



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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with Christ at its centre"*

**Lenten Term 2**

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

## Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

The children have really enjoyed the variety of activities this week. We are all really looking forward to the workshops with Atomic Tom tomorrow.

I have attached Kingswoods menu for the Summer term and a special Coronation menu so please do take a look.

As Confirmation approaches the confirmandi will be coming together to create artwork based on the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit. I look forward to sharing the finished artwork with you. The Coach payment for the Blaze trip has now been added to Parent Pay. If you would like to make your own arrangements to drop your child at the venue then please contact the school office.

All the children completed a safeguarding quiz last week which included questions on Internet safety. The results indicate that the children need more time learning about Internet safety. I will be working with Mrs Vale to put together information to share with parents as we did at the beginning of the year and we will be inviting in the local authority to deliver workshops to the pupils. This is on top of the lessons delivered through our computing scheme 'Rising Stars' on Purple Mash.

I am really looking forward to sharing our Easter Service with you all next Thursday. The children in KS1 are also really excited to share their Easter gardens. This has been an ongoing project this half term.

Have a lovely weekend,

Laura Concannon

## Important dates to note...

### Dates for the Diary:

- **Monday 27th March: Interim reports sent out**
- **Wednesday 29th March: Spelling Bee 10:30am. Parent Book Look 3:10pm**
- **Thursday 30th March: Easter celebration day. KS2 Easter Service 2pm in the church and then an Easter Garden display back in school at 2:45pm.**
- **Friday 31st March: School closes for the Easter break 3pm.**
- **Friday 21st April: School Disco 6-8pm.**

**Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Concannon**  
**Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Vale**  
**Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Brimson**  
**Chair of Governors: Mrs Iley**



## Science Week



The children had had a fantastic week so far. The assembly on Monday was a great way to start off an exciting week with St Teresa winning the Science Quiz. The children completed a number of exciting investigations including sessions that are due to be lead by Atomic Tom tomorrow. The children in KS2 have this to look forward too:

We are very excited to be welcoming Atomic Tom on Friday 24th March to deliver workshops to each class as part of our science week celebrations. The focus for this year is connections, and therefore Tom will be using this theme to explore how we are all connected biologically. As part of the experiments in Carpenters and Shepherds class, Tom will be dissecting a pigs heart in order to understand the different parts of our hearts and how they are connected and work in harmony in order to pump blood around our body. This is an exciting opportunity for our children to learn about the heart in a unique and memorable way under Tom's expert guidance. If you would prefer for your child to not take part in this element of the workshop, please let Mrs Concannon know by email by 3pm on Thursday 23rd March.

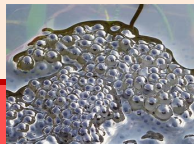
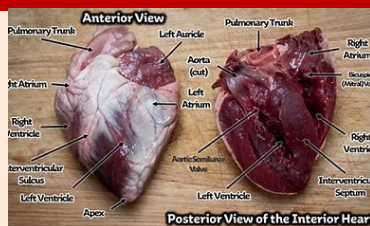
**The Science week reports will be sent out next week!**

### The Ashmolean

The children in Fishermen, Carpenters and Shepherds had lovely days at the Ashmolean museum. I look forward to sharing the pictures with you.

### Frogs spawn

Fishermen and Farmers have Frogs spawn for the children to study. I will be sharing the stages of growth of the coming weeks.



Don't forget to enter the Kings Coronation art Competition. All entries need to be in by Friday 31st March.

### Lent Fundraising

Please follow the link in the email to sponsor your child to walk for up to 30 minutes every Friday around the school grounds.



## Value focus : Service



**Please join us in church for the school Easter Service and then in school for the KS1 Easter garden tour in the school hall. Thursday 30th March 2pm Sacred Heart Church.**

**Keep in contact: Tel: 01295 660258**  
**Please check our website for regular updates**

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