



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Summer 1

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic week! The children really enjoyed the variety of activities Mrs Vale and class teachers had prepared and delivered. The WOW day with Atomic Tom is set to be a brilliant end to the week, we have all learned a lot about time. Once again we had a incredible number of children sign up for the spelling bee, parents are welcome to attend at 2pm on Friday. The Science fun doesn't end on Friday as the St Mary's Science award competition was launched last week. You even have the half term to work on your project. I have attached the young leaders Science award poster and the details for the writing competition. The Science week reports will come out next week.

It's gardening time! We have ordered new benches for the St Francis garden and our new Mary Garden. Once the weather improves we are hoping to tidy the St Francis Garden and the corner that is to be dedicated to Mary. Mrs McGinley is already working on the plaque. If anyone can spare anytime and are particularly green fingered then please get in touch as work can be completed during the school day. We also would like to concrete the sundial that was purchased last year by our Year 6 leavers so any help would be greatly appreciated.

Our sporting partnership with BGN continues to be a huge success. A big well done to the Year 3/4 boys that competed in the latest event. The cricket festival for the younger children gave the children an idea of what the All Stars and Dynamo sessions would be like. Byfield and Woodford have run sessions, see details below.

Have a lovely weekend,
Laura Concannon

Important dates to note...

Dates for the Diary

- **Thursday 25th April- First Access Ukulele for the whole of Carpenters Class**
- **Thursday 25th April- Compton Verney Trip- Carpenters**
- **Thursday 25th April- Cricket Festival Years R, 1 and 2**
- **Monday 29th April- Science week**
- **Wednesday 1st May- Joel British Athlete visiting the school**
- **Friday 3rd May - Atomic Tom visit to the school**
- **Friday 1st May- Science themed Spelling Bee**
- **Coronation Cup rugby event- TBC (May)**
- **Tuesday 21st May- Chenderit School visit to pupils transitioning**
- **Saturday 8th June- First Holy Communion**
- **Tuesday 18th June- Whole school trip to Coombe Abbey and Go Ape**
- **Thursday 20th June- Maths Reasoning morning- Nature**



**Aston Angels
Preschool**

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



Cricket Festival



Cricket at Byfield

All Stars and Dynamos will soon be back at Byfield CC!
ALL STARS - Reception - Yr2 & **DYNAMOS** - Yr3 - Yr6
The programme will start on Friday 10th May, 6pm-7pm, and run for 8 weeks.



BGN Cluster @BgnCluster 3m
Fabulous morning at Year 2 @allstarscricket festival. 136 children from five cluster primary schools having fun developing their batting, bowling and fielding skills. Competently delivered by Year 8 and 9 student leaders @BGNPE @NorthOxonSSP @Oxoncb @Bishoploveday1

Job Opportunity

Teaching Assistant Role/Lunch time supervisor at St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Salary: B.2 £22,366 – C.3 £22,737.00 Full time equivalent (FTE) Hours: 7:45am - 3pm/ Includes (Mon-Thur)

Morning Club, gate duty and lunch duty.
Contract Type: PART TIME – PERMANENT (Pro-rata)
Term Time Only: 38 Weeks

What skills and experience we're looking for
St Mary's is seeking a Teaching Assistant to join our strong team and support teaching and learning. This vacancy will suit candidates who are enthusiastic, highly motivated, and have the best outcomes for children at heart. Knowledge and/or experience of working with pupils is preferable but not required. The successful applicant will also have a patient and positive approach to managing children's behaviour and wellbeing.

Sign your children up by visiting <http://www.allstarscricket.co.uk>
or <http://www.dynamoscricket.co.uk>
and search for Byfield Cricket Club.

A glimpse of Science week 2024



Joel Fearon

The children had a fantastic sport session with Joel Fearon, please follow the gallery link for pictures and videos!



Value focus: Happiness



Exciting Forest School Sessions

5th June (am) – Tots and Toddlers session

19th June (pm) – Stay and Play for new starters Forest School session. Mrs Vale is busy putting together the welcome pack which will be sent out soon!



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