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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.

March is dedicated to St. Joseph

Our theme for the Spring term is: 'Options for the poor and vulnerable'

Our virtues for this half term are: - 'Intentional and Prophetic'



Dear parents and carers,

11th March 2022

Our Lenten charity work is going really well and I would like to extend a massive thank you to you all for the support that you are giving to the children, school and charities. This week is National Careers Week and the children have enjoyed learning about a range of careers open to them as they grow up. The children had fantastic questions for all of our visitors. Thank you to those who gave up their time and came to speak to the children. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Miss Price

Pilgrimage to the Cross

Luke 4: 1- 13

"Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days."

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- Temptations can get in the way of our relationship with God and each other.
- Like Jesus, we can use the scriptures to shield us from temptation.
- Jesus protects us and strengthens us to resist temptation – we need only ask for help!

Dear Jesus,

Every hour we need you because you are our strength and our shield. You lead us by example and give us the Bible to show us the way. Help us turn to you to help us make right choices and resist temptation.

Amen

Catholic Life in School

Year 2 Mass - 1st Week of Lent

On Wednesday, Y2 children, supported by staff and parents, led us in our first Mass in Lent.



Y5 Mass in Church - 16.3.22 at 9:15am - 2nd Week of Lent

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 16th March, starting promptly at 9:15am. Year 5 pupils and staff will be celebrating next week's Mass and parents are welcome to attend. (If you are an adult attending Mass, we ask that you continue to please wear face coverings).



Careers Week

The staff and children would like to say a massive thank you to all our visitors, volunteers and parents who gave up their time to talk to us this careers week.

We have learnt so much in such a short amount of time.

Mr Russell: -
Reporter



Mr Moynihan: -
Microbiologist

Mrs. Dickinson
Secondary
Biology teacher



Harborne Police

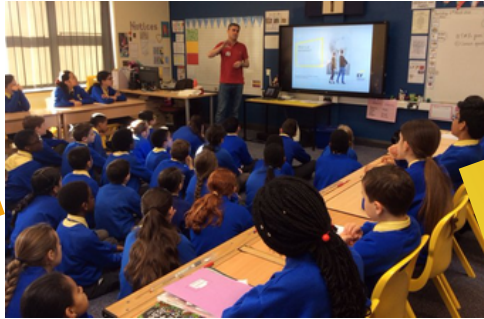
Ms Toth-Bagosi:
- Complimentary
Therapist



As part of the week, we also learnt about careers we can have in NHS.



Mr Burns: -
Builder



Mr Noone: -
Accountant



Mrs Moynihan: -
Physiotherapist

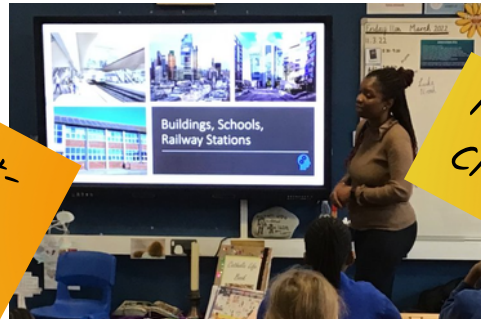


Zoe: -
Entrepreneur

RAF Gemma: -
RAF careers



Mr Garnett-
Clarke
Navy



Mrs Gyamfi: -
Civil Engineer

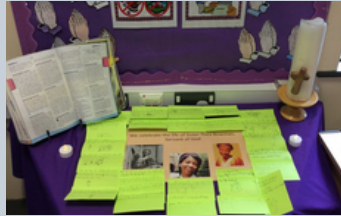
Professor Dearn
and Dr.
Olurumlambe: -



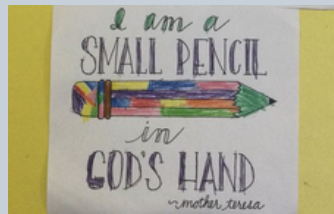
International Women's Day



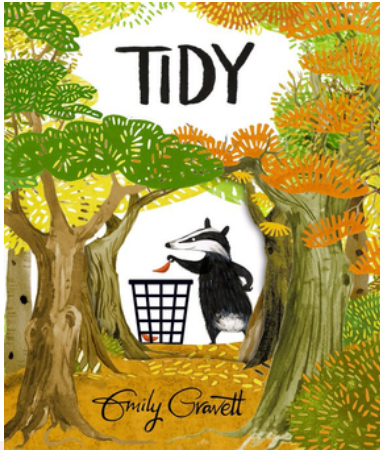
To celebrate International Women's Day, Year 5 learnt about St Brigid.



