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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.

September is dedicated to Mary.

Our theme for the Autumn term is: 'Dignity of the Human Person'

Our virtues for this half term are: - Grateful and Generous



29th September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been mission week in school. We've had a wonderful week revisiting our mission statement and learning all about how we can live our mission by showing small acts of love and kindness to others - in the same way that St. Therese of Lisieux did. I've seen some wonderful learning in school this week and the children are doing a fantastic job in their new roles: Our School Council supported the Macmillan Coffee morning; our Spiritual Council have been monitoring the prayer areas in school, setting up prayer bags for October and spoke with Governors; and our House Captains helped lead our retreat today. It is amazing to see the leaders of tomorrow showing their potential with the work that they are doing in school. Well done to Year 2 too who have been planning and leading prayer services for the other children in the class. All the children at St. Mary's are living out the mission with the work they are doing in school. Fabulous work everybody! Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Yorke

From our Mission Statement:-

"I am a St. Mary's child and I strive for excellence."

Reflecting on this week's message we:

- follow the 'little way' of St. Therese of Lisieux - small acts of love
- reflect on the little acts of love and kindness that we can do
- know that no one is too young or too small to take part in God's mission of sharing 'love'... "in all things - love"

School 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'.*

Mission Together Prayer:

*May all children
In the world
Share love
Share friendship and live
In the peace
Of God's love.
Now and forever.
Amen*

Catholic Life in School

Year 3 Mass - 27.9.23 - St. Therese of Lisieux

Year 3 led a beautiful Mass focusing on Saint Therese of Lisieux. We were inspired by her small acts of kindness and generosity and thought about ways that we could be like her.



Y5 Mass - St. Faustina

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 4th October, starting promptly at 9:15am. Year 5 children will be leading our Mass and Year 6 children will attend too. All parents are welcome to attend.

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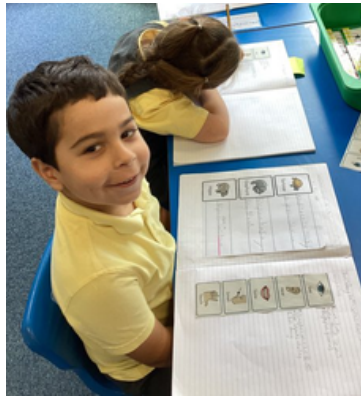
Reception news: -

Reception class have learnt about birthday celebrations and have enjoyed their numeracy lessons.



Year 1 news: -

Year 1 used their senses to write a setting description of the jungle.



Year 2 news: -

Year 2 children have planned and led the collective worship this week.



Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have been enjoying their computing lessons, learning about the components of a network in school and how they all connect to the Internet.



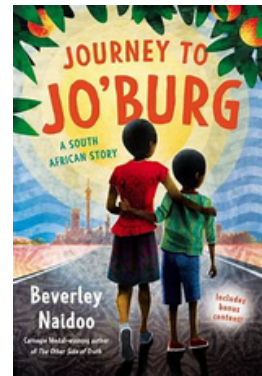
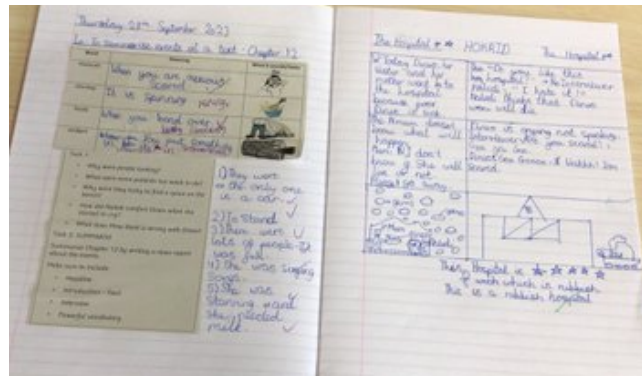
Year 4 news: -

Scientists in Year 4 have demonstrated the behaviour of particles in solids, liquids and gases.



