

# ST. MARY'S COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Y6 have had a very busy term preparing the applications for the role of Head Boy, Head Girl and Prefects. There were lots of applications for the prestigious roles and I would like to congratulate all pupils who applied. It was inspiring to see so many children recognise their talents and positive traits and suggest how they could use these to represent and benefit St Mary's. After a rigorous selection process, I am very proud to introduce our wonderful Head Boy, Zakariya Dhami, and Head Girl, Malaikah Hafesi, along with our Y6 Prefects: Dante Gbeve, Joshua Cariba, Rudy Byrne, Abiola Akinsanya, Beth Powell, Ida Aldridge Katerina Karagounis, Shalom Salakazu and Amariah Lester. Each half term, our newsletter will include a special update from these children along with our School Council, Learning Council and Worship Council so the pupils can keep us all informed of their new initiatives, ideas and updates!

Don't forget to visit the Scholastic Book Club online at <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-marys-e17/digital-book-club>. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from and every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club will earn 20p for our school in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your order online by November 30th, 2020. Happy reading!

I would like to end with a quote which links to our Christian Value of truth:  
My children, let us love not with words or with our lips but in truth and in deed.

1 John 3:18

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs Matthews

# Head Boy and Head Girl



Head Boy

**Zakariya Dhami**



Head Girl

**Malaikah Hafesji**



## Prefects



**Dante Gbeve**

**Joshua Cariba**

**Rudy Byrne**

**Abiola Akinsanya**

**Krystian Ignatowicz**

**Beth Powell**

**Ida Aldridge**

**Katerina Karagounis**

**Shalom Salakazu**

**Amariah Lester**

The children have been working exceptionally hard this week and I have some exciting shout outs to share with you. A huge well done to these children who have impressed me and their teachers!

Levi in Reception  
A huge shout out for always showing kindness to his friends and caring for our school dog Reggie.  
Well done!

Remy in Y3  
A huge shout out for his hard work and fantastic ideas for his Iron Man writing.  
Well done!

Leona in Y1.  
A huge shout out for her writing and illustrations at home. She has written an imaginative story with pictures which she shared with her class.  
Well done!

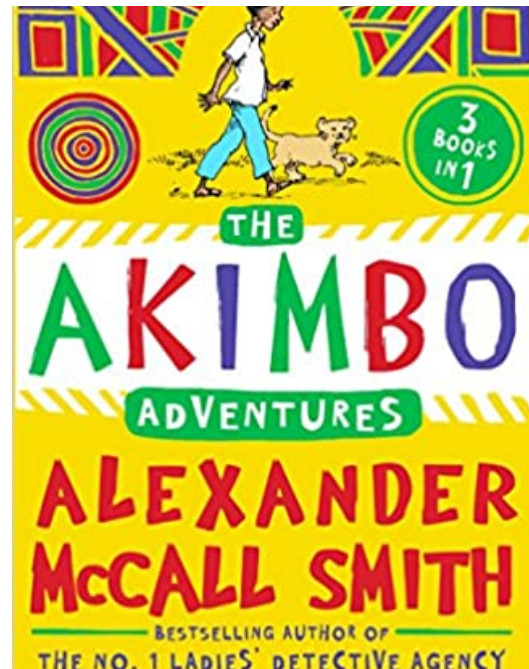
Miguel in Y6  
A huge shout out for his enthusiasm when converting decimals to fractions and vice versa this week! Well done for working so hard.

Debbie in Y5 for A huge shout out for showcasing her incredible musical talents and making everyone smile  
Well done!

# Y2 Class Corner

Year 2 have settled back in really well since the October half term. We have been exploring our new text 'Akimbo' and following his adventures where he protects elephants from poachers, saves a lion cub from a trap and even rescues a man from a crocodile!

Over the course of the Autumn term, we have had the opportunity to engage with many different science experiments and have been observing them very closely. Having waited patiently for 9 weeks, we are beginning to see some wonderful changes in the avocado seeds that we planted back in the very first week of school. This week in science, we have been exploring the side effects that sugar has on our teeth by placing eggs into different liquids and observing what happens to their shells. It's been very eggciting!



## Anti-Bullying Week VALUE OF THE WEEK

This week was Anti-Bullying Week and the theme was United Against Bullying. St Mary's spent time in their PSHE lessons exploring how we can show kindness with our words and actions. We discussed the importance of sharing information that makes us feel uncomfortable and how we can feel safe at school. CBeebies star Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks' have created an official charity song for Anti-Bullying Week called 'The Kids Are United'.

Listen to its brilliant message here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpCtIq-7vIzXKSCKaAgbPWA>

This week, we have been thinking about the value of truth. In our assemblies this week, we thought about the importance of telling the truth and being honest. We also discussed what happens when we say unkind things and Adam showed us how these words can't be taken back just like squeezing toothpaste out of a tube.

Why is truth important?

How have you shown this value this week?



# 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.

- We will be returning back to school on Monday 2nd November 2020.




## 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/](https://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.**



# School Streets

## What can you do to help?

Below is a template email supporting School Streets which you can either copy direct and send, or amend to your requirements before sending.

Please send your email to:

Councillor Clyde Loakes:

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**Dear Councillors,**

**I am writing to you as a parent, to express my support and ask you to consider School Street for the roads around St Mary's C of E Primary School, E17 (Chestnu Avenue North/South, and Brooke Road). As you are already aware, drop-off and pick-up times at schools can be very busy for teachers, pupils, parents and residents with lots of congested traffic potentially creating a stressful and unsafe environment. It also contributes to dangerous levels of pollution.**

**Waltham Forest has already piloted several School Streets - with encouraging findings - and I would like St. Mary's to create safer and healthier streets around the school for its pupils and their families.**

**Yours sincerely  
(Your Name)**



# St Mary's Stars of the Week

## Reception Stars

Levi Silla Infanda  
Muhammed Nadim  
Maia Platteuw

## Year 1 Stars

Azriel Sintim  
Ali Mueen  
Daniella Itaman

## Year 2 Stars

Lewis Jones  
Asher Humphrey  
Freddie Simpson

## Year 3 Stars

Matyas Vegh  
Javai John- Joseph  
Floyd Chandler

## Year 4 Stars

Levi Thompson- Harris  
Isaac Quinsee  
Sophie Burns

## Year 5 Stars

Joshua McCourtie  
Cameron Rodgers  
Pavel Gavrelov

## Year 6 Stars

Emili Indequé  
Penelope Tunncliffe  
London Mensah-Ramsey

# St Mary's Presentation Stars

## Year 1 Stars

Olivia Gbeve  
William Skene  
Jessica Wynn

## Year 2 Stars

Albert Pistol  
Charlotte Neatrou  
Imani Mundy

## Year 3 Stars

Ebony Boateng  
Nikola Yumusak  
Zayn Malik

## Year 4 Stars

Thomas Bostock  
Violet Danaswamy Santiz  
Perez Agyen Frempong

## Year 5 Stars

Grace Lawson  
Hilal Dereli  
Soliyana Wondwosen

## Year 6 Stars

Ishaaq Ali  
Malaikah Hafesji