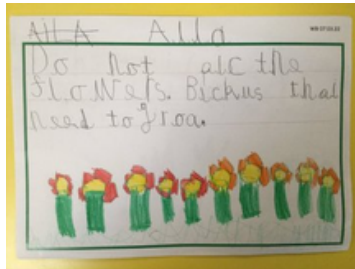
Year 4 learnt about the life of Sister Thea Bowman.



Reception learnt all about St Mother Teresa



Reception news: -
Reception class have been enjoying a new text 'tidy' by Emily Gravett and learning about how to look after their gardens.



Year 1 news: -

Year 1 have been creating a paper chain with the names of who they would like to pray for on



Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have been investigating persuasive writing features



Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have been filming weather reports all about hot desert environments



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 have creating and photographing their own still life compositions



Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have produced wonderful work about their learning in careers week



Year 6 news: -

Year 6 have started their rounders lessons and are great at scoring rounders



Thank you to Bishop Challoner for organising such a fun and exciting Malympics day! We are very proud of our children who came 2nd out of 11 schools!



3F Class Assembly



3F performed their assembly today about following Jesus and saying sorry when we make mistakes. Great acting and singing!



Caritas in Action

Building the Kingdom

Taking the Year 6 Lenten Campaign to a new level

Aleks in Year 6 has taken the Year 6 Lenten Campaign to a new level: over the weekend, she saw Morrisons wasting a lot of food that was still edible and decided to write to them about it.

Well done Aleks.



St. Mary's Charity Work for Lent...

Reception class walking against hunger...



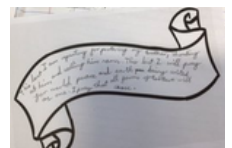
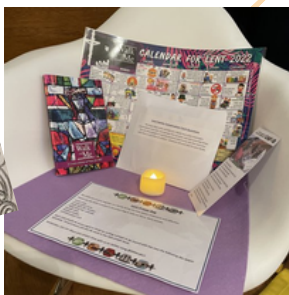
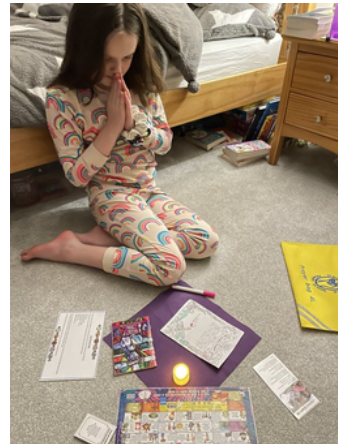
Spiritual Council are litter picking out in the community.



Year 4 providing food donations for those in need – this week SIFA Fireside

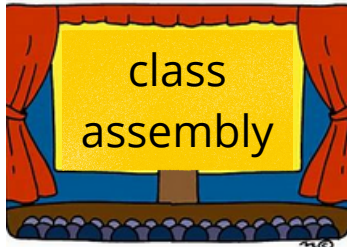


Lent prayer.. at home



Next week we begin our class Inspires dedicated to Mothers

Over the upcoming weeks, every class will have a session dedicated to making something for a mother figure in their lives. Mums (or nans / aunts) are invited to come in and spend a session with their child in school. Individual letters will be sent out and times have been advertised on this newsletter. We understand not all mums can make it, but your child will still be part of the workshop and will enjoy making something that they can bring home to you.



On Friday 18th March 2022, 2F parents are invited to attend school to watch their children in their class assembly.

