



## JOINT NEWSLETTER

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Miss M Kenny, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Miss F Sullivan & Miss E Bryant, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

### *A message from Mrs Hulme;*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, please accept our enormous thanks for your support over the first half term in school. For attending assemblies, and parent meetings in addition to the financial support of contributing towards creative activities and Governor's Fund, which enables the School Governors to plan for school improvements. We are fortunate to be looking forward to a newly built outdoor Reception Class area being started over the half term break. This will give further opportunity to promote each area of the Early Years Curriculum.

Thank you also to the PTA for planning fun events too, including the much-appreciated Pumpkin Patch event, which was held this week.

We have consciously tried to invite parents in to school as much as possible this first half term to support a whole range of activities for the pupils in case we have restrictions later due to a rise in cases of the new viruses.

Our hope is for all staff and families to stay healthy throughout the winter with the help of Gods blessings.

May you all have a most enjoyable half term break whilst appreciating the splendour of our world in the beautiful glory of the autumn trees as they turn colour.

### Juniors - St. Mary's Award

3 Hawthorn	Martyna
3 Mulberry	Klara
3 Willow	Ava
4 Ash	Evie
4 Poplar	Deisy
4 Rowan	Pola
5 Birch	Ronan
5 Elm	Sienna
5 Sycamore	Jacob
6 Chestnut	Alice
6 Copper Beech	Ria
6 Oak	Ailean

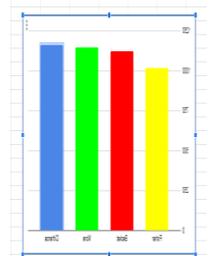
### Recognition & Reward

#### Infant - Stars of the week

R Fox	Will
R Squirrel	recommence
R Hedgehog	soon
1 Wren	Maja
1 Sparrow	Isabella
1 Robin	Katie
2 Heron	Amelia
2 Jay	Louise
2 Woodpecker	Elizabeth

#### Junior - Housepoints

4 <sup>th</sup> is Fisher with: 1019
3 <sup>rd</sup> is Becket with: 1124
2 <sup>nd</sup> is More with: 1146
1 <sup>st</sup> is Clitherow with: 1165



## News for the week

On Friday evening, the boys A team took to the pitches of Hackbridge to play another brilliant game of football. Thank you to all the family members who took the boys and came along to support. The team played fantastically and won the game 3-1. Unfortunately, our goal keeper suffered an injury but still played on, we wish you a speedy recovery Mike!



On Wednesday afternoon, Tweedale Primary School visited us to take part in a football match. The team pulled together brilliantly and won the game 4-1. Well done to our goal scorers and to our goal keeper Timmy, for all working so hard to win the game. Thank you to all the families who stayed to watch and support the team, we are very grateful!



### Cross Country News

We are absolutely thrilled to say that St Mary's WON the Borough cross-country event last week! We are so proud of all our pupils and absolutely delighted to have won across such a large number of schools. A huge well done to everyone and thank you to all the parents for their support.

### PTA Pumpkin Sale



#### Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/lent?pid=MTA101634&v=53.11>

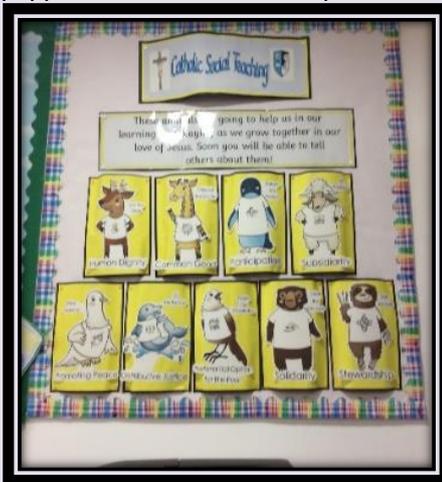
## Spirituality

We started our year with the joy of our School Feast Day, when Bishop Paul celebrated Mass for us. Sadly, we also said farewell as he has been given a role further away from Carshalton.

Over 20 children from Y6 applied to be members of this year's Chaplaincy Team and we are delighted that they want to help support our school. They have already shared ideas about our 4 House Saints (Becket, Clitherow, Fisher and More). During the month of October, they have led the Rosary in our school chapel on two lunchtimes a week. Sharing a decade of the Rosary at a time, many pupils have chosen to join them in this special prayer at lunchtime.

We thank you all for your generous donations of food for the Harvest Festival. These have been given to the St Philomena's Food Bank. If you would like to access this Food Bank, please contact Deacon Errol at [equagraine@stpils.org.uk](mailto:equagraine@stpils.org.uk)

Our Hindu brothers and sisters celebrate Diwali during half term and, in the Juniors, we shared a special assembly to learn about what this festival means to them. Children enjoyed looking at books and using puppets to retell the story.



## News from Nursery

Hello from Froglet Class! All the children settled really well into Nursery. We have had so much fun this term! We have been looking at the changes during Autumn and have had lots of excitement exploring the different colours of the changing environment. Our favourite book this term has been "Shark in the Park" where all the children have joined in with the repetitive phrases. We have learnt lots of new songs: Wise Old Owl, Bee Bee Bumble Bee, Zero, Zero Superhero... We hope all our Froglet class families have a lovely half term!



