

St Mary's Newsletter

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Let Your Light Shine... as You Grow Matthew 5: 15-16

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

Head's Lines

This week's newsletter is a little briefer than normal as it has only been a four day week; this is due to our **Teachers INSET day tomorrow (Friday 25th June)**. Please, therefore remember that **St Mary's will be closed to pupils tomorrow and we will re-open on Monday morning at 8.30am**.

Please read on to find out about last Friday's visit by Théâtre Sans Frontières for our Year 3 and 4 children in Grasshopper class and Firefly class, where you will also see some lovely photographs showing how much fun our pupils had learning about different languages and cultures. Thank you to Miss Nicholson, our Modern Foreign Language Leader (who organized the event and also wrote the article).

In next week's newsletter you will find an article and some lovely photos showing how much fun the children have had on today's Key Stage 1 Spectacular Seaside Fun Day, organized by Mrs Robinson our History and Geography Leader. Please do ask your child/ren about what they most enjoyed about today's event! I know they will have had a great learning experience!

Please note that on Monday there is another wonderful Learning experience as the Explorer Dome arrives at St Mary's! Who really wants a calm and quiet end to the year?!

Mr C. D. Jarman

Headteacher at St Mary's



This Summer, Active Essex and Essex County Council will be delivering the biggest ever summer programme across the county through the

Essex ActivAte summer holiday activity and food programme. Over 5 weeks of the summer holidays they will be delivering FREE holiday activity for young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals. Essex ActivAte clubs will provide fun physical activity and enrichment activity for young people, plus every young person will get a healthy tasty meal. Further details can be found on the **Essex ActivAte** Facebook page or by visiting www.activeessex.org



Could you foster?

Nexus Fostering is a well-established and highly regarded fostering agency, based in Cambridgeshire, who are urgently seeking full time and respite foster carers throughout the area. The agency is rated Ofsted 'Outstanding' in all areas and place a high premium on the quality of support and care that they provide to every one of the foster carers and, in turn, the children and young people placed with them.

To find out more about becoming a foster carer or a respite carer in Cambridge and the surrounding areas please call 0800 389 0143 or email foster@nexusfostering.co.uk

Théâtre Sans Frontières Visit (Y3 & 4)

Last Friday the Year 3s and 4s had a visit from the Théâtre Sans Frontières, a travelling French theatre company, with their performance of 'Les Olympiques des Animaux' (the Animal Olympics) to celebrate the Tokyo Olympics. The story told of Lion, Rabbit, Horse, Whale and Elephant, from five different French speaking countries, participating in an exciting pentathlon, consisting of: running; cycling; swimming; rowing and long jump. The Year 4s took centre stage, participating in workshops before the performance teaching them songs and simple vocabulary to help them join in with the performance, for which the Year 3s were the audience. The children all enjoyed the performance and were amazed by the beautiful sets and the enthusiasm of the actors. They were all amazed that they could follow and participate in a play entirely in a second language. Mr Brown was very impressed to see the children challenging themselves to do something out of their comfort zones.



Reception Class Update



Butterflies have been learning about staying clean and healthy, including having good **oral hygiene**. Here are some of the children showing us how they brush their teeth – some children even brought their own timers. Well done everyone listening about all the different ways we can look after our teeth!



Part of our focus continues with '**Happy, Health Me**', looking after our bodies and minds. We completed some **Cosmic Yoga Zen Den** activities to help us stay calm and to focus our minds.

The children enjoyed the fabulous activities for Seaside day and thank you to Mrs Robinson for organising this fun event. The children learnt about seaside holidays from the past and looked at the similarities and differences with today's seaside adventures.



Sebastian reading adjectives in class.

Stars of the Week – 2 children have really impressed us this week. **Araoluwa and Sebastian** for excellent progress in their reading skills and perseverance with some of the high frequency words. Well done to both of you!

Thank you to Miss Hunter for looking after the class while I have visited the new reception children. We cannot wait for them to start in September at our lovely school.

Mrs Jeewan and the EYFS team



Araoluwa and her nature crown at Forest School.

Year 1 Update



This week the Year 1 pupils have been incredibly busy exploring lots of new areas of the curriculum. This week in class they have been learning about:

- Maths—comparing and ordering numbers
- English - Finding out about the Man on the Moon, using new vocabulary.
- Art - painting our clay models—this was lots of fun!
- Topic lessons - learning about famous astronauts
- Science - rockets, rockets, rockets!

Even though we are getting close to the end of the year, everyone is doing their best and trying really hard to concentrate and impress our teachers!

Miss Nicholson and Mrs Potter & Year 1 Team



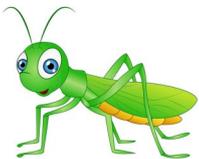
Year 2 Update



It's been another busy week in Caterpillar class! Lots of fun Science activities learning about tree identification and a busy morning devising our own obstacle course for our friends to follow. We had to write clear instructions for each other to follow—next week we will test how successful they were. We have been so excited to meet the donkeys, watch Punch and Judy and eat delicious ice creams for Seaside Day—thank goodness the weather has been good! Our healthy snacks were delicious and look pretty good too! Have a restful long weekend ready for another busy week next week. ***Mrs Robinson and Mrs McInnes & Year 2 Team***



Year 3 Update



In maths this week, Grasshoppers have been learning about money. They have added different amounts of money and have practised finding change from amounts too.

Year 3 have been enjoying working on the Chromebooks during English lessons this week and have been doing a fantastic job of creating slide show presentations based on the Stone Age. They have been changing the backgrounds, editing font size and style and have also learnt how to add pictures to their slide shows.

In music, Year 3 have been singing their Disco inspired song, 'Bringing us Together.' They have been performing as a class and have done a great job of staying in time.

In topic this week, Grasshoppers looked at a range of Bronze Age artefacts. They did a brilliant job of organising these into groups of items which they thought might be similar. They then discussed with their partner what they thought each artefact was and why and came up with questions that they would like to ask to find out more about the artefacts.

Miss Allin & Year 3 Team

Year 4 Update



Well done on another busy week!

Firstly, In English, the pupils have continued to look at poetry, and we have started to create a story based on a poem. Some of the ideas the children came up with were excellent and very creative! So next week, we will start writing our own poems based on a famous inventor and achiever!

In our Maths lessons, the children have been looking at angles and their properties. We have started by identifying different angles and saying whether they are an obtuse, acute or right angle. Today, we looked at using a protractor and measuring different angles, including using an estimate before measuring! I was very impressed by how well the pupils did during this topic, and I look forward to looking at measuring lots of different types of angles next week!

In our PSHE lessons, we have been looking at the human body and focusing on labelling the body using our Scientific vocabulary. The pupils have shown a mature approach when learning about this topic, and I have been impressed with their knowledge during lessons.

Finally, in our Topic lessons, we have started to look at specific inventors and achievers. This week, we have looked at Amelia Earhart and her fantastic achievement in aviation. During the lesson, the pupils created a timeline of events in her life and looked at how hard she worked.

Thank you for all your hard work this week,

Have a great weekend!

Mr Brown & Year 4 Team

Year 5 Update



Year 5 have been really impressing in English this week—they've been exploring formal language and have now embarked on actually writing their official report to Mr Jarmain about what was going on down in the boiler room!

The class have also had some moral questions posed to them this week, through the story of Moses and the ten plagues of Egypt. They considered whether it was right for Moses to send the plagues, and this led us to contemplating other moral questions such as whether it was morally right for rich countries to take advantage of poorer ones!

Mr Clarke & Year 5 Team

Year 6 Update



Please see Year 6 Bushcraft Article on the next couple of pages.

Congratulations to Mimi who was our Shining Light last week.

Mr Pike & Year 6 team



Y6 - Mimi for always working hard.



Year 6 Bushcraft Day



Wow what a day we had on Tuesday with Helen Payne of Discover Bushcraft. Year 6 had a wonderful time and Helen was particularly impressed with their respectful behaviour and enthusiasm to throw themselves into all of the activities.

What an amazing range of clay creations we made including some very life-like mushrooms, lovely bowls, beads, flowers and of course Mr Pike's mouse! They were fired in our own fire which we kept going all day – the eternal flame - lit very confidently at the start of the day by Tyler Walden. Everyone had a go at lighting their own little fires with a metal striker which is harder than it looks. After some practice and perseverance, everyone succeeded – they will be complete pros on residential now!

We then had the job of keeping the fire going all day and the children took it in turns to help find wood, place it on the fire and keep an eye on the clay creations which needed turning regularly so they would bake evenly. There were plenty of other activities going on including making God's eyes, bracelets and of course the creation of the mud structure which required a lot of man power. After plenty of digging, transporting, pegging out, staking the hazel rods and weaving the children then got very muddy mixing the mud with hay to create a mixture to be used for a wall on top of the weaved hazel branches. Year 1 and Reception look forward to continuing with this project during their forest school sessions.

By this point everyone was getting quite hungry so we set to work making our own elderflower fritters, mixing the batter and dipping the flowers in before frying them on the fire. A mixture of reactions but well done everyone for trying them – a tasty snack to be had at this time of year as there is so much elderflower growing at the moment. After eating a quick lunch, we had a lot of fun getting stuck into some wonderful clay paint graffiti and then it was time for a wide game – Capture the Flag. We had a lot of fun getting ready with the face paints and then planning our attacks... The



“We were creative and had positive attitudes, everyone made something different with the clay and painted the walls in different designs” – Hawke

“I liked lighting the fire because I enjoy making things set on fire and I was good at it!” – Megan

“We were able to be free and be ourselves” - Paige

Diary Dates



- Mon 28th June - Explorer Dome Visit - KS1
- Mon 28th Jun Fri 2nd July - Year 6 Residential Mersea
- Mon 5th - Wed 7th July - Parent Consultations (Rec - Y5)
- Mon 5th - Fri 9th July - Book Fair Week
- Thu 8th July - Spirit of the Wild Visit - KS2
- Mon 12th July - KS2 Sports Day (am)
- Mon 12th July - Year 5 & 6 SuperStan Performance (pm)
- Tue 13th July - KS1 Sports Day (am)
- Tue 13th July - Year 5 & 6 SuperStan Performance (pm)
- Wed 14th July - Dinosaur Workshop - Whole School
- Wed 21st July - Last Day of Term - Finish at 1.30pm - Non Uniform Bring £1
- Wed 1st Sept - INSET - Non Pupil Day
- Thu 2nd Sept - First Day of Autumn Term