



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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with Christ at its centre"*

Lenten Term 1

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

## Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

The children in Carpenters Class had a brilliant time exploring the unit 'The Whale' in Literacy and finished the unit off with the enrichment activity raft building. I have attached the gallery link which includes images of the children testing their rafts in water. I have also attached the gallery link and wow report from Fishermen Class on the building of Earthquake proof structures.

Mr Causebrook will be sending out the next sporting fixture letter this week. The event will be held at BGN and the focus is inclusive sport for all. The school has already booked the coach for the Athletics final and the children are really excited about competing.

The children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will be leading the enrollment Mass and Fr Shyu has requested that parents attend if possible: Wednesday 8th February at 10:30am in the Sacred Heart Church ALW.

Mrs Vale will be sharing another exciting writing competition next week, we hope that many will be able to enter over the half-term.

Have a lovely weekend, Laura Concannon.

## Important dates to note...

### Dates for the Diary:

- Monday 6th February- CAFOD assembly and workshops.
- Wednesday 8th February- Mass of enrollment for the Confirmation group. KS2 Exposition of the blessed Sacrament.
- Thursday 9th February: Inclusive Sport Event BGN
- Friday 10th February: School breaks up for the half term break at the end of the day.
- Monday 20th February: School reopens. Fair Trade Week. Burning of the Palms 1:15pm.
- Tuesday 21st February: Shrove Tuesday Cake and book Sale 3:00pm School playground- Mrs Vale and Mrs Brimson to lead.
- Wednesday 22nd February: Ash Wednesday Mass 10:30am Sacred Heart.
- Monday 27th February: Science Week
- Tuesday 7th March: Lego Discovery Centre Year R and 1
- Friday 10th March: School Disco
- Wednesday 22nd March: Ashmolean Fishermen and Shepherds Classes
- Thursday 23rd March: Ashmolean Carpenters Class

### Mental Health Awareness Week

Dress to Express fundraiser for Children's Mental Health Week 2023 – Friday 10th February 2023

On Friday 10th February 2023, St. Mary's Catholic Primary School will be taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week and fundraising to support the mental health of children and young people throughout the UK - a cause we feel is now more important than ever. Children's Mental Health Week is taking place from 6-12 February 2023 and is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on and raise awareness for children and young people's mental health.

Place2Be believe every child should have easy access to mental health support whenever they need it. They create safe spaces in schools where students can open up without pressure, arming them with emotional skills to help deal with everything life throws at them. As a charity, Place2Be rely heavily on the generosity and support of the community to continue their essential work in the future and to reach children before it's too late. As a school community, we will be encouraging all students and staff to use clothing and colour to express themselves on Friday 10th February 2023. We also kindly ask that all children who take part make a suggested £1 donation to Place2Be, by bringing their donation to school on the day or making a donation via ParentPay.

Your child/children's Dress to Express outfit can be as simple or elaborate as they like! Dress To Express is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions. The day also provides a great opportunity to be open about mental health and start conversations within our school community.

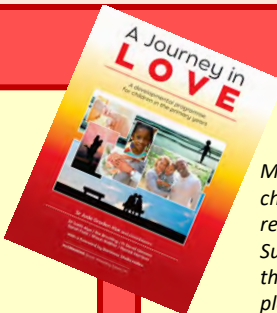
The children will be taking part in a number of activities across the week, including:

- 'Let's Connect' class activity e.g., outdoor learning tasks and Lego building
- Sing and Sign 'Let's Connect' assembly
- Wellbeing Art competition (further details to follow)
- Daily relaxation sessions
- All Children will be given a wrist band to help raise awareness of the importance of mental health
- All children are invited to take part in the Place2Be fundraising event- 'Dress to Express'

We're delighted to be hosting a Dress to Express Day during Children's Mental Health Week and raising much-needed funds for Place2Be. If you have any queries, please get in touch with me at [denise.morgan@stmarysalw.net](mailto:denise.morgan@stmarysalw.net)



## Value focus : Honesty



### Journey in Love

Mrs Concannon will be delivering a session on body changes to the Year 6 girls using the Journey in Love resources. This will later be delivered to the boys in the Summer term. Please see the presentation attached to the email for further details. If you have any concerns please contact the school office by Wednesday 8th February.

Keep in contact: Tel: 01295 660258

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