ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

The last two weeks have included some very special events for our children. Our KS2 children thoroughly enjoyed rock climbing in our playground and our KS1 and EYFS children had the opportunity to explore the wonders of space inside a giant Space Dome in the gym! We have also been treated to the powerful gift of song this term with our Y6 children singing a medley of hits and our Y2 children performing festive carols and hymns for parents, carers and pupils!

Our youngest children in Year 1 and Reception have also been working very hard rehearsing their nativity play 'Born in a Barn'. The Reception children sang beautifully and the Year 1 children impressed us all with their acting, singing and dancing. The whole school were able to watch their performance live on our google classroom platform and it was a real treat for us all! We can't wait to share the video with all of our parents and carers!

COVID permitting, we will warmly welcome you back into school during our parent open week in February and our second round of parent consultations towards the end of the spring term. Of course, I will keep you informed about these events and any other events that take place for your child over the coming months.

Finally, I would like to end by thanking you all for your support and kind messages throughout this term. It means a lot to all of our staff, particularly where circumstances have at times been challenging with the building work and COVID. I wish you and your families a very merry Christmas.

Yours Faithfully, Mrs Matthews

Young Transformers

Following our extremely successful Creative Project for Young Transformers, please see below some of the submitted images. We are in awe of some of the amazing images that have been taken and produced!



Sadie - Year 4

Poppy - Year 4



Ella - Louise - Year 1









Progress and Presentation Stars!



Upcoming Events

Spring Term 2022

• **Tuesday 4th January 2022** Children return to school

• Thursday 13th & Friday 14th January 2022

Falconry Workshops

• Thursday 27th January 2022

Cllr Grace William visiting St Mary's!

• Friday 28th January 2022

Year 2 - Young Transformers Workshop - Bollywood Dancing

Friday 28th January - Tuesday 1st February 2022

Scholastic Book Fair

HALF TERM

Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February 2022

CLASS CORNER



Year 4 kicked off this half term by learning about the Mayans. We have focused on exploring their civilization and their architecture. We even managed to dive into a chocolate Mayan temple cake Miss Fedele made. We have also been fortunate enough to have started our music lessons with the African drumming team learning to respond to beats and to create our own. We can't wait to continue our musical journey.

ATTENDANCE



Our whole school attendance for Week 11 was 90.15%. Our whole school attendance for Week 12 was 89.96%.



Year 1's Special Visit

As part of our amazing Young Transformers programme Year 1 had a visit from Warren, an amazing local Paramedic and parent. He explained how the emergency services work and that they are here to keep us safe. He also informed the children of an average day in the life of a paramedic and what work they do in London and our local community. This links with our school vision: By knowing who keeps us safe, we feel protected and reassured.



Parent Prayer

Parent Prayer is on Wednesday evenings at 8pm on Zoom- twenty minutes of prayer and reflection. A relaxing space for parents to come together at the end of the day. All are welcome! If you would like the zoom link, please email Jacintha Danaswamy at jacintha@stmaryswalthamstow.org

Our Shining Stars!

Week commencing 6th December 2022

Reception Rafferty, Logan & Seth Year 1 Emilia, Isla & Louis <u>Year 2</u> Frankie, Edward & James Year 3 **Remy, Silva & Arthur** Year 4 Zach, CJ & Nikola Y <u>Year 5</u> Mariela, Beato & Seraphina <u>Year 6</u> Scarlett, Sonny C, Lucas & Sandra

Our Shining Stars!

Week commencing 13th December 2022

Reception Jack, Frederick & Joel Year 1 Atta, Fabian & Muhammad Year 2 Phoebe, Olivia & Ake Year 3 Poppy, Tomi & Elliot Year 4 Ava, Eden & Thierry <u>Year 5</u> Zal, Omaya & Nathan <u>Year 6</u> Angelo, Hilal, Amanda & Lexi

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