

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



1st April 2022



Our Reception children enjoying parachute games at Kingston Maurward



Dear Parents

This week we finished our participation in the Sustrans Big Wheel & Walk project. Well done to everyone who has taken part for the past two weeks, it has been great to see more children walking, cycling & scootering into school. We hope that the children continue to do this.

This week our Reception class had a fantastic trip to Kingston Maurward, they saw lots of different animals from baby lambs to geese, learnt about nature, had fun with a picture hunt & enjoyed the parachute games & picnic lunch. Thank you to all the parent helpers.



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Today the children at St Mary's took part in our Science Day, they have tried out lots of different experiments & each class had a special visit from our visiting scientist Betty Boffin. They have had a great fun and informative day.

Year 1 made towers in teams, as tall as they could, that had to hold a cream egg for 5 seconds. They also had great fun making their own bubble foamers.



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Our week will be finish nicely with our Year 1 Celebration Assembly where our Year 1 children will share what they have been doing & what they wish to celebrate with their parents.

Laudato Si Day – parent helpers

As you know, we are holding our next Laudato Si Day next Thursday 7th April. If you can help on the day, please let the office know.

Activities that we will be doing on the day will include, painting, gardening & general maintenance, please wear old clothes. You do not need to be available all day, an hour or two would be great. Please let us know if you are available to help.

We need your recycled plastic

Please can we ask you to keep hold of your plastic recycling as we are making a plastic sculpture during our Laudato Si Day next Thursday.

We are particularly interested in bottles and bottle tops, but all kinds of empty plastic containers would be welcome. Please wash thoroughly before donating! These can be delivered to school anytime Wednesday 6th or Thursday 7th in the morning. Thank you very much.

Easter Garden Competition

Children are invited to take part in our Easter Garden competition, details are attached to the newsletter email. The final day for entries is Friday 29th April. When your child has made their garden, please take a photograph & email it to the school office, the gardens themselves do not need to come into school – thank you.

Good luck to everyone that takes part.

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Thank you for all the donations from children who sacrificed something during Lent that they like i.e. a chocolate bar to instead donate the money to Mary's Meals. If any children have money to still donate, please bring this into school next week – thank you.

Upcoming Dates	
Wed 6 th April	Celebration Assembly for Reception & Reception parents at 9am
Thurs 7 th April	St Mary's Laudato Si day - improving our school environment. Whole school activities – children to wear outside activity clothes
Thurs 7 th April	PTA Easter Bingo event - 6-8pm in St Mary's school hall. Doors open 5.30pm
Thurs 7 th April	Children finish for Easter Holidays
Fri 8 th April	Staff training day – School Closed
Mon 25 th April	Children return to school

Bingo



The PTA Bingo event has moved to next Thursday 7th April. Doors open at 5.30pm with eyes down at 6.00pm.

We look forward to seeing you there.



This week in Haycorns they have welcomed two new friends Jacob and Olivia - everyone was very excited to have some new children to play with.

The Phonics letter this week has been 'B', so the children have been making some Bumblebees, and rolling Balls with Blue playdough, they even had Baked Beans on toast with their snack!

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The children have also begun creating their Easter pictures to take home using gold paper and sequins - choosing between an egg and a cross.

Following on from their visit from the Life Education Centre, this week they have introduced their 'Everyday Life Skill friends' Pedro and Penny - named by the children. Each day the children will take turns to care for the friends, ensuring their teeth are brushed, faces are washed, hair is brushed, and that they have a drink of water, ready to begin the day!



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This week's Kids Corner comes from Reception. This is what the children have really enjoyed doing and learning this week.

I loved playing the
games with the
parachute
Maisie

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I loved having a
picnic lunch
Fred

I liked it when we
saw the pigs and
the animals and
the picture hunt
and the park
Callie

I loved seeing the
baby lambs
James L

A lot of laughs from Sydney & James P:

What do you call a musical unicorn?

A 'tune'icorn

Why did jelly wobble?

Because it saw the milk shake..



I loved seeing the
geese and going to
the park
Donnie

Best wishes for the weekend,

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher