



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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St Mary's News 17.5.23

Headteachers Update 17.5.24

Well that week flew by!

We want to say a huge well done to the children in year 6 for taking on the tough SAT tests this year. We were all blown away by your positive attitude, your perseverance and resilience. Some of those tests were very tricky, but you didn't give up, you kept on going. Well done to you all! We would also like to say a huge thank you to Miss Frost, Miss Pheasant, Mrs Callaghan, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Yeo and Mrs McNulty for helping this week and of course, Mr Holmes for being amazing and doing the very best for all the children in his class.

Back to normal next week, Year 6, unless it is now play practice!

The rest of the school have had a great week with lots of events and a great deal of learning taking place. Please see our class news below.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs McDonald and the team

Dates for the Diary



Nursery and Reception Class News

This week in Nursery we have been enjoying a Gruffalo feast. We created a menu and party hats and enjoyed roasted fox, owl ice cream and snake spaghetti!

This week in Reception we have been developing map skills. We have drawn story maps based our class books Rosie's walk and The Gruffalo. We then worked in groups to create maps of a farm.







1 - Yummy!



2 - Owl Ice Cream!



3 - Delicious!

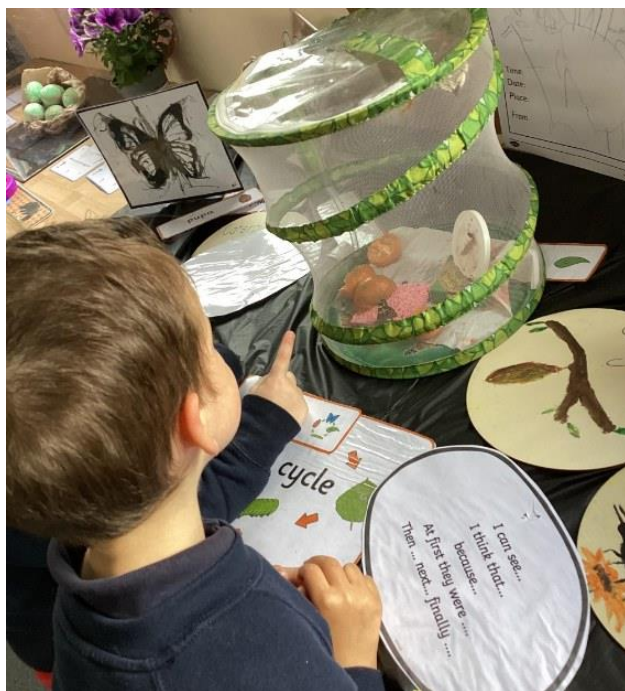


4 - Snake Spaghetti!





5 - Party ready!



6 - We now have beautiful butterflies!



7 - A delicious menu fit for a Gruffalo!



Year 1 News

Year 1 have had a very exciting week this week!!

Year 1 had a wonderful experience during our recent visit to the aquarium! It was a day filled with exploration, learning, and fun.

The children were fascinated by the variety of marine animals. From the colourful clownfish and seahorses to the playful sea turtle. Year 1 were particularly excited by the sharks.

Our trip included an interactive session where the children learned about the different habitats and behaviours of starfish and crabs.

Year 1 also had the BEST time playing on the beach after our aquarium visit! One of the most enjoyable activities was building sandcastles. The children worked really well in groups, showing incredible teamwork and creativity.

Our aquarium visit was a great educational experience that brought our science curriculum to life.

Thank you to everyone for making this day a great experience!





Year 2 News

Unfortunately Mrs Rogerson has been poorly this week and we wish her a speedy recovery. The class were looked after by Mrs Yeo and Mrs Whittle this week. They have been focusing on some last minute practice for the optional KS1 SAT tests as well as inventing stories, ready for the final writes next week. Mrs Whittle told me that she was blown away by the writing in the class. That is lovely news year 2, we are all very proud of your achievements.

Year 3 News

Year 3 have been amazing this week! We have finished our final writes of our narratives based on the Clock Tower and have moved on to diary writing, writing as if we were the ballerina. These are already looking brilliant, helped by the much improved handwriting and presentation! In maths we've continued with our work on mass and capacity, looking at how to use scales and make comparisons between kg and g. In geography we looked at what happens when a volcano erupts and the effects that this can have on the communities living nearby. We then did the same with earthquakes. In science we've been creating our own paper and in RE we continued with our work on the Ascension, looking at how Mary is important in the story.

Well done, Year 3!





Year 4 News

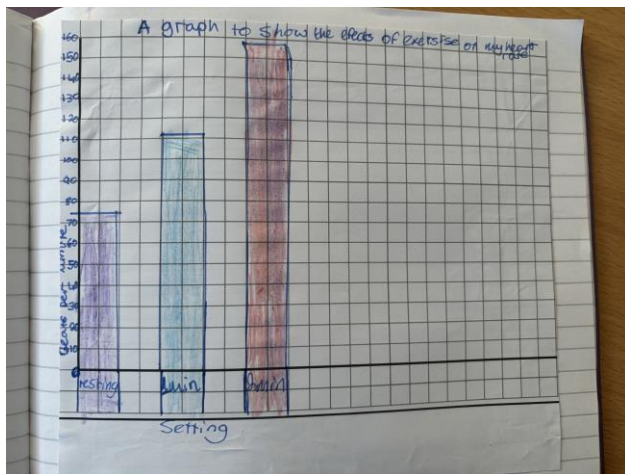
Wow, year 4, this week you have impressed me with your work on decimals. We have focused on partitioning decimals and ordering them.