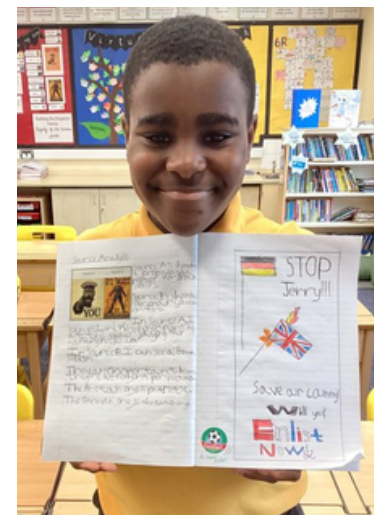
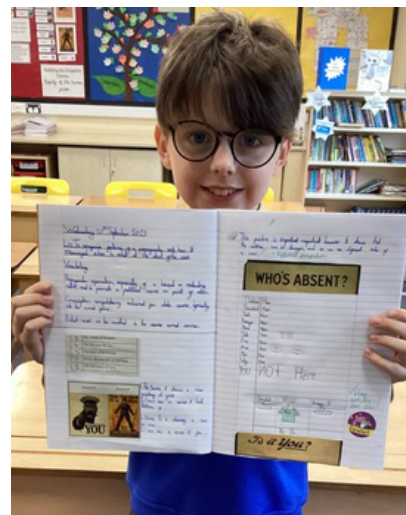
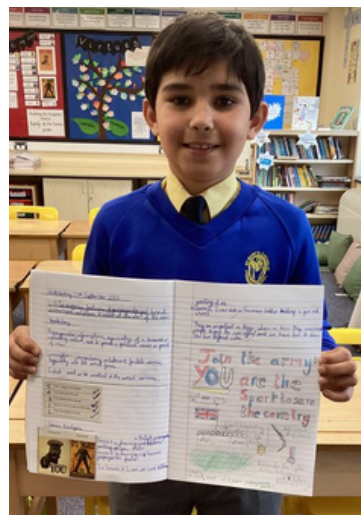
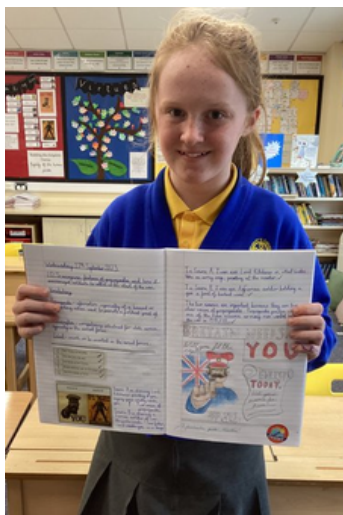
Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have continued their work on 'Journey to Jo'burg'. They are dissecting parts of the text and picking out the important messages it holds and how it links to the rights of the child.



Year 6 news: -

Our Year 6s have been breaking codes (Bletchley Park style) and creating World War I propaganda.





St Mary's Loves to Read!



Here at St Mary's, we love to read and periodically, we will share with you all our exciting reading adventures, news and updates from within school.



Did you know that you can now apply for a Blue Peter Book badge? A brand new Book badge has been introduced, designed by Sir Quentin Blake, which you can earn by sharing your love of reading. To apply, you must complete an online application form with an adult and share details of a book you have read which you enjoy, what authors you enjoy reading and you can even upload a picture of your favourite character from a book! Wouldn't it be great to see these lovely badges appearing on our school jumpers and cardigans!

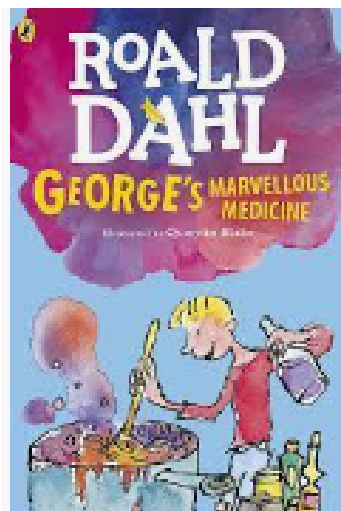
To apply, please visit: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>

My Favourite Book by Mrs Noone

My favourite book is *George's Marvellous Medicine*
by Roald Dahl

I read this as a child and this book still makes me laugh out loud! From the descriptions of the cantankerous Grandmother to the mischievous madcap capers of our hero, George, this is a book that can be enjoyed at any age.

What is your favourite book?



School Library Update



We are now running drop in sessions first thing in the morning in the main school library (KS2 upwards) for children to return and exchange books.

