



St Mary's CofE Primary School

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 23rd September 2021

Newsletter 02

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

Headteacher's Message

Time has flown so far this term as we come to the end of week 3. The children have continued to settle really well into their learning routines. One of the highlights from the last 2 weeks has been the smooth integration of Hedgehogs nursery into the school. The Hedgehogs have been eating lunch in the main hall and have been joining their friends in Ducklings at certain points in the day. It has been wonderful to see such a large number of children sign up for at least one club this term. So far, there has been lots of positive feedback from the children. The children have enjoyed the new equipment and play opportunities provided at lunchtimes; at times, there has been a party atmosphere (with the new speaker!) They've clearly enjoyed playing with the crates, new scooters, foam blocks, skipping ropes and chunky chinks. Thank you for sending in wellies so that children can access the grass and exploratory areas in all weather. Today, KS1 went to Bath to see Micheal Rosen and next week Ducklings are off to the Egg Theatre in Bath to go watch 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Do check the dates at the bottom of the newsletter, because there are more exciting events and opportunities planned for the rest of this term.

Mrs Parsons

Outside Achievements



Zach A - Received a medal from All Sports for participating in a holiday club during the summer holidays.

Max R - For achieving his Level 1 Swim Award



House Points

Winners

Well done to both **Topaz** and **Ruby** for being our House Point winners last week.

Attendance

Winners

Congratulations to the **Rabbits** last week and **Foxes** this week for excellent attendance.



Open Day

We are excited to announce that we will be having a 'St.Mary's Open Day' on **11th October** to welcome prospective parents into the school. St.Mary's has so much to be proud of and we are looking forward to opening our doors. Prospective parents can sign up to walk around the school at 9am, 11am or 1:30 pm. The children will be showcasing their best learning, including their very own Art Exhibition! We're looking forward to the opportunity to show off our inclusive, outdoor focussed, community school. Please share this date with friends and family who might be looking for a school place for next September. We are looking forward to opening our doors.

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.

Headteacher's Award



Congratulations to the children who received a Headteacher Award.

Ducklings:

Rabbits:

Badgers:

Foxes:

Lions:

Eagles:

Luca, Dexter

Charlie, Evie

Arthur, Agnes

Imogen, Spike

Eleanor, Shay



Parents Coffee Morning



We will be hosting a parents' coffee morning on **Thursday 29th September**. We are planning on hosting one each term, starting with a SEND coffee morning. Future coffee morning themes will include internet safety, play and mental health. Other suggestions are warmly welcomed. 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.

#HelloYellow

We will be taking part in this year's '#Helloyellow' on World Mental Health Day, **Monday the 10th of October 2022** so please encourage your child to come into school on the day wearing an item of yellow clothing and a £1 donation, this has been set up on ParentPay and all donations will be given to Young Minds Charity. The number of young people in need of mental health support is growing faster than ever – with a record breaking 420,000 young people being treated for mental health problems every month. Most young people aren't getting the help they need, and this can't go on. that's why this year #HelloYellow is more important than ever. We need to make sure young people know that how they feel matters and they deserve to feel supported. We couldn't not get involved.

We'll be joining thousands of other schools by wearing yellow to show young people that how they feel matters, as well as raising money for YoungMinds on Monday the 10th of October 2022.

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.

A note about safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, **Mr Thomson**, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads **Miss Guest** or **Mrs Purnell**.

The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

Ducklings



Class News:

We're going on a bear hunt. We're going to catch a big one. What a beautiful day. We're not scared!

This week the children have really enjoyed getting to know our first Talk 4 Writing text, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Micheal Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. On Wednesday we went on our very own bear hunt on the big school field. We found many food prints, heard rustling in the trees and even stumbled across a snow storm! We could not believe our eyes when we finally stumbled across a slumbering bear in his cave.

This week we have also been learning all about the number 1. We have counted to one together using our full sentence talking building our confidence to count out loud and explain our ideas. We say "I have 1 bear" "I can see 1 fox".

We are very much looking forward to our first school trip next week too. Well done Duckling's - a great term so far.

Mrs Winney



Rabbits



Class News:

The porridge is too hot, the bed is too lumpy and who broke Baby Bear's chair? This week Rabbit Class have been retelling our new English text 'Goldilocks and the three bears'. We have created our own actions and acted the story out. There has been some amazing writing happening in year one! Next week we will be writing an alternative ending, what really happens after Goldilocks falls asleep?

In maths we have been counting forwards and finding one more, we've had lots of fun playing dice games and using the chalks outside to make number tracks. We've also been learning to recognise numbers as words, we enjoyed playing bingo to help us with this.

As scientists we've labelled the human body, drawing around our friends to make life sized pictures. In Forest School we've been looking for Autumn changes and played memory games with all the natural resources.

It's been a busy fortnight, with the whole class trying their best and being brilliant!

Well done Rabbits, another great week!

