

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 22nd September 2023

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary ...

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

A lovely week in school with the excitement of School Council Hustings in the air as we prepare to meet our new School Council! We also enjoyed a 'wear yellow' day as we learnt about one of our School Saints- Saint Matthew.

We have been busy in our prayer club writing a new school prayer which we are excited to share with you.

With your help.....

May we always shine like Jesus does

Always love as a family of God

Respect and treat everyone equally

You will always love and guide us

Amen

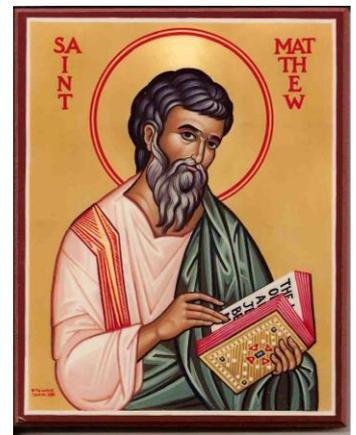
Saint Matthew's Feast Day – Wear Yellow

On Thursday we celebrated 'The Feast of St Matthew.' All children came to school in Yellow (the colour of Matthew team) and each class learnt about the first Gospel writer. Here are some facts that we learnt-

"His name was originally Levi but he changed it." - Elliott Reid

"Matthew met Jesus by the sea of Galilee" - Lillianna

"When he was a tax collector, he used to make more than he was supposed to, Jesus showed him this was wrong." - Freya



We will celebrate the feast days of the other Gospel writers later in the year.



Parents' Evening – Tuesday 10th October 2023

Our Autumn Parents Evening will be a face to face session in our School Hall on Tuesday 10th October. Booking forms will be available in our entrance foyer from Monday 25th September. For those new to St. Mary's we will have 10 minutes slots in which you can discuss your child's progress with their class Teacher(s).

School Council Elections

Firstly a Huge thank you to each and every person that put themselves forward to be a School Councillor and to make a difference to all at St. Mary's School. We are all so proud of your commitment and efforts. I know it can be disappointing not to be picked but we are all a team and your ideas and views are really important!!

The School was decorated with fantastic posters, rosettes, slogans and catchphrases. We had pupils in sashes and even jazzy lettering on the back of our shirts! Your efforts and attitudes were amazing!!

Here are your brand new School Council

Year Group	
Reception	Bradley Brogden
Year One	Sebastian Allen
Year Two	Chloe Brogden
Year Three	Harry Shaw
Year Four	Joe O'Donnell
Year Five	Edie Robinson
Year Six	Finney Griffiths

I would just like to take the opportunity to say a huge 'Thank you!' to everyone who nominated themselves for School Council. It has been a delight to see all these AMAZING posters around school this week and it really shows what a fantastic bunch of children we have here at St. Mary's. We really do shine and learn as a family of God. I am really looking forward to working with the school council this year. Mrs. Ellis- School Council Lead.

Class Three - Mini Skills – 19.9.23

On Tuesday afternoon a group of Class 3 members went along to West View to represent us in our first competition of the new school year and guess what..... **WE WON!!!!**



“ We had to kick a ball and you got points if you got it past the line ! I really enjoyed being in the sports competition” Bailey Jenkin

“ I thought it was good. It was sport and the thing I really liked is putting the balls in the hoops- left, right, left, right. It was exciting and fun! “ Isla Pennington

“ I liked it because we were all doing team work together. We were kicking the ball and telling each other what to do!” Keon Bruney

What a brilliant start to our sporting year. A huge thank you to our superstars in Class 3. Not only did we compete brilliantly and show super sportsmanship, we only went and came

1ST PLACE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We have lots more competitions coming up so watch this space! Mrs. Ellis – Sports Co-ordinator

Working in partnership

We offer an ‘Open Door’ policy and staff are always available at the start and end of each school day. Below I include all staff email addresses so you can reach us and you can always contact the school office on 01772 729881.