Drop in sessions are on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8.30am.



Also, watch this space for further exciting news about our school library.

We'll share our plans for the school library soon!





Mission Together

School Mission

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 excellence worthy of our God-given
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Mission Week

*This week we have been revisiting
 our Mission Statement*



*"I am a St.
 Mary's child and
 I strive for
 excellence"*

ST. THÉRÈSE'S LITTLE WAY



*"I will seek out a means of getting to
 Heaven by a little way—very short and very
 straight, a little way that is wholly new".*

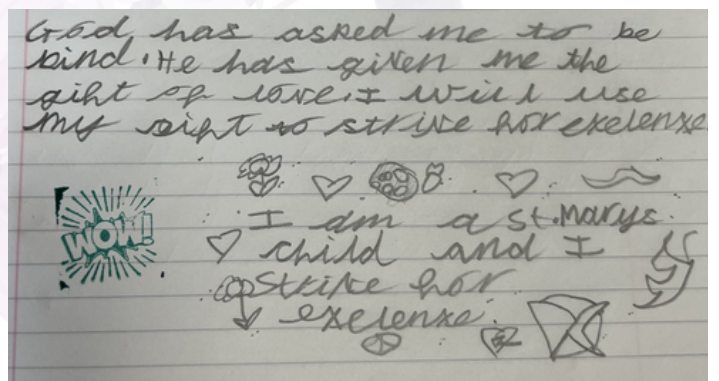


"Do little acts of
 kindness with
 great love."



*We launched our 'mission week' in
 our whole school Gospel assembly -
 and we learnt more about St.
 Therese of Lisieux and how she
 lived out the mission of showing
 love by doing little things...*

*The children then reflected on our
 mission statement in their lessons.
 Year 2 thought about their God-given
 gifts and how they can use them...*





We had small acts of kindness shown to staff - with two children making little 'pick me ups' for their teachers.



Year 5 discussed and displayed different little acts of kindness that they can act out each day.

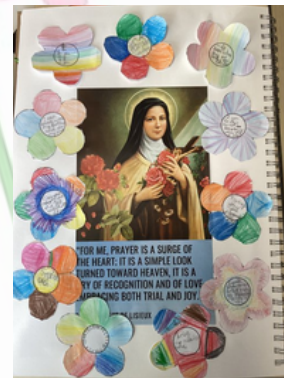


Reception class made friendship bracelets to show how they care for each other.



Year 1 wrote how they could show love on love hearts.

Year 1 wrote on flowers how they could show random acts of kindness

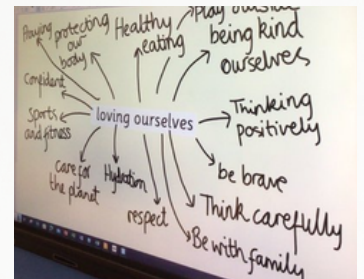


We named house captains from Year 6 who supported our first house retreat... In our house retreat, each house took a line from our school mission statement to explore in more detail and they created a piece of art work that explained what that part of the mission means for them.

St. John Paul II



St. Alphonsa



St. Vincent



St. Teresa

St. Gianna

U11 Boys' football



Our new U11 boys' football team played their first league game of the season, yesterday, against St. Catherine's... It was an excellent game from all and a 3-2 victory for our boys. Well done, everyone!



Our new house Captains were announced in assembly.



Look at our wonderful School Council this year!

Other News

Spread the word to any families who have a child who will be Reception age in September 2024. Our St. Mary's open day is on the 16th November! You can have a look around our amazing school; enjoy a tea and sweet treat; and meet some of our pupils. Please book a morning or afternoon slot.

St Mary's Catholic Primary School Open Day 2023



Reception 2024 Parents -

Would you like to come and see our school in action?