Mrs Roberts



Badgers

Class News:



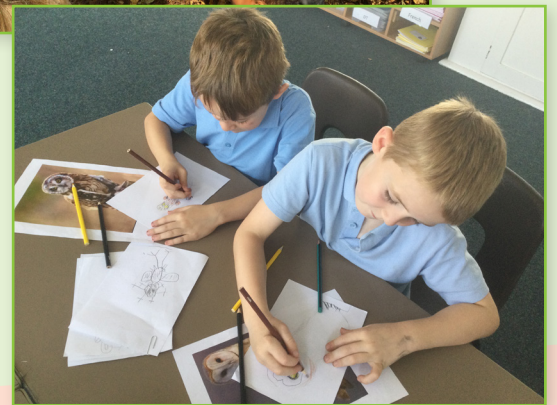
We have enjoyed learning our new English text this week, called Billy the Brave Knight. But is he actually that brave? Ask the Badgers what they think. This story has helped us think carefully about what makes a good sentence and we have been putting sentences together and mixing them up to really understand what makes them work and how to use them in our writing.

In Science, we have been learning about microhabitats as part of our topic of Living Things and Their Habitats. We had to look really carefully at the microhabitats in the school grounds but we were lucky enough to find a wide variety of minibeasts. We then thought hard about what makes their habitat so suitable for them to live in.

Finally in Art, we have finished our detailed drawings of owls. The Badgers have really supported each other by giving helpful feedback about where to make improvements and the progress between each draft has been great to see.

Well done for another great week Badgers!

Mrs Brown



Foxes Class

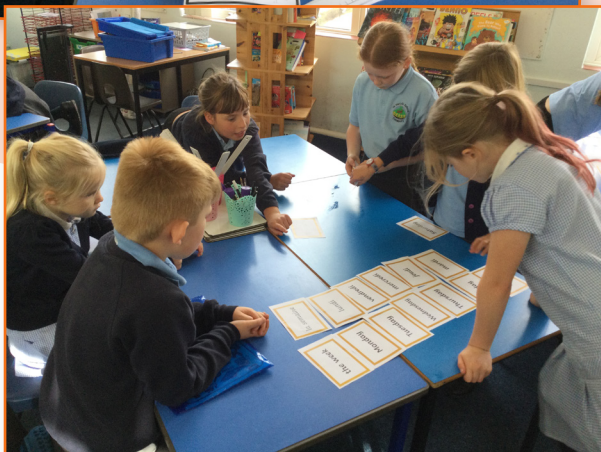


Class News:

We have enjoyed learning about the River Nile through our class book 'Egyptian Cinderella' this week. This story has helped us with our research about the River Nile that is leading up to our Big Write next week- a non chronological report.

In PSHE, we began our current topic 'Being Me In My World'. In these sessions the children have been identifying and discussing their achievements and goals. This has made us carefully think about what we want to achieve in Year 3 and how we can get there.

Miss Neal



Lions



Class News:

Another exciting couple of weeks of learning in Lion class.

We have been investigating the place value of numbers up to one million. We have enjoyed reading and writing such large numbers.

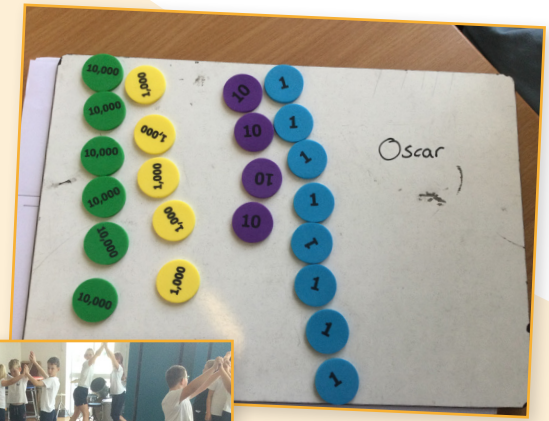
In English lessons, we have been learning how to edit and improve our writing. We are also using speech punctuation to correctly punctuate conversations in our writing. We are excited to be working with Mrs Downing on Thursday afternoons on a very special English writing project.

We are really interested to learn about the Ancient Mayan civilisation and were fascinated to discover that they disappeared about 1000 AD.

We have continued to enjoy our gym lessons with Mrs Mac. We were great at dribbling and defending in basketball.

In Science, we have been thinking about the relationship between the Sun, Earth and Moon. We are enjoying looking at pop-up books in DT and are planning our own one to make.

Mrs Hayward



Eagles



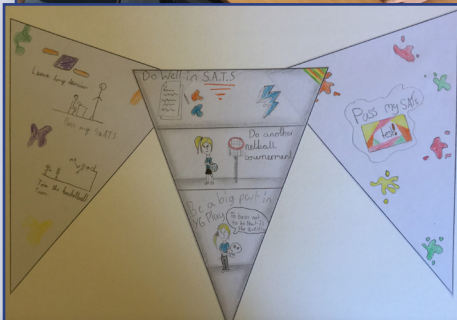
Class News:

We were supposed to be at PGL Osmington Bay in Weymouth this week but due to the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II, we had to reschedule and are now going next week instead. Plans and preparations are underway as our Eagles all excitedly look forward to a week of keelboat sailing, climbing, fencing, archery, zip wire, raft building and much much more. It's going to be an amazing experience and we will tell you all about it in the next Newsletter.

