



St Mary's CofE Primary School

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 6th October 2023

Newsletter 02

Our core Christian Values: Compassion, Koinonia (Community), Courage, Creativity, Service, Truthfulness



Art Exhibition

On Thursday 28th September, our school held an Open Day to welcome parents in to look at our art exhibition. Parents could also come to look around the school with their younger children. Our excellence art exhibition (based on Austin's Butterfly) was displayed in the hall. Parents were invited to look at it and then have a tour around the school. Parents commented on the artwork and what they liked about the school:

"Wow! What a fantastic exhibition! Some very talented artists and designers. Well done pupils!"

"Thankyou for letting us see all the amazing work. Well done everyone!"

"Excellent work from all ages. A pleasure to see."

"Brilliant! Great to see the progress from one image to the next. The improvements are impressive!"



Attendance Winners



WOW- we love to see attendance at 100% and week beginning the 18th of September we had 2 classes achieve this - **Duckling** Class and **Eagle** Class, well done.

Week commencing 25th of September saw **Duckling** Class achieve 100% again. It is wonderful to see our new cohort embracing school with such determination and resilience.

Jeans for Genes day!



Report by St Mary's News Team

Elsie, Lily, Mog (Y6) Pippi (Y4)

On Friday 29th of September, everyone came into school wearing jeans. We had a nice time going about our daily business in JEANS! As a school, we like fundraising for charities and donating. We are a friendly school who are accepting and kind. We wear jeans to raise awareness of different genetics or conditions like brittle bones disease.

Jack *"I like Jeans for Genes because it's an opportunity to wear different clothes and it's quite nice and comfortable and also different amounts of money can raise a holiday or a wheelchair."*

Dexter *"It's important because if someone has a difference we can raise money for them."*

Raya *"It is important because of different people."*

Willow *"It's important because it celebrates differences, and wearing jeans is fun!"*

Oscar *"Jeans for Genes day is a time to celebrate all these genetic differences."*

Parents Coffee Morning



We will be hosting a parents coffee morning on **Thursday 12th October**.

All parents are welcome to join us to ask any questions about SEND, our approach at St. Mary's and specific time to talk to the SEND team. This will be an informal event around a cup of coffee and some cake with time to chat and mingle. It would be great to see lots of you at this event.

Office News:

Absence

A reminder please to call the school office and leave a message on the answer phone when reporting a child's absence from school. The telephone number is **01761 470245**, press 1 to report a child's absence, or email office@stmarystimsbury.co.uk. The office staff do not have access to individual Class SeeSaw messages and the teacher's are busy welcoming the children to class so often don't pick up the messages until later in the day.

Any unreported absence will be marked as unapproved absence if notification is not provided before 9.30am.

Thank you for your co operation and this will avoid unnecessary calls to you from the School Office!

Football Event

We had a fantastic time playing three football matches vs Trinity Church School on Wednesday 4th October. Across the three football matches, St.Mary's won by an aggregate score of 12-3, which is a fantastic achievement! The matches were played here at St. Mary's straight after school. Thank you to everyone who came to support the teams and players, especially the PTA, who provided refreshments. All of the children had a great time playing football on our fantastic large sports field.



Secondary School Open Days

St Dunstan's - Open Mornings 11th and 12 October
9am-11am

Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the children who received a Headteacher Award last week

Ducklings:	Arthur
Rabbits:	Harrison & Albie
Badgers	Kiereese & Seyon
Foxes	Martha & Florence
Lions	Ronnie
Eagles:	Matilda, Milly



Wraparound Care

With Breakfast and After School Club already in full swing, we wanted to share with you some of the exciting things we do before and after school. The morning routine starts early at 7:30am, where our friendly Wraparound Team greets the children and offers a variety of breakfast options. We all sit together to enjoy our meal and chat before choosing from a range of activities such as board games, crafts, and colouring. Alternatively, the children can opt to go outside for some exercise or simply relax on the cushions. At 8:30am, it's time to head to the classrooms to start the school day.