Please contact us to book a slot:

Morning Tour— 10:30—11:30

Afternoon Tour—13:45—14:45



Reception

Contact Email:

enquiry@stmaryrc.bham.sch.uk

Call: 0121 464 2141

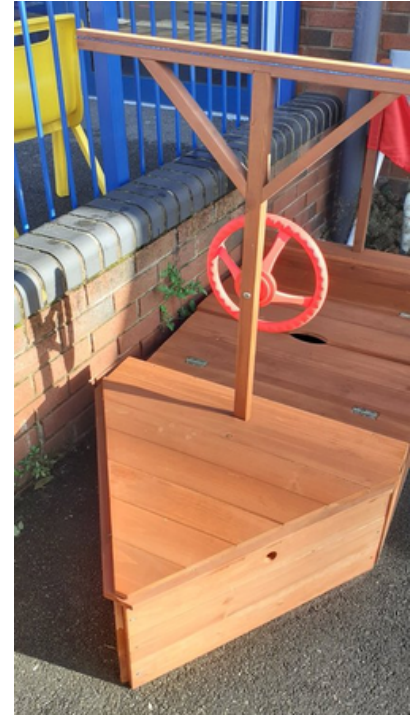




Our PTA run wonderful fundraising events throughout the year - the children have loved playing with the Reception equipment, which was purchased from funds raised in 2022 events. We are hoping to continue to develop our outdoor area this year - please get involved when you can!



Today our new ship arrived for our Year 1 outdoor area. Thank you again so much to everybody who supports our PTA. The children are already enjoying playing in it.



Macmillan Cake Sale

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We continue to always work closely with the Parish and PTA. On Thursday 28th September, our School Council supported the Macmillan coffee morning and a wonderful amount of over £900 was raised. Thank you to all who supported the event.



£900



**WORLD'S
BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**
WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT



Lost Property?

Lost Property is taken to the parent shelter. Our PTA have organised our boxes by age to help parents locate any lost items. To avoid items of uniform becoming lost property – please make sure that every piece of uniform is labelled with your child's name and class. That way our prefects can return any items that are left on the playground to the correct child. Thank you PTA for organising our lost property.



October - Pray the Rosary

We are now in the month of October – and we will be praying the rosary in school. This is a good time to 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 'Glory Be'.



www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/

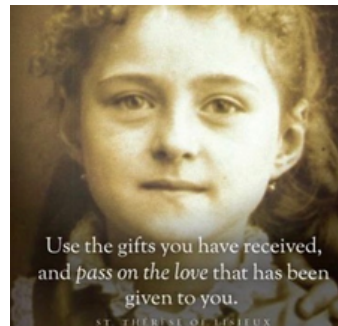


Holiness consists simply in doing God's will, and being just what God wants us to be.

Therese of Lisieux

3T non-school uniform day - 2.10.23

Class 3T will be celebrating the life of their class saint - St. Therese of Lisieux - with a non-school uniform day and a special day in school on Monday 2nd October 2023.



Year 3 Harborne Library Visit - 3.10.23

Year 3 will be visiting Harborne Library next Tuesday.

3T will leave at 9:00am

3L will leave at 10:45am

If you are a parent who would like to attend and support walking to and from the library, please let the Year 3 staff know.



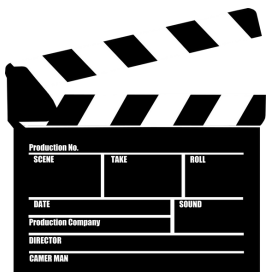
Play leaders - 3rd October 2023

We're looking forward to choosing play leaders from Year 5 to train at Bishop Challoner. Our newly appointed play leaders will then lead games at Lunchtimes. Another important role and responsibility for our children. Well done everybody involved.



Film club for Y4, Y5 and Y6 "Elemental" - 3.10.23 3:30-5:25pm

St. Mary's PTA will be showing "Elemental" (PG rating) after school. Children will receive a snack of popcorn and fruit as part of their film evening. They must be collected by an adult on our contacts list at 5:25pm from the hall.



IF non-school uniform day - 4.10.23

Class IF will be celebrating the life of their class saint - St. Francis of Assisi - with a non-school uniform day and a special day in school on Wednesday 4th October 2023.



**NATIONAL
POETRY
DAY 5TH OCT
2023**
#NATIONALPOETRYDAY
REFUGE



National Poetry Day - Thursday 5th October 2023
Thursday 5th October is National Poetry day and the theme this year is 'refugee'. We look forward to reading, listening to and enjoying poetry on this day and maybe even writing some of our own to be shared in our a poetry recital.



SF non-school uniform day - 5.10.23
Class SF will be celebrating the life of their class saint - St. Faustina - with a non-school uniform day and a special day in school on Thursday 5th October 2023.



