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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

28th November 2022

Dear parents and carers,

This week we had our inter-faith week in school and the children found out about the similarities and differences and customs of different faiths and religions. We are now entering an exciting part of the school year as we move into Advent and we have also started preparation towards our Nativities.

We continue to have some really serious parking issues outside school, with some parents parking on double yellow lines and children crossing a very busy road between parked cars. It is a matter of time before somebody gets hurt because of this and it needs to stop. We will take down any license plate numbers and report any illegal parking to the Council. We encourage any parents to do the same using the below link:-

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle. The Council will issue fines. We have also passed the information on to the Police, who have agreed 'spot checks' regularly. Please park legally and safely when bringing your child to school.

Mrs Yorke

This week's Gospel and Prayer

Luke 23: 43

*"Jesus," he said, "remember me when you come into your kingdom."
"Indeed, I promise you," He replied, "today you will be with me in paradise."*

Reflecting on this week's Gospel message we learn:

- Jesus is a king, unlike other kings.
- On the cross, Jesus revealed Himself as our King and Saviour.
- When we accept Jesus as our King, we become His special children.

Dear Jesus,

*I believe in you - You are my King.
I praise your holy name - I want to follow you.
Help me to be like you - Guide me in all I say and do. Help me to live in your way.*

Amen

Catholic Life in School

Year 4 Mass - Christ the King

On Wednesday, we celebrated Christ the King Day as a Catholic celebration that takes place on the last Sunday of the liturgical year in the Catholic faith — on November 20th this year. Originally a Roman Catholic feast, it is now as a way to recognise and

observed by Christians of all denominations honour Jesus Christ as the 'King of Kings.'

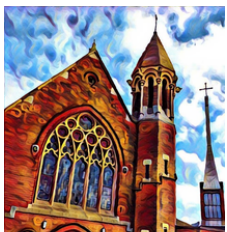


There is no Mass next week. Our next Mass will be: -

Whole School Mass in Church - 7.12.22 at 9:15am - Solemnity Immaculate Conception

Our next Mass in Church will be on Wednesday 7th December 2022, starting promptly at 9:30am. **All children** will be attending our Mass and all parents are welcome to attend.

Please sit in the old part of the church for this Mass.



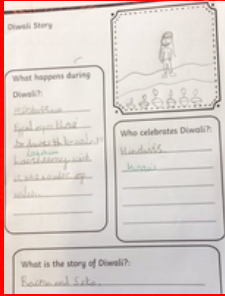
INTER-FAITH WEEK



Reception - Sikhism



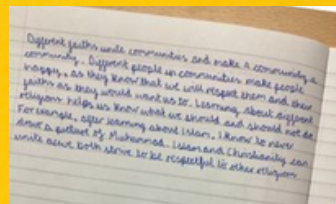
Year 3 and Year 4 - Judaism



Year 1 and Year 2 - Hinduism



Year 5 and Year 6 - Islam



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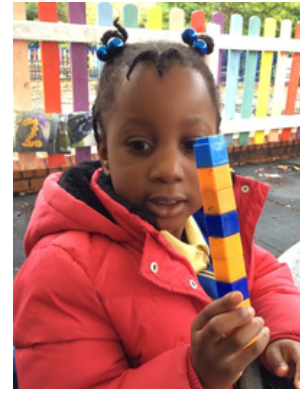
Advent Retreat -
Tuesday 22nd November: -

Thank you to Dan and Emily from One Life Music,
who led us in our wonderful retreat celebrating creation.
The children had a fantastic day.



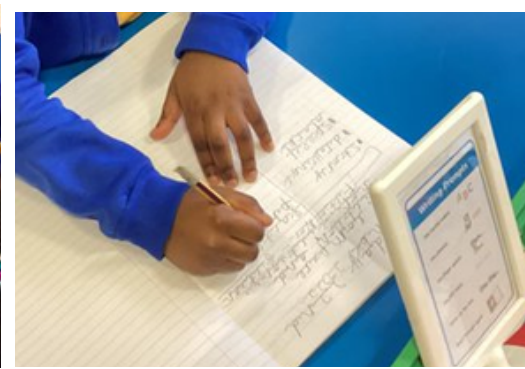
Reception news: -

Reception class have been making repeating patterns in their maths lessons.