After school, we meet in the hall where the Wraparound Team is there to welcome the children. We begin with a snack and the register, followed by an explanation of the evening's schedule. There are two options for after school club, a short one and a long one. For those staying until 6pm, we suggest bringing a packed dinner as we eat together around 4:30pm and enjoy some friendly conversation. The children are encouraged to make suggestions for activities, and we have a suggestion box available for this purpose. Some of the suggestions we've received so far include Starbucks, a water fight, CAKE (in capital letters), and pass the parcel. While we can't promise to fulfil every suggestion, we always listen and do our best to accommodate.

One of the most exciting things we do each week is guess how many objects are in a jar. The children love this game, and last week, Bea guessed the exact number of crayons in the pot, winning a prize. The karaoke machine has been a huge hit with the children, although we're not sure about singing Christmas songs September! We would love any donations of dressing up clothes, boardgames, small world toys, toy vehicles and a garage.

Please contact the School Office if you would like to use Wraparound Care at St Mary's or book using the ParentPay app.



Hedgehogs



Class News:

We have enjoyed getting outside and learning all about *Autumn* in Hedgehogs the last few weeks. We have been lucky enough to visit Forest School where we have collected lots of leaves and other natural materials to make some beautiful art!

Every week we have been enjoying PE in the hall, playing in the big playground and taking part in some *Mindfulness* and *Relaxation* sessions.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been reading *'The Gingerbread Man'* which has proven very popular and led to lots of fun activities. The children have impressed us with their cooking skills baking some delicious *Gingerbread Men* with very little help from the teachers. What a fun time we've had!

The Hedgehog Team



Ducklings



Class News:

We have continued our learning of *Phonics* and have learned 16 sounds already. We have taken reading records and books home this week and we are excited by the 'Round the world reading challenge'. It was wonderful to welcome so many of our parents and carers in this week for a Phonics workshop. A reminder that all of the information regarding the 'Unlocking Letters and sounds' phonic scheme can be found on the school website: *Curriculum: Phonics*.

This week we have been reading and retelling the 'Owl Babies' story. We know lots of the story off by heart and have been retelling it using puppets. We have created beautiful night time pictures using oil pastels.

During our Maths sessions, we have been subitising 1, 2 and 3. The children used their fast fingers to respond and show their knowledge to the class.

We have been programming the Beebots and are learning how to make them move in different direction. This has supported our work based on 'My map book'.

Mrs Gillard & Mrs Munro



Rabbits



Class News:

Over the last three weeks, Rabbit Class have been working really hard in all of their learning.

In English, we have just finished writing our innovative stories based on the 'Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have been working really hard on writing sentences using full stops, finger spaces and capital letters. We are now moving on to writing our own instructions on how to build a bridge for a troll.

In Maths, we have recently finished our topic of place value up to 10. Year 1 has really enjoyed sorting, counting and comparing numbers within 10. We have now moved onto looking at *addition* and *subtraction* with 10.

We are also enjoying learning all about the local area in Geography and have already conducted fieldwork around the school.

Finally, our Excellence Exhibition was a great way to show off all of our hard work throughout our *Austin's Butterfly Project*. Year 1 were very proud of their work and were very excited to share this with their families.

Miss Tolfree

Badgers

Class News:



What a busy few weeks we have had in Badgers!!

We have written our first stories of Y2 continuing the story of 'Tuesday'. They are really funny and full of levitating pigs! The children showed great enthusiasm and determination. We are now onto our second unit of work about 'Billy the Brave Knight'. It was quite a surprising story with an unusual ending

In Maths we are finishing our work on Place Value. We have covered so much and can compare, order and partition 2-digit numbers with ease. We have also recapped our knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and introduced *counting in 3s*.

We are enjoying our 'Street Detectives' unit in Geography and are getting really good at using grid references to locate different features on a map. We understand that a map is a picture of an area and often has symbols to represent places.

Finally, we had a super time on our first trip of the year to the Guildhall for our writing workshop. The Badgers represented the school brilliantly and were model pupils.

