



JOINT NEWSLETTER

Friday 22nd July 2022 - Sunday 24th July - 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Summer 2

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A message from Mrs Hulme:

Dear Parents and Carers,

The final newsletter of the year brings so much joy and celebration, in fact the final summer celebrations started a few weeks ago with the amazing summer fayre. This was one of the best summer fayres in our history, which was led by parents - Mr and Mrs Neal. We offer thanks of appreciation for the hard work that went into the planning of this event and to the trusted helpers who also made it possible.

Following that, we then had the end of year topic presentation by Year 2, which was also such fun, and Year 6 production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The children in both of these events reflected such talent and enthusiasm. Year 6 and year 2 also had end of school fun sessions - Year 2 had an entertainer and Year 6 an evening disco, both of these supported by the PTA financially.

Sadly, though we have to say cheerio to some staff: Mrs Brown, Mr Lawton, Miss Barreiro, Mrs Mitchell, Miss Simpson and Mrs Sofroniou and the children of Year 6, may they have happy memories of St Mary's to take away. We wish them all God's blessings in the future.

Miss Sullivan and Miss Kenny are looking forward to their weddings that will take place during the summer holidays, may God bestow many blessings too on their new life with their new husbands.

Finally, on behalf of the children, staff and governors of St Mary's Catholic Federation, we wish you all a wonderful summer break, may it be filled with love and laughter.

We look forward to seeing most of you in September.

Juniors - St. Mary's Award

3 Hawthorn	Sebastian W
3 Mulberry	Sadie M
3 Willow	Akshara S
4 Ash	Blossom K
4 Poplar	Elliot C
4 Rowan	Patrick D
5 Birch	Laura K
5 Elm	Aileen
5 Sycamore	Michael M
6 Chestnut	Julia W
6 Copper Beech	Mario L
6 Oak	Victoria A

Recognition & Reward

Infant - Stars of the week

R Fox	Martina B
R Squirrel	Lorenzo S
R Hedgehog	Ary Zack A
1 Wren	Nina D
1 Sparrow	Eliza P-C
1 Robin	Elton R
2 Heron	Jesimiel B
2 Jay	Gabrielle T
2 Woodpecker	Sara M

Junior - Housepoints

4 th is Clitheroe with: 32245	
3 rd is More with: 32580	
2 nd is Fisher with: 32776	
1 st is Becket with: 33023	

News for the week

Sports News

What a wonderful year of sport we have had. We are so incredibly proud of all the pupils who took part in a variety of events, including netball, football, multi-skills, athletics, cricket, hockey - to name a few. In total, across the junior school, we had over 150 pupils take part in a sporting event and next year, we would like to include even more pupils.



A huge thank you to all the pupils in Year 6 and their families who represented and supported our school this year. Without the commitment of parents helping to take children to and from events, we would not be able to make these sporting competitions happen. Your contributions have been invaluable and we hope you continue to take part in sport as you enter the next chapter of your lives.



ParkRun

Do not forget - parkrun continues to take place every Saturday at 9am for the 5km event and every Sunday at 9am for the 2km event. We hope you all continue this over the summer holidays and come back in September fighting fit for cross-country! We are proud of every pupil who has given this a go and continue to work hard to achieve PBs, with good commitment; you can do anything you set your mind to.

A final picture of the boys district relay team who received their engraved trophy today, we will hang this proudly in our school!



