



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter

Friday 15th November



This week we have been focusing on "Choosing Respect" to mark national Anti- Bullying Week. Children have been thinking about the diversity and uniqueness of our school community and how we celebrate this. They wore odd socks on Tuesday as a representation of our differences and have had lessons on how to embrace these differences. On Friday we held a fundraiser for the Catholic Children's Society, acknowledging our God given talents.

Thank you to those who helped us to raise funds for such an important charity.

School Photographs

Fraser Photography will be in school on **Monday 18th November** to take individual and sibling photographs during the school day. Proofs of photographs will be sent home with ordering information later in the week.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will arrive on **Tuesday 19th November**, each class will be given an opportunity to browse books during the week.



Class Updates

Anning

This week Anning Class had the privilege of representing the school by attending the Remembrance Service at County Hall.

The children were very respectful and several members of the council commented on how well behaved they were. We have been learning about kindness this 'Anti-Bullying Week'. Celebrating our differences and learning to respect ourselves and others



ICENI

Thanks to all our St Mary's families support towards our Anti Bullying week, Our Icení class had some great looks last Tuesday!



Competitions

Rotary Young Photographer Competition THEME – ‘WONDERFUL WATER’

Our children have been invited to take part in a Rotary Young Photographer Competition. The competition aims to encourage young people to:

- experiment with photography
- use digital and/or traditional methods of photography
- demonstrate interpretation of the topic
- express personal ideas through the medium of photography

Task and rules: To produce one photograph based upon the theme, ‘Wonderful Water’. Mobile Phones or cameras may be used. Each entrant **MUST** provide a brief sentence describing the relationship of the artwork to the theme. This can be submitted alongside the photograph. The name and age of the child must be recorded with the photograph. The photograph must be submitted via Digital Format and be at least 1500 pixel in size on the longest length. The entries and supporting information sent electronically **MUST NOT EXCEED 15Mb** per email sent. Please Note: Photographs which incorporate images of people under 18 years or vulnerable adults must be accompanied by consent forms for the use of those photographic images. Please submit your entry to the school office by **Wednesday 8th December 2024**

Rotary Young Writer Competition THEME – ‘WONDERFUL WATER’

Our children have been invited to take part in a Rotary Young Writer Competition. The competition aims to encourage young people to:

- be creative
- use their writing skills
- write with imagination and creativity

Task and rules: To produce a handwritten or typed story in prose or poem entitled ‘Wonderful Water’. The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, as long as the piece relates to the theme and all entries must be legible. We are looking for original pieces, not copies, which match the theme of the competition. Competitors must not use any apps which produce any part of their submission, if detected the entry will be disqualified. Prose entries should be up to a maximum 550 words. Poetry entries should be up to a maximum of 40 lines. Entries that exceed these maximum numbers will be disqualified. No pictures and/or drawings are to be part of the entry.

Judges will consider: Imagination relative to the subject, the ability to engage interest, the ability to be consistent in the power of argument, relevance to the Theme. Please submit your entry to the school office by **Wednesday 8th December 2024 with the name and age of your child on the back.**



Bling Your Bike to School!



The theme for Bling Your Bike this year is 'fabulously festive'! Get as creative as you like, but please make sure your bike or scooter is safe to ride. Don't obstruct the brakes, wheels or steering with your decorations.

Come and join us for breakfast from **8.30am on Friday 29th November**. We look forward to seeing you then!



Upcoming Events

Please Look out for classroom updates and further information that you will find on tapestry or Google classroom with more details about our upcoming events.

Year Group	Event	Date
Whole School	Eco Schools - Cut your Carbon Month	November
Whole School	School Photographs	Monday 18 th November
Whole School	Scholastic book event	Tuesday 19 th November
Maurward	Library Visit-9.30-11am	Thursday 21 st November
Whole School	Mass –School Hall 9.10-All families Welcome	Tuesday 26 th November
Whole School	Bling your Bike to School	Friday 29 th November
Whole School	“Meet the Donkey” –PTFA event	Monday 2 nd December
Whole School	Christmas Story Night. 5-6pm	Thursday 5 th December
Whole School	PTFA Christmas Shop	Monday 9 th December
Maurward Haycorns	EYFS Natvity -9.15 am	Tuesday 10 th December
Whole School	Carol Service -6pm	Tuesday 10 th December
Whole School	Nativity	Wednesday 11 th December
Whole School	Nativity	Thursday 12 th December
Iceni	Dance Performance –Thomas Hardy School	Tuesday 17 th December
Whole School	Christmas Meal – Book via Local Food Links	Wednesday 18 th December
Whole School	School closes for Christmas Holidays	Friday 20 th December
Christmas Holiday		
Whole School	Return to school	Tuesday 7 th January

Have a good weekend. *P.Fearn*