



St Mary's CofE Primary School

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 22nd October 2021

Newsletter 04

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

Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of our first term, I'd like to take this opportunity to say a few thank yous.

Firstly, thank you to the children of St Mary's. They have all risen to the challenge of moving up year groups and are impressing us all with their brilliant attitudes towards their learning. A special well done goes to our Duckling Class for the way they have settled so quickly into life at St Mary's.

Thank you to parents for your continued support. We have enjoyed being able to welcome you back into school to attend class workshops and whole school events, such as our Harvest Service. We hope this presence at school will continue to increase with sporting fixtures, class worship and events planned for the coming months.

We also hope that you are enjoying being able to see what your children are doing in school via SeeSaw.

Thank you also to the staff of St Mary's for their continued hard work and commitment.

We hope you all enjoy a relaxing half term break and look forward to welcoming you all back for the start of Term 2 on Monday 1st November.

Mrs Parsons

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

St Mary's will be holding an open morning on Wednesday 17th November for prospective parents to have a tour around the school to see what we have to offer. Please share this date with friends and family who might be looking for a school place for next September.



House Points Winners

Well done to **Ruby** for being our House Point winners this week. Keep up the good work everyone!

St Mary's CE Primary School
Timsbury



Open Morning

Wednesday 17th November 2021
9:30am-12pm

Are you looking for a school place for September 2022?
Come and have a look around St Mary's CE Primary School during a normal school day to see just what we have to offer.
No appointments necessary



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Ducklings



Class News:

This week in Duckling Class our theme has been all about being kind and how we can show our kindness in many ways. From being helpful and playing together to giving old clothes to charity and sharing a smile; the children thought of so many different ways to be kind.

As part of Black History Month we have read many different stories from countries around the world and reflected on times when children and adults were not shown kindness because of the colour of their skin. The children in Ducklings were fantastic at being able to express their ideas about this and share in celebrating each other and all of our similarities and differences. I was extremely proud of them.

Mrs Winney



Rabbits



Class News:

We have had an excellent start to the year for the Rabbit Class!

This week we have been continuing with our Black History Month and have been looking at the runner, Mo Farah. We looked into his childhood and what he did to achieve where he is now. We have also been looking at all of his achievements.

In forest school we have been making magic potions and using different materials to create these. We have used leaves, sticks, mud and petal leaves to create this.

In RE, we have been talking about giving thanks and being grateful. We made cards to say thanks and wrote messages inside.

We have had a really fun and exciting start to Year 1 and are looking forward to lots more learning next term.

Miss Humphries



Badgers

Class News:

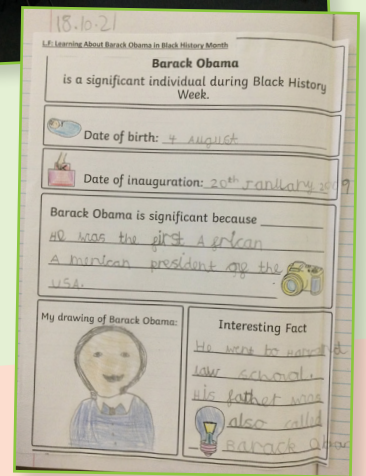
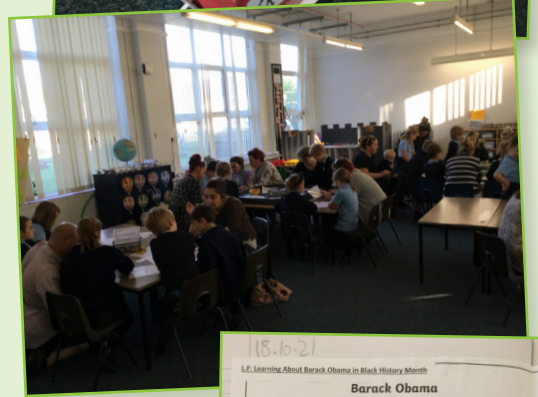


We were delighted to welcome parents and carers into our Class at the end of last week. We enjoyed a morning of different Maths activities using some of the resources that are used in our daily maths lessons. It was wonderful to hear enthusiastic discussions about numbers, quantities and measurements and the children were delighted to be able to show their families their classroom.

We have also spent time completing our fire engines as part of our DT work. The children have worked really carefully on this, designing their fire engine, thinking about what materials they need to make it, and then following their design to complete their model. Their attention to detail has been really impressive.