## News from Reception

Well done to all the Reception children for a great start to the year. The children have settled in well and are beginning to adjust to new school routines. We began the term by reading our first two

key texts; 'Brown Bear Brown Bear, What Do You See?' and 'Polar Bear Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?' The children enjoyed creating their own listening ears and going on a listening walk, hearing sounds in the environment. We finished off the half term with 'Elmer's colours day' where the children dressed up in bright colours and enjoyed getting VERY messy! The children also created their own Elmer masks for our parade after reading another key text; 'Elmer'.

The children have enjoyed our RE topic of 'Myself.' Throughout the topic we discussed that prayer is a way of talking to God and that he knows us all by our name. We finished the topic by having a class service to reflect upon our learning throughout this half term. We have now begun our 'Welcome' topic where the children have been learning all about how they are welcomed and that they were welcomed into God's family when they were Baptised.



## News from Year 1

Well done to all the Year 1 children for settling back into school life. We began our topic 'Enchanted Woodland' by exploring the school grounds using our senses. In Science the children have looked closely at different trees in our surrounding area and now know how to identify them based on their leaves and their seeds. In RE the children have learned about the love and care we get from our families. We have also been learning how to pray the Rosary during Liturgies. Our English learning this half term has been driven by the texts 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' where they have explored retelling the stories and the children created their own by changing the characters. In DT this half term the children enjoyed tasting porridge with different toppings and decided on their favourite to make for Baby Bear. Thank you for your continued support this half term. Have a restful break and see you next half term. The Year 1 team.



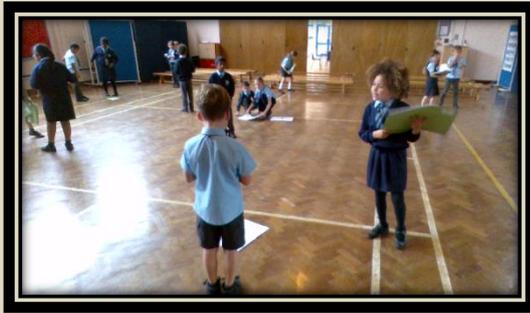
## News from Year 2

We have had such a great start to year 2 with our topic of Muck, Mess and Mixtures. Children really enjoyed our 'Messy Morning' where they were able to experiment with creating their own wonderful mixtures just as Rufus did in our key text. In RE we discussed how God is at every beginning and thought of all the new beginnings we have experienced so far. We are now looking forward to our new topic of Street detectives.



## News from Year 3

Year 3 have settled into Junior School life very well! Year 3 learners are quickly becoming Stone Age experts, inspired by our class text 'Stone Age Boy' in English and our history learning on this historical period. We even discovered some ancient looking artefacts in our grounds which caused much speculation as to whether they were Stone Age linked? Year 3 also transformed into cave artists, replicating shapes, animals and colours from the uncovered cave art dating back to the Stone Age period. In science, we have been learning through lots of active investigating within our topic of 'Light and Shadow', where our learning has been filled with torches, reflective materials and shadow measuring.



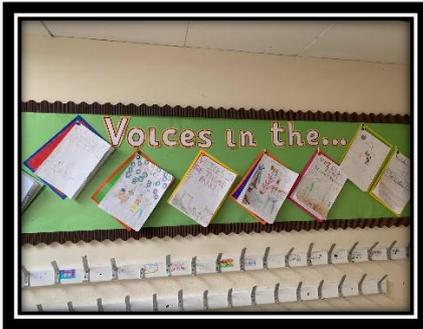
## News from Year 4

What do a time-travelling dinosaur, green globby aliens, pirates, vampires and a carton of milk have in common? They all inspired year 4 children to make a great start to their writing skills this term. Following Dad's crazy adventures with these characters in our driver book 'Fortunately the Milk' not only led to some fantastic emotive and descriptive language but also reinvigorated all our imaginations. Another favourite this half term has been Science - finding out fascinating facts and watching stomach-churning simulations to learn more about the digestive system and teeth. In RE, we have reflected on what it means to be part of a family. Our current topic 'Called' has helped us to consider our own talents and why we've been chosen, as well as the talents of inspirational figures such as Nelson Mandela, who continues to teach us the important values of courage, compassion and forgiveness.



## News from Year 5

Year 5 children have been on quests this half term! We have loved following the adventures of Lila, a firework maker's daughter, as she searched for what she needed. Philip Pullman's novel inspired us to write extra chapters about Lila, and in these she met all sorts of strange and wonderful creatures. Sadly, she did not listen to the warnings she was given! In Science, we have been exploring forces. Making parachutes, foil boats and a chute for eggs to move down safely which allowed us to work like scientists, keeping records and drawing conclusions. In RE, we have considered whether commitment is important. Why not ask your child to tell you the story of the Scorpion and the Frog?



## News from Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy start to the year! We were fortunate enough to be able to go on an educational visit to the Ecology centre in Carshalton, which tied in with our learning in Science this half-term. All three classes have presented their assemblies based on: reading, inspiring people and how we learn - hopefully inspiring those who attended! We have enjoyed learning about the Mayans in History this half-term, and this has linked in with other subject areas such as Art, in which we made our own hieroglyphs using clay.





SAVE THE DATE

# Christmas Fayre

03.12.2022

11am to 2pm at the Infants School



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The 'UK General Data Protection Regulation' (UK GDPR) brought about changes about how we can use your personal data and keep it safe, and also strengthens your rights over your own data.

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