



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

# NEWSLETTER

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

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It has been another really busy week at St Mary's and a great deal has been achieved. In addition to Year 6 getting their SATs results on Tuesday, we have also finished our Assessment Week for pupils in all other year groups and it has been really pleasing to see the progress that is being made across the school.

Teachers are looking very carefully at all the pupils individually and they are ensuring that everything possible is done to support the learning of the pupils in their class. In the Autumn term we will be offering some subject specific workshops, so parents can see what the children are learning and how best they can support the children at home. It is an important part of the education process that the children can share their learning with you at home and that, in turn, you can support them. As always, high levels of attendance support with this and, put simply, the more a child is absent from school, the further they will fall behind academically, as vital elements of learning will be missed.

Year 3 enjoyed their trip to the Barbican on Wednesday, travelling by train into London and then exploring the Barbican area. Thank you to Miss Garip for organising the trip and to Miss Ellis, Mr Kilpatrick and Mrs Leonard for accompanying it.

Yesterday was Transition Day across Hertfordshire and our Year 6 pupils went to visit their secondary schools. Here at St Mary's, we had our own transition morning where all the pupils spent the morning with the teachers for next year.

It was a great pleasure to welcome our new colleagues for September: they certainly all enjoyed getting to know the children with whom they will be working next year and they are all excited about working at St Mary's. The usual beginning of year parent meetings will be held in September, so you will get to meet your child's class teacher then.

This afternoon we have our final Arts Afternoon of the year when some of the pupils will demonstrate their talents.

There is a great deal for us to look forward next week: Sports Day on Monday morning, the Year 6 barbecue on Monday afternoon, the Year 6 production on Wednesday and the Rock Steady concerts on Friday. It has been thoroughly enjoyable to pop into the school hall on a number of occasions during the course of this week to witness the rehearsals that are taking place for the Year 6 production - it is coming together and several of the Years 6s are really beginning to inhabit their parts!

In Collective Worship yesterday on Transition Day, as we looked forward to a new year, I shared the following aspirational quote from Gabby Douglas with the children:

*"The most important thing is to believe in yourself and know that you can do it."*

Have a good weekend.

**Adrian Petty**

**Headteacher**



*Flourish for the future*

Our value this half term is:

# Loyalty

**But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God."**

**Ruth 1:16**

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# HOUSEPOINTS



I am pleased to report that House Points this week were as follows:

**137**



**117**



**109**



**128**



**Well done Badgers!**

Running Totals:

**1047**

**809**

**774**

**858**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated by the TAs for good manners and joined Mr Petty on the Star Table .

**Reception - Nikita**

**Year 1 - Christopher**

**Year 2 - Mahrukh**

**Year 3 - Diana**

**Year 4 - Sonny**

**Year 5 - Rocky-James**

**Year 6 - Erfan**

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

**Reception - Jayden**

**Year 1 - Ini**

**Year 2 - Thomas**

**Year 3 - All of Year 3**

**Year 4 - Diksha**

**Year 5 - John**

**Year 6 - Justin**

**Congratulations to all these children.**

## ATTENDANCE STARS

**Hawking 95.2%**



**Mandela 94.5%**



**Luther King 93.5%**



**Attenborough 92.2%**



**Elizabeth 91.8%**



**Curie 91.2%**



**Goodall 90.4%**



# SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Friday 12th July	Arts Afternoon—3:30pm
Monday 15th July	Sports Day—9:45pm
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term Service—10am St Mary's Church
Tuesday 23rd July	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm
Monday 2nd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Tuesday 3rd September	Inset Day—School Closed
Wednesday 4th September	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am
Thursday 19th September	Year 4 trip to Verulamium
Wednesday 23rd October	Inset Day—School Closed
Thursday 24th October	Inset Day—School Closed
Friday 25th October	Inset Day—School Closed
28th October—1st November	Half Term

Well done to Hallie, George, Lyla and Olivia-May for raising £1707.50 in sponsorship for participating in Cancer Research Race for Life.



Attendance Ted had a new outfit made for them by Hallie's Nan. A St Mary's School uniform!



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We are a welcoming Christian community where every child has the chance to flourish.

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The Eric Liddell Award for

# Loyalty



*"Overflowing with thankfulness,  
inspiration and joy"*

Never let go of loyalty and faithfulness. Tie them round your neck; write them on your heart. (Proverbs 3:3)

## Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

I know that you give me opportunities to learn and practice the virtue of loyalty while on earth and I thank you for those opportunities.

Help me to do my best to embrace them.

Please stay with me as I learn and keep my heart open to you and your Son, my Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen

## Reception - Elizabeth

This week, Reception have continued to learn about sea creatures and have enjoyed listening to the stories 'Sharing a Shell' and 'The Fish Who Could Wish'. They have also enjoyed creating their own 'under the ocean' artwork. The children used a variety of techniques - wax resist drawing, water colouring painting and salt sprinkling - to create their ocean backdrop. They then drew, cut out and glued on a variety of sea creatures to complete their artwork. In Maths, the children have been learning to understand and correctly use positional language - on, in, behind, in front of, next to, under, above, etc. It would be great if they could continue to practise using positional language at home, eg, the teddy is behind the curtain, the dog is under the table. And, finally, the children enjoyed meeting their new Year 1 teacher and spending Thursday morning getting to know her and familiarising themselves with their new classroom.



