

ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week all of St. Mary's joined together 'virtually' for a special assembly linked to our Young Transformers Scheme. We spoke about the meaning of transformation and ways in which we can transform ourselves, our school, our community and the wider world.

In the summer term, we set in motion our *Young Transformers* scheme with our whole school dancing into summer. It was a memorable and exciting experience which brought together the school community and was a wonderful way to launch our project. We believe that young people can bring about change through positive action grounded in knowledge, facts and experience. Not only do we want our pupils to have the chance to voice their opinions and feelings about school, local and global matters but we also want them to act on these. We hope that by showing children that their voice matters, they will feel empowered to become conscious, caring and considerate citizens of the world.

We also have a termly home project that we would like all children (and parents/carers) to participate in too. This term's project is focused upon photography and Young Transformers across the year groups are invited to use cameras, tablets and phones to take photos around the theme of 'Transformation'. Photographers are encouraged to consider how they see transformations in nature, art, architecture, communities and beyond.

I would like to end with a bible verse which links to our theme of the week and value of caring.

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you...Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.

John 14:27

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Matthews

YOUNG TRANSFORMERS



Creative Strand – Home Project

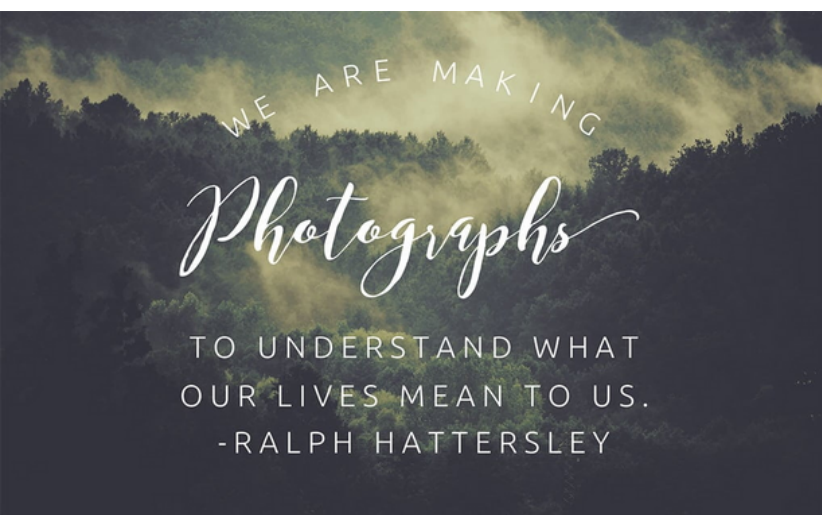
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Please share your photographs with us using the school email

Email: st-marys-school@genesistrust.net

Subject Line: Young Transformers Creative Project

By viewing the world around us, we aim to change the way we see.



Saturday School

Last weekend, our Saturday Plus sessions started at St. Saviour's. 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 9-2:30pm for Y3-5. 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.

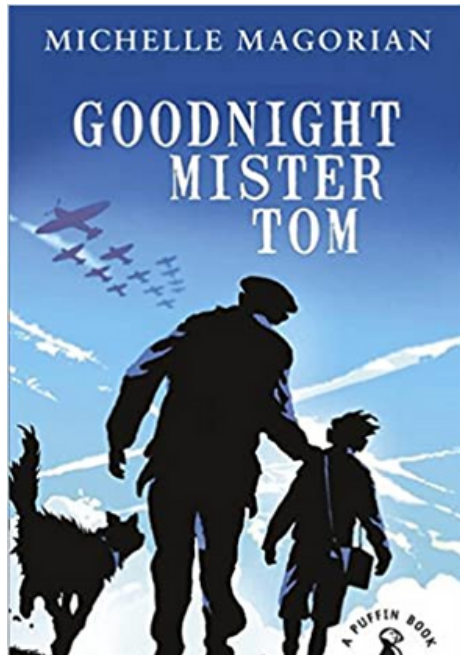


School Bags

There are a large number of large rucksacks coming in to school which do not fit onto our coat pegs and prevent children from being able to hang up their books bags and coats. Please ensure your child brings in only a school branded book bag or small school branded rucksack. These are available to buy online via mapac or in store at Victoria 2 on Hoe St.



Y6 MORRIS CLASS CORNER



6 Morris have had a fantastic start to the year and have settled in well to our new home in the portacabins. We have started learning about our new topic, World War II, and began by investigating how the events of World War I and the signing of the Treaty of Versailles influenced what happened next. We look forward to learning about the Blitz and how rationing affected people's lives in the United Kingdom during the war.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

This week for Collective worship, we looked at the Godly Characteristic of 'encouragement', focussed around the bible verse: "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

(1 Thessalonians 5:11).

The pupils explored the story of Paul's transformation and how he changed into a man of encouragement. How can we be encouraging this weekend, to our family, friends and in our community?



St. Mary's Christian Vision

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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).