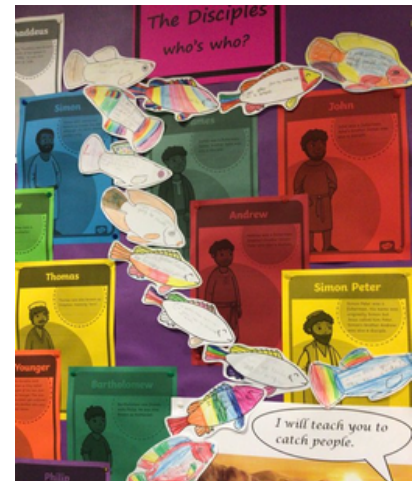
Year 1 news: -

Year 1 have been learning about fiction and non-fiction books.



Year 2 news: -

Year 2 have been learning about what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus and in their music lessons, they have been learning how to play their Nativity songs on Glockenspiels.



Year 3 news: -

Year 3 have used a variety of equipment such as trampettes, benches and mats in their Gymnastics lesson to perform a sequence of movements and balances, which connect together and flow.



Year 4 news: -

Year 4 have been exploring their local area for invertebrates in their science lessons.



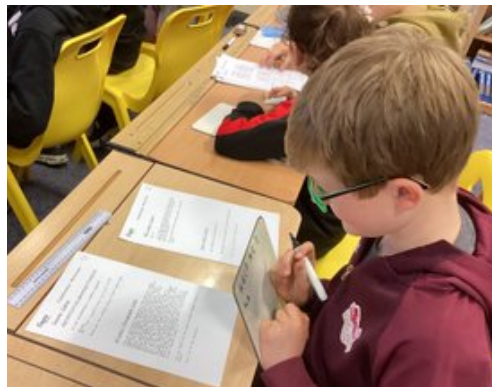
Year 5 news: -

Year 5 have designed and investigated the strength and stability of arch and beam bridges as part of their Walls and Barricades topic.

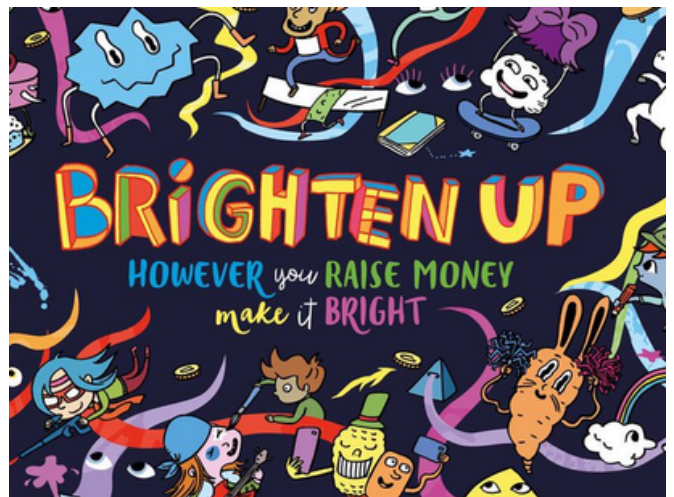


Year 6 news: -

Year 6 have been cracking codes in their computing lessons.

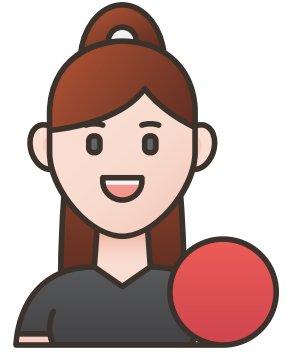


Thank you to everybody who donated for Brighten Up Day! We raised £196.32!



Dodgeball Event

A successful SGO event, alongside our 9 local schools. Amazing games of Dodgeball took place. Well done.



CBSO Children's Choir
Mariam and Clara from class 3L gave a fantastic performance at the Symphony Hall as part of the CBSO Children's Chorus.



Poetry Writing
Raman's poetry writing about protecting our planet has been recognised and published.



Basketball Competition

Well done to the children who represented the school in our basketball tournament this evening. Shot of the night went to Logan who scored the most AMAZING goal from beyond the halfway line right on the final buzzer.



Piano lessons

We have some very talented pianists in school. We have a special concert lined up so parents can enjoy our talented musicians at St. Mary's.



Supporting our local Birmingham children this Christmas

We need more toys to support families in Birmingham this Christmas.

We are accepting toys - new and unwrapped - and our final collection time is Thursday 8th December.

Thank you for those who have donated so far.



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



What children need to know about

ONLINE BULLYING

Keep your children safe online - What is ONLINE BULLYING?

