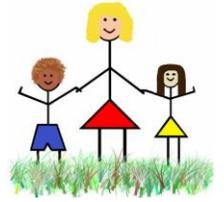




**ST MARY'S CATHOLIC FEDERATION,  
CARSHALTON NEWSLETTER  
JULY 2017**



Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated safeguarding officer in the Nursery & Infants' School is Mrs M Quinn and in the Junior School is Mrs. G Owens, Deputy Safeguarding Officer for both schools is Mrs Hulme and the Governor Safeguarding Officer is Mr. A. Scully. The schools have safeguarding & protection policies which can be viewed at the school office.*

**Although the sharing of photographs with family and friends is a great thing to do, please be reminded of the schools safeguarding procedures and refrain from taking pictures at school events. Thank you for your support regarding this as we all need to work together to look after our pupils.**

**Dear Parents and Carers**

As this is our final letter of the school year , on behalf of the staff and governors of the school, we wish you all a very happy holiday time together.

As we close the year it is time to remember the many achievements and happy memories of our school family whilst looking forward to another action packed year from September.

We are saying farewell to staff from both schools: Mrs Iuliano , Miss Prentice and Miss Ladio from the infants and Miss Fernandez , Miss Hurford and Miss Gimeno Munoz from the juniors. We wish them good luck and a happy future in whatever they do.

We don't expect to have any major works in either school this holiday but do have some plans in the pipeline to replace some windows and continue to develop the infant play area. We are really pleased with the installation of the outdoor gym equipment at the junior school.

Parental support:

Thank you to all parents who have supported each school, helping at fundraising events, supporting learning activities and the many, many more times. Thank you all, especially the committees of SMIF and FSMs who work tirelessly.

A big thank you also goes to the parents who support the school in keeping to school policies including uniform, hairstyles, safeguarding and not taking time out for holidays in term time. For those parents who continue to make these choices, please consider the impact of these actions in terms of the children's education of missing time in school and emotional security if they are not rising to school expectations.

Congratulations to:

All the children who have presented their talents to parents at the end of term in each school including musical concerts, gym displays and year 6 production of Joseph. Special congratulations go to Mrs Owens who has presented a yr 6 drama production for 20 consecutive years- well done and a huge thank you for enabling the many children in those years to enjoy and gain the confidence when performing in those groups.

### **Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural Development**

#### **Nursery & Infant School**

Year 2 joined the juniors for Mass on the Feast of SS Peter and Paul. This was also a celebration of the children from Year 3 who had made their First Holy Communion. Thank you to all the children for singing so beautifully and well done to all the children who read and took part in the offertory procession. The Infants' were told the story of Saint Peter and Saint Paul during the weekly liturgy; we also had an opportunity to watch a live stream of the Mass in our classrooms this week. Follow the link from Holy Cross website if you want to share this with your family at home.

We were lucky to have Rick and Nick from Sutton Schoolswork to lead one of our assemblies; with some help from the children, they retold the story of David and how he was chosen to be king.

Thank you very much to all the parents who joined us for our weekly Liturgy of the Word, you have helped make this very special time for the children to reflect, sing and praise and listen to the word of God.

Our final Mass of the year was celebrated on the school field, many thanks to Father Paul and all the parents, visitors and children from Year 3 who joined us for this very special time.

#### **Junior School**

This has been a busy half term!

Year 6 have been on a retreat day at Holy Cross. The day included Mass, a quiz and prayer stations including various opportunities to reflect & pray or just simply be in the presence of God. We were blessed with lovely weather so were able to enjoy lunch in Grove Park, including bubbles and parachute fun! The day ended with lectio divina followed by a chat and blessing by Father Paul. In the days which followed the children were given an opportunity to reflect on their experience.

These have indicated that they found the day uplifting and refreshing. We are grateful to Father Paul for his generosity in allowing us to use the parish hall on this day.

Years 4 & 5 have also had class Chaplaincy sessions this half term and each child has taken home a prayer card. Year 5 prayed with pebbles and reflected upon the fact that although we are simply earthen vessels, if we allow God to work through us we can, with and only with His help, do extraordinary things. "For I am the LORD your God; sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy." (Leviticus 11:44).

