

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 12th July 2024

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a week of performances and we have been privileged to witness such Talent across the school! You child will come home today with their School Report and attendance is up to and including last Friday.

Class 4 Production – Gladis Baker Gladiator – 8.7.24

On Monday Class 4 wowed us with their production and what a show is was - from Gladiators to singers and dancers and even inflatable chickens!

This was a fantastic performance and we thank everyone for their hard work. We have had so many positive comments about the big smiles and



St. Mary's Got Talent ! – 11.7.24

Last night we enjoyed a very special St. Mary's Got Talent – Our Wonderful School Talent show. Our 2023 winner Harry Bass opened the show in style and set the bar high.

This event takes a HUGE amount of planning and rehearsing and as we said at the live show we must say THANK YOU to everyone who made this show possible- Those who spent hours rehearsing, watching, shopping and cooking in the kitchen!! You are so appreciated!

We had such lovely comments and the family atmosphere was wonderful Each and every act was brilliant and should feel very proud.

Thank you to our judges: Bradley Brogden, Oliver Lawson, Tommy Holland- Bass, Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Ellis



The Results were.....

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| Winner- 1st Place | Six- Freya Stevens, Ella Mullarkey, Macie Dixon, Alythia McKeever, Georgia Purkis and Felicity Pye |
| 2 nd Place | Matthew Williams |
| 3 rd Place | Esmee Woodruff- Brown and Chloe Brogden |
| Highly Commended | Martha Robinson |

"It was an amazing night. I loved it. The crowd was even more exciting than the acts!. As soon as we found out we won we all jumped up and started to cry happy tears!" Freya Stevens

"I really enjoyed the performance and I feel really proud of myself! I think it was better than Britain's Got Talent!!" Elliott Williams

" I really enjoyed it, It was a memorable experience!" Chloe Brogden

"It was really fun, exciting and wonderful! " Esmee Woodruff-Brown

"I liked my dancing and I think Bradley did!" Martha Robinson



Change of school day... DfE requirements - IMPORTANT

Dear Families. As you aware, for a number of weeks now we have been consulting on the options for amendments to the school day in line with the DfE requirements.

Finding a solution that suits everyone is challenging, hence we asked for/ invited Parental views and input and ultimately, the decision made will be driven by what would benefit the children academically. The school is asked by the Governors to consider how the additional time will be used in the context of School Improvement Priorities.

It has been brought to my attention that a Parental Questionnaire has been created and as such shared via various WhatsApp Forums/ Groups. **I must make this clear that this is not an official school consultation tool. This has not been created on behalf of or with the permission of the Governors.**

School would never share questionnaires/ information via WhatsApp. School will continue to share materials through formal channels such as the Newsletter, Website, Teachers2Parents text messaging service and the See Saw App.

Therefore, the information created by someone externally to the school, whether this be a Parent/ Carer or otherwise, will not be accepted and will not form part of our consultation.

As I have already communicated, you can share your views in person, via email, via the telephone; we operate, and have always operated an Open Door Policy. Myself and the whole staff are available to take on-board any views, as indeed we are with any school matter.

A consultation is not a 'vote', is it an opportunity to gather views from ALL relevant consultees and these are presented to the Governors. It is the Governors that will ultimately make the decision based on what they deem to be in the best interests of those at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School.

I will endeavour to update you further next week.

FOSM newsletter

Wow!! Wow!! Wow!!

What an incredible performance! Who knew we had such talent in our school? Watch out BGT!!

We'd like to thank all of the children for treating us to such an amazing show, for Mrs Brogden and team for all their hard work putting it together and for inviting us to cater the event. We had such a great time and Helen was whizz in the kitchen cooking up a pizza storm! Thanks to your generosity buying drinks and snacks we raised £171 (pizzas, plates and napkins cost £42.87 - taken out of previously raised funds). We made a £20 contribution to the prize chocolates and have now paid for the year 6 trophies.

We hope to update you next week with our year-end total!

