



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

*“a place of educational excellence  
with Christ at its centre”*

Lenten Term 1

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

## Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

The school has booked exciting trips to enrich the curriculum being delivered this term. These will be loaded up onto Parent Pay at the end of this month to give parents more time to make payment (over two pay days). Please see below for more information on the workshops the children will be taking part in.

The young sports leaders have had a fantastic day leading year 1's and 2's from a number of different primary schools in our local area. Mr Causebrook was really impressed with all the children! The children in Key stage two had a great afternoon competing in a number of different Athletics events on Monday in preparation for the BGN event next week. The letters will be sent out tomorrow.

The reading challenge is off to a good start. The children are being encouraged to read at home daily and colour in a box in the passport they have been given. Mrs Vale is also looking out for more poetry competition entries.

Have a lovely weekend,

Laura Concannon.

## Important dates to note...

### Dates for the Diary:

- Thursday 19th January- Young Sports Leaders Event day with Year 1 and 2.
- Friday 20th January- First Confirmation session in church at 1:15pm.
- Tuesday 24th January- Confirmation classes with Mrs Smith at 2pm every Tuesday.
- Tuesday 24th January- KS2 Exposition of the blessed Sacrament 11am.
- Friday 27th January- Movies and Munchies Night 6:30pm-8pm.
- Wednesday 8th February- KS2 Exposition of the blessed Sacrament 11am.
- 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
- Monday 27th February: Science Week
- Friday 10th March: School Disco

### This Terms School Trips:

#### Farmers Class- Legoland Discovery Centre: Tuesday 7th March

The children will explore the discovery centre as part of their Brick building topic. The children will also take part in a workshop.

Our workshops are designed to bring maths, science, engineering and language to life and encourage skills in communication, collaboration, critical thinking and problem-solving. Discover the learning philosophy of LEGO Education in the thrilling atmosphere of LEGOLAND Discovery Centre, offering a wonderful balance of learning and fun!

#### Fishermen Class- Ashmolean Museum Egyptian Workshop: Wednesday 22nd March.

Activity 1: What can we learn from archaeological evidence? How did the early Ancient Egyptians live? What did they eat? What would they have needed in their daily life? Pupils search for clues in the gallery to discover how the Ancient Egyptians looked, lived and worked.

Activity 2: Three powerful Egyptians Pupils take on the role of detective to explore Ancient Egyptian sculpture, buildings and objects to find out more about their life and beliefs. Pupils will handle original artefacts to discover more about life in Ancient Egypt.

Activity 3: Who's who? Detective game Pupils will use evidence boxes to figure out which powerful Egyptian's belongings they have in their box.

Activity 4: Draw and review What new discoveries have we made today about life in Ancient Egypt? What skills have we used to help us find out more?



#### Carpenters Class- Ashmolean Museum Ancient Greece Workshop: Thursday 23rd March.

Activity 1: The Origins of the Olympic Games Pupils will search the Cast Gallery for sculptures that tell us about sports in Ancient Greece. They will discover where and when the games began and which deities played a role in the games.

Activity 2: Evidence from objects Pupils will discover why keeping fit was so important in Ancient Greece. They will explore the Greek gallery to find images on pots that tell us more about sport and warfare. They will handle original artefacts that tell us more about the ancient games.

Activity 3: Ancient vs Modern Pupils will return to the Cast Gallery and take part in a mime-based activity highlighting the similarities and differences between the Ancient Olympics and the modern games.

#### Shepherds Class- Ashmolean Museum Shang Dynasty Workshop: Wednesday 22nd March.

This session explores Chinese history, culture, art and language starting with the Shang dynasty and moving on to explore the changes over time.

Activity 1: Evidence from objects and early writing. Using objects from the Shang dynasty children will learn more about life alongside the Yellow River. Pupils will look at oracle bones and discover how some aspects of Chinese writing have remained unchanged in nearly 3,000 years.

Activity 2: Looking closer. Using the Coromandel screen as their focus children will discover how Chinese objects were traded across the world and learn a Chinese song.

Activity 3: Evidence from objects. Pupils will handle original artefact's to discover more about the materials used and objects made in China. They will search the galleries for objects made from a variety of these materials.

Activity 4: Modern writing, the zodiac and festivals. Pupils will have a go at writing Chinese Characters and make a 'Good Luck' envelope to take home.

## Value focus : Commitment and Perseverance



### Maths Reasoning Morning

Look out for the reports next week!



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