



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter- 20th January 2023



It has been a very busy week and it has been wonderful to see children going out on trips more and more. Woodpecker and Eagle class went to the church this Friday and joined the local community for Mass. Owl and Kestrel class will be joining the community in the church at 10am on the Friday the 3rd of February for Mass. All are welcome to join them. The next whole school Mass will be on Ash Wednesday the 22nd of February and we would love it if you could join us in the morning (around 9.10am). It is such a wonderful opportunity to experience a celebration with beautiful singing and readings from the children.

In RE, Robins have been learning about what the parish family celebrate. Father Jacek let the children see some photos of different celebrations, e.g. marriage, baptism, Easter & confirmation and the children generated some questions about these pictures. They then visited the church where Father Jacek answered our questions and the children completed a treasure hunt around the church, matching pictures to artefacts. At the end, they listened to Mrs Burrough play the organ.

Woodpeckers have really enjoyed using the storybox cards this week to create their own class fairytale and they are looking forward to planning and writing their own next week. We have been working really hard on their presentations and on how they talk to our learning partners.

Owls have had a fantastic busy week. They have been lucky to enjoy an afternoon at a gymnastics festival and the Year 3s have had the opportunity to go to Exeter Great Hall for a Music concert. The children have loved exploring the use of carbon paper in art as well as creating experiments to test friction in science.

Kestrels joined