Year 4 reflected upon a passage from the Gospel of Mark, "Let the little children come to me" (Mark 10:13-16). Using their imaginations they spent time with Jesus and were asked to think about how and where they can meet with Christ in their daily lives.

Finally, a group of 30 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the diocesan Picnic and Praise celebration at St. John Bosco School in Battersea. A day which, despite the rain, was enjoyed by all.

Recently, members of the Junior School Liturgy Group sang the newly written school hymn at Sing and Praise at the Infant School. This was written by the Liturgy Group last term with the help of secondary pupils from the Ursuline High School. If you haven't heard it yet, listen out: it will be at the feast day Mass in September. God is at the Centre of our School!

## NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL

### News from Nursery



Nursery children have been very busy exploring the topic "Why is water wet?". The children have investigated a variety of activities including making jelly fish, paper mache fish, pouring, sinking and floating. We've also enjoyed playing with various 'Under the sea' role play and small world. The children have learnt a number of songs of which we have practised and performed at 'The end of the year concert' to parents. Big well done to all of the children for this. It was fantastic. We would like to wish you a lovely summer and the best start in Reception. Throughout the year the children have thoroughly enjoyed messy play in the outdoor area.

### News from Reception



We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the family and friends of the children in early years, we made an incredible £1853.05 from our sponsored scoot and ride. Look out for the fantastic new equipment we have ordered for the Nursery and reception outdoor areas.

We cannot believe this is the last newsletter of the year! We have had a very busy half term investigating water and ending up with lots of wet socks along the way. The children created their own stories and songs which we will be performing to the class. We had a great time learning and performing our pirate and under the sea songs at the summer fete and thank you tea as well as create amazing hats and paper mache fish. As we get ready to

move into year 1 the children have enjoyed reflecting on their favourite parts of the year as well as discuss what they are looking forward to in Year 1. We would like to thank you once again for your continued support. The children can be seen here, enjoying our sensory garden during outdoor learning day making mud monsters.

### News from Year 1



This year has been a great success for all the children in Year 1. We have been extremely busy making our carnival floats, masks, musical instruments as well as practising for our summer fayre. The children have thoroughly enjoyed all the topics we have covered with them this year and they are looking forward to exploring new ones in Year 2 next year. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for the continuous support throughout the year and we would like to congratulate all the children for their hard work. The Year 1 team would like to thank all the children for making this an amazing experience that we will never forget. Have a good summer and we will see you all in September.

### News from Year 2

We have been very busy with lots of visits to the juniors in preparation for our move next term. The children have had a tour of the school by the current Year 3 children, met their Year 5 Buddies, enjoyed lunch and were dismissed from the juniors. We have also been enjoying our topic Land Ahoy! We have been learning about famous explorers for example Christopher Columbus and Sir Francis Drake. Pirate Day was very enjoyable with children writing a message in a bottle, looking for treasure with their mapping skills, and building a boat for their science experiment. Thank you



to the parents for organising a Year 2 Fun Day. The children were able to build a volcano, take part in a treasure hunt and jump on the bouncy castle as well as craft and sport activities. We also had a very enjoyable session on "Money Sense" led by Mr Fernandes and Mr Ford who both work for London Banks who gave up a day to come into school and talk to the children about what money is used for, and to help us decide what we want, need and give with our money. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Horniman Museum where they can be seen enjoying the robotic zoo exhibition.

**Star of the week - week ending 14th July** **Elephant Class** - Ethan Hennelly & Annabella Genco, **Penguin Class** - Sophie Maldeniya, **Bee Class** - Megan Power & Alessia Fafard, **Reindeer Class** - Ethan Prendergast, **Giraffe Class** - Iris Newman, **Cheetah Class** - Roshan Daly, Laura Roszkowska & Matthew Mlynczak, **Meerkat Class** - Alexander Brezinski, **Horse Class** - Isla Olson, **Owl Class** - Eamonn Richmond

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

### News from Year 3

July has been a very busy month for Year 3! We were lucky enough to start the month with an arrival of lots of tiny caterpillars, and we have thoroughly enjoyed watching each stage of their lifecycle; from them rapidly growing day by day, creating their cocoons and finally turning into beautiful painted lady butterflies. We had a butterfly themed day on Monday 17th July where we took part in art, maths, english and PE activities with a butterfly theme. That afternoon, we released the butterflies that were ready to leave us, and there was a very big cheer for the first one who fluttered away!

