

ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Tuesday, as part of our Young Transformers project, we had the great honour to welcome the Deputy Mayor of London to our school to lead an assembly and to meet with our school council. Ms. Debbie Weekes - Bernard leads on Communities and Social Justice and she has led many projects to improve the lives and livelihoods of our more vulnerable communities. For example, her expertise is particularly around labour markets, education, lone parents and young people with the aim to give voice and provide opportunity for those who need it most. Ms. Weekes Bernard is very familiar with our school as many years ago she was the Chair of Governors for St. Saviour's and St. Mary's and her son went to our school! Therefore, it was an enormous pleasure for us to welcome her back again and for her to see how much has changed and improved over the years since. She commented on the exemplary behaviour and inquisitive attitude of our pupils and they all made us so enormously proud. We asked for the Deputy Mayor to visit us and tell us more about her childhood, her work and her drive and passion to continue to transform the lives and opportunities of ordinary Londoners. Deputy Mayor Debbie Weekes Bernard spoke to all the children and shared her inspirational message that change can be instigated at the youngest of ages as long as you notice what the problem is, find out why the problem is there, plan what might be done about it, talk to adults who can make it better, put the plan in action and check that all the actions are working the way they should. We will certainly continue to follow her advice by giving voice to our own school Young Transformers.

We thank the Deputy Mayor for her inspirational visit and for her commitment to young people at St. Mary's and many other schools.

Finally, this week for Collective worship, the pupils have been continuing their theme of Vision and values, by learning about why we have values. We took a close look at our Bible verse of the week: Do to others as you wish others would do to you. (Luke 6:31). The pupils have looked at many situations where they have had to rethink how they treat others. This is a great life lesson and something that is at the heart of all religions. How can you ensure that you treat others the way you would like to be treated?

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Matthews

Class Corner



This term, in maths, Year 2 Yellow have been focussing on multiplication and division as part of the four operations. We have been practicing our 2,5 and 10 times tables as well as challenging ourselves with our 4s. We have also looked at solving worded problems by using the skills gained in reading to help us unpick each question.

In literacy, we have been focussing on our new read, Great Fire Dogs.

We have been working really hard on creating well-structured, cohesive paragraphs and also including great descriptive language to follow the journey of Tiger Lily and Woofer. We even had a chance to rein act a scene from the story by using Reggie as our pup in distress. This links fantastically with our Topic as we have been learning about the history of the Great Fire of London. Amazingly, we had the privilege of using VR goggles to become eye-witnesses and experience the devastation and destruction of this disaster.

In RE we have been focussing on salvation, especially with Easter right around the corner. We have been retelling the events of Holy Week and discussing the importance of Easter to some Christians.

Finally, in science, we have continued our topic of materials. However, this term we have been focussing on the sustainability of certain materials as well as being able to group these materials by their properties.



Healthy Snacks



We would like to remind parents and carers that St Mary's is a Healthy School. Children should not bring chocolate bars, crisps or fizzy drinks as morning snacks, if your child does bring these in, they will be replaced with a piece of fruit and sent home with them at the end of the school day. Please ensure that should you like to provide your child with a snack that it is a healthy option. Nut free cereal bars, yoghurt bars or fruit bars are recommended.

All children are encouraged to drink water regularly – please ensure that your child is bringing in their own water bottles, these can be refilled during the school day.



We are proud to be a nut free school!

Attendance



**Our whole school attendance for Week 7 was 96.99%.
Our whole school attendance for Week 8 was 97.19%.**

Well done St Mary's!

Our whole school attendance for this academic year is: 94%

Gentle Reminder:

If your child is going to be absent due to illness, please leave a message for the office team on the school absence line by calling 020 8521 1066 and dialling 1.

If you need to collect your child for a medical appointment during the day or they are late to school due to a medical appointment, you will need to provide the school office with an appointment letter/record.

Young Transformers



Our Spring Curriculum

EYFS - Creative

Mindful Movement origins can be found 5000 years ago in Northern India. Yoga is more popular than ever before. It is not only brilliant for your physical health but also for your mental health. Reception children will learn what yoga is and see that yoga can be performed by people of all ages (yes, even babies). They will work with a yoga teacher on simple yoga techniques. By nurturing our bodies, we look after the mind as well.

Year 2 - Creative

Dancing is not only a way to keep fit, but also a form of art. In Year 2. Children will learn why people enjoy dancing and how dance is expressed in different parts of the world. They will work with a professional dancer to devise a dance for performance. With their peers they will learn to keep to the beat, execute dance moves and find joy in dancing. By dancing together, we celebrate our bodies just the way they are.

