



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Spring 1

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

## Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

We had lots to celebrate this week in the celebration assembly. I was thrilled to have given out five new badges as part of the multiples marathon scheme. Please do practice at home if you can, it makes such a difference in class when the children are confident of the times tables.

Movies and munchies night is now live on Parent Pay as are the Everdon trips. Please note the necessary clothing and footwear for the Forest school based trips, details can be found on the letter that was sent home. Movies and munchies night as usual will include a bag of popcorn, a drink and a packet of Haribo.

Thank you to all those that completed the Pre- school survey. The school is processing an application to begin a Pre- school in September. Registration forms will be available this term for 3 years and upwards.

I look forward to welcoming Year 6 parents into school next Wednesday for the SATS information session. Please let the school know if you are able to attend.

Kind regards,  
Laura Concannon

## Important dates to note...

### Dates for the Diary

- Wednesday 31st January- Year 6 SATS information session.
- Friday 2nd February- Mass Presentation of the Lord 10am Years 5 and 6 to lead.
- Monday 5th February- Mental Health Awareness Week begins
- Tuesday 6th February- Everdon trip for Years R, 1 and 2. 9-6pm.
- Wednesday 7th February- Reading Challenge Cinema Trip
- Friday 9th February- Movies and Munchies night 6-8pm. Dress down day for Mental Health awareness.
- Monday 12th February- Cake sale 3:00pm
- Tuesday 13th February- Everdon trip for Years 3-6. 9-6pm.
- Wednesday 14th February- Ash Wednesday Mass 10am.
- Friday 16th February- School closes for Half term.
- Monday 26th February- School reopens to all pupils.
- Tuesday 27th February- FHC sessions start in school.

Safeguarding lead: Mrs Concannon  
Deputy Safeguarding lead: Mrs Vale  
Mental Health Lead: Mrs Morgan

### Rising Stars Survey Results

I have collated the results of the Rising Stars survey and we will be looking at the suggested ways of improving the provision. I am thrilled to relay that 100% of parents feel that the school provides an excellent variety of clubs. We may also be able to run a Lego club on a Friday which would follow the structure of Lego Therapy. We would first need to ensure that we have enough children to make the club viable. Please could you email the school office if this would be of interest to your child.

- Mrs King is liaising with Parent Pay to see if it would be possible to change the way in which tax free child care vouchers can be applied.
- Unfortunately, we are unable to extend the operating hours of Rising Stars.
- The price locally is competitive so we have no plans to change the charge.
- At this time we are unable to offer a sibling discount, we will review this termly and should the provision become busier we will review this.
- The morning session we feel is not long enough to fit in a breakfast but agree in this case the session name should be changed. It will be changed on Parent pay to 'morning session'.

### Young Sports Leader training and Years R, 1 and 2 Sports Festival

BGN sports leader training was a huge success. The children who attended were able to use the skills they had been taught to run today's sports festival. The supporting adults said that the day was a huge success and picked out Douglas for demonstrating great leadership skills, well done Douglas!

We also spotted George!



## Value focus: Commitment and Perseverance



### Easter Competition: The Sacred Heart Church presents 'New Beginnings'

#### Art competition. What does Easter mean to you?

Palm Sunday 24th March 2024 at St Marys Primary School 9.15-10.30am  
Join us for a morning of art to share our idea of 'What Easter means to me' We will be drawing, colouring and sticking pictures to show to the congregation at Mass. This is open to the children of the school and village. Parents are welcome to stay with their children and then join us for Mass at 10:45am to present each masterpiece. Each child will be presented with a prize by Fr Jose at Mass. Please contact the school at [Head@stmarys-pri.northants-ecl.gov.uk](mailto:Head@stmarys-pri.northants-ecl.gov.uk) to book a place (no charge for the session).

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