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Wellbeing Workout

Summer Strengths Builder

Adaptability Be like bamboo, learn to be flexible and let go of the small stuff. It can improve your wellbeing.	Collaboration Play a board or an outdoor game together with friends or family.	Courage Taking a cold shower can help boost our happiness levels - are you brave enough to try??	Creativity Creating music, art and laughing boosts endorphins which helps our wellbeing. Practise all three as much as you can!	Curiosity Go for a walk to somewhere new and collect moss, leaves and dirt for an eco-box.
Empathy Watch a film together and have a think about what different characters were thinking and feeling in the story.	Enthusiasm Put on a show with your family - include songs, dance, music, drama.	Fairness Play a new board game or make one up! How can you make sure it's fair for everyone?	Good Sense Wellbeing depends on us eating the right foods. Do your research and make a chart of good-mood-foods.	Gratitude Create a colourful poster of everything you are grateful for.
Humility Go for a walk and look for the tallest tree you can find. How does it make you feel to be standing under something so huge?	Initiative Create an art gallery of your creative work. Build it up over a few weeks and invite people to view it.	Integrity Can you tidy your room, do the dishes or make someone a cup of tea - without being asked to?	Kindness Make a list of different ways you can be kind. Try and tick them off each day.	Motivation Boost your dopamine (which is one of the happiness chemicals) by making a daily plan and setting long term goals.
Optimism Make a list of things that you are looking forward to - today, this week, this month, this year and in your life!	Perseverance Exercising every single day increases all our happiness levels (dopamine, oxytocin, serotonin and endorphin).	Resilience If there is something you want to change but can't, think about how you can change your attitude towards it.	Self-discipline Plan a screen-free day - no phones, devices or even television - no peeking allowed!	Tolerance Can you stay calm even round those you don't agree with? Practice meditation - sit quietly and breathe slowly.

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Wednesday Word

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Spirituality

The final half term of school included a return to whole school Masses with the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul. Father Anthony from St Margaret's Parish celebrated Mass at the Infants' and Father Patrick from Holy Family at the Juniors with Y3 and Y4. Years 5 and 6 walked to Holy Cross to join parishioners for the Rosary and for Mass. Well done to all the children who sang so beautifully and read so clearly. Bishop Paul Hendricks celebrated Leavers' Mass with our Y6 children and their families. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to join us.

The Chaplaincy Team prepared an information board and prayers for the junior classroom to make us aware of Refugee Week and our responsibility as Christians to care for our neighbours.

Our final RE topic in every year group has reminded us that as stewards of our planet, we must care for our common home. Pope Francis has written a letter to everyone on the planet, asking us all to protect the earth. This animation explains what he says: [Laudato Si' animation for children | CAFOD](#)



News from Nursery

Our last topic of 'Fun at the Seaside' has been a wonderful topic to end on. During this half term, we have listened to 'A Summery Saturday Morning' and 'Toddle Waddle', which motivated us to create our own maps and trails. We also explored non-fiction books where we learned facts about sharks and seahorses, these books were our favourite! During our creativity day, the children were shown how to mix and blend paint, which they used to create their own flowers. These were used for a display during the summer fayre. It has been fantastic to see how Froglet children have matured and grown over the past two terms. We all wish them the very best for the next part of their school life and look forward to seeing them around the school in September. Have a lovely summer break and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Bryant, Mrs Pye and Mrs Pitcher.



News from Reception

We have had such a busy final half term in Reception! We have thoroughly enjoyed our final topic 'Wonderful Water'. In class, we shared some fantastic books that inspired the children to write their own stories including 'Billy's Bucket' and 'Zigby Hunts for Treasure'. We were very proud of the Children during our trip to the Ecology Centre where we enjoyed pond dipping and minibeast hunting. During our Creativity Day, the children made their own wire seahorses and explored the artwork of Georgia O'Keefe using pastels and watercolours.

We have many fond memories of the children playing and learning together and we are sure that the children's transition to Year One in September will be a great adventure where the children will start the next chapter in their learning journey. Thank you parents for all your wonderful messages, support and contributions that you have made over the last year, especially for our sponsored 'Walking Obstacle Course'. They have all made such a valuable difference to enhance the children's learning and have supported our school community.

We wish you all a wonderful Summer, have fun and remember to continue your learning over the holidays to help you stay Year One ready.

May you share the love of Jesus with your family and friends

God Bless, Miss Penston, Miss Said and Mrs Kwasniewska.