Finally, for our work on Black History Month, we have been learning about Barack Obama and why he is such a significant and important figure. The children learnt about his early life and his historic election as the first African American President of the USA. They then created some informative fact files about him. We also learnt about the fastest man on the planet - Usain Bolt and watched his world record breaking 100m sprint.

Mrs Brown



Foxes

Class News:



It has been wonderful to get to know all the Foxes over this first term. They have worked incredibly hard and adjusted well to life as Year 3 and 4s.

This week we have been learning in depth all about our digestive system and have been fantastic at learning all the organ functions and scientific names. We have learnt all the different teeth names and why we have different shaped teeth and compared them to different animals. We made food chain tubes and food chain booklets.

The children had a super spooky time in Forest school this week as they played 'Giants, witches and goblins' against each other, mixed potions and played other mystical games.

For Black History Month we have focused on Aretha Franklin. We've learnt that not only did she overcome life tragedies and become a singing legend, she also became a great symbol of hope who campaigned for equal rights. We have been creating Pop Art images of this iconic lady with felt-tip pens and lots of different mixed media and joining our sections together to create a complete image.

I am looking forward to next term already when we have lots of exciting new topics to engage our brains and have lots of fun!

Mrs Shepherd



Lions



Class News:

What an amazing first term the Lions have had. It has been a real pleasure to see them come back to school and carry on from where they were in July. They have worked really hard and have settled back into school life well.

This term our writing and reading focus has been Harry Potter. The children have loved listening to the book and creating their own magical stories. We have just finished our final piece of writing this term which was based on mythical creatures from Harry Potter. The children have produced reports sharing information about their creature. The writing outcome has been fantastic. We are still hoping to go on a trip to Harry Potter world but I have not been able to book anything so far.

Black History Month we have been focussing mainly on Nelson Mandela. We have learnt about his life, his values, his fight for freedom and of course his fight to ensure all colours were seen as equals in South Africa. We have studied some of his quotes and created posters reflecting his words.

Thank you so much for all the parents who were free to visit our Class on Wednesday afternoon. The children excelled themselves and completed their Mayan ceramic pots to a very high standard. The children chose their

Cam valley Arts Trail

<https://www.camvalleyartstrail.co.uk/2021-arts-trail.html>

favourite songs to sing to parents as an interlude to completing their pots.

We were visited by the talented Artist Jo Eddleston, who taught us more about clay. After modelling how to work the clay she left us tasks to complete in the afternoon. Her work can be seen as part of the Cam valley Arts Trail, 6th & 7th November, see link above. Thank you Jo.

Mr Finlay & Mrs Munro



Eagles



Class News:

What a superb start to the year it has been for the Eagles! The children have settled brilliantly into life in Year 6 and have impressed with their calm behaviour and their positive attitudes to learning.

Our highlights of Term 1 include our residential visit to PGL at Osmington Bay. This was an experience that we will undoubtedly be talking about for the rest of the year. We have so many brilliant memories of our time there. We have also really enjoyed our work in History this term where we have learned about several key aspects of World War Two, particularly focussing on what life was like for children during this time.

In our work for Black History Month, we have been focussing on two heroic women who made a stand to make the world a better, fairer and more tolerant place for us all to live. We have enjoyed learning about Rosa Parks and how the act of sitting on a bus caused positive changes to happen in the United States of America. Alongside Rosa, we also studied Malala Yousafzai, a campaigner for girls' education from Pakistan, and began to notice some similarities between these two inspirational people. Malala was also on a bus when she was shot by the Taliban after writing about what life was like under Taliban rule and how girls should be able to go to school. Did you know that Rosa Parks and Malala Yousafzai both have asteroids named after them? We were inspired by both of these women's courageous acts against unfairness and how anyone can try to make a stand against injustice. We ended the term by watching the special episode of Doctor Who, co-written by Malorie Blackman, which is set in Alabama in the 1950s, dedicated to Rosa Parks and based around the theme of segregation. We would definitely recommend it if you're looking for something to watch over half-term.