Covid restrictions have lessened, but please take a lateral flow test if feeling unwell, sanitise hands and wear masks where possible. Thank you.



Other News

Every year group have made a Lenten promise this half-term to help somebody - each class is doing something extra and will be asking their loved ones to sponsor them. It is wonderful to have such passionate children at St. Mary's who want to help others. Any money given during this time will support our Lenten charities: -
CAFOD, Water Aid and Migrant Help in Edgbaston.



Reception are taking part in CAFOD's 'Walk Against Hunger' during Lent. The children are challenged to walk 40,000 steps (as 40,000 km is the distance around the world) to fight hunger in solidarity with the 200 million children whose lives are at risk because of malnutrition. This is the equivalent of walking 32km, which is a lot for little legs! You can sponsor them online...

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-harborne-reception>

MAKING YOUR OWN -Promise Box-

Year 1 have made Lenten promises e.g. helping to do the washing up, making their beds, tidying toys etc. The children will make their own charity boxes for their family members to sponsor them with a coin every time that they complete their promise.



Year 2 have made a promise for Lent as a year group to give up their time to those in need. As part of this, they will be visiting a residential home on Vivian Road. The children will take their favourite story books to read with the residents.



On Friday 8th April, Year 3 will be holding a 'swap shop' in the hall after school where parents can find clothes, shoes and uniforms that are looking for a new home. We would love it if children (from any year group) can bring in any 'good-quality' clothes, shoes and uniform that they no longer wear or have grown out of so it can have a new home! We'll have donation buckets too for anybody who would like to give a donation for our charities.



During Lent, Year 4 will be asking the children to help to collect food for St Chad's Sanctuary, SIFA Fireside and the Trussell Trust. These charities urgently require donations as the demand for food banks has sadly increased considerably. We are collecting packets of food each week to send to our local foodbanks. Any donations welcome.



As part of their work to build God's Kingdom on Earth, the children in Year 5 have learnt about the world water crisis and have explored the question: 'Is there enough water for everyone?' The children have learnt that 1 in 10 people around the world do not have access to safe drinking water – something that we often take for granted. The children are passionate about tackling this injustice and have been inspired to complete a sponsored bucket walk around the playground as part of the school's Lenten charity work – sponsorship forms have been sent out.



Year 6 are becoming People of Change by trying to reduce food wastage in school. Today, they launched their campaign to the rest of the school: 'Eat for your need, not for your greed'. We are hoping that by reducing food waste, only taking what we will eat and not taking food for granted, we will reduce what is cooked and then wasted in school. Any money saved will go towards our charities.



The Spiritual Council have pledged to organise a litter picking walk on the school grounds and within the local community – we will adopt a road each Friday and go out with Mrs Davis and Miss Price and our litter pickers to clean up any litter.

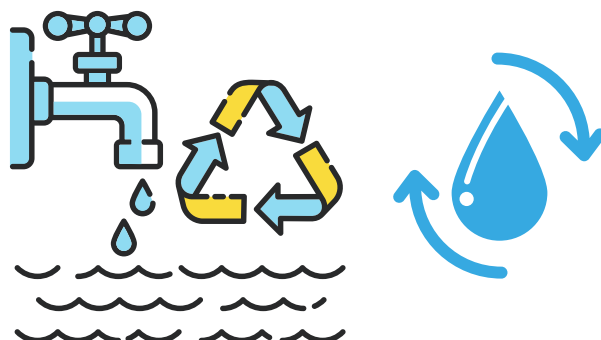
100 *live simply* award ideas

The *livesimply* award is open to any Catholic community – including parishes, schools and chaplaincies – that wants to respond to Pope Francis' call to live more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with poor communities.

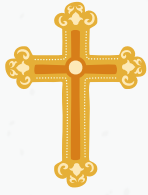
At St. Mary's, we have applied for the CAFOD live simply award – help us by making changes in your life to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity – tag us in to any twitter posts [@StMaryB17](https://twitter.com/StMaryB17)

Our challenge this week is: – No. 32 Reduce water wastage

Don't waste water



Children's Liturgy Mass



St Mary's Children's Liturgy/Church is on for all the Sundays of Lent: pre-School, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children can go straight into the Parish Centre at 9.30am with a parent - prior to joining the rest of the family and the congregation at about 9.45. Children of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, should remain in Church for the whole of the Mass. This is especially important for Years 3 and 6, as the part of their Sacramental preparation.

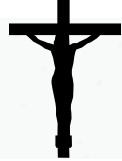
Mass during Lent

There will be an 8:30 weekday Mass, which lasts for 25 minutes: drop in daily after drop off, for all or part of the Mass. Or simply light a candle, say a prayer and leave.

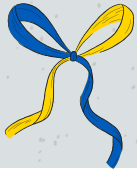


Wednesday 7:00pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Join us for Mass and Stations of the Cross, each Wednesday.



The Ukraine Appeal launched by DEC with CAFOD in St Mary's Church will be held Saturday 12th March (12pm and 6pm Saturday) Sunday 13th March (9.30am, 11am and 5pm Sunday). See: CAFOD and DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal



Community Surgery

Quinborne Community Centre
Ridgacre Road,
Quinton, Birmingham B32 2TW

Thursday 17th March
from 12.30 until 2.15pm

The following organisations will be available for advice and information

Platform Housing
Neighbourhood Officer
and Rent Officer

Birmingham City
Council
Housing Officer and Tenant
Participation officer

Birmingham Forward
Steps

Doddington Green
Children's Centre

AGE UK

Community Network
Support

MSN & Lunts
Pharmacy Group

Community News

Bobbie became NCO Midlands leader and was thrilled to play music with Jess Gilliam. Well done Bobbie.



Cheque presentation at Birmingham Children's Hospital. Well done Joshua and Florence.

Our school council are passionate about keeping our roads safe outside the school grounds and to put a stop to people stopping and parking illegally.



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.

Online Safety



@StMaryB17

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!!!

Follow this link to find out more about how to keep your children safe when they play online games: -

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

Need advice about online safety?

If you're stuck, not sure what to do, or if you're worried about your child, you can contact trained helpline counsellors on 0808 800 5000.

Childline also has lots of information about online and mobile safety that will help you and your child.

Reminders

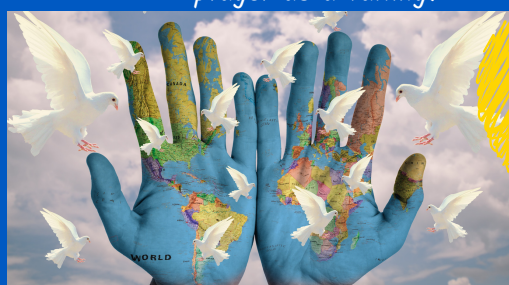


The lost property storage box in the parent shelter was cleaned out yesterday, any labelled items were sent into school to return to the children, however there are still numerous unlabelled items left on a table in the parent shelter. These will be here until next Friday 18th

War in Ukraine

We are all very aware of the disturbing situation in Ukraine at the moment and our thoughts are with our families who are directly or indirectly affected by these events.

We are also extremely mindful of how some of our children are responding to this news; a number of children have been talking about it and it is important for us to address the matter in a sensitive way with their best interests as our priority. We understand that the events in the news can be worrying and are therefore speaking to the children at an age appropriate level. You may wish to join together as a family in Collective Worship or share the following prayer as a family.



A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide
their choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.

