



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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*Happy are those who hear the word of God
and keep it' Luke 11:28*



Dear Parent/Carer,

Another action packed week in school with Visitors in School. We have enjoyed a Fantastic Maths EAT day as well as a Theatre show and our Charity Colour stalls!!

Next week	
Thursday 21 st March	8.15am Mass at St. Mary's followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall
Friday 22 nd March	Wear your Onesie or Pj's£1.00 to CAFOD
After that	
Thursday 28 th March	8.15am Mass at St. Mary's followed by Lenten Breakfast in the school hall
Friday 29 th March	Wigs and Wellie day.....£1.00 to CAFOD

Maths EAT day

On Wednesday we enjoyed a whole school day of Maths, we developed our EAT skills- Being Explorer learning, Active learners and Thinking Creatively. We were joined by Mrs. Jones the Principal Teacher of Maths from Our Lady's Catholic College as well as some past pupils from years 9 and 10 and it was lovely to welcome them back. We were also joined by Billy from Hothersall Lodge who led our outdoor sessions and Mrs. Taylor our Maths Governor. Maths is a focus of our Whole School Development Plan and in line with our EAT focus we want to build resilient learners who enjoy challenge and problem solving and who persevere rather than give up! This Maths day was a fantastic way for pupils to see that Maths can be fun and the feedback certainty shows we had super resilient learner- Even Storm Gareth didn't stop us learning !!!

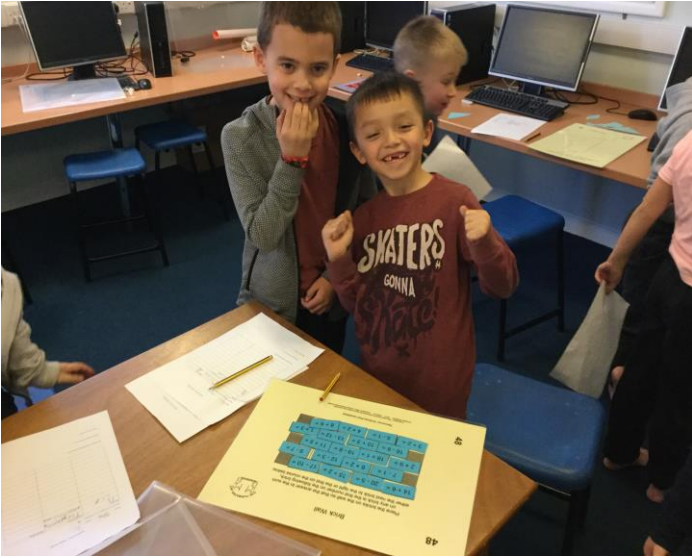
"I liked following the maps on the field. I was being an 'Exploring Monster'!"

Tommy Holland- Bass, Class 1

"It was the best day!" Alfie Shaw, class 2 and " I loved it" Olivia Leigh, Class 2

"I loved doing Maths Art the best, but I love Maths anyway, this was the best Maths I have ever done! Mostly I think I used 'Think Skills' the most" Alex McKeever, Class 3

"We had a Maths EAT day in school. Before I thought Maths was just about numbers but I learnt its not! It was so fun. I never knew you could use Maths in art and to look at a map!"
Molly Wight, Class 4



St. Mary's Curriculum – Have your say!

As you will be aware at St. Mary's we work to fulfil our mission statement of 'Have fun and enjoy learning' by ensuring we deliver an exciting curriculum that meets the needs of all pupils and engages learners. We have embedded EAT (Explore, Be Active and Think creatively) into all areas of school and now are reflecting upon our curriculum and looking at ways to make it even more exciting and personalised. So far we have sought views of our staff, Governors and pupils but would like to seek your thoughts too!

What do you as Parents/ Carers think makes an EXCELLENT curriculum? What enrichments opportunities and experiences do you want for pupils at St. Mary's?

I would like to invite you along to come and see our ideas and add your own thoughts. We have two sessions to which you are all warmly welcome!

Parents Sessions – Thursday 21st March at 9.15 am or 3.15 pm. If you do wish to come along I would be most grateful if you could let Mrs. Lofthouse know in the Office so we have an idea of numbers.

Theatre Show – M and M productions

We were lucky that M and M Productions came to join us for a theatre show and performed "The Little Princess" This had an anti bullying/ friendship message and was enjoyed by the whole school today.

Welfare

May I welcome Ms. Mault to our staff as a Welfare Staff member. We hope she will enjoy working as part of the St. Marys school family.

Parking

May I ask for your continued support when parking during drop off and pick up times. We kindly have the use of the Smiths Arms car park which means this is the most convenient place to park, which avoids any congestion on the road and ensures the safety of all our families and pupils.

We have had a few complaints from our School Bus driver explaining people are double parking which is preventing the bus from getting through.

We have had a number of local residents advising us that cars have been parked in front of their houses blocking driveways, meaning they cannot enter or leave their premises. I would ask families to be considerate of our neighbours and ensure we do not block any driveways or access routes.

FOSM – Meeting 19.3.19

A reminder everyone is welcome to join us for a FOSM meeting in the library/ ICT suite on Tuesday 19th March at 2.30pm. A copy of the agenda is on display in the entrance foyer. New members are always welcome so please come along and share your ideas and thoughts!!

Wonderful Work week

Next week once more is 'Wonderful Work Week'. Pupils will come home with their special books that give you a snapshot of learning across the week and there will be a comments page for you to celebrate your child(rens) learning!

Big School Adventures – Every Thursday

Big School Adventures continues to run every Thursday from 1.15 pm and is open to all children aged 3 and over. Please come along and join us! If you require any further information please ask a member of staff.

After School Club - BINGO

Come along to After School Club for a special BINGO session on Thursday 21st March. The session lasts from 3.15 to 5.30 p.m. and costs £7.00 per child, including a snack and a drink. Everyone welcome! Please ring Mrs Lofthouse to book.

Dates for your Diary

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively
Class 1	Jack Moyes	Lillianna Conway
Class 2	Penny Robinson	Dane Lewis
Class 3	Hannah Griffiths	Calvin Maduka
Class 4	Farrell Carrig	Saffron Hakim
	Welfare - Lunch Time Award	
	Key Stage One	Key Stage Two
	Harry Bass	Luke Moyes

At St. Mary's School we

"Live our lives as Jesus taught us,

Work hard together to achieve our best,

Respect each other and the world around us,

Have fun and enjoy learning!"