Mr Daniels



Dates for your Calendar 2021/22 - Term 1 - 2

Date	Event	Notes
Friday 22nd October	INSET DAY	Whole School
Monday 1st November	Term 2 starts	Whole School
Thursday 4th November	Individual school pupil photos	Whole School
Thursday 8th November	Whole school dressing up for whole school Maths event - more details to follow. KS2: Rockstars Y1 and Y2: Robots. EYFS: Dress as a number	Whole School
Monday 8th November	PTA AGM - 3:30pm in school	Whole School
Thursday 11th November	Flu Vaccinations (nasal spray)	Whole School
Wednesday 17th November	St Mary's Open Morning for prospective parents	
Friday 26th November	Retro Adult Disco at Conygre Hall	
Friday 17th December	Term 2 ends	Whole School

Christian Value: COMPASSION



This week, Year 6 conducted the first class-led worship for their parents and the rest of the school:

Throughout our work this term, we have always looked for links with our School Value of Compassion and these links were demonstrated to the whole school and some of the parents at this week's Year 6 Worship where we spoke about our learning and talked about how we might show compassion for the British children evacuated from the cities and for Anne Frank and the Jewish community during World War Two. We also shared some experiences of compassion being shown as we supported each other through some of the more challenging activities at PGL. Our audience enjoyed watching Phoebe being carried around on a 'bed' during our portrayal of the story from the Bible where Jesus healed a paralysed man.



Compassion

shown at PGL



Compassion

in the Bible



Compassion

for people who lived during World War Two

Anne Frank





Headteacher's Award



Congratulations to the children who received a Headteacher Award in the last two weeks.

Ducklings:	Merryn
Rabbits:	Dawson
Badgers:	Tilly
Foxes:	Felix and Mog
Lions:	Mia
Eagles:	Elliot

Christian Values Awards

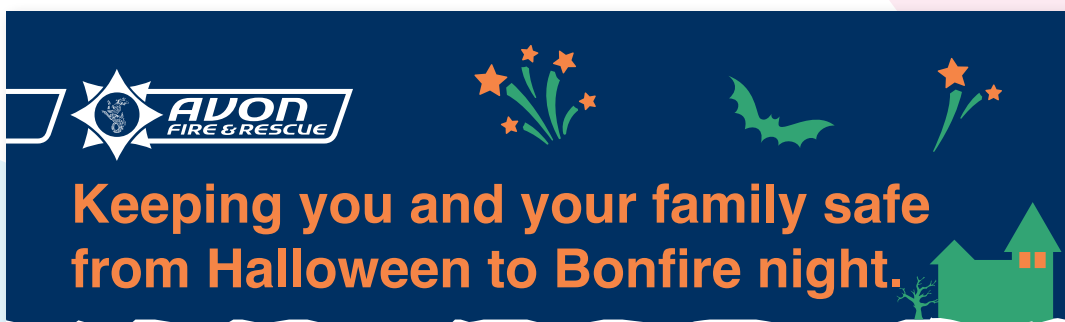


The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last two weeks are:



- Compassion:** Archie (Y2), Jacob A (Y5)
- Courage:** Flo (Y1), John (Y2), Noah L (Y4), Lily M (Y4), Annabel (Y4), Mog (Y4), Lily W (Y5), Louie (Y5), Mia (Y5), Matilda L (Y6)
- Creativity:** Violet (Y1)
- Service:** Sol (Y1), Frankie (Y6)

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, Mrs Brewer, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads Mr Finlay or Mrs Purnell. The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.




Halloween

- Buying a costume? Make sure it's flame-resistant and has the CE mark. 
- Making a costume? Avoid long parts and don't use flammable materials like bin liners.
- Opt for LED tea light and candles. 
- Naked flames are dangerous, keep your children away from them.

Sparklers

- Supervise children using sparklers and follow instructions on the packaging. 
- Light sparklers one at a time.
- Wear gloves and keep sparklers at arm's length.
- You can put the end of a sparkler in a carrot, making it safer to hold.
- Put used sparklers in a bucket of water.

Fireworks

- Only buy fireworks marked with the British Safety Standard: 7114 or CE safety mark. 
- Store safely in a closed box out of children's reach.
- Light fireworks at arm's length and stand well back.
- Never return to a lit firework: if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.



Stop, Drop and Roll

If your clothing catches fire, remember:

STOP where you are.



DROP to the floor.



ROLL over and over until the flames are out.



Don't forget to practise before celebrations begin.

Stay safe, stay spooky.

Follow Avon Fire & Rescue Service's Children & Young People's Team for more safety advice for you and your family:



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