

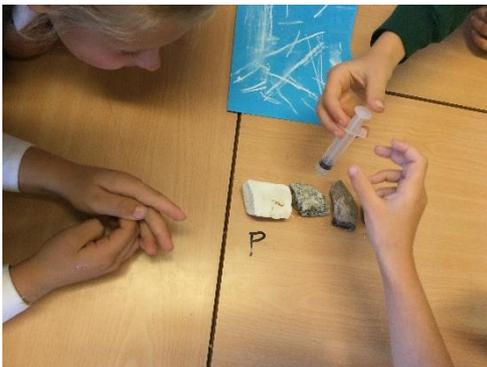
St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



30th September 2022



Year 3 testing rocks for hardness & absorption & learning about contours on maps



Dear Parents

We have had a good week at St Mary's, Autumn has arrived but the children are still enjoying our outside spaces & forest school.

Laudato Si Day

Our next Laudato Si day will be on **Friday 7th October**, where the children will be gardening, painting, upcycling, etc. Please can children come to school in outdoor clothes & coats for these activities.

Our eco committee would like to install a pond in the memorial garden, we hope to do this during our Laudato Si Day on the 7th October. If any parents have any knowledge/assistance they could give on the day to help with installing the pond, please let the school office know. Many thanks.

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Message from Sustrans - Cycle to School Week runs from 3 to 7 October

Do you want to save money, get healthier and protect the environment? Not to mention having lots of fun on the journey to school?

Then get involved with Cycle to School Week! The annual event, previously known as Bike to School Week, is back for 2022. This year, with our support, the Bikeability Trust are taking the handlebars.

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/cycleschoolweek/>

Cycle to School Week will run from Monday 3 to Friday 7 October across the UK. During this time, we want as many people as possible to make a pledge for Cycle to School Week. In total, the journeys to school pledged during Bike to School Week in 2021 saved over £20,000 of fuel. This year, children and their families across the UK are

asked to choose one of four pledges:

1. Cycle to school every day
2. Swap one car journey for cycling
3. Cycle with your family
4. Discover somewhere new on a cycle ride

You have until Friday 7 October to make your pledge. Once you sign up, we will send you a social media pack to help you spread the word. You'll also enter into our prize draw for the chance to win a Frog City 61 Bike!

Weymouth Family Science Festival at Nothe Fort

Sunday 2nd October 2022 - 10.30am - 4.00pm

Nothe Fort is proud to be hosting a fun day of hands-on science activities.

- **Institute of Physics** shall be launching rockets and looking at polarised light
- **The Victorian Scientist** will be demonstrating weird and wonderful objects
- **Portland Museum** shall be showing finds from the local shipwreck of the Abbergaveny
- **Wessex Water** will be making a water filter
- **CEFAS** will be bringing a host of activities including field microscopes, non-native species and take a fishing games

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- **Litter Free Dorset** will be running 'Bin your Butt' experiments
- **Weymouth Astronomy** look at the importance of the sun to life on earth and a demonstration the Astronomy software STELLARIUM
- **Fossil Fun** will be painting ammonites and hunting for fossils.
- **Nothe Fort** will be looking at weapons and firing a Victorian cannon

This event is included in your general admission price to Nothe Fort.

Nothe Fort, Barrack Road, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 8UF. See their website for further information:

nothefort.org.uk

Parents' Evenings

If you haven't signed up for your 'Meet the Teacher' session yet, please contact your child's class teacher.

Support us with some 'Easyfundraising'

Thank you to those parents who have signed up as new supporters, we now have 57 parent supporters. If you are able & willing to become a support through Easyfundraising, it would be much appreciated.

So, please sign up for an account to help support St Mary's & happy shopping.

The link is:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysfirstschool/?q=St%20marys%20Catholic%20first%20&cat=cause-autosuggest>

Join our PTA

We would love some more parents to join our PTA. We currently have a group of friendly parents who help to organise fundraising events during the year. The time needed is not onerous & the parents involved have fun running these events. If you would like to find out more, please come along to our coffee morning on a Friday morning to meet the PTA or let the office know.

Upcoming Events

We are planning a non-uniform day for Thursday 20th October for a £1 donation towards new playground equipment.

Event	Date
Week 3 rd & 10 th Oct	Meet the Teachers – see Google Classroom for details
Week 3 rd -7 th Oct	Cycle to School
Fri 7 th Oct	Laudato Si Day – children come to school in outdoor clothes for

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	gardening, painting etc.
Thurs 13 th Oct	Open Morning for prospective Reception parents 9.15-10.30am
Thurs 20 th Oct	Non-uniform day (home clothes) – if possible we would ask each child to bring in a £1 donation towards new playground equipment
Thurs 20 th Oct	Children finish for half term
Fri 21 st Oct	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Mon 31 st Oct	Staff Training Day – School Closed
Tues 1 st Nov	Children return to school
Thurs 17 th Nov	French Breakfast at St Mary's School – details to follow
Mon 28 th Nov	Individual school photos being taken (plus photos with other siblings at St Mary's)

The choir sing a variety of musical styles and is a great way for children to develop their musical ear and gain confidence. They often collaborate with other choirs and perform at various concerts throughout the year. Fees are £35 per term.

If you are interested in your child attending a taster session, please contact Hanna Trevorrow at DASP

Music: htrevorrow@thomas-hardye.net



This week's Kid's Corner comes from the children in Year 3. They have told us what they have enjoyed learning & doing this week:

Message from DASP Music - DOES YOUR CHILD ENJOY SINGING?

DASP Music offers children in Years 2-4 the chance to join our combined-schools' choir called 'Skylarks'.

The group is run by Mrs Kathie Prince and meets every Thursday 3:45 – 4:30pm at Prince of Wales School.

I liked drawing with charcoal in Art
Evanna

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I enjoyed sentence
stacking

Ida

I enjoyed reading
about the three pigs
in English with their
bottoms sticking out
of the ground

Ottie

I loved English & the
true story of the three
pigs

Molly

I really enjoyed
Maths, using the
number lines and
subtracting from
them

Will

**This week's 'a lot of laughs' comes from
Ruby:**

Why was 6 afraid of 7?

Because 7, 8, 9



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Have a good weekend

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher