



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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St Mary's News letter 3.5.24

Headteachers Update

Welcome to our new news letter. We hope that you find it easy to access and easy to navigate. We hope to update you every week with news of all the amazing things that are happening at St Mary's. The new news letter will feature news from all the classes, photos and much more along with the latest from the SENCO and Pastoral team and the office team. This will ensure everything is in one place and is easily accessible.

We were lucky to have Rocksteady Roadshow last week. The children loved it and it is really good that we can have it at our school. If you would like any further information, please contact the team at Rocksteady. We are still looking for keyboard players and singers.

We are now very much focused on the summer term. There are lots of activities planned and many events. Please see the dates for the diary below. Dates will be added to this as we move through the term.

Since the introduction of the 'Stop and Think' sheet that children complete as a consequence to breaking the rules of 'Ready, Respect, Safe', we have seen many children take more responsibility for their behavior choices. The impact has been significant, with only a few children completing them over time. Thank you for your support in this matter, it is so important to get used to the rules of life at this age and take responsibility for your actions.

Clubs start again next week, unfortunately due to other commitments, some teachers are unable to offer them at this time. If you would like to volunteer to run a club, please do let us know and we could put this into action. Please also remember that 'Rocksteady' is also a club but held during the school day.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Alison McDonald and the team at St Mary's

Dates for the Diary

Dates for the Diary Summer Term 24

Weekly Mass at St Mary's and St Petroc's Church Wednesday at 10 am—all welcome

Monday 6th May– Bank Holiday– School closed

Monday 13th to Friday 17th May Year 6 SATS week

Wednesday 15th May Year 1 Newquay Aquarium

16th May Fiesta Theme Menu whole school

20th-24th May Year 2 optional SATS

Wednesday 22nd May Class Photos

27th to the 31st May Half Term week

Monday 3rd June back to school

10th to the 12th June Year 5 Residential Porthpean

17th to the 21st June Olympics week

Tuesday 18th June Year 3/4 sports day am and Year 5/6 sports day pm

Wednesday 19th June Reception and Nursery Sports Day am and Year 1/2 Sports Day pm

1st July-4th July St Mary's Mission week

1st July 'Welcome Day' Bodmin College Year 6's

Transition date for school to follow soon

8th July Year 6 Leavers Mass (CAST) Plymouth Cathedral

16th July Year 6 End of Year Play Afternoon/evening

22nd July Year 6 Leavers Mass (St Mary's Church) 2pm

23rd July Year 6 Graduation 1.45pm and end of school

Friends Of St Mary's News

Friends of St Mary's met yesterday to discuss the Summer Fair date. Please save the date for the 28th June from 3.45pm onward.

Home Clothes dress day will be on the 14th June. Each class will have a colour theme, children are asked to bring in any new items that can be used to put into a colour hamper or used as prize in the games or raffles. Colours to follow soon.

Nursery and Reception Class News

Wow, what an amazing week Nursery and Reception class have had!

This week we have been learning all about pets. We looked at photos of our pets and discussed what each pet needs to stay happy and healthy. We drew pictures of our pets and had our role-play area turned into a vets. We even had some special visitors, including a tortoise, a guinea pig, a dog and even a snake!

Fantastic work Nursery and reception!

Next week we will be going on a Gruffalo hunt!



1 - We was all very brave and everyone chose to stroke the snake!



2 - We discovered all about owning a pet tortoise!



3 - Max the dog visited and we worked together to build him a home.



4 - We learnt all about dogs!



5 - A furry friend joined the class!



6 - We are looking after our class caterpillars!



7 - We learnt what a tortoise likes to eat, he is very healthy!



8 - Jenny and her pet tortoise!



9 - We are caring for snails in our class!

Year 1 News



10 - Great learning at Forest School.



11 - Making birds nests.

This week has been full of fantastic learning in year 1!

In English we have continued to learn our class story - Beegu, which is all about a little Alien who gets lost on Earth. At the beginning of the week we were exploring question sentences and looking at key vocabulary. Over the past couple of days we have been innovating our stories. The children have thought very carefully about their own Alien who gets lost on Earth.

We have been super Mathematicians this week, exploring fractions. We have been finding and recognising half of a shape and quantity, as well as, finding and recognising a quarter of a shape and quantity.