Year 4 - Creative

The drum is the oldest musical instrument. Year 4 children will learn where the drum originated and how it is played in different parts of the world. They will work with professional drummers in a workshop to create their own drumming piece which will be performed to the school. By beating the drum, we get into the rhythm.

Year 6 - Caring

In computing, Year 6 will use the Tinkercad programme to design and print key rings for our new autumn term pupils in EYFS. A welcome gift from our oldest pupils. By reaching out your hand with a gift for someone new, you show true friendship.

Year 1 - Caring

We are lucky enough to have three alpacas at St Saviours: Captain, Marshall and Marvin. In year 1, the children will learn about these amazing creatures and have the opportunity to visit them. They might even want to be taken for a walk (only if you give them a snack). Afterwards, children will get to visit the Forest school to build fires, shelters and bug houses. By being gentle and showing care to animals, we show true love to God's Creation.

Year 3 - Caring

Bake to educate: education changes lives but many girls around the world do not have the same opportunities. Children will learn how young girls in some parts of the world miss out on education and how this affects their life chances. Pupils will plan, prepare, bake and sell cakes to support girls around the world in less fortunate circumstances. By educating all children, we offer them the opportunity to make a positive change.

Year 5 - Community

Children will learn where the idea of an English afternoon tea came from and what afternoon tea includes. This knowledge will be used for pupils to prepare their own class afternoon tea including cups and saucers. Of course Year 5 will need to dress up in their best clothing. By studying our traditions, we strengthen our own identity.

Home - Mandatory - Confidence

At the start of a new year, it is important to take another step into independence. Pupils are encouraged to learn how to change their bedding at home, including pillowcases and duvet covers. There is no harm in working together on this. By taking charge of day to day routines, we learn how to step with confidence into the world

For more information on our Young Transformers Project, please visit our Young Transformers pages under the Pupils tab on the St Mary's website.

World Book Day



Head Teacher Drop- Ins

Mrs Matthews holds a Tuesday morning drop in-session, which takes place between 10:30-11:30 each week, please send an email to **st-marys-school@genesistrust.net** to make a 15 minute appointment.

School Nurse Drop In



Our wonderful School Nurse, Caroline, will be holding some drop in sessions for parents to pop in and meet her. If you would like to meet with Caroline, she will be in school for around an hour at the times below. No appointment is necessary as these are drop in sessions, we would just ask that you please wear a mask and complete a lateral flow test before attending.

March 14th 2022 - 9:15 - 10:15

April 4th 2022 - 14:30 - 15:30

May 9th 2022 - 9:15 - 10:15

June 6th 2022 - 14:30 - 15:30

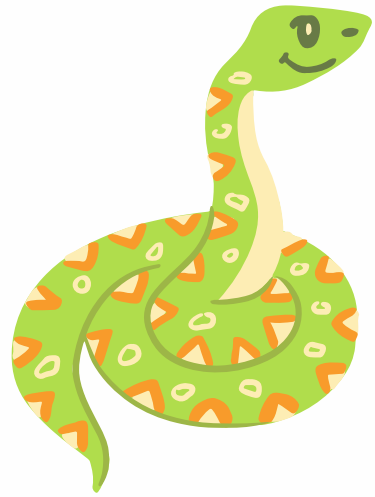
July 4th 2022 - 9:15 - 10:15

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.



Year 1

Zoolab Visit

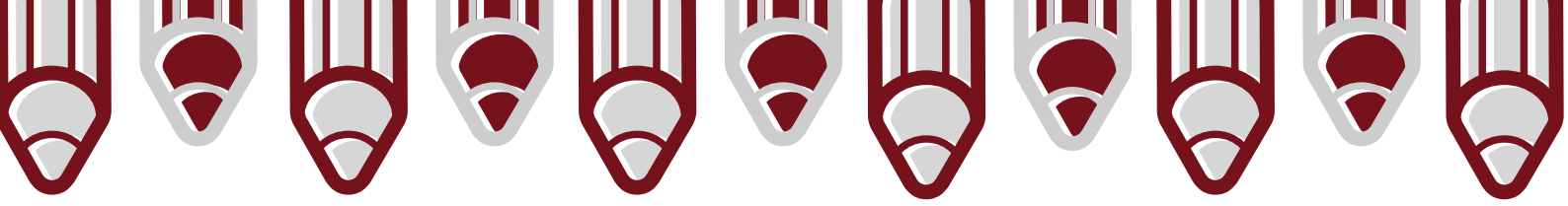


We had some very unusual visitors in school. Our pupils and staff (or to be more accurate some of the staff!) were very pleased to meet them.