Mrs Newman



Foxes Class

Class News:



More fantastic learning has been happening in Fox Class.

In English, we have written our own version of 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. The children have changed some of the details from the original story including which Egyptian God took her slipper.

During Science lessons, we have thought about *pushes* and *pulls*. We had great fun investigating the effect friction of different surfaces have on the movement of (toy) cars.

We are enjoying learning Latin. We used some Latin words to create a new product.

In Art, we have been inspired by *Ancient Egyptian* art to plan a design for our scrolls.

In Geography, we have investigated *UK rivers* and learned about the upper course of a river.

We are enjoying the cricket lessons with a coach.

Mrs Hayward



Lions



Class News:

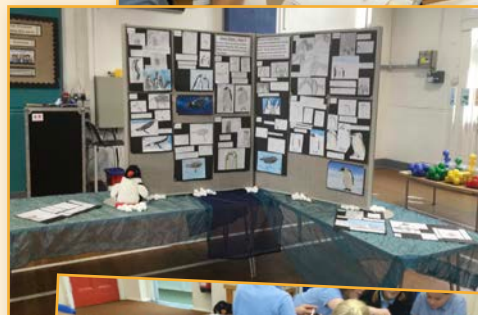
Well, where to start! It's been a very busy couple of weeks in Lion Class. We loved putting the finishing touches to our art exhibition and showcasing the fantastic drawings of *Emperor Penguins*. The attention to detail and improvement made from first draft to last draft was really impressive.

In English we have written our first story of the year and have rewritten the tale of *Escape from Pompeii*. The Lions had to think really hard about using as much descriptive language as they could to describe the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the devastation of Pompeii and they did this brilliantly.

In Science, we are enjoying learning about *electricity*. We have been making simple electrical circuits and conducting (get it!!) experiments about which materials are electrical conductors and which are insulators. We have also been using a variety of components in our circuits such as investigating what a switch does to the bulb.

Well done for all of your hard work Lions!

Mrs Brown



Eagles



Class News:

Our Year 6 Eagles enjoyed a wonderful week at PGL Osmington Bay near Weymouth.

Despite the unfavourable weather conditions, the children had a great time and showed super enthusiasm for a wide range of activities, which included abseiling, rifle shooting and fencing plus lots of other outdoor and adventurous pursuits, such as zip wire and other challenging rope climbing courses.

As you can see, we also visited the *Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy* for a raft building session.

It was a fantastic week by the sea and a perfect way to start the year. We received so many positive comments from the PGL staff who were so impressed by the behaviour of our St Mary's pupils.

Mr Daniels

Gardening Club

Please contact the school if you have any gardening expertise or equipment you'd be willing to offer. In addition, any plants and bulbs you'd be willing to donate to the school would be warmly welcomed! The children in the Gardening Club are hoping to plant as many plants, bulbs, shrubs and trees as possible this Autumn, which will benefit the school and the community for years to come. If you would like to give any time or ideas to support the development of the school planting, please let the school office know. Thank you.



Outside Achievements



Olivia Horse Riding & Oscar Rugby

Zach Archaeological Dig & Harrison Swimming



Volunteers

There will be many opportunities for parents to help in school throughout the school year and we are looking particularly for parents and carers who can offer their time on a regular, weekly basis to support reading with the children. This could be in any year group, not necessarily the class of your children. If you are interested in volunteering, please inform your child's class teacher or contact the school office.

Dates for your Calendar 2023/24 - Term 1 onwards

Date	Event	Notes
11.10.2023	Year 5 / 6 class assembly	Year 6
12.10.2023	Year 1 Parent workshop	Rabbits
12.10.2023	Parents Coffee Morning-SEND	All Welcome
13.10.2023	Show racism the red card - non uniform day, wear something red!	Whole day
13.10.2023	Open Day for New Prospective Parents	9.30 am
16.10.2023	MSN Small Schools Netball Tournament at Norton Hill School, 4 - 5:45pm	Netball Team
18.10.2023	Harvest Festival at the Church. Led by Lions	All Welcome
18.10.2023	Netball Match v The Meadows 4 - 5 pm	Netball Team
19.10.2023	Year 3 Parent Workshop 2 - 3 pm	Foxes
20.10.2023	Year 2 Parent Workshop 9 - 10 am	Badgers
20.10.2023	Year 4 Parent Workshop 9 - 10 am	Lions
20.10.2023	End of Term 1	
30.10.2023	Inset Day	
31.10.2023	Start of Term 2	

Do you like Rugby or Football?