News from Year 1

What a hectic but exciting half term we have had! The children have enjoyed our last topic 'Rio de Vida' learning about Brazil in History and Geography, planning, making and evaluating shakers and headdresses in DT, which they then used during our St Mary's carnival. The children also enjoyed learning about the different endangered animals that live in the Amazon rainforest; they created information leaflets about these in English. We hope you have a relaxing and wonderful summer break ready for new and exciting learning in Year 2.



News from Year 2

This term in Year 2, we have been very busy with our production of *Animal Rumble Grumble*. The children have loved learning it and performing their roles and we hope you agree that they did a fantastic job. We have also learnt a lot about Kenya, where the story was set, and thought about the differences between life there and life here. Mrs de Gama gave us a fantastic talk about growing up in Kenya. In maths, we have learnt about measurement (exploring capacity, mass and temperature - very apt for the last week of term!). We also loved reading *Giraffes Can't Dance* and writing our own versions of the story.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and wish all of Year 2 good luck as they go up to the Juniors.



News from Year 3

Year 3 have had a busy half term. Many of us made our Holy Communion at the end of May, start of June. Parents were welcomed into school to help celebrate these Communion with our own mass. In addition to our normal learning, we also enjoyed two Design and Technology days, one focused on Roman purses and the other making sandwiches. Both were excellent learning experiences for us and were further complemented by our creativity day this term, which was based on a story from Iraq. In maths, we really enjoyed our 'shape' topic. We took part in many fun, practical activities, including an angle hunt in the playground. In English, we looked at a story called 'Tuesday' and had to use our imaginations, as there are not many words in the story! We completed fantastic pieces of writing based on this story. We have had a fun-filled year and eagerly await the new challenges ahead of us in Year 4!



News from Year 4

What a busy final half term Year 4 has had! We have travelled back in time, wondering and discovering Ancient Egyptian history at the British Museum! The children really enjoyed this day out! Coupled with beautiful weather and an easy journey, the trip was a hit!

Year 4 has also had the opportunity to show off their musical talents when performing to the parents and carers of the year group, demonstrating their skills in playing violins and cellos!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Creativity Day activities surrounding Chinese culture - a lot of beautiful and detailed work has been created!

We wish you all a lovely and well rested Summer, have fun and remember to continue your learning over the holidays to be well prepared for Year 5!

Wider opps performance



British Museum



News from Year 5

It has been a packed last term in Year 5. We have covered lots of new learning inside and outside of the classroom. We had the opportunity to go to Hampton Court Palace, which proved to be an enjoyable and educational experience for all the children who attended, enhancing their understanding of the Tudor period. We have broadened our learning in English about some of Shakespeare's plays and writing our own 'time slip' narratives too. In Science, we have been looking at the growth and development of animals, which tied in well with our learning in RSE recently. In DT, pupils made some excellent looking (and tasting, apparently) pizzas. On top of all of this, we had an enjoyable and hot sports day, alongside other opportunities for pupils in Year 5 to represent the school in athletics, football and netball. After a very hot end to this term, we hope that the children enjoy a well-earned rest and return in September ready for Year 6!