Have a great weekend and enjoy the footie if you're watching!

Gill, Michelle, Victoria & Team x

Year 3 trip to Martin Mere

On Tuesday 9th July, Class 3 visited Martin Mere Wetland Centre, one of over 40 wetland centres in the UK. We were greeted by Jane, who showed us to our very own classroom for the day and then guided us through our pond dipping experience. We learnt about the different creatures that lived in this habitat, as well as learn about how wetland centres help save and home different insects and animals. We used nets to make a figure 8 in the pond to capture all sorts of creatures from the ponds including: pond skaters, leeches, water boatmen, beetle larvae, newts, snails and many more. We placed what we had caught in the nets into a tray and then took them to the outdoor classroom to look at them more closely under magnifying glasses and microscopes; we then had a chance to learn more about the food chains in our ponds and also sketch what we had caught.

Louisa- My favourite part was seeing the different types of birds at the wetland centre.

Harry S- My favourite part was using the nets in the pond to catch different creatures.

Violet- I liked looking at the creatures under the microscopes and magnifying glasses to get a closer look.

Maxwell- I liked seeing the giant beetle larvae that likes to eat all of the other creatures in the pond.

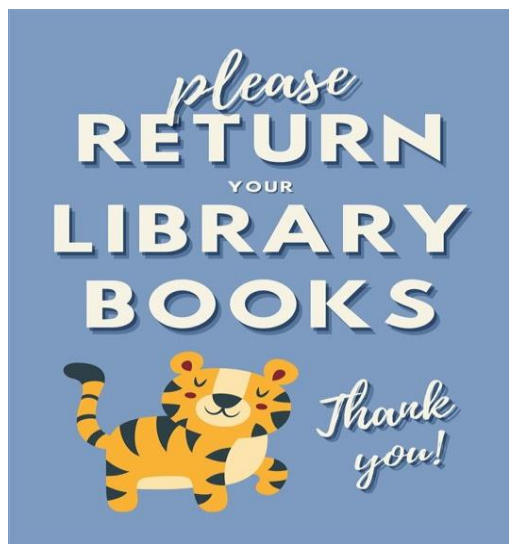
We would like to say a HUGE thank you Jane our guide, Chris the Wetland Manager for booking us in to visit as well as all of the other staff at Martin Mere for a FANTASTIC day!

Class 3



As we are now about to enter the final week of the school year, please could all Library books be returned to school by Wednesday. Thank you.

Mr C and the School Librarians



School Mass and Goodbyes- 18.7.24

On Thursday, you are ALL warmly welcome to join us for our Leavers Mass at 11.00 am at St. Mary's Church, where we will say Goodbye to our Wonderful Year 6 pupils! We wish them our love. We will also say Goodbye to Jaymin Modasia, as he has moved out of our area and so leaves the school family.

We will also offer prayers to Mrs Royles and Miss Bennett and I also share that at the end of our school year we will also say goodbye to Mrs. Coulter. I am sure you will join us in sending our love and best wishes.

Dates for your diary

15.7.24. Wear your own clothes day - £1 donation to Alder Hey Hospital

16.7.24 - Rock and River - Year 6 Trip

18.7.24 - Leavers Assembly/ Trophy Presentation at 9.15 am - Leavers Mass at 11.00

Helping Hands

With the support of St. Mary's Parish, we have created a '*Helping Hands Fund*' - This means we have a stock of tinned food / non-perishable items and toiletries ...So, if you ever need a little '**Helping Hand**' please just ask and we can gladly put a pack together.

Celebration Awards

| | Faith in Action Award Winner | ‘EAT’ Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively | Welfare Award Winner |
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| Class 1 | Ruairidh Houlding | All of Class 1 | Freddie Phoenix |
| Class 2 | Roisin Moss | Ella-Grace McLaughlin | |
| Class 3 | Isabella Bolton-Rigby | Maisie Lawson | Maxwell Houlding |
| Class 4 | James Picking | Elliott Williams | |