Year 1 have been learning all about Africa and Australia this week in geography. We have explored what money is used in the different continents, what animals live there and the population. In Science we have been exploring invertebrates, we explored the different types of animals that do not have a back bone and wrote lots of interesting facts about these animals.

In RE we have been studying the Holy Spirit and how the Holy Spirit guides you to help and serve others.

This week in forest school we got the chance to look at real birds nest and how they are made. We then had a go at making our very own birds nests and year 1 did a super job.

Well done year 1, what a fun filled week!!

Year 2 News

Wow, year 2. What a busy week we have had, we have been learning lots about Space and about the different planets in our solar system. We have also learnt about the oceans. See if the children can remember what percentage of the Earth is water! We have been working on fractions in maths and we are looking at the Lighthouse Keepers's Lunch in English.

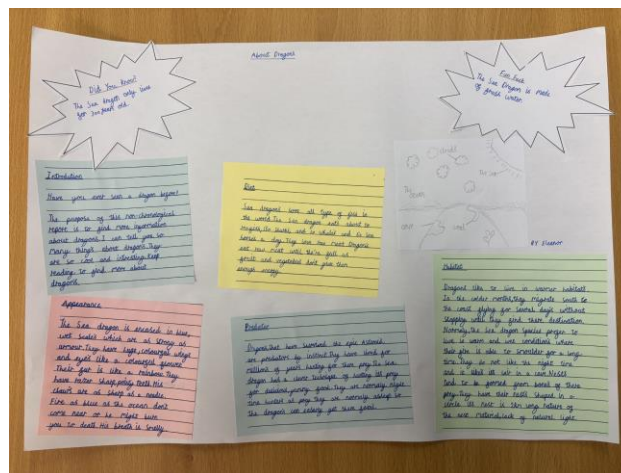
I hope you have a fantastic Bank Holiday Weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

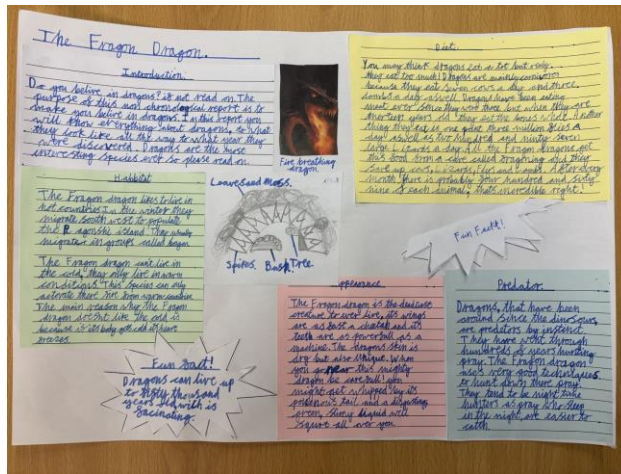
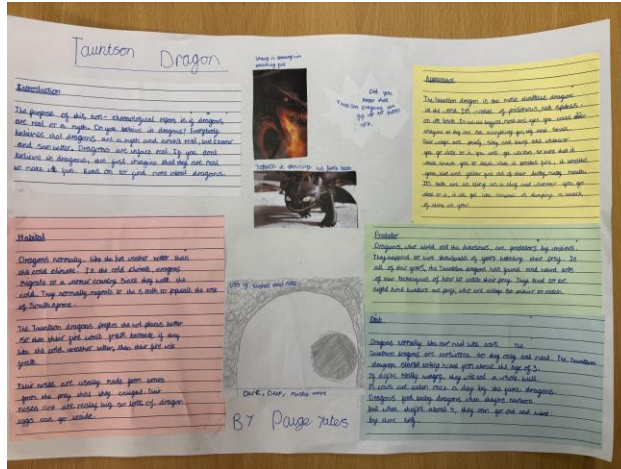
Year 3 News

It's been another busy week in year 3! We've been working hard in our writing lessons, creating an opening and resolution to the Clock Tower. Next week we'll be editing before completing our final write. In maths we've been using bar models and number lines to find equivalent fractions, and in geography we've studied how fold mountains and volcanoes are formed. In science we've been researching synthetic materials, how these are formed and what they can be used for; in RE we've been studying the Trinity and how prayers and hymns are used to help us remember this. A great week with lots of fantastic learning - well done, year 3!