Film club for Y1, Y2 and Y3 "Lilo and Stitch" - 3.10.23 3:30-5:15pm
St. Mary's PTA will be showing "Lilo and Stitch" (PG rating) after school. Children will receive a snack of popcorn and fruit as part of their film evening. They must be collected by an adult on our contacts list at 5:15pm from the hall.



Year 1 prayer service for parents - 6.10.23 9:00am
Year 1 are inviting parents, grandparents, family members to join them in a special prayer service in school.
Dedicated to St. Francis



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.



Dear Parents and Carers,

*This year St. Mary's will be trialling the introduction of a **Parent Hub**. This will be a place where parents (babies/toddlers welcome) can come and have a **chat over a cup of tea/coffee and sweet treats**, with other parents and staff every half term.*

We will offer a friendly ear, advice and signposting to agencies/clubs should you need it and the opportunity to build up a St. Mary's community.

The first Tea and Talk Hub will take place in the School Canteen from 9:15-10:30 on Tuesday 10th October.

Please come and see us.

Many thanks, Mrs Tame

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 2nd October 2023 at 12pm and closes on Friday 13th October 2023 at 12pm.

Parents' evening appointments will be carried over two days - Tuesday 24th October 2023 and Wednesday 25th October 2023.

All appointments 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.

It is better if you do not bring your children (including pre school children and babies) to your appointment so that you can focus on the information given to you. We do realise that this is not always possible. Children of St. Mary's will be taken down to the Year 2 classroom if you do bring them, where they will be taken care of by the staff.

We will be asking all parents to complete a parent questionnaire on the night. Please look out for this. We always take feedback on board to constantly improve and we love to hear all the things that you think are going well too.

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

Healthy Snacks

Please may we remind all parents that only healthy snacks are permitted in school - your child may have a piece of fruit at break time. Do not send your child in with crisps, sweets or chocolate as they will not be able to consume this on site.

Please also be aware that we do not allow nuts, in order to reduce the chance of children with allergies from having a reaction.



Apply online for your child's Secondary school place – September 2024



Year 6 are due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2024. Local authorities co-ordinate secondary transfer admissions for all maintained (non-fee paying) schools.

This means parent/carers of Year 6 children should apply to the local authority in which they live (the council to which they pay council tax) for Secondary School.

If you live in Birmingham you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions between **1 September and 31 October 2023**. It is important that you submit your application by 31 October 2023. Applications received after the national closing date of 31 October 2023 will be treated as late applications. **Late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools**, as these applications will be processed after 1 March 2024, in accordance with Birmingham's coordinated admissions scheme.

We know this is an important time for you our Year 6 children. and we encourage you to find out as much as you can about local schools and how the admissions process works before you make your application. Please do not hesitate to contact the office or a member of SLT if you need support with your application.

Information about the application process will be available on the council's website, www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions from **1 September 2023**.

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 read the information below to find out more...

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

“ Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience. ”

“ Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹. ”

“ We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care. ”

“ Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident. ”

“ This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want. ”

“ We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this. ”

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021

If Police attend a home where children live (whether they are present or not) – they will automatically inform school so that we can offer any support. Any of our families can seek support from a member of the pastoral team. We are here to safeguard children and their families...

Pastoral Team

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



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about THE DANGERS OF VAPING

Data collected for ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) shows an increase in 11 to 17-year-olds experimenting with vaping, from 7.7% in 2022 to 11.6% in 2023. It's concerning that these age-restricted products are getting into the hands of under 18s on most common nicotine, which can be detrimental to brain development and cause long-term addiction. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings, vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

NICOTINE ADDICTION

Since they were initially developed for smoking cessation, vapes contain nicotine. Not only is this a highly addictive substance, but it can also have developmental effects on brain development in the under-25s. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings, vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

WHAT IS VAPING?

Vapes contain a liquid (vape juice or e-liquid) that is heated by a battery and evaporated, creating a chemical vapour which the user inhales. They can be disposable (once the liquid or battery runs out, the vape is thrown away) or rechargeable (the user replaces the liquid and recharges the battery on a charger). Most vape liquids contain nicotine and other chemicals.