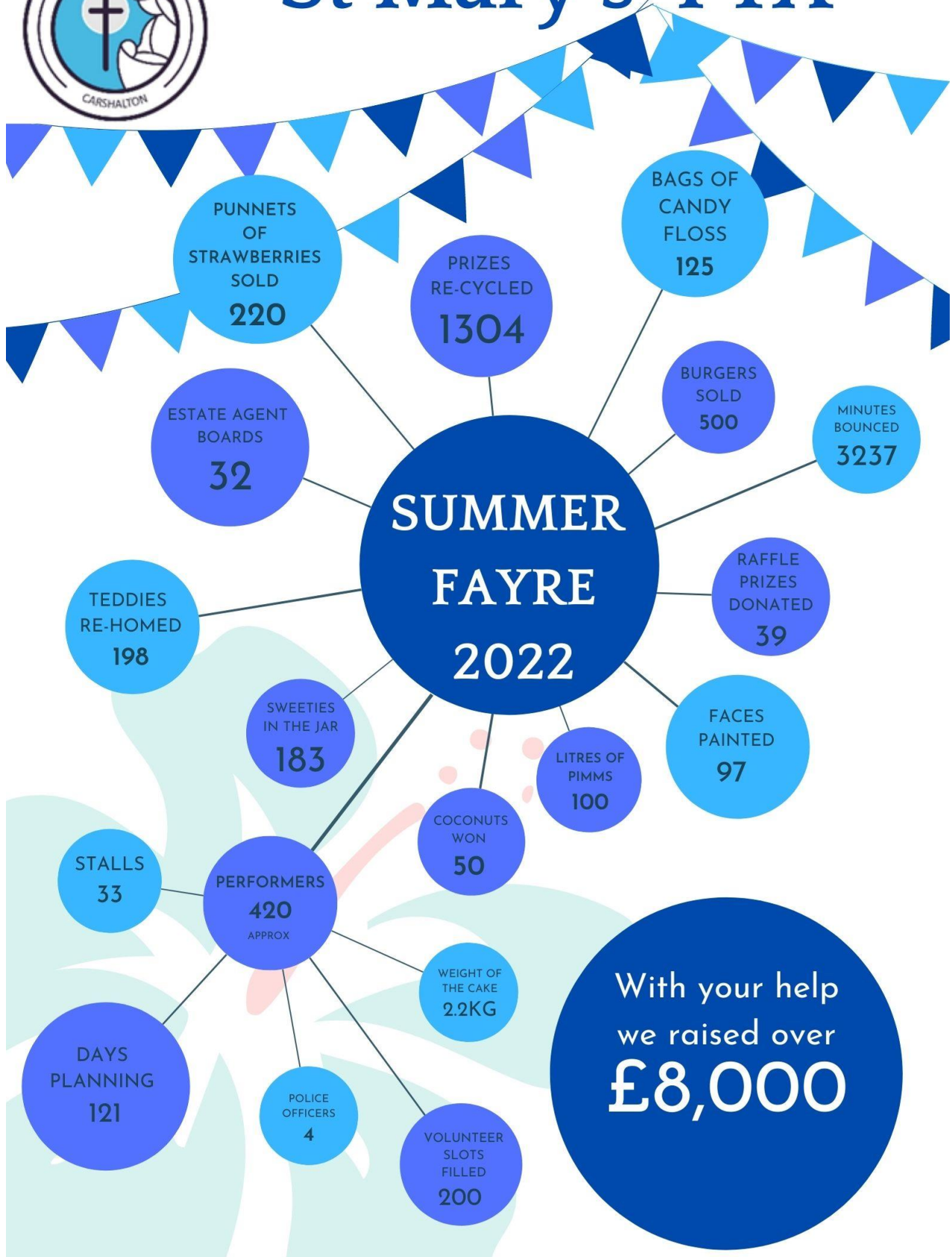
News from Year 6

Way, way back, many centuries ago... Y6 began learning the songs for our end of year musical production of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Our auditions allowed some fabulous talents to be shared and we have been practising our songs ever since. It has been a time of reflection as the children and staff have thought carefully about all the learning, playing and growing together, we have experienced while at St Mary's. These ideas were stitched into a banner, which will remain at St Mary's once the children have moved on to Y7. We have prepared our Leavers' Mass and thank Bishop Paul for celebrating this with our families and us. We saw the SATs results returned, which reflected all the hard work the children, have made, but were also delighted to see the growth in confidence in all our children this year, in our production, the dancers and actors collaborated so well; the narrators and singers were very clear and animated; and the backstage crew remembered so many instruction and changes of plan! We have loved teaching you and know you are ready for your next steps. We wish you lots of luck at all your secondary schools and beyond.





St Mary's PTA



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