



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 19th May 2023



It has been so lovely to see the sun continuing to shine and the field being put to good use by the children. We had a lovely Crowning of Mary Mass this Monday with some lovely readings from the children. We are starting to think about all of the events scheduled for the Summer Term and more information will follow next week about residential and school events. Please remember that children can be wearing their summer uniform, which includes school hats, summer dresses, grey shorts, navy t-shirts and bringing in sun cream.

In Robins this week, they have been working on using adjectives to describe characters in the book Supertato and constructing sentences with these adjectives in. They also have been working on doubling in their maths lessons. They are continuing to enjoy learning to ride the balance bikes and we have quite a few of them riding bikes with pedals already! Well done, Robins.

This week Woodpeckers have enjoyed learning about non-chronological reports and researching their own animals. The year 2's have been aiming high in their SATs. We really enjoyed comparing the human features between Axminster and Sydney.

In Owl's, they have started their new English unit of writing. The children have explored features of a non-fiction text, at the end of this unit they will be writing about their chosen animals. In science, the children have explored how shadows change when an object moves closer or further from the light source. In history, the children have been using their knowledge of Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong to compare the significant individuals.

This week, Kestrel class played mathsopoly in pairs to help them work on their mental maths skills, practicing adding money and working out change. In science, they have looked at how sound is made and how we hear the sounds in our heads. They have explored the different parts of the ear and how the sound travels through it to the brain.

This week Eagle's class have begun a really exciting writing topic based on the book Varjak Paw by S.F. Said. The book has some great, edgy illustrations and is all about a cat, who has only ever lived inside, but now has to head 'Outside' to save his family. They have also begun their History topic, which will culminate in a piece of self-directed writing on a topic from WW2. The children were really excited when we discussed ideas, so please talk to your child about it.

PE class days- Summer term 2023

- *Robin Class – Swimming Monday & Wednesday
- *Woodpecker Class - Monday & Friday swimming
- *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

- 24th May-** Eagle class, Wyld solar farm visit
- 26th May-** last day of half term.
- 5th June-** Children return to school

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 – Ryley B-S

Woodpecker class - Sebastian

Owl class - Nancy

Kestrel class – Holly

Eagle class – Jozef

Music award – Kestrel Class

Sports star of the week – Chloe NM

Head teacher aware- Miles C

IXL Star of the week

Woodpecker class – Chloe p

Owl class – Adam

Kestrel class - Tharuya

Eagle class – Chloe M

Homework

Robin

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

Woodpecker

IXL

Maths

Year 1: U1-6

Year 2: Q1

English

Year 1: AA1-2

Year 2: S1

Owl

IXL

Maths:

Year 2: O 7-11

Year 3: BB 1-7, R 1-7

English:

Year 2: S 1, T 1, U 1-4

Year 3: P 1-2

Homework

Kestrel

IXL

Reading at least 3 times a week to someone.

IXL Maths – T4, T6, T7, T8

IXL English - UU2, WW1, WW2, WW3

Practice times tables

using 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 20/25

Eagle

IXL

English Y5: A 1,2, 3

English Y6: A 1,2,3

Maths Y5: BB 6-11

Maths Y6: Y19-21

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 School tel: 01297 32785

School website: www.stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.uk

Sports News

What a busy week for extracurricular PE it has been at St Mary's!

Monday – Well done to our Year 5/6 girls football team who played a friendly fixture vs Mrs Ethlestons on Monday after school. The girls battled hard and kept going against an experienced Mrs E's. They lost the match 0-9 but enjoyed the experience. Good luck to all the girls at football club who are playing Colyton Primary School in a friendly fixture on Monday after school.

Tuesday – Well done to the two Year 5/6 Quad Kids teams who competed in the Axe Valley Quad Kids competition at Colyton Grammar School on Tuesday after school. They performed really well and one of our teams came second, whilst the other came 5th. Our top four girls and top four boys will represent the school in the East Devon Finals on Tuesday 6th June from 4pm until 6pm at King's School playing fields. Congratulations to Mia, Akshiya, Tilly, Kitty, Jayden, Ben, Daniel & Eli who will represent St Mary's at this event. A letter will go home in due course. Please put this date in your diary. Thank you to the parents for taking your children to Quad Kids. A special mention must go to Jayden who scored enough points to be awarded a UK Athletics Quadrathlon Bronze Award. Well done Jayden.



(Photo taken of the teams first thing on Thursday morning at School.)

Wednesday – Well done to our Year 3/4 quad kids team who competed at the East Devon Quad Kids Athletics tournament at the King's School, Ottery St Mary on Wednesday evening. I was really impressed with the team's work rate and desire to do well. We came in at 8th place out of 8 schools, but it was a very tight competition and there was only 100 points between 4th place and 8th place. So well done St Mary's. Thank you for taking the children to this event.