LACK OF AWARENESS

A proportion of young people need to view the risks of nicotine, mostly because of the perception (often strengthened by social media) that 'vaping is cool' and on trend. In many instances, young people are unaware of the risks of nicotine addiction, that it is not just a gateway to smoking but can be addictive in its own right, and that it is a leading cause of lung disease.

POTENTIAL TOXICITY

Many vape liquids have been found to contain heavy metals such as lead, tin, nickel, and chromium. These metals can be harmful to the body, with some research suggesting that they can cause lung damage. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings, vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

WIDER HEALTH CONCERNS

Studies are already showing a link between vaping and oral health problems, including gum disease, tooth decay and oral cancer. It is also possible that the heat of the vapour can irritate the mouth, while the chemicals in the liquid can be harmful to the lungs. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings, vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

UNREGULATED VAPING PRODUCTS

The number of retailers selling vapes to under-18s is increasing. Many of these products are unregulated, meaning they are not subject to the same safety standards as regulated products. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings, vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

SCARCE INFORMATION

The lack of information about the health risks of vaping is a major concern. Many young people are unaware of the risks of nicotine addiction, that it is not just a gateway to smoking but can be addictive in its own right, and that it is a leading cause of lung disease. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings, vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

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ATTRACTIVE PACKAGING

The packaging of many disposable vapes is very appealing to young people, often featuring bright colors and graphics that make them look like harmless accessories. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings, vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

In the UK alone, over 1.3 million disposable vapes are thrown away every year. Due to their small size and the fact that they are often made from plastic, they are difficult to recycle. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings, vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

Meet Our Expert: Dr. Sarah Jones, Consultant in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine, Royal Children's Hospital, Manchester. She has advised on the health risks of vaping to the NHS and the Department of Health.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS: The National College for School Improvement. The National College for School Improvement is a charity that works to improve the quality of schools in England. We work with schools to help them to become 'Healthy Schools', which means that they are places where children can learn and thrive. We also work with schools to help them to become 'Green Schools', which means that they are places where children can learn and thrive in a sustainable way.

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users exchanging text, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. It's end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients. And even WhatsApp's 'read receipts' (which show when a message has been read) are encrypted. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently as the UK's National Security Agency (NSA) has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Scammers often include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a 'spurious emergency'. This is a tactic known as 'phishing'. Scammers often use a verification message by attempting to log in to the account. Scammers often use a verification message by attempting to log in to the account. Scammers often use a verification message by attempting to log in to the account.

VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that disappear once viewed is a popular feature. However, it's important to note that this facility is not foolproof. Some people have found ways to take screenshots of 'disappearing content' - but it's not recommended to use this facility to share sensitive information. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings, vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. Scammers often use a verification message by attempting to log in to the account. Scammers often use a verification message by attempting to log in to the account. Scammers often use a verification message by attempting to log in to the account.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity can spread fake news very quickly. It's important to be aware of this and to report any suspicious messages to the relevant authorities. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings, vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or photos in a separate 'locked chat' folder, saved behind a passcode. However, it's important to note that this facility is not foolproof. Some people have found ways to take screenshots of 'disappearing content' - but it's not recommended to use this facility to share sensitive information. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings, vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature allows users to share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe on the way home. However, it's important to note that this facility is not foolproof. Some people have found ways to take screenshots of 'disappearing content' - but it's not recommended to use this facility to share sensitive information. Some schools have reported students having their focus in lessons affected by nicotine cravings, vaping in school toilets; and even trying vapes found in their local park. Raising awareness of the risks among young people could help to prevent these problems from escalating and reduce the number of young vapers.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like your child or a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Turning on two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy - and all too common - for content to be shared much further than intended (on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (Go to 'Privacy' for more details). In general, you should ensure that your child's contacts can only see their profile picture and status. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need - and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert: Dr. Sarah Jones, Consultant in Paediatric Respiratory Medicine, Royal Children's Hospital, Manchester. She has advised on the health risks of vaping to the NHS and the Department of Health.

