

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



2nd July 2021



Dear Parents,

We have had a great week at St Mary's, the pool has been very well used during and after school which is fantastic.

Here are our Branches of Love pupils and St Mary's Citizens for this week. Well done to all of them.



Our Bike it Bear this week was Sophie. Well done Sophie.

Our Year 4 had a virtual author session with N S Blackman on Wednesday afternoon which they really enjoyed.

Our Transfer Day yesterday was really successful, all of the children enjoyed spending the day in their new classroom for September and getting to know their class staff better. I enjoyed my day with Year 4, the children drew self-portraits, planned for their leaver's celebrations & swam in the pool.



Our new Reception children came and visited us in three separate groups during the day, in our Reception class. They had a lovely time.

I received some lovely news that one of our past pupils, Finlay Wyer, has been presented with The Diana Award.

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He was listed as an outstanding young hero in Dorchester and receives the Award in memory of Princess Diana.

He has been recognised with the highest accolade a young person can achieve for social action or humanitarian efforts – The Diana Award. He went beyond in his daily life to create and sustain positive change.

He carried out a colossal 678 hours of volunteering over the last year, making waves with 'Covid-nine-TEENS', a podcast he co-produced about pandemic positivity and how to stay mentally well, as part of 'Participation People's #YouthVoice Pioneer Team'. Guest speakers were invited onto the podcast, which has now received over 1,000,000 downloads.

Congratulations from all at St Mary's.

This morning we made a short video of the children marching to support England in the Euros this weekend. The Head at the Prince of Wales School is putting together all the videos, which will be on their Facebook page by lunchtime tomorrow.

For our Assembly this afternoon, we are having a virtual visit from Dorchester Library & they will be telling the children about their Summer Reading Challenge.



Just a reminder about our Sporting Skills Day next Thursday 8th July, please can children come to school wearing home clothes, these can be football kits, colours matching the Olympic rings or bright colours to signify positivity.

On Tuesday 13th July Sustrans will be running another Dr Bike morning, so bring in your bikes for a safety check on this day. Please see the letter attached to the newsletter email.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

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