Our visitors included a very friendly rat, a corn snake and a gecko, a scary looking scorpion and a cockroach which was almost as big as some pupil's hands!

The pupils were finding out about Predators and Prey and the visit certainly helped bring their learning to life.

We enjoyed the visit so much that Zoo Lab are coming back again next year. We can't wait to see what they might bring with them next time.

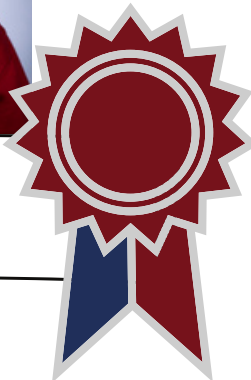


Progress and Presentation Stars!

Week 7



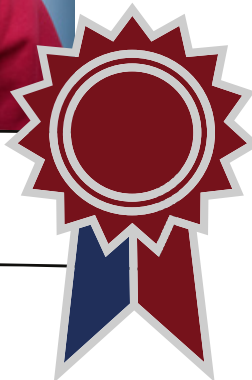
Evelyn
Presentation Star



Week 7



Louis
Progress Star



Week 7



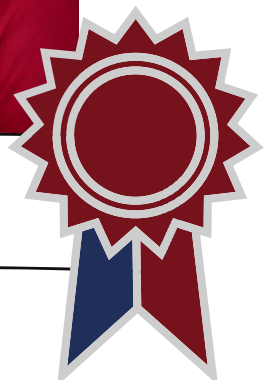
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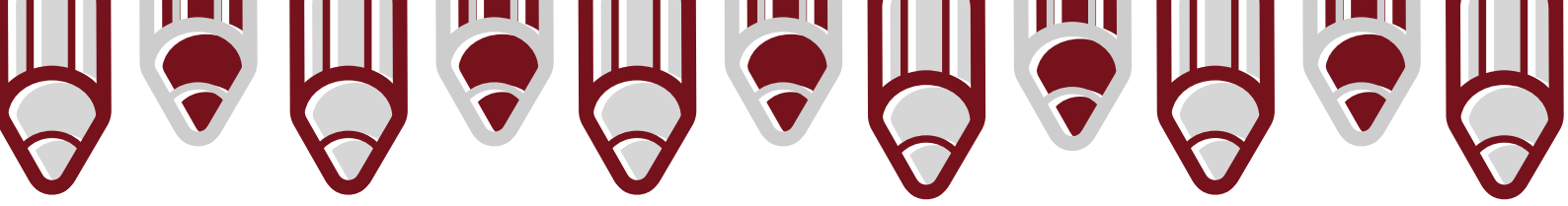


Week 7



Zion
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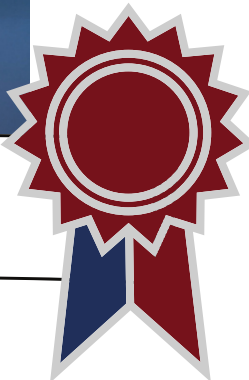


Progress and Presentation Stars!

Week 8



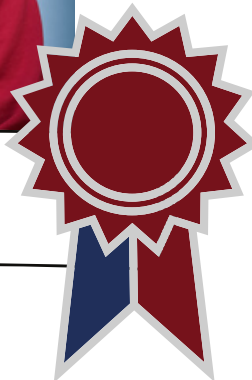
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Week 8



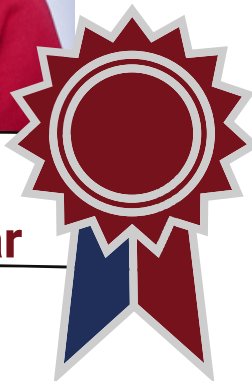
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Week 8



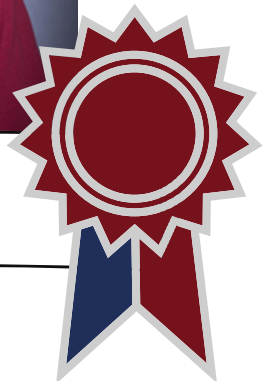
Iphedeiah
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Week 8



Sofia
Progress Star



Upcoming Events

Spring Term 2022

- **Wednesday 16th March 2022**

Parent's Evening -4pm to 6pm

- **Thursday 17th March 2022**

Parent's Evening -4pm to 7pm

- **Monday 4th April 2022**

Final day of Spring Term- Early Finish

HALF TERM

Tuesday 5th of April to Friday 15th April

Our Shining Stars!