All classes have the ‘See Saw App’ – this app is designed to share snapshots of learning so please do not send important messages via this platform as they will not always be checked daily/ frequently.

Our Lady’s Catholic High School – Open Day – An update message

Due to the building work taking place in school at the moment we are unable to host our annual Open Evening on Thursday, 5 October. Each year we welcome over a thousand visitors through the door on the evening but with the restricted access to certain areas of school it just would not be possible to accommodate everyone. In its place we will be hosting a Virtual Open Event which will go live on our school website on 5 October. In addition, the following week we will also hold an increased number of Open Day tours.

<https://www.olchs.lancs.sch.uk/>

Some useful information from Child Action Northwest – CANW and School Nursing Team.



We're excited to bring you a free webinar for **parents and carers** on Wednesday 27th September at 10am, focusing on how we can better **educate extended family members on understanding and embracing your child with autism**. Our autism expert Anne-Marie Harrison will provide top tips and strategies on how to foster sibling relationships and explore ways to enjoy whole family-participation.

Do you know any parents or carers who might be interested in this webinar? We want to share this advice and support far and wide, so if you would like a digital flyer to share on social media or with family and friends, please don't hesitate to get in touch at webinars@witherslackgroup.co.uk.



💙💙 This week we launch the new Lancashire Parent Line for parents of 5-19 year olds 💙💙

👉 Worried about your child's health? Your local school nurse can help you via [#ChatHealthNHS](#) with all kinds of things like sleeping, bedwetting, growing up, emotional health and lots more.

📞 Text 07312263554 or start a chat at chathealth.nhs.uk

👉 T&Cs: bit.ly/ChatHealthPrivacy

On Monday 25th September 2023, St Mary's will be taking part in National Fitness Day!



To celebrate and take part in this day, I am inviting all children and staff to come to school in their sports clothing, so that they can take part in the activities I have planned out for them. *Class 1, as there is no Forest School on Monday for you, please come to school in your sports clothing. If children need to change into their PE when they get to school, this can easily be arranged when they arrive.

During the day, each class will take part in my 'Circuit Training' session in the hall, as well as complete a variety of different activities back in their classes linked to fitness, healthy eating and looking after our bodies.

Each class teacher will take as many photographs as they can, so make sure you check out Seesaw to see what we've been up to, as well as the school newsletter at the end of the week.

At the end of the week during Celebration Assembly, each child will receive a certificate for taking part.

If you have any questions, or would like any more information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Mr C
Enrichment Co-Ordinator

Big School Adventures... Coming Soon 5.10.23

Big School Adventures re starts on Thursday 5th October with a focus as **Nature Detectives**- lots of scientific fun and outdoor exploring open to anyone aged 3 or over!

Big School Adventures makes a HUGE difference to transition, helping pupils experience 'Big School', meet the team and grow in confidence.

Sessions will take place each THURSDAY from 1.15 – 3.00 pm

To book a place call or email the school office.

 **Nature
detectives**

**WEEKLY PRESCHOOL
SESSIONS**

Free Pre-School (ages 3+) session every Thursday afternoon 1pm – 3pm
St Mary's Primary School, Darkinson Lane, Lea Town, PR4 0RJ

Come along and experience life at 'Big School'. We play, learn and grow
in a "school that has a strong culture of respect and serving others".

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Session includes:

- Outdoor learning activities
- Art and creative experiences

Contact our school office to book your place: 01772 729881

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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.

Dates for your Diary

- 2nd October 2023 - School Photographer, starting @ 8.30a.m. With Family Photos followed by Class & Individual photos
- 10th October 2023 - Parents Evening – Bookings available from Monday

Celebrations Awards

	Faith in Action Award	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Thomas McMillan	Nevaeh Halton	Edward Stevens
Class 2	Pippa Doherty	William McMillan	
Class 3	Darcey Chambers	Leos Koutsokostas	Rowan Hawkins
Class 4	Agatha Holmes	Edie Robinson	

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!”



