



**Weekly Newsletter**  
22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

**Headteacher's News**



This year at St Mary's, we are trying to make more of the great outdoors and with this in mind we are taking our Reception classes to a local community garden every Friday – see pictures above and below. We are also taking most yeargroups to Gilwell Park this year to take advantage of the wonderful outdoor environment there. In the meantime, Mr Giez has recorded some of Reception's experiences on their first visit to the local gardens below.

Mr O'Brien - Headteacher

*We had a fantastic start to our Forest School sessions at the Community Gardens! Reception played lots of boundary and hide and seek games, before listening to the story 'Hoot Owl – Master of Disguise.' We then all helped the owl get more disguises by crafting a collage out of natural materials such as leaf litter that we could find around the area. Whilst some of us were searching for things to use, we came across some helicopter seeds – we had a fantastic time watching these whirl away! Well done everyone for a wonderful Forest School session, and I'd like to express our gratitude to the parents that were able to help out to make this session run smoothly.*

Mr Giez, Forest School Lead

### **Whole school attendance and punctuality**

Whole school attendance target - **96.5%**

Last week we achieved 96.51% Fantastic work!

#### **Attendance and punctuality winner**

Congratulations to Year 2 Wilson who had 100% attendance last week!

Runner up with 99% was 3 Wilson. Keep up the good work!

Well done to 1W, 2W, 3W, 4W who had no late marks! Fantastic Work Wilson House!



### Class Corner – Year 2



It's been a busy few weeks in Year 2 with us starting our new topics for the Spring Term. This week we will be learning all about the Great Fire of London. We are looking at how and why the fire spread so quickly and what we can do to prevent a big fire happening. In Art we are exploring the work of Stephen Wiltshire, using different mediums to sketch famous London Landmarks. In Music we are currently exploring pitch - we are using boom whackers to play different tunes and speaking about what the different pitches they make.

*The Y2 Team*

### Year 3 Vestry House trip

Last week, Year 3 were given the opportunity to visit Vestry House and to explore what life was like in 'old time' Walthamstow! We also explored what has changed over the generations.

We looked at the Bremer car, which was built locally in 1892; it is one of the oldest British-built petrol driven cars (and only goes at 4 miles per hour!). We also stepped back in time and learnt how people used to do their washing, ironing and cooking. Playing with all of the older time toys was fun! The Children got a chance to play games from the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The trip gave us a great hands-on experience of life 'back in the day'.

*The Y3 Team*



### Assemblies

Parents are welcome to join us for our Monday and Friday assemblies – Friday is followed by a coffee morning. We are splitting assemblies – **Morris and Wilson** are in the gym (parents should enter via the playground) on Fridays, and **Attlee** in the main school hall. Class assemblies are on a Thursday morning, running throughout the year. You are more than welcome to come along to those as well. Dates will be published in our date's section.

### Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week. Awards will be handed out at Friday's assembly.

Y1A –Charis	Y1M- Milo M	Y1W- Georgia B
Y2A- Joziah	Y2M- Eloise	Y2W- Nathan
Y3A -Scarlett	Y3M- Ayla	Y3W- Rayyan
Y4A -Martha	Y4M- London	Y4W- Malachi
Y5A- Miles	Y5M- Amiya	Y5W- Olivia
Y6A- Raffy B	Y6M- Cienna	Y6W- Mataya



## Notice Board

### Art Exhibitions

We are proud to exhibit masterpieces from some of our up-and-coming Picassos and Rembrandts!

Please come and see some of the wonderful art work displayed in our Exhibition on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, after-school in the Gym.



### Parents' Prayer Club

It was good to see some of you at our Parents' Prayer Club this last Thursday. Parent Prayer Club happens every other Thursday so our next meeting will be this Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Meet at the school office at 9.05. We aim to finish by 9.25am.

### Change to how we send out trip letters.

In an effort to decrease the amount of paper we use in the school, we will be trialling an electronic trip letter.

The trip will appear on **Parentpay**, along with information and price.

There will be a prompt to say that you consent to your child going on the trip and also a prompt for you to pay.

If you do not have access to Parentpay or a computer, please let us know and we can still print you out a form.

### Diary Dates

Dates for your diary will appear in the newsletter each week. Please keep an eye out for events relevant to you.

<i>30<sup>th</sup> January 2019</i>	<b><i>Year 4 trip to Gilwell Park</i></b>
<i>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019</i>	<b><i>Year 3 Morris Class Assembly</i></b>
<i>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019</i>	<b><i>Year 1 Morris Class Assembly</i></b>
<i>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019</i>	<b><i>Year 5 Attlee Class Assembly</i></b>
<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019</i>	<b><i>Year 3 Hindu Temple Trip</i></b>
<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019</i>	<b><i>Student art exhibition opens</i></b>
<i>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019</i>	<b><i>Year 2 Gilwell Park Trip</i></b>
<i>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2019</i>	<b><i>Scholastic book fair arrives</i></b>

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