In athletics, the children have focused on the skills needed to complete the hurdles successfully and continue to perfect their throwing techniques.

In Geography, we looked at why our exploitation of natural resources is damaging to our planet and spoke at great depth about the impact deforestation has on the Amazon Rainforest.

We continued our science work based on practical skills and investigated how exercise affects our heart rates. Our focus was recording our results using scientific tables and presenting well-deserved the information in graphs.

Well done year 4, one more week to go before a well deserved break.



Year 5 News

Year 5, you are all incredible.

What a fabulous week of learning we have had. Finishing our geometry unit in maths, with most getting full marks on the end of unit check. In geography we thought carefully about the type of energy we use

and how we could become a more sustainable town. For mental health week, and using the theme of movement, we played a warm up game of, rock;paper;scissors and then had a go at Badminton.

Have a wonderful weekend, try and get outside and enjoy the glorious weather we are having!

More photos to share next week.







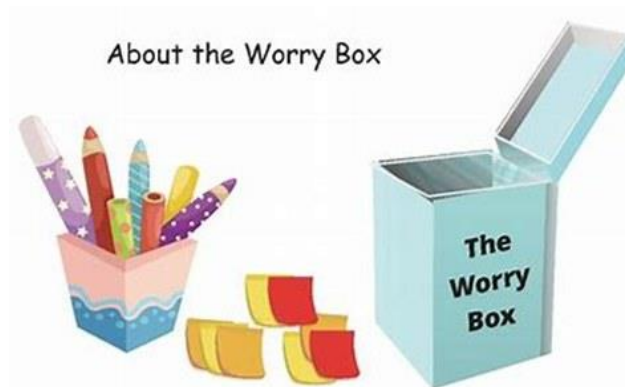
Year 6 News

We had a very busy week with SATS, the children worked so hard and did their best in all the tests. We will get the results in July so it will be a while.

To top off the week, the year 5 and 6 children enjoyed a rounders. It was great!

Have a good weekend and we will see you all next week ready for a more relaxed week.

Pastoral and SEN News



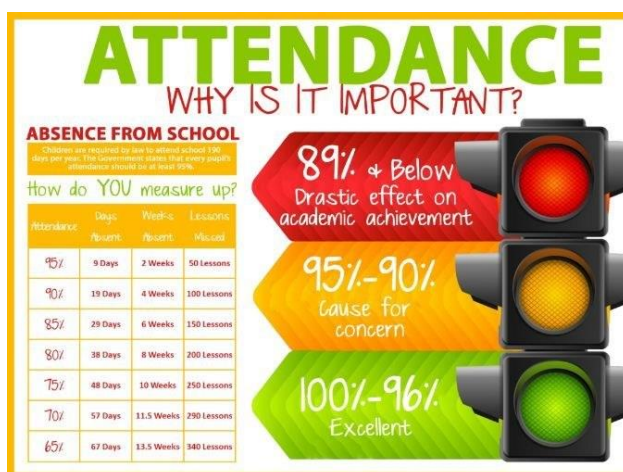
If your child often feels worried or anxious, and it's upsetting them or making it difficult for them to think about or do other things, you can try making a worry box together.

Worry boxes are containers into which children can post their anxious thoughts. Children can find them soothing because they:

- give them a physical way of getting rid of their worries, so they don't need to carry them around anymore
- make them feel safer by holding their anxious thoughts for them
- help them to understand that thoughts are just thoughts, not real things that happen in the world, and that it's possible to let them go
- create a routine for sorting out their worries and sharing them with you

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/how-to-make-a-worry-box-a-guide-for-parents/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR04qIrgjtNz8vNpvqUGKnQpFpthsnINrZCPS_M2CPH4aM9xA9nKeg2JAR0_aem_ATQZfjIIEtYtwvni_aczighTJ6BL2gUH2uItTgBngCXx1MIFCJ2hhsJFSLg_xMb_bmz4jUjkSVgOFUmpKdUArnKN

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 98.2% - what a fantastic result ! Also a huge congratulations from Mrs Cox and Mrs Langton to Year 6 for doing such an amazing job this week with their SATs.

Please could we also remind all parents and carers that our school day starts at 8.55am. If your child arrives after this time then they will be marked late. Children can find it very difficult to settle if they arrive late and will miss important information about their school day. We would appreciate your support in helping your child to arrive on time.



Office News

Thank you for your continued support with Parentpay, please note you can book school meals up until the end of the term (23 July 2024)

Community links and events

Our whole school mass for Pentecost will take place on Thursday 23rd May at 2pm in our church. Our mass has been prepared by the children in year 4. Please feel free to come along and join us, it would be lovely to see you.

Please contact us via our website <https://www.st-marys-bod.cornwall.sch.uk/web> or call our school on 01208 73218