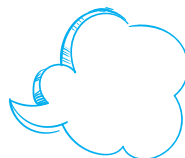
Last time, we mentioned how we had begun working on a whole school art project which has involved producing several versions of the same still-life picture, having received supportive critiques from their peers between each stage. The results have been impressive and the exciting news is that you will be able to see this for yourself at an upcoming exhibition of the children's work. In the photographs, you can see our Year 6 artists in action in the Eyrie producing their still-life pictures on the theme of books and then going around to look at other people's work and leaving helpful and supportive comments on Post-it Notes for them. They have shown really good focus and commitment and really considered carefully how to act on their peers' comments to ensure each version would show improvement from the previous stage.

It is great for our Eagles to benefit from some regular weekly teaching by Miss Guest who is spending Friday afternoons doing PSHE activities. The current topic is Being Me In My World and in these sessions the children have been identifying goals for the year ahead. As you can see, doing well in the Key Stage 2 SATs featured quite prominently! Our Eagles have very good attitudes to learning so we know they'll be fine when the tests eventually come around!

Mr Daniels

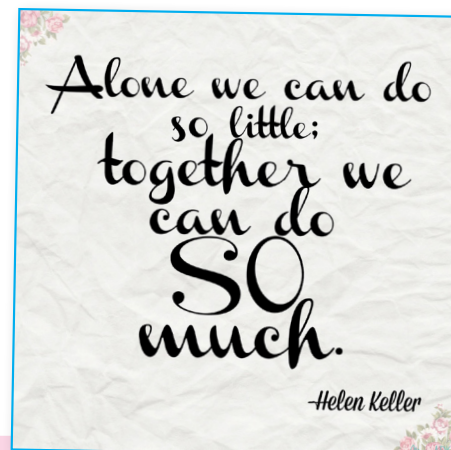


School Value: Koinonia (Community)



Inspiring Individual showing this value: Helen Keller

Helen Keller was blind, deaf and mute due to an early childhood illness and overcame these disabilities to become a major individual responsible for influencing how people viewed and treated those with disabilities. Keller was one of the 20th century's leading humanitarians. She was committed to working together in communities and making the world a fairer place for all.



Office News:

It is extremely important that all parents have access to ParentPay. This is how we communicate all events, letters, announcements, club information and many other things you need to be aware of. If you do not have your school ParentPay account activated, please see the school office.

It is really more important than ever that parents book their child in for a school lunch by Thursday 8pm for the following week. If you do not have a ParentPay account, or are having trouble

accessing it, please let the school office know.

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Dates for your Calendar 2022/23 - Term 1 onwards

Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 29th September	Parents coffee morning. SEND focus.	
Monday 26th September - Friday 30th September	Year 6 Residential PGL Osmington Bay	Year 6
Wednesday 5th October 2022	Nasal Flu Vaccination for Reception to Yr 6 inclusive	
Friday 7th October, 9am - 4pm	TT Rockstar' Day	Whole school
Monday 10th October - #HelloYellow, Wear Yellow to school	Mental Health Afternoon	Whole school
Tuesday Oct 11, 2022 9am, 11am and 1:30pm	Open Day and Art Exhibition	
Wednesday 12th October, 9am - 9:30am	Yr6 Class Worship	
Wednesday 12th October, 3:30pm - 5pm	Football event with Trinity (at St.Mary's)	
Thursday Oct 20th, 9:30am - 10am	Harvest Service at St. Mary's church	Whole School
End of term 1	Thursday 20th October	
Inset Day	Friday 21st October	
Start of Term 2	Monday 31st October	
Thursday 3rd November	School Photographer	Whole School

Your PTA needs you!



St Mary's School PTA would love some new members to join us and help with fundraising for extra-curricular fun and equipment for the children.

We meet one evening a month (usually in the Seven Stars) to plan our events and are always in need of extra help at the events too. It's not all hard work and we do like to have a bit of fun as well!

**If you'd like to get involved as a Member of the PTA or a Friend of the PTA, you can find out more by contacting
Michelle: msharp8505@gmail.com
07850 576946**

**or
Stef: stefmills@aol.com
07790778453**



YMCA Brunel Group,
Timsbury invites you to

CREAM TEA & MINI ARTEVENT

Join us for a lovely afternoon of
coffee, cake, local art, storytelling,
and access to the community
library.

We will be hosting a Ukrainian
Storyteller who will share her
stories in both English and
Ukrainian at 3pm.



Saturday, 24th September from 2:30pm-5pm
Timsbury YMCA, North Rd, Bath BA2 0JH
email jacquicook@ymca-bq.org for details.