



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

*"a place of educational excellence  
with Christ at its centre"*

Autumn Term 1

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

## Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

The House Captains collected up the house points and gave the school an update in the celebration assembly this week. St Francis has no house members this year as it only had a few remaining members therefore we made the decision not to use that house. We know that the remaining house groups are thrilled to have new members to help during sporting events, enrichment mornings and to help collect reading tokens!

The first enrichment morning where the children will be able to work together in their house groups will be the next Maths reasoning morning. Each term Mr Causebrook leads the school in a Maths reasoning day where the children explore different themed problems. We will be updating parents using our WOW reports soon.

The children in years 2,3 and 4 had a lovely day at the Roald Dahl museum, the highlight was trying on the different costumes from Roald Dahls many books! Please check out the gallery link. Have a lovely weekend,  
Laura Concannon.

## Important dates to note...

### Dates for the Diary:

- **Thursday 5th October: Blue butterfly assembly**
- **Friday 6th October: Year 5 and 6 Dunstable Mass**
- **Monday 9th October: Princethorpe Maths Challenge Year 5**
- **Cauliflower Cards returned by the 11th October**
- **Friday 13th October: Shepherds class trip to Cadbury World**
- **Friday 13th October: Our Lady of the Rosary Mass Years 3 and 4 to lead.**
- **Monday 16th October: Carpenters class trip to Oxford Castle**
- **Friday 20th October: Harvest Mass Years 5 and 6.**
- **Monday 6th November: Road safety and Internet safety workshops.**
- **Thursday 23rd November: Whole school Belgrade Theatre Trip for a Christmas Panto production of Cinderella**

Safeguarding lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy Safeguarding lead: Mrs Vale

### SPORT

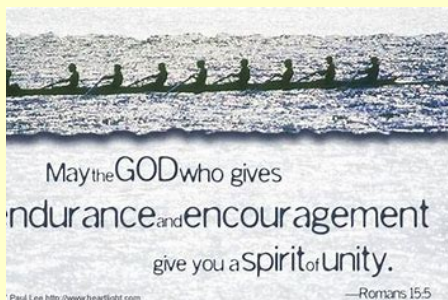
Another exciting week to report on! The BGN sports partnership started up again and the children in years 3,4, 5 and 6 will take part in an inter house cross country competition on Tuesday next week. As a school we prepare the children through inter house competitions and then send as many as we can to the events. This year the cross country competition will be held at Wykham Park school and we will be able to take all that would like to participate. The children are taken by coach within the school day at no cost to the parents. The children will also be provided with the school away kit. Each term the children in KS2 will be offered the opportunity to take part in up to five different exciting events with the KS1 children being offered three through out the year.

Mr Causebrook will be working with the young sports leaders to restart the lunch clubs, these will include Dance, Boccia, Kurling, football, hockey, tennis and Rugby. We as a school are very proud of our sporting achievements and have been awarded the Silver Sports Mark award. Mr Causebrook has also introduced a new timetable card called 'Active break' to help to encourage the children to be as active as possible. Teachers can access a variety of resources including a site called 'Go noodle' which offers some fantastic short active activities.

### The Music Mark

The school has once again been recognised for its musical achievements with the Music Mark award. The school offers a variety of music sessions and also delivers one music session per week using the Charanga music scheme. The children love the variety of music. Carpenters class have just finished a unit on Mamma Mia by Abba and we have recorded our finished piece which can be found on the school youtube site. Although we don't always share the videos each units final performance is recorded and stored so that we can track and assess the children. NMPAT also run a number of music schools including one on a Saturday in Daventry and one in Brackley which offer a free term worth of sessions if your child is learning an instrument in school through NMPAT. I would also like to congratulate the two pupils in school who play in the county Orchestra's, such a fantastic achievement.

## Value focus : Unity



MUSIC MARK  
SCHOOL



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