



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023



We had an amazing day on the Wednesday in our Sports4Schools event and we had a really inspiring assembly from Rich Parker, where he shared his values of aiming high, having a go and believing in yourself. Rich was so impressed with how everybody in the school supported each other during their circuits. He said we were the best school he had been to! Thank you to everyone for supporting us and their very generous donations.

Thank you to everyone who has donated eggs for our raffle, there is still time to do this before the raffle on Friday, and do remember to purchase your tickets from the office.

We have started to receive Easter bonnets and Easter Gardens in the Hall, please ensure that they are all in for 30<sup>th</sup> of March. We will have our final collection of food for the foodbank this week and are so grateful for the donations we have had so far. It has been a great way to support a local charity during the Lent period.

Well the highlight of our week has to be our trip to Foxdown Children's Farm yesterday. In the morning the children helped to feed the animals. As they went round the farm, Shelly was telling them all about the animals, what they like to eat, how they are looked after and what the female and males were called. They met the donkeys, the goats, the ponies, the pigs, the ducks, the sheep, the calf, the rabbits and the guinea pigs. They met all the baby animals and the children remembered their names. After feeding the animals they played with the toys in the barn for a break before lunch. In the afternoon, Shelly gave them a talk on guinea pigs and rabbits. We split into three groups, taking turns to pet the guinea pigs and rabbits, participate in an Easter egg hunt and play with the farm toys. Their highlight of the day was watching a goat give birth to a kid. What a wonderful day!

In Woodpeckers this week they have been planning and writing their own traditional tales using wordless books. They children have been aiming high to include noun phrases and exclamation sentences. In maths they have all started measurement: the year 1's are looking at weight and volume and the year 2's are looking at times on an analogue clock.

In Owls, the children have all been aiming high whilst completing some end of term quizzes. The children are still showing great focus to complete their work in all subjects, especially geography, English and computing. The children are able to recall more information about the subjects they have been learning. Please continue to ask them about their learning.

In science, Kestrel class learnt about air resistance and water resistance. They enjoyed dropping paper onto the floor and balls of playdough into water to see the effects for themselves! They have been practising hard and working to remember their gymnastics routine ready for our visit, next Wednesday, to Colyton to perform it.

Joined by three children from Kestrels, this week in Eagle class they were so incredibly lucky to be invited to a piano concert at Seaton Gateway Theatre. The performance was piano duets, which were played on a grand piano. The children really enjoyed themselves and were superb at taking part and guessing the fairy tales and sounds that were being played.

## PE class days- **Spring term 2023**

- \*Robin Class - Monday & Wednesday
- \*Woodpecker Class - Monday & Tuesday
- \*Owl class - Monday & swimming Friday
- \*Kestrel class - Thursday & Friday
- \*Eagle class – Wednesday & Thursday

## Ten:Ten Resources

Please follow the link below to the parent's newsletter.

[Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources](#)

## Dates for your diary

**27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March** - Year 5 Bikeability course

**w/c 27<sup>th</sup> March** - No after school clubs  
**30<sup>TH</sup> March**- Easter bonnet and gardens need to be in school

**31<sup>st</sup> March** - Last day of term and non-school uniform

**31<sup>st</sup> March**- 2.30pm stations of the cross assembly led by kestrels. All welcome

**17<sup>th</sup> April** - **INSET DAY**, school closed to children

**18<sup>th</sup> April** - First day back for children – No after school clubs this week

**Raffle tickets still available in school office.**

St Mary's Values			
Living, loving and learning with God			
Safe	Trust	Achievement	Resilience
Forgiveness			
Respectful	Aim high		
Responsible	Have a go		
Caring	Curious		
Value each other	Self-belief		

## Stars of the week!

**Robin class** – All of Robin class

**Woodpecker class** - Cora

**Owl class** - Elliot

**Kestrel class** - Rhys

**Eagle class** – Bridget

**Head teacher award**- Sophie

**Music award** – Sophie

**Sports star of the week** – All of Owl class

## IXL Star of the week

**Woodpecker class** - Ethan

**Owl class** – Charlie

**Kestrel class** - Caden

**Eagle class** – Akshiya

### Homework

#### Robin

Please encourage reading and remember to write your comments in their learning journals.

#### Woodpecker

##### IXL

Maths

Year 1 W7-11

Year 2 BB

English

Year 1 Q set 7-10

Year 2 P1-2

#### Owl

##### IXL

Maths:

Year 2: U 1-6

Year 3: W 7-11

English:

Year 2: FF 1-5

Year 3: MM 1-5

### Homework

#### Kestrel

Reading at least 3 times a week to someone.

##### IXL

Maths - A5, A6, W3

English- M2, GG1, Z5

Practice times tables

using [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk) or <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check> - Your target this half term is to get more than 18/25

#### Eagle

##### IXL

Y5 Maths: F 11-20

Y6 Maths: Some of the year 6 children have individual maths to complete as well as specific subjects to focus on using IXL. X 10-20

Y5 English: X 1-6

Y6 English: JJ 1-10

## Useful Links

The Catholic Children's Society support funding for essential household items.

[Grant Giving - Catholic Children's Society \(Plymouth\) \(ccsplymouth.org.uk\)](http://ccsplymouth.org.uk)

Devon County Financial Support and Advice

[Financial Support and Advice - Help with household bills - East Devon](#)

Do you need help with childcare costs? Please click the link below.

[The Government's Childcare Choices lists all the schemes available here](#)

Axminster Foodbank

**Contact:** Hanover House, Chard Street, Axminster EX13 5DZ Tel:01297 32331

School office email: [admin@stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.co.uk) School tel: 01297 32785

School website: [www.stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.uk](http://www.stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.uk)

## Sports and other news

### **Year 3/4 Girls Football East Devon Tournament**

Well done to the Year 3/4 girl's football team who competed for the very first time in a football tournament especially for girls. The girls worked really hard and played really well considering they had never played a football match prior to this tournament. We played three matches overall and despite taking the lead in the first match we lost 2-1, then we lost 4-0 and finally we lost 2-0. During the afternoon the girls showed the spirit of the School Games by keeping on going and never giving up. Well done St Mary's. Football club for girls will continue in the summer term and it would be great to see more girls take the opportunity to come along. We will try to organise matches to increase the girls match experience.



### **Year 5/6 Girls Football Match – Axe Valley Round**

On Thursday after school, our Year 5/6 girls' football team competed in a match vs Seaton Primary School. This was supposed to be a tournament, playing matches against lots of schools but St Mary's and Seaton were the only schools that entered the competition so we played a match against each other. This was the first ever girls' football match that St Mary's have played against another school. It was a miserable day, with heavy rain and a very boggy pitch and despite being heavily defeated the girls never gave up, they kept going and tried their best. Judging by the photos, they all enjoyed themselves immensely. Isabelle managed to score two goals which the team were pleased with. Well done, St Mary's! Football club for girls will continue in the summer term and it would be great to see more girls take the opportunity to come along. We will try to organise matches to increase the girls' match experience.



### Sports for Schools - Rich Parker

On Wednesday, Rich Parker, an inline vert half pipe skater from Sports4Schools came in to run a sponsored circuit with the children. Starting with Eagles, each class (split into small groups) completed four challenges on the playground. As each class came up to the playground, the other classes cheered and supported. After Rich Parker led an assembly where we watched videos of him competing in a range of competitions. Then he showed the children his skates and equipment that he uses. During the assembly, he told the children about the setbacks and accidents he has had in his career to illustrate the importance of never giving up and following his dreams. This was an inspirational morning and a great opportunity for the children to see a different type of sport in action.