Online Bullying - also known as cyberbullying - is bullying that take place on the Internet or via electronic devices and mobile phones. It can include: -

1. SENDING SOMEONE MEAN OR THREATENING EMAILS, DIRECT MESSAGES OR TEXT MESSAGES
2. HACHING INTO SOMEONE'S ONLINE ACCOUNT
3. BEING RUDE OR MEAN TO SOMEONE WHEN PLAYING ONLINE GAMES
4. POSTING PRIVATE OR EMBARRASSING PHOTOS ONLINE OR SENDING THEM TO OTHERS
5. CREATING FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS THAT MOCK SOMEONE OR TRICK THEM
6. EXCLUDING SOMEONE FROM AN ONLINE CONVERSATION OR BLOCHING THEM FOR NO REASON

BE KIND ONLINE

BEFORE PRESSING 'SEND' ON COMMENTS, ASK YOURSELF THESE 3 QUESTIONS...

1. WHY AM I POSTING THIS?
2. WOULD I SAY THIS IN REAL LIFE?
3. HOW WOULD I FEEL IF SOMEBODY SAID THIS TO ME?

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 14th Nov - 18th Nov

Class	YRB	YRT	Y1L	Y1F	Y2E	Y2G	Y3L	Y3T	Y4J	Y4M	Y5M	Y5F	Y6R	Y6O	
%	96.2%	97.5%	95.7%	97.3%	95.7%	96%	99.3%	98.3%	97%	98%	93.2%	97.6%	94.6%	97%	
Lates	10	5	2	6	12	9	5	8	5	6	10	9	5	10	
Whole School Attendance so far this year						96.7%		School Target				97%			

Well done Y3L: - our Attendance Champions

Dates for this term

Autumn theme -

Autumn 2 Virtues

28th November 2022 - 2:00pm

29th November 2022 - 3:15pm

30th November 2022 - 9:15am

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

5th December 2022 - 3:45-4:45

6th December 2022 - lunch

6th December 2022 - 3:45-4:45

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 - 9:15 2:15

14th December 2022 - 9:15 2:15

15th December 2022

15th December 2022 - 1:45pm

15th December 2022 - 4:15pm

16th December - EARLY FINISH

Families and Communities

Faith-filled and Hopeful

Year 3 Curriculum Workshop

Hockey Tournament - Bournville School

Y2 Mass in Church - cancelled

KS2 Theatre Trip

Piano and Choir Concert

Christmas Dinner day in school

Piano, Guitar and Violin Concert

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

Year Reception

**12.12.22 at 9:30am
in the Church**

**RECEPTION
CHRISTMAS
STORY**

Reception class are so excited for Jesus' birthday.

Years 1 and 2

**13.12.22 at 9:15am
and at 2:15pm
in the School hall**

**BORN IN A
BARN**

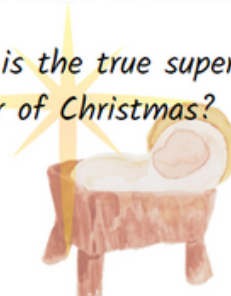
There's a good amount of commotion in a Bethlehem stable, when a baby is born.

Years 3 and 4

**14.12.22 at 9:15am
and at 2:15pm
in the School hall**

SUPER STAR

Who is the true super star of Christmas?



Years 5 and 6

**15.12.22 at 1:45pm
in the Church**

**CAROL
SERVICE**

Traditional and modern carols that recount the story of Jesus' birth.



Star of the week

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

Year RB	Aaliyah	learning her repeating patterns this week in Maths
Year RT	Thea	learning her Nativity speaking part and then learning an extra part too
Year IF	Anya	always being a super role model to others and trying her best in all her work
Year IL	Mieka	always trying her best with everything that she does
Year 2E	Issak	settling in so well to St. Mary's and always trying his best
Year 2G	Sofia	brilliant story map of Samuel Pepy's diary
Year 3L	Aayansh	excellent home learning about the Egyptians
Year 3T	Noah	magnificent piano playing and superb learning effort
Year 4J	Noah	being an enthusiastic learner
Year 4M	Nisha	gaining lots more confidence in her learning
Year 5F	Daniel	great work in Science
Year 5M	Olivia	fab effort in everything she does and always demonstrating St. Mary's values
Year 6O	Logan	amazing performance in the basketball tournament
Year 6R	Julian	being very knowledgeable in computing and working hard across the Curriculum

