



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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with Christ at its centre”*

Autumn Term 1

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to announce that the children in Shepherds class have appointed a new Head Boy and Head Girl! The website has been updated and I have included a picture below of Harvey and Luciana.

Bikeability was a huge success and all the children who participated proved that they could safely ride on the road. The children will be presented with a badge and a certificate in next weeks celebration assembly.

Week 1 of forest school was fantastic! We will be booking in Fire building sessions for Carpenters and Shepherds before Christmas and then Farmers and Fishermen's sessions will continue throughout the year.

I will be sending out PDF versions of the information evening power points and any handouts.

Have a lovely weekend,
Laura Concannon.

Important dates to note...

Dates for the Diary:

- **Thursday 21st September: Carpenters Class Roald Dahl Museum Trip**
- **Friday 13th October: Shepherds class trip to Cadbury World**
- **Monday 16th October: Carpenters class trip to Oxford Castle**
- **Thursday 23rd November: Whole school Belgrade Theatre Trip for a Christmas Panto production of Cinderella**

Safeguarding lead: Mrs Concannon
Deputy Safeguarding lead: Mrs Vale

We're off to Forest School!

First, the children were introduced to the fire circle. We learned that we must always walk around the outside of a fire circle, never through the middle. We were all then invited to explore the Forest School space and find our name cookies, which we wore around our necks for the duration of the session. Next, we played a game of '1, 2, 3, where are you?' The aim of the game is to use careful looking and listening skills to find where your partner has hidden in the Forest. After snack we learnt about habitats, and some of the animals that we would expect to find in a woodland habitat. Next, the children chose a woodland soft toy each and were challenged to build a house for it. They had to think about offering the animal shelter, camouflage and a home that was warm and dry. They were told that they must only use materials that were no longer being used by the trees and bushes. They all carefully considered the materials that they had used and were able to talk confidently about the animals, habitat and why they had made the shelter as they had. Finally, we re-joined the fire circle to listen to a story. We had a wonderful first Forest School session with Fiona and we can't wait for next week! **(We are looking for donations of spare wellies)**



Cooking Club this week:



Value focus : Unity



Our new Head Boy and Head Girl : Harvey and Luciana



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