We enjoyed our DT day this term where we looked at pneumatics, especially pneumatic toys. We spent the day investigating how to make things move with air pressure, designing our own monsters and then finally creating them that afternoon!

In RE this term, we have been looking at what makes a place special to us, and comparing them to Jesus' special places. We have thought about what makes a place special, and have enjoyed learning about each other's special places! We think St. Mary's school will always be a special place of each and every one of us!

Thank you to all of the parents who joined us for our First Holy Communion mass at the end of June. It was such a special occasion for us to have together, and we think all of the children looked absolutely fantastic!



## News from Year 4



With the weather on our side, Year 4 saved a whole host of exciting learning opportunities for this last half-term. Tudor day went outside and everyone enjoyed medieval crafts, music and dancing in the school grounds. Our fun day came to a close in the afternoon with a shared banquet and a chance to show off our newly-learnt skills. Henry VIII would have been proud!

Noses were twitching and mouths watering when we took to the kitchen to make our very own pasta and couscous salad recipes. The summery salads showed we had thought carefully about colour taste and texture. After tasting our delicious salads we even got to create a name and packaging for our products. We hope there was enough left for you to have a taste at home, too!

We are very excited about our trip to the Ecology centre in the final week of term. This will give us a chance to add to our Science learning about creatures and their habitats and inspire us creatively as we explore the local ponds and wetlands.

## News from Year 5



This term has seen things really heat up... literally! Through the warmer weather year 5 have been working hard on a range of projects. Most recently in our english lessons we wrote a song and rap for the summer fair using our geography knowledge on South America. We're sure you saw it in all its glory but if not ask for a solo rendition at home, but beware it's very catchy! Our computing and design technology project has us busy coding and creating pathways for our crumble controllable vehicles. Our final PSHE and RE topics go hand in hand and have us thinking carefully about our planet and what we can do to ensure we preserve its natural beauty for future generations. Perhaps have a family think about how you are stewards

of God's creation. Year 5 have continued to work together as a year group embedding the skills learned at under canvas!

## News from Year 6

July has been an incredibly busy month for pupils and staff alike. This has been a month when it has really struck home that all those in year six are moving on; no longer a St Mary's pupil! All the children visited their new schools this month and came back excited but perhaps a little nervous. Rehearsals began for the grand production of "Joseph's Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat". The children were in fine voice; however the directors lost theirs through overuse! Quotes from reviews of the show came back as 'amazing', 'incredible singing' and 'worthy of West End'. Every single child played their part and it was such a success because they worked as a team with pride and a sense of fun. Fun was the theme of the leavers' party, what better than a playlist created by the children plus pizza and plenty of pop. The year will end with leavers' mass on the last day- always an emotional affair for parents and children alike. We have both been proud of our year 6 pupils this

year and privileged to spend as much time with them as we have, they are now responsible and mature young people, ready to move on to pastures new; may they all fulfill their dreams. A huge thank you to the parents of year 6 for their support throughout the year.

### Sports

It's been a busy month for Sports at St. Mary's!

Sports Day was a great success and the weather was kind to us this year! All children competed hard and fair and the Y6 children were excellent leaders. The children will find out at the end of the year assembly who the winners were.

Children in Y3, Y4 and Y5 have taken part in an intra-school golf competition. Using the skills that they all learned from the golf workshop they took part in they carefully navigated the 8 hole course with one of the Y5 team emerging as our school winners. Well done!

The I Can club represented St. Mary's at an I Can Festival, hosted at the junior school. The children worked hard, used the boccia skills they had been practicing all year and showed real grit and determination as they competed against other schools. We were very proud of their effort and achievement in this competition, well done!

