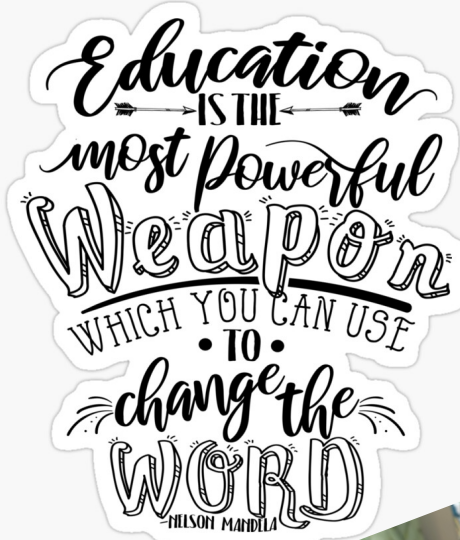
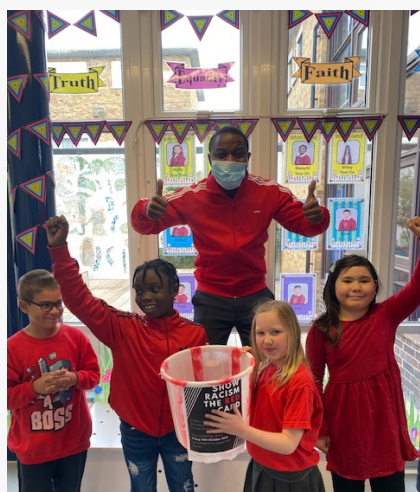


ST. MARY'S COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Head Teacher's Message

Our St. Mary's community shone brightly in red today, as we stood together to show racism the red card! Wear Red Day is a national day of action which encourages schools, businesses and individuals to wear red and donate £1 to help fund anti-racism education for young people and adults across the UK. Already, we have raised £353.00 and this figure is rising as more donations make their way to our fundraising office HQ! Every penny raised during Wear Red Day helps to support work with more young people and adults across the UK to challenge racism in society.



Other highlights this week include;

Year 3 pupils beginning their journey into the world of 3D printing. The children have been busy learning how to use TinkerCAD software and designing their very own 3D pawn pieces. Once their designs have been finalised and sent to print they can bring their first creations home with them!

In reception, the children had a shocking start to their day when they found out that Dirty Bertie had been causing havoc in their classrooms leaving rather revolting surprises for them, which meant they had to spend time writing an inventory of items that needed replacing. Have a look at the pictures!



Saturday Achievement School

Last weekend, our Y6 Saturday School sessions started. We were so impressed with the large numbers of children attending.

During these sessions, the children are in small groups of no more than 15. The sessions are carefully structured to focus on areas for development in Maths, Reading and Writing and offer targeted support for all pupils who attend.

These sessions run from 9-12:30. At the end of each term, the children are rewarded with a special treat from the Saturday School Team.

We have a limited number of spaces available, so if you would like to secure a place for your child to attend, please contact Mr Pitchford through the main school office.

Saturday Plus

Last weekend, our Year 2 children started Saturday Plus.

Saturday Plus is aimed at enabling children to make increased progress. Children benefit from carefully planned programmes in small groups (1:15 adult to child ratio) aimed specifically at the children's level. In addition to supporting the children in their core learning, they also take part in a range of creative activities and at the end of the Autumn Term we arrange a special treat for the children who have attended! These sessions run from 9:15-2pm.

We are delighted to announce that after half term we will also be running sessions for Year 5 pupils.

We have a limited number of spaces available in Y2 and Y5 so if you would like to secure a place for your child to attend, please contact Mr Pitchford through the main school office.



SCHOOL STREETS UPDATE

At Parent Council this week, our main focus was around our shared vision on championing School Streets. Please keep an eye out for a special edition newsletter detailing how you can support us in becoming part of School Streets and the actions we need to take!

Below you will find a short summary of what School Streets are:

School Streets are an initiative to create safer streets for everyone by reducing traffic congestion and improving local air quality. School Streets involve temporarily closing one or more roads surrounding a school to most vehicles for a short period at the start and end of the school day. Restrictions should have the following benefits for the school community and residents:

- Improved road safety for all road users
- A reduction in anti-social behaviour from inconsiderate parking and dangerous vehicle movements
- Less vehicles on the school run, which will reduce traffic and make it easier for pupils, parents, carers and staff to walk, scoot and cycle to school
- Improved air quality around the school gates due to reduced vehicle idling

More information can be found here: www.walthamforest.gov.uk/schoolstreets



COVID-19: Our Joint Responsibilities

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, students, parents and our community is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to a test at the right time.