## Year 1 - Curie

Curie class have had another busy week. It has been assessment week and an opportunity for the children to show us what they have learnt in the past term. Everyone has made progress with their learning, and we are very proud of them. The highlight of the week was yesterday when the children visited their new classroom and teacher for the morning. They were all very excited to find out what they would be doing in Year 2 and spend time with Mr Bailey, their new teacher. The children came back to Year 1 eager to tell us all about what they had been doing. Mr Bailey said they had been a delight to teach, something we already know, as we have been so lucky to teach them all year! We shall miss teaching them but know that they are going to continue to flourish in Year 2. Have a great weekend.



## Year 2 - Hawking

In Maths, we have been finding three quarters of amounts. The questioning has been varied so that they get accustomed to using different strategies to solve the questions. E.g. Ron shares eight sweets into four groups. How many sweets are in each group?

The class have also been practicing using arrays to find out three quarters of different amounts. Further challenge questions required the children to apply various mathematical steps. Questions included a character eating a number of sweets. The fraction and numerical amounts eaten were provided and they had to find out how many sweets were left.



## Year 2 - Hawking

In English, we are carrying on with the Owl and the Pussy cat poem. The focus of the learning was using the suffixes -ful and -less. The children read the second stanza of the poem and discussed the meanings of any unknown words.

The root words the class looked at were hope, harm, fear, help, pain and use with their meanings discussed. Both suffixes were added to the root word, and we discussed how the meanings changed.

In Science, we have continued with seeds and bulbs and discussed how they grow in different temperatures and the effects.

## Year 3 - Mandela

On Monday, in Year three, we were practising how to save ourselves and people in swimming in case of an emergency and we learned how to float on our backs. We also held hands and made a circle where we had to do different things to show good listening in the water. In Maths, we've been learning Length and Perimeter. We've also been learning our metres, millimetres and centimetres. In English, we have been learning about volcanoes and the book we have been learning about is Escape from Pompeii. It is about when Vesuvius erupted and we have planned our newspaper report which we will be doing. On Wednesday, we went on a trip to the Barbican in London; it was pretty. It's different because we went on a train and not a coach. On the train, we were sketching the landscapes in London. At the Guildhall we got to see classic art and a tour around.

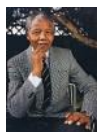
In reading, in Miss Garip's group, we have been learning about pollution.

Yesterday at the transition, Year 3 did self portraits of themselves not with detail but expressed with bright colours. In spelling, we were looking over our spellings and we done 30 altogether. This was for the whole of the summer term.

*"I really enjoyed the movie that Mr Kilpatrick set for us yesterday and the popcorn",*

*Michaela*

*This week's newsletter is written by Mikayla, Charlotte, Daisy and Freddie.*



## Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been a very busy and exciting week in Attenborough Class. In English, we have been looking at our book Shackleton's Journey, the children took on the role as interviewees and interviews preparing to board the expedition.

This week in Maths, we have been looking at time, telling the time is such an important skill and children should continue to practice during the summer. In Geography, we finished off our projects on the Tatra Mountains. In whole class reading, the class have enjoyed working through some comprehension texts. We have gone through our assessment week; the children have all done really well and I am very proud of them. I look forward to a busy last full week of term.





## Year 5 - Luther King

This week year 5 won attendance Ted. We have had so much fun this week with Ted. He enjoyed playing rounders with Miss English and transition day in Year 6. Ted has had so many different outfits this week. Year 5 loved him so much they even made him a bed! He joined in with sitting on the benches for the first time. Ted was excited to go on the climbing frame and climb trees . He was thrilled to make an account, make mash cams and draw a self portrait .He also did some activities in Year 6 on transition day. Year 5 were over the moon to have Ted visit they hope he'll visit again

By Hallie and Darcey



## Year 6 - Goodall

Ahoy there, landlubbers! Year 6 Goodall has been setting sail for Alwaysland and beyond this week! Rehearsals for their swashbuckling production of Pete Pan are in full swing, with the sound of singing and dancing echoing through the halls (have you got your tickets yet?). It promises to be a magical performance at St. Mary's School on July 17th at 9:30am and 2pm.

But the adventures don't stop there! Year 6 has also been flexing their creative muscles, crafting masks out of salt dough. And to prepare for their upcoming journey to secondary school, they participated in a transition day that went fantastically! With confidence and newfound skills, they're ready to conquer whatever Alwaysland, or secondary school, throws their way!





## **North Mymms Book Swap**

**North Mymms Memorial Hall**

**10am-12 Midday**

**Saturday 6th July 2024**

**Saturday 20th July 2024**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2024**

Organised by North Mymms Book Swap and supported by North Mymms Parish Council.



# Teddy Bears' Picnic

Fun for all the family at St Mary's Church  
Sunday 14th July  
2 - 5pm



Come to watch the brave teddies parachute from the church tower, enjoy a picnic, and play outdoor games. Refreshments and ice cream are available for purchase.

To book your free timed ticket for the parachute drop\* visit  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-north-mymms](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-church-north-mymms)  
or scan the QR code



\*Advance booking  
essential