Teachers have been under scrutiny recently and we had a round of PE monitoring and I had the pleasure of seeing the teacher Teach PE and watching the children learning and progressing! It was so lovely to see the range of fun and exciting equipment, activities and games that were used and how enthusiastic the children were. It was exciting to see physical activity too across the curriculum in Literacy, History and French; a memorable lesson for all I should imagine and a flavour of the style of lesson that go on daily at St. Mary's.

### Music

**Year 4 Wider Opportunities** - St. Andrew's Church

Well done to all that participated in the concert at St. Andrew's Church on Thursday 13th July. They performed with great expertise and musicality on the violin and cellos as well as fantastic singing of 'Let Love Shine Through'. Many thanks to Miss McDade and Mrs Wells for all their hard work this year.

**Summer Fete** - On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July the Choir from the Infant and Junior schools performed at the Summer Fete. Congratulations to all those who performed and started the Fete on a high!

**Choir** - On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July some of the Choir performed at **Sutton Music Service Summer Celebration' at the Royal Festival Hall**. The concert featured a massed choir of around 600 KS2 children from local primary schools and academies, the new choir Sutton Young Singers and input from hub partners Inspire Works (world music) and Arts One Rocks (rock and pop). In addition to our singers, the first half of the concert featured a joint orchestra made up of members of Young Musicians Orchestra (YMO) and Sutton Youth Symphony Orchestra (YSO), conducted by Phil Aslangul and David Cox, and the second half featured a joint wind band made up members of Sutton Youth Symphonic Band (SYSB) and Sutton Youth Wind Orchestra (SYWO), conducted by Roger

Willey. We sang Handel's Zadok the Priest, Gospel Medley, Summer by Jonathan Dove, two Botswana traditional songs arranged by Alexander L'Estrange - Jesu ukukhanya and Si njay njay and finale extravaganza One in a million by Emily Barden. Well done to Luke Bignell for his part in the Sutton Youth Wind Orchestra.

Thank you to all the peripatetic staff who have worked with the children this year - Mr Martin, Mr Aslangul, Miss McDade and Mr Freedman.

Wishing you all a great summer,

Mrs N. Roberts

### **E-Safety**

Thank you to all parents who could make it to the Internet Safety Talk on Friday 23rd June and thank you to Steve Welding : Education E safety advisor, Sutton Education Services for coming to speak to us today. If you missed it here is the presentation for you to view at home as well as useful links regarding Internet Safety.

All of the following sites and powerpoint presentation can be found in Google Parent and Carers' Rooms - Infant and Junior.

Useful Links -

NSPCC - The UK's Children's charity

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

Think You Know

<http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk/>

Internet Matters - Information, advice and support to keep children safe online

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Kidsmart - welcome

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

Childnet

<http://www.childnet.com/>

Google Tip of the Month - Look out for emails that will be coming your way with the simple instructions as a reminder.

**PSHE**  
Association PSHE

What a busy term it has been with a travel survey, General Election and a PSHE questionnaire for the children to take part in. The children have learnt about money and economic enterprise as part of 'My Money Week' which took place in schools up and down across the country. The General Election has a very large turnout with many children taking the opportunity to read through different party manifestos and place a cross on the ballot paper. This activity linked to our previous term's topic of Rights and Responsibilities. In the Summer term children have been learning about

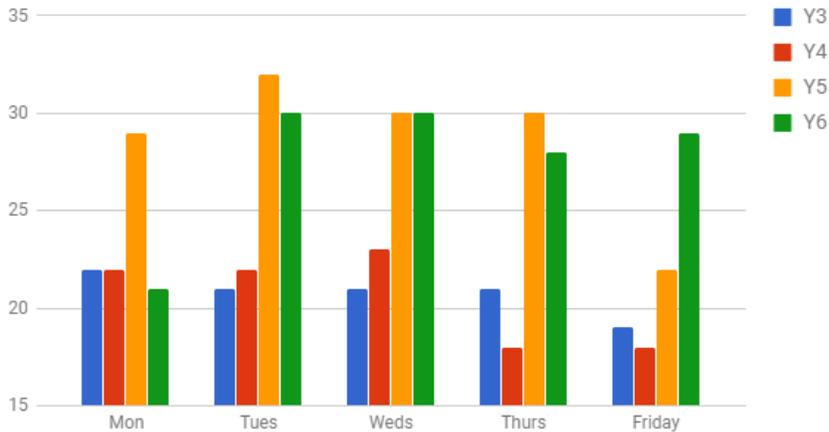
taking care of our environment and the responsibility we all have as members of a local and wider community. In the next term the PSHE theme will be 'Health and Wellbeing'. As a school we have already thought about how we can improve our wellbeing by having a screen free day on 17<sup>th</sup> July. Look out for events next term including 'Parliament week' and 'Anti Bullying Week'.