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
 1. a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 2. a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. **All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.**
- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.

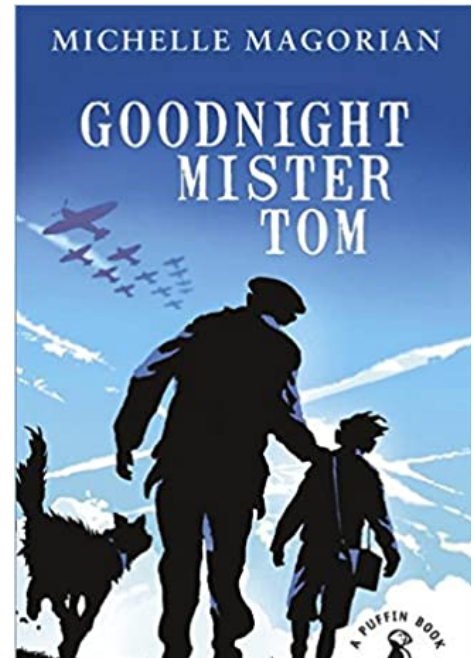
COVID-19: If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) outside of school hours (including weekends) please call or text 07759978824 immediately to let us know.

Y6 CLASS CORNER

Year 6 have had an amazing start to Autumn Term. All the teachers have been really impressed with the resilience every child has shown and their tenacious attitude to their work.

We have enjoyed reading Goodnight Mr Tom and learning about children being evacuated in World War Two. In History, we have also been learning about World War Two and we were fascinated to discover how the unforeseen consequences of World War One led, in part, to World War Two. In Science, we have been learning all about sound. Make sure you ask us the difference between amplitude and pitch the next time you see us! We were lucky enough to be the first children to use the 3D printer and we had a great time using it to make our own chess pieces.

Next term, we will be reading The Hobbit and we can't wait to find out all about Bilbo Baggins' adventures in Middle Earth. Well done, Year 6 for an amazing start to the year!



VALUE OF THE WEEK



Colossians 3:13

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you

Who have you shown forgiveness to this week?
Does forgiveness take time?

KEY UPDATES AND REMINDERS

- As stated in previous communication, we are not able to accommodate large bags and rucksacks in the classrooms. Children should only be bringing in their school book bags containing their water bottle, reading book and reading log.
Thank you for your support during this time.
- COVID-19:** If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) outside of school hours (including weekends) please call or text 07759978824 immediately to let us know
- As part of our Harvest celebrations this year, we are inviting children and their families to donate produce to be distributed to those in need throughout the local area. We will be donating to the Mill Grove charity that has been caring for and supporting families in our community since 1899. We are asking, should you wish to donate, to send the items in on Tuesday 20th October 2020



St Mary's Stars of the Week

Reception Stars

Leo Russell
Sunshine Virgo Fitzgerald

Year 1 Stars

Douglas Leslie
James Young
Igor Bogdan

Year 2 Stars

Poppy Lively
Lena Kopka
Arlo-Miranda Alexandrou

Year 3 Stars

Isolde Olcayto
Arthur Ibbotson
Rufus Montaser

Year 4 Stars

Arlo Gray
Aleks Kolodziec
Eleanor Neil

Year 5 Stars

Franklin Huggins
Lexi Taylor
Joseph Kemal

Year 6 Stars

Stacey Amoah
Zakariya Dhami
Amariah Lester
Miguel Vieria

St Mary's Presentation Stars

Year 1 Stars

Florence Needham
Jessica Jones
Angus McIver

Year 2 Stars

Ossian Gottlieb-Black
Destiny Salami
Hendrix Cole

Year 3 Stars

Dominik Zawadzki
Zachary Brinkler
Shaunda Woolery

Year 4 Stars

Elsie Sheppard
Frederick Kempton
Luke Wilson

Year 5 Stars

Hailey Pjetry
Sammy Bourarb
Tito Brown

Year 6 Stars

Dillon Thomas
Mya McTaggart
Martha Byrne Jones
Frank Kearney
Joshua Cariba

