

# ST. MARY'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had yet another wonderful week of showcasing our pupils new skills and knowledge acquired during our special events taking place in schools! We had an amazing recorder recitals and more steel pan performances! Our children have really enjoyed showing off their new talents to their parents over the past couple of weeks and I couldn't be prouder of them!

On another positive note, we have had some been making some great progress with our building works and we're really pleased to be able to share that we are on track to moving back into the school for September. It will be lovely to have everyone back in the building and we cannot wait to be able to welcome parents and carers back inside for assemblies and other events.

We have also had some amazing fundraising events over the past week for the DEC's Ukrainian appeal. A number of our pupils have watched the correspondence on Russia's invasion of Ukraine on Newsround and felt compelled to help. To be able to support the Ukraine with our pupils and to see how keen they have been to provide aid has been so impressive. We will be holding numerous fundraising initiatives in the coming months, so please keep a look out for further information.

Yours Faithfully,  
Mrs Matthews

# Class Corner



This term has been an absolutely amazing one for Year 5. We've loved our core text, *Guardians of the Wild Unicorns*, and were inspired to write our very own stories set in the Scottish Highlands. Additionally, we wrote a persuasive letter lambasting the illegal trade of alicorns (unicorn horns), which is a cause we can all get behind, I'm sure! We have learnt all about geometry in maths, delving into shape, graphs, coordinate grids and more. We have revelled in our Science lessons, exploring chemical reactions and conducting a variety of investigations and experiments. Our Geography Topic, North America, was fascinating. In particular, we enjoyed learning about the Köppen–Geiger climate classification; it was intriguing how one continent could host so many biomes, stretching from the tropics of Central America to the subarctic conditions of northern Canada. We produced some amazing still life paintings, inspired by Berry Fritz, a British artist who has since moved to Texas. We focused on light and shade, as well as the role of texture in bringing artwork to life when working with acrylic paint. In R.E., we studied Salvation and the significance of the Easter story today, for both Christians and non-Christians alike. In ICT, we learnt how to create 3D chess pieces and, in PE, we developed our football and hockey skills as well as mindfulness. To top it all off, we have had an absolute ball with our weekly African drumming sessions - Jambo, Jambo Bwana! (Hello, hello sir!) All-in-all, it's been an extremely successful Spring Term.

We can't wait to see what the Summer has in store for us!

## 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](mailto:st-marys-school@genesistrust.net)** to make a 15 minute appointment.

# 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!**

## 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.

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

# 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.**





## Our amazing pupils bake for Ukraine!



We also would like to say a big 'Well Done!' to a group of St Mary's students from Year 1, Year 3, and Year 4, who along with their parents organised a Charity Bake Sale for Ukraine. Stella Creasy, MP for Walthamstow, publicised the good work taking place by our students and the bake sale took place last Friday. It was extremely successful, and I was lucky enough to visit and see our pupils taking action. I was so impressed with the St Mary's pupils and can see them becoming great changemakers of our future.

# Attendance



## **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.**

**Our whole school attendance for Week 7 was 95.6%.**

**Our whole school attendance for Week 4 was 96%.**

Well done St Mary's!