PEACE

Dates for this term

WB 14.3.22 - all week -

15th March 2022 - 9:15am-10:30am -

15th March 2022 - 1:45pm-3:00pm -

16th March 2022 - 9:15am -

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17th March 2022 - 9:15am-10:30am -

17th March 2022 - 1:45pm-3:00pm -

18th March 2022 - 9:15am -

21st March 2022 - 9:15am-10:30am -

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21st March 2022 - 3:00pm-3:45pm

22nd March 2022 - 9:15am-10:30am -

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23rd March 2022 - 3:00pm-3:45pm

24th March 2022 - 9:00am-10:00am

25th March 2022 - 9:15am-10:30am -

25th March 2022 - 1:45pm-3:00pm -

28th March 2022 - all day -

29th March 2022 - after school -

31st March 2022 - all day -

31st March 2022 - after school -

1st April - 2pm -

5th April - 8:45am - 10:00am -

6th April - 8:45am - 10:00am -

7th April - 8:45am - 10:00am -

8th April 2022 - 9:15am -

British Science Week

YRF Mother's Day Inspire for mothers (or mother figure / grandmother)

YRL Mother's Day Inspire for mothers (or mother figure / grandmother)

Y5 Mass in Church

YIF Mother's Day Inspire for mothers (or mother figure / grandmother)

YIL Mother's Day Inspire for mothers (or mother figure / grandmother)

Y3F Mother's Day Inspire for mothers (or mother figure / grandmother)

Y3L Mother's Day Inspire for mothers (or mother figure / grandmother)

Y2F Class Assembly in school (2F parents welcome)

Y5F Mother's Day Inspire for mothers (or mother figure / grandmother)

Y5L Mother's Day Inspire for mothers (or mother figure / grandmother)

RSE talk for Y5 and Y6 parents

Y2F Mother's Day Inspire for mothers (or mother figure / grandmother)

Y2L Mother's Day Inspire for mothers (or mother figure / grandmother)

Y4F Mother's Day Inspire for mothers (or mother figure / grandmother)

Y4L Mother's Day Inspire for mothers (or mother figure / grandmother)

RSE talk for Y3 and Y4 parents

RSE talk for YR, Y1 and Y2 parents

Y6F Mother's Day Inspire for mothers (or mother figure / grandmother)

Y6L Mother's Day Inspire for mothers (or mother figure / grandmother)

INSET DAY - School closed to children

Parent consultations

Retreat day for children in school

Parent consultations

Year 3 swap shop for their Lenten charity work

EYFS parents work with their children in class

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Y2L Class Assembly in school (2L parents welcome)

Spring 2

Starts: Monday 28th February

**Monday 28th March -
INSET - Children NOT in School**

Ends: Thursday 14th April 2022

Easter Holiday:

Monday 18th April to
Friday 29th April 2022

Summer 1

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday
2nd May

Tuesday 3rd May – Children
return to school

**Thursday 5th May -
Closed for Local Election Day**

Ends: Friday 27th May

Half-Term:

Monday 30th May to
Friday 3rd June 2022

Summer 2

Starts: Monday 6th June

**Tuesday 5th July -
INSET - Children NOT in School**

Ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

**Friday 22nd July -
Closed for Queen's Jubilee**

Summer Holidays:

Start Monday 25th July 2022

Star of the week

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

Year RL	Joshua	<i>trying so hard with his reading and blending this week.</i>
Year RF	Cillian	<i>designing a lovely poster.</i>
Year 1L	Krishan	<i>trying really hard to make the right choices.</i>
Year 1F	Arsin	<i>always being a super role model and trying her best.</i>
Year 2L	Aadya	<i>always displaying beautiful manners.</i>
Year 2F	Arthur	<i>a fantastic retelling of the parable of the lost sheep.</i>
Year 3L	Noah	<i>a brilliant effort in his learning this week.</i>
Year 3F	Cecile	<i>dedication to learning the songs for assembly and beautiful singing.</i>
Year 4L	Layla	<i>wonderful ideas and improving her sentence writing.</i>
Year 4F	Indiana	<i>being an exceptional representative of St. Mary's on our allotment trip.</i>
Year 5L	Tomas	<i>showing amazing listening skills and being attentive in careers week talks.</i>
Year 5F	Dubem	<i>asking really good questions to our visitors during careers week.</i>
Year 6L	Roberto	<i>carrying out Head Boy duties exceptionally well.</i>
Year 6F	Leatisia	<i>always trying her hardest in every lesson.</i>