Week commencing 21st February 2022

Reception

Wolfie, Frankie & Ava

Year 1

Markel, Inayah & Leo

Year 2

Zeniah, Effie & Orinayo

Year 3

Shaylan, Leo & Joey

Year 4

Shaunda, Luca & Tahlia

Year 5

Dominik, Georgia & Sophie

Year 6

Gabrielle & Noah

Our Shining Stars!

Week commencing 28th February 2022

Reception

..., Isla-Robin &....

Year 1

Harvey, Frank & Talia

Year 2

Jacob, Leona & Nyah

Year 3

Darrell, Melvin & Fernami

Year 4

Ruben, Sophie & JJ

Year 5

Emily, Emma & Avis

Year 6

Marcus & Love

Have you been financially affected by COVID-19?

Are you a private tenant and have experienced financial hardship which may have impacted your ability to pay your rent?

Are you temporarily out of work or working reduced hours, affected by the recent ending of the £20 Universal Credit uplift? If YES.... we might be able to help with financial assistance.



Get in touch with our Housing Advice Team today

☎ 020 8496 3000 ✉ housing.advice@walthamforest.gov.uk

Open Monday to Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm



CZY DOŚWIADCZASZ TRUDNOŚCI FINANSOWYCH ZWIĄZANYCH Z PANDEMIA KORONAWIRUSA (COVID-19)?

CZY JESTEŚ PRYWATNYM NAJEMCĄ I DOŚWIADCZYŁEŚ TRUDNOŚCI FINANSOWYCH, KTÓRE MOGŁY WPŁYNAĆ NA TWOJĄ ZDOLNOŚĆ DO PŁACENIA CZYNSZU...?

Czy jesteś tymczasowo bez pracy lub wykonujesz pracę w zmniejszonym wymiarze godzin, odczuwasz skutki niedawno zakończonej podwyżki zasiłku powszechnego (Universal Credit) o 20 GBP lub doświadczyłeś trudności finansowych, które wpłynęły na Twoją zdolność do opłacania czynszu? Jeśli TAK..., to być może będziemy w stanie udzielić wsparcia finansowego.

Skorzystaj z usług naszego Zespołu Doradztwa Mieszkaniowego (Housing Advice Team) już dziś!

☎ : 020 8496 3000

✉ : housing.advice@walthamforest.gov.uk

Godziny urzędowania od poniedziałku do piątku od 9:00 do 17:00



AȚI FOST AFECTAT FINANCIAR DE COVID-19?

SUNTEȚI CHIRIAȘ ȘI AȚI TRECUT PRIN DIFICULTĂȚI FINANCIARE CE V-AR PUTEA AFECTA CAPACITATEA DE A VĂ PLĂȚI CHIRIA...?

Vă aflați temporar în șomaj sau lucrați cu normă redusă, sunteți afectat de sistarea recentă a măririi cu 20 £ de care au beneficiat gospodăriile în timpul pandemiei sau v-ați confruntat cu dificultăți financiare ce v-au afectat capacitatea de a vă plăti chiria? Dacă DA... este posibil să vă putem ajuta cu sprijin financiar.

Contactați azi Housing Advice Team (Echipa noastră de consilieri pentru locuințe)

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✉ : housing.advice@walthamforest.gov.uk

Deschis de luni până vineri între orele 9:00 și 17:00



کیا آپ COVID-19 سے مالی طور پر متاثر ہوئے ہیں؟

کیا آپ نجی کرائے دار ہیں اور آپ کو ایسی مالی دشواری کا سامنا کرنا پڑا جس سے آپ کی کرایہ ادا کرنے کی صلاحیت کو متاثر کیا...؟

کیا آپ عارضی طور پر کام میں کر رہے یا کم گھنٹوں کے لیے کام کر رہے ہیں، £20 یونیورسل کریڈٹ کی بھرتی کے خاتمہ احتجاج کی وجہ سے متاثر ہوئے یا ایسی مالی دشواری کا سامنا کرنا پڑا جس سے آپ کی کرایہ ادا کرنے کی صلاحیت کو متاثر کیا؟ اگر ہاں... تو ہم مالی معاونت کے بارے میں مدد کر سکتے ہیں۔

آج ہی ہماری ہاؤسنگ کی مشاورتی ٹیم سے رابطہ کریں

☎ 020 8496 3000

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ہم تا جملہ صبح 9:00 بجے سے شام 5:00 بجے تک کھلا رہتا ہے

St. Mary's Christian Vision

I AM THE VINE AND YOU
ARE THE BRANCHES. IF
YOU REMAIN WITH ME AND
I WITH YOU, THEN YOU
WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT.
LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I
HAVE LOVED YOU.
(JOHN 15).