Year 4 News

Wow, year 4!!! This week you have shown a great passion for writing. You have written fine examples of non-chronological reports about dragons including expanded noun phrases, conjunctions and relative clauses. Using the success criteria you have included all of the features needed. Keep up this amazing work, I am very proud of you all.





Year 5 News

Wow Year 5, what a fantastic week we have had!

Some fabulous ideas within our English lessons this week, we have looked at emotion graphs for the first time, then generated ideas for our character descriptions! There has been some tricky maths (protractors!) However, with perseverance, you have all been successful. Geography was really interesting this week looking at a case study of the Curitiba and how they have worked to become and greenest city in the world. In science we have been identifying and understanding physical and chemical changes.

Well-done fantastic fives! :)

Year 6 News

Year 6 have had a fantastic week. They have been very focused on their SATs revision.

In PE, they have been honing their skills in athletics, especially the triple jump.

In Science, the children have been fascinated by refraction. The investigation into why light refracts when it passes through one transparent material to the next brought great debate and discussions.

Well done Year 6, keep working hard!







Pastoral and SEND News



Mental Health Awareness Week 2024 will take place from 13 to 19 May, on the theme of “Movement: Moving more for our mental health”.

Movement is important for our mental health. But so many of us struggle to move enough. We know there are many different reasons for this, so this Mental Health Awareness Week we want to help people to find moments for movement in their daily routines. Going for a walk in your neighbourhood, putting on your favourite music and dancing around the living room, chair exercises when you’re watching television – it all counts!

More information can be found on this website [Mental Health Awareness Week | Mental Health Foundation](#)

Attendance update

Whole school attendance is currently 94.9% for the school year. Year 6 have won the trophy this week for class with the highest attendance. Year 6 achieved 96.2% closely followed by Years 3 and 4 who had 96% and 96.1% - it was very close this week !



We all know that good attendance means better educational progress but establishing good attendance patterns from an early age is also vital for social development. The more time a child spends with other children in the classroom as part of broader school-organised activities, the more chance they have of making friends, of feeling included and of developing social skills, confidence, and self esteem.

If your child is experiencing any difficulties with coming to school then please do get in contact with Mrs Cox, our Pupil and Parent Support Advisor so that we can put together a plan of support.

Office News

School Lunch Booking Reminder - thank you for booking your child's meal, this can be done by 8am each morning, weekly or monthly

Booking Procedure:-

1. Go to www.parentpay.com and log in
2. Select make meal bookings under pupil's name
3. Make or view bookings
4. Scroll down and select meals required
5. Scroll down, check booking and select confirm bookings, proceed to payment.

Events and Community



Rock Steady coming soon!

COMING SOON ROCK AND POP MUSIC LESSONS!

Exciting news! From 24th May 2024 we will be welcoming Rocksteady Music School to St Mary's Catholic Primary School. It's an incredible opportunity for the children to learn to play their favourite songs in their very own band with a choice of drums, keyboards, electric guitar, bass guitar or vocals. Lessons will take place every week during school time.

As well learning new musical skills, lessons also help the children with their confidence, wellbeing, social skills and teamwork. These fun and inclusive lessons are taught by highly trained, professional musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of music. At the end of each term each band will perform a concert for the school and their families, so you can see how far they have come!

Here's what you need to know:

- All instruments are provided
- No musical experience necessary
- Suitable for all ages
- Most lessons take place during school time
- Your child will learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills
- You'll receive regular online updates via the Rocksteady Parent Timeline
- There's a money back guarantee for the first month
- You can cancel at any time.

To introduce the children to Rocksteady workshops will be held in school on 26th April 2024 giving them a chance to try out the instruments and learn all about being a musician in a band.

Please look out for a letter from Rocksteady, which your child will bring home with them after their workshop or visit bit.ly/parent-sign-up to sign up.

Don't forget to sign up for Rocksteady Club starting on the 24th May. Spaces are going fast. We still need singers and keyboard players.

Contact Us

Our new website is very much up and running, please follow the link to access anything policies, curriculum information and forms.

[School Website](#)