



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter

Friday 10th October



I would like to start this week's newsletter by extending heartfelt thanks to the parents and families who came into school on Saturday to help keep our outside environment tidy and attractive for the children. Borders were cleared, new areas planted and, most impressively, our old polytunnel was taken down and the area cleared. This is a big step in renovating this area so that we can build a replacement that would allow us to have a whole class gardening and learning at the same time. The eagle-eyed amongst you will have noticed the sign at the end of Lucetta Lane about road works due to start on Monday the 13th of October continuing until the 15th of October. I've spoken to somebody at DCC who assures me that they are aware of the school and that the road works will not start until 09:30 each day. They have also assured me that the works will be finished or paused to allow access at pick up. Hopefully, this should put your minds at rest.

Shire Class

This week we have been using 5 and 10 frames in maths to make number bonds using multilink. We are absolutely brilliant at knowing which animals go into particular groups in science and we're great at sorting them!



Anning Class

Anning class had a wonderful week this week, including a trip to Lulworth castle on Tuesday, a peaceful Rosary prayer time on Wednesday and some exploratory art work on Thursday. On the trip we explored the different areas of Lulworth castle, including where the visiting royalty used to sleep, where the food for banquets was prepared and where the gentlemen of the time played billiards and talked. We also climbed the tower steps to gain a wonderful panoramic view and had time to lunch in the woods, play in the park and run around a maze.

On Wednesday, Mrs Williams donated her time to engage the children in prayer. She gathered children together in small groups to say The Hail Mary and to have a quiet, reflective space.

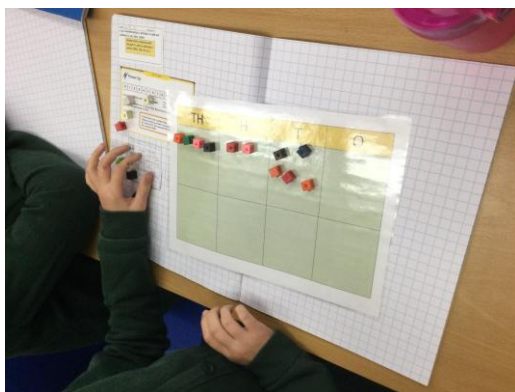


Maiden Castle

This week, Year 3 have been busy mathematicians, learning all about *exchanging* and putting their problem-solving skills to the test! In English, the children have been fantastic letter writers, carefully choosing their words to share their thoughts and ideas. Our Geography lessons took us on a journey around *Italy* as we explored the countries that surround it and discovered some of their amazing geographical features. In Art, the children have been practising their *charcoal skills* by creating incredible *charcoal cave paintings*—they looked just like real prehistoric artwork!

Iceni Class

The last 2 weeks have been very busy in Y4. We have been using manipulatives in maths lessons to help us understand addition and subtraction involving 4-digit numbers. We have also been composing a film score for a short film to show tension.



Year Group	Event	Date
Shire	Phonics workshop-parents invited 2.45-3.00pm	Tuesday 14 th October
Shire and Anning	Meet the Author –Simon Philip at Manor Park school. pm	Wednesday 15 th October
	PTA pre loved uniform sale – After school	Wednesday 15 th October
Maiden and Iceni	Meet The Author-Chris Smith at Manor Park school. pm	Thursday 16 th October
Whole School	Clothes swap – bring in up to 3 items of unwanted clothing to Mrs Conway by the house of joy in the morning	Friday 17 th October
	Helping hands day – link to sign up https://forms.gle/GFWqKo6jDm4FNnZz8	Saturday 18 th October
Whole School	Parents Meeting	Monday 20 th October
Whole School	Laudato Si Day / Parent/ carers helpers needed!	Tuesday 21 st October
	PTA – Cake sale- After school	Tuesday 21 st October

Whole School	Parents Meeting	Wednesday 22 nd October
Whole School	Children break up for half term	Thursday 23 rd October
Whole school	Children return after half term.	Monday 3 rd November
Whole school	Individual school photo's	Tuesday 4 th November
Whole School	Local MP Edward Morello-School Visit	Thursday 27 th November
Whole School	Meet The Donkey-PTA	Monday 1 st December
Whole School	Christmas Story Night 5pm -6pm	Thursday 4 th December
Whole School	PTA-Christmas Shop	Thursday 11 th December
Whole School	Rocksteady –Concert/ parents of Band members invited	Friday 12 th December
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Have a good weekend. **S. Thomas**