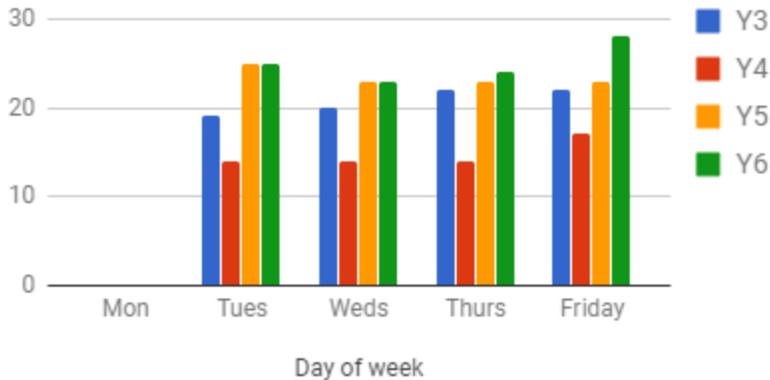
### Junior Travel Advisors/ School Travel Plan

The month of June saw each class in the Junior School taking part in the travelling questionnaire! The results were collected and scooting to school has become a popular option many children as well as being a desired choice for many! Walking to school remains the most popular choice with park stride being the 2<sup>nd</sup> most popular. Take a look at some of the graphs below that show how an average class walks to school throughout the year. Thank you to the Junior Travel advisers who have been so enthusiastic and helped to send message and collect survey data around the school. We will continue to work towards a Gold accreditation for the up and coming year. Look out for a much bigger promotion of the scooter park and walking to school next year!

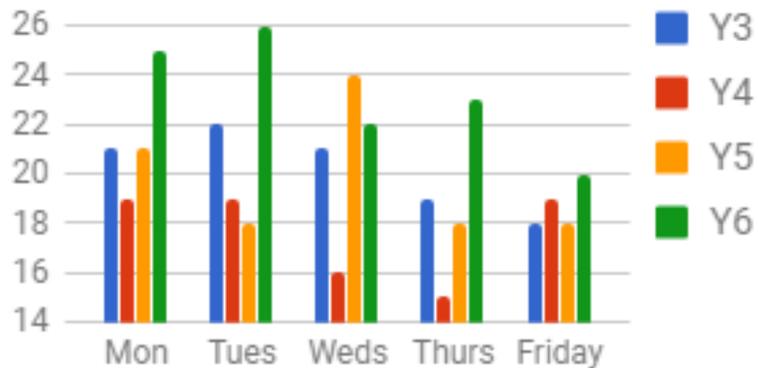
**Average amount of children who walk to school 3 times per week in December 2016 Week 2**



### Average amount of children who walk to school 3 times per week in May 2017 Week 2



### Average amount of children who walk to school 3 times per week in March 2017 We...



#### † Mary's Awards

3 Mulberry - Alicia Groom Rodrigues

3 Hawthorn - Juliana Alexander

3 Willow - Bobby Lee Stubbs

4 Ash - Othniel Boakye-Bempah

4 Rowan - Baoyi long

4 Poplar - Isabella Morreale

5 Birch - Harry Neal

5 Elm - Isabella Ohene

6 Chestnut - Lucia Taylor

6 Oak - Isabel Papiro

**Well done to the medal winners in Chess Club - Bronze:** Harry Farrant  
**Silver:** Senan Culligan and **Gold:** Thomas Kvam