, when used safely and appropriately can help young people feel a sense of belonging and inclusion. The links below can be used to explore online safety, mental health and well-being. For any support with these issues or further advice, please speak to a member of the pastoral team.

- <https://www.childnet.com/blog/checking-in-this-mental-health-awareness-week/>
- <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>
- <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/supporting-others/childrens-mental-health>

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 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 17th Oct – 20th Oct

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O
%	89.6%	87.9%	94.6%	95.8%	95.8%	90.4%	97.1%	97.1%	98.3%	95.8%	89.9%	97.4%	96.3%	95%
Lates	5	2	4	5	2	2	3	8	0	2	5	3	4	2
Whole School Attendance so far this year						94.4%			School Target			97%		

Well done Y4J: - our Attendance Champions

Dates for this term

Autumn theme -

Autumn 2 Virtues

WB 14.11.22 - all week

14th November 2022 - all day

15th November 2022 - 1:30pm

16th November 2022 - 9:15am

18th November 2022 - all day

18th November 2022 - 9:15am

WB 21.11.22 - all week

21st November 2022 - 2pm

22nd November 2022 - all day

22nd November 2022 - 3:15pm

23rd November 2022 - 9:15am

24th November 2022 - all day

24th November 2022 - 4:15pm

26th November 2022

28th November 2022 - 2:00pm

29th November 2022 - 3:15pm

30th November 2022 - 9:15am

1st December 2022 - 10:15-2:00

6th December 2022 - lunch

7th December 2022 - 9:30am

7th December 2022 - after school

8th December 2022 -after school

8th December 2022 - 4:30pm

9th December 2022 - all day

12th December 2022 - 9:30am

13th December 2022 - 9:30am

14th December 2022 - 9:30am

15th December 2022

15th December 2022 - 1:45pm2

15th December 2022 - 4:15pm

16th December - EARLY FINISH

Families and Communities

Faith-filled and Hopeful

Anti-bullying week

Wear odd socks to launch anti-bullying week

BCSSA Chess Competition

Y6 Mass in Church (Y6, Y5 parents welcome)

Non-school Uniform Day

Year 5 Assembly for parents

Inter-faith week

Year 5 Curriculum Workshop

Retreat day in school - Let all creation sing - retreat for all pupils

Dodgeball competition - Bournville School

Y4 Mass in Church (Y4, Y3 parents welcome)

Non-school uniform day for Christmas Fair - bottles for bottle stall / sweet socks

Y5/6 Girls Basketball - Lordswood

St. Mary's Christmas Fair

Year 3 Curriculum Workshop

Hockey Tournament - Bournville School

Y2 Mass in Church (Y2, Y1 parents welcome)

KS2 Theatre Trip

Christmas Dinner day in school

Whole School Mass for the Immaculate Conception

Reception and KS1 Christmas disco

KS2 Christmas disco

Football Match - Lordswood boys

Christmas jumper or festive clothing day in school

Reception Nativity in Church

Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity

Year 3 and Year 4 Nativity

Reception and KS1 theatre trip

Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Carol Service

Y5/6 Basketball at Lordswood

Break up for the Christmas holidays - Early Finish

1:40 finish time - Reception classes

1:45 finish time - KS1 classes

1:50 finish time - sibling group

2:00 finish time - KS2 classes

Star of the week

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

Year RB	Benji	always trying so hard with everything that he does.
Year RT	Aloysius	learning how to write your name. Well done, Aloysius!
Year IF	Theo	always working hard and staying on task.
Year 1L	Anji	always being polite, positive and supportive to others in the class.
Year 2E	Bobby	trying extra hard to spell all words correctly in phonics lessons.
Year 2G	Noah	trying hard in his maths lessons.
Year 3L	Azucena	always being so ready to help her teacher and her classmates.
Year 3T	Pariza	her fantastic working attitude and kindness towards everybody.
Year 4J	Thomas	fantastic presentations and attitude to work.
Year 4M	Lauren-Elise	working hard and helping others in DT.
Year 5F	Flevin	excellent attitude to learning and quiet determination.
Year 5M	Martha	fantastic effort and positivity in every lesson.
Year 6O	Audrey	showing resilience and determination in Maths.
Year 6R	Luke	being helpful and organised in class.