Bristol Bears have contacted us with a special offer. It is called Quid-a kid (under 12's) and for just £1 you can watch Bristol Bears Vs Harlequins on Saturday 28th October 2.30pm or Women's Super League Bristol City Vs Man Utd. You can purchase tickets by contacting Matt Chiles on 01179630611 or by emailing him at matt.chiles@bristol-sport.co.uk



A promotional poster for a rugby match between Bristol Bears and Harlequins. The background is a deep blue with a starry pattern. On the left, there is a white silhouette of a bear's head and a Harlequin player in their traditional multi-colored diamond-patterned kit. The text 'BEARS V HARLEQUINS' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below it, 'SAT OCT 28 2.30PM KO' is written in a similar font. At the bottom left, there is a logo for 'Gallagher PREMIERSHIP RUGBY'. On the right side, a large, vibrant photograph shows a young man in a blue Bristol Bears jersey with 'neills' and 'Hubor' logos, cheering with his fist raised. This photo is part of a collage of smaller photos showing families and children. A circular badge with the text 'QUID-A-KID' is positioned near the top right. At the bottom right, a player in a blue kit is shown kicking a white and blue rugby ball.

BEARS V HARLEQUINS

SAT OCT 28 2.30PM KO

Gallagher PREMIERSHIP RUGBY

QUID-A-KID

FAMILY DAY



A promotional poster for a women's football match between Bristol City and Manchester United. The background is a bright red. On the left, a large image of a young woman in a red Bristol City jersey with 'oneills' and 'BRISTOL CITY' logos is shown with her finger to her lips in a 'shh' gesture. Below her, a smaller image shows a player in a red Manchester United jersey with 'CHEVROLET' and 'MAN UTD' logos kicking a ball. The background features a stylized blue sky with white clouds and a building labeled 'NCE SPORTS BAR'. On the right side, there are three logos: the Barclays Women's Super League logo, the Bristol City logo (a white bird on a red background with '1894' and 'BRISTOL CITY'), and the Manchester United logo (a red shield with a white lion and 'MANCHESTER UNITED'). The text 'BRISTOL CITY VS MAN UNITED' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below it, 'Sunday, November 26th 2pm KO' is written in a smaller white font. At the bottom left, a black box with white text says 'UNDER 12'S £1'.

BARCLAYS WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE

BRISTOL CITY 1894

MANCHESTER UNITED

BRISTOL CITY VS MAN UNITED

Sunday, November 26th 2pm KO

UNDER 12'S £1

NCE SPORTS BAR



Mini Cougs

Netball sessions for School Years 3-6
(Boys and Girls, aged 7-11)

First session is FREE!

Tuesdays 4-5pm
Starts Tuesday 12th September!
Bath Sports & Leisure Centre

Sessions will be paid for in advance per term.
(£4.50 per session)

Limited spaces available!

Please contact Emma on: Emmaisaac@hotmail.com
to secure your place.



St Mary's
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Incorporating Hedgehogs Nursery

Open Mornings

Friday 13th October at 9:30 am

Friday 10th November at 9:30am

Friday 24th November at 9:30 am

Friday 8th December at 9:30am

Are you looking for a school place for September 2024?

We would be delighted to welcome you and your child to St Mary's Primary School in order to tell you more about our school, our wonderful children and what we have to offer.

To book your place, please email office@stmarystimsbury.co.uk with your name, telephone number and email address, stating which session you wish to attend. We look forward to meeting you and your child very soon!



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