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

# 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](mailto:jacintha@stmaryswalthamstow.org).

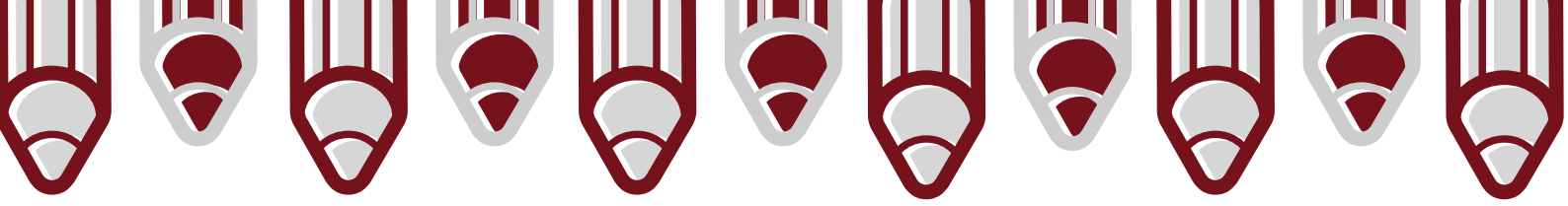




## **Soup making in Reception!**

We ended week 6 with a fantastic Bollywood dance performance by Year 2! We were so lucky to have Darren, who is a Bollywood dance specialist, come in to teach us some of his skills. Year 2 then performed for their parents and carers in the playground. They got to show off their amazing new skills, and they even managed to show their families a trick or two. The Year 2 parents and carers did a great job at getting involved, we have never seen moves quite like it!

Well Done Year 2!!

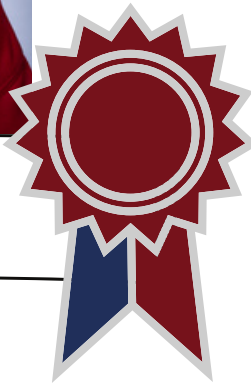


# Progress and Presentation Stars!

**Week 9**



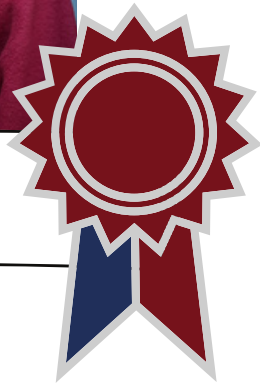
**Daniel**  
**Presentation Star**



**Week 9**



**Diva**  
**Progress Star**



**Week 10**



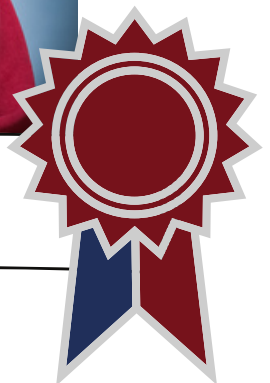
**Margot**  
**Presentation Star**



**Week 10**



**Rocco**  
**Progress Star**





# **Our Shining Stars!**

Week commencing 21st April 2022

## **Reception**

Leonardo, Lehna & Daniel

## **Year 1**

Amaya M & Sophia

## **Year 2**

Dougie & Jacob

## **Year 3**

Arlo, Leo & Alexis

## **Year 4**

Viggo, Edith & Thea E

## **Year 5**

Luke, Arlo & Amarion

## **Year 6**

Franklin & Madison

# **Our Stars of the Term!**

**Spring Term**

## **Reception Attlee**

**Molly & Aneurin**

## **Reception Morris**

**Lyra & Taym**

## **Reception Wilson**

**Ayla & Luca**

## **Year 1 Green & Blue**

**Ariel & Atta**

## **Year 1 Yellow**

**Talia & Leo**

## **Year 1 Purple**

**Nusaybah & Fabian**

# **Our Stars of the Term!**

**Spring Term**

## **Year 2 Green & Blue**

**Idris & Daniella**

## **Year 2 Yellow**

**Phoebe & Simon**

## **Year 2 Purple**

**Liv & Aidan**

## **Year 3 Green**

**Anneliese & Asher**

## **Year 3 Yellow**

**Sophie & Albert**

## **Year 3 Purple**

**Mahi & Freddie H**

# **Our Stars of the Term!**

**Spring Term**

## **Year 4 Green**

**Shaunda & Viggo**

## **Year 4 Yellow**

**Sofia & Arlie**

## **Year 4 Purple**

**Lilia & Rafferty**

## **Year 5 Green**

**Eden & Dominik**

## **Year 5 Yellow**

**Elle & Miles**

## **Year 5 Purple**

**Eloise & Arlo**



# **Our Stars of the Term!**

**Spring Term**

**Year 6 Green**

**Deborah & Zion**

**Year 6 Yellow**

**Penny & Tito**

**Year 6 Purple**

**Jaysha & Tate**



# 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).