National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday

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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. Good attendance is 96% and above. 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 -

Attendance

Week 25th Sept – 29th Sept

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O	
%	99%	95%	94.3%	98.6%	96.3%	100%	95.7%	98.7%	99.7%	98.3%	94.7%	95.9%	97.1%	100%	
Lates	8	11	8	2	11	2	1	3	4	8	3	2	4	2	
Whole School Attendance so far this year							97.3%	School Target				97%			

Well done Y2G & Y6O: - our joint Attendance Champions

Dates for next term

Autumn theme -

Autumn 1 Virtues

October 2023

October 2023

2nd October 2023 - all day

3rd October 2023 - am

3rd October 2023

3rd October 2023 - after school

4th October 2023 - all day

4th October 2023 - 9:15am

5th October 2023 - all day

5th October 2023 - all day

5th October 2023 - after school

6th October 2023 - 9:00am

10th October 2023 - all day

10th October 2023 - 9:15-10:30

10th October 2023 - am

11th October 2023

11th October 2023 - 9:15am

12th October 2023 - 4:00pm

13th October 2023 - 9:00am

13th October 2023 - 6:30pm

WB 16th October - all week

16th October 2023 - all day

17th October 2023 - am

18th October 2023 - all day

18th October 2023 - 9:15am

20th October 2023 - 6:30pm

24th October 2023 - all day

24th October 2023 - am

24th October 2023 - 3:30-6:30

25th October 2023 - am

25th October 2023 - 9:15am

25th October 2023 - 3:30-6:30

26th October 2023

27th October 2023 - all day

Half Term holiday

Dignity of the Human Person

Grateful and Generous

Pray the Rosary

Black History Month

Year 3T non-school uniform day for their class Saint - St. Therese

Year 3 visit to Harborne library (9:15 3T and 11:00 3I)

Play leaders at Bishop Challoner school

Film club for Y4, Y5 and Y6 - PTA

Year 1F non-school uniform day for their class Saint - St. Francis of Assisi

Year 5 Mass in Church (and Year 6 classes attend) - parents welcome

National Poetry Day

Year 5F non-school uniform day for their class Saint - St. Faustina

Film club for Y1, Y2, Y3 - PTA

Year 1 Prayer Service for all Year 1 parents

Mental Health Awareness Day

Parent hub - come have tea and sweet treats with us in the school canteen

Year 6 visit to Harborne library (9:15 6O and 11:00 6R)

School Photo day

Year 4 Mass in Church (and Year 3 classes to attend) - parents welcome

U11s boys' football match

Year 6 Year group Assembly

KS2 Autumn Masquerade Disco in Parish Centre

Please send in donations for our Harvest Collection

Children in St. Teresa of Avila House - wear blue non-school uniform

Year 5 visit to Harborne library (9:15 5F and 11:00 5M)

Year 1L non-school uniform day for their class Saint - St. Luke

Year 1 Mass in Church (and Year 2 classes attend) - parents welcome

KS1 Autumn Masquerade Disco in Parish Centre

Children in St. John Paul II House - wear red non-school uniform

Year 4 visit to Harborne library (9:15 4J and 11:00 4M)

Parent Consultation Evening

Flu immunisations

Reception Welcome Mass in Church (with Year 6 buddies) - parents welcome

Parent Consultation Evening

PTA circus workshops in school

INSET Day - school closed to children

Half Term Holiday

Star of the week

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

Year RB	Seb	<i>fantastic learning this week, especially his Creation booklet</i>
Year RT	Priam	<i>wonderful sharing</i>
Year IF	Jason	<i>massive strides with showing good behaviour and improving all the time</i>
Year 1L	Benji	<i>always being a kind and caring member of our class</i>
Year 2E	Alvin	<i>listening carefully and always trying his best</i>
Year 2G	Joseph	<i>trying really hard with his handwriting this week</i>
Year 3L	Theodore D	<i>always trying his best in all of his work and always having a super attitude</i>
Year 3T	James	<i>living out the school virtues in all that he does and helping others</i>
Year 4J	Trinidad	<i>doing her best and persevering in all her learning</i>
Year 4M	Clara	<i>having an excellent attitude towards learning and school life</i>
Year 5F	Thomas	<i>hard work and good behaviour choices this week</i>
Year 5M	Hanna	<i>excellent first write in RE</i>
Year 6O	Rose	<i>always demonstrating kindness and thoughtfulness to her peers</i>
Year 6R	Chizi	<i>settling in well and working really hard this week</i>

