

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



11th February 2022



Year 1's hand print flower & 'my support' balloons



Dear Parents

Our teachers have had their final week of parent evening meetings this week.

We will be sending a link with the newsletter email asking parents to feedback on their parent evening experience & to give us any comments for the future. If you would be kind enough to complete this online questionnaire, it would be much appreciated.

During our Mental Health week, all the children have taken part in a large variety of activities. Year 1 made a beautiful hand print flower to show that 'In Year 1 we grow together', they created their own 'my support' balloons and had some lovely 'positivity' time with their worry monster - 'Rainbow'.

On Tuesday we had our **Safer Internet Day**. Year 1 talked about being kind online and being safe online. They designed their own tablet games and learnt an internet safety song.

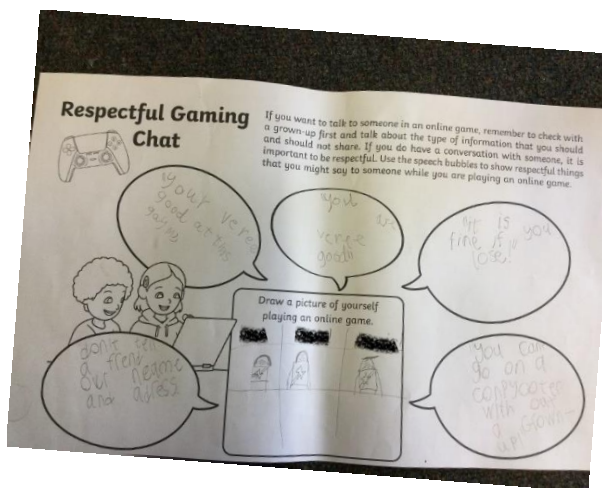
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For a good start to your child's morning, they could try Yoga in the mornings. Cosmic kids yoga on you tube has fun & relaxing short sessions which include stretches and deep breathing!



We will be having our annual education sessions from Coram Life Education on Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd March this year. They will be leading sessions with Haycorns pre-school right through to our Year 4 class over these two days. Please see the attached letter for more information.



| Upcoming Dates | |
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| Thurs 17th Feb | Year 1's Victorian Day |
| Fri 18th Feb | Children finish for half term |
| Mon 28th Feb | Staff Training Day – School Closed |
| Tues 1st March | Children return to school |
| Thurs 3rd March | World Book Day – more information to follow |
| Mon 7th March | School Photos (individual & with any siblings at St Mary's School) |
| Mon 7th March | In-school workshop learning about Mars for Years 2, 3 & 4 |
| Wed 9th March | Year 3 & 4 visit to see Luke Jerram's Mars Exhibit at the Corn Exchange |

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| Thurs 10th March | Year 2 visit to see Luke Jerram's Mars Exhibit at the Corn Exchange |
| Mon 14th March | Year 3 attending Commonwealth Day Ceremony in Dorchester |
| Mon 21st & Tues 22nd March | Life Education sessions for each class |
| Mon 21st-Fri 1st April | Sustrans Big Wheel & Walk – encouraging as many children & families to walk, scooter, cycle to school as possible. |
| Thurs 7th April | Children finish for Easter Holidays |
| Fri 8th April | Staff training day – School Closed |
| Mon 25th April | Children return to school |

Our Bike it Bear for last week was Martha and this week it was Neve W. Well done to both Martha and Neve.

Dogs on site

Please could we ask parents to ensure that any dogs brought on site are securely tied to the metal fence in the car park which joins the park while they drop off or collect their children or please keep them outside of the school gates.

Most people love dogs but some children & adults are scared of dogs and for safety, please do not bring any dogs down to the classrooms or to the bottom of the car park – many thanks.



The children in Haycorns have been celebrating Chinese New year, they each made a lucky packet, and had a go at writing their initials on the front.

They tried some new foods at snack time - rice, noodles, crackers which everybody really enjoyed!

Following the SEAL (social & emotional aspects of learning) planning, they have been discussing 'People that help us' so their home corner was turned into a hospital, and the children have been dressing up in different emergency outfits - there have been many rescue missions happening.

For mental health week, they have been talking about how special each of us are and sharing our love for one another, they discussed how having healthy foods can help a healthy mind - the children made a delicious drink with fruit using the juice machine, they all gave it a big thumbs up!

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I have enjoyed making
the fire in forest school

Rowan

We have been
learning about
keeping safe online

James P



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

I enjoyed making the
apple juice in forest
school, it was
delicious

Alice

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I enjoyed colouring
my design for a
prayer mat

Poppy S

Have a good weekend

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher

I enjoyed PE as we
were dancing, I
liked the music

Alona

A lot of laughs from Amelie:

Why did the jelly wobble?

Because he saw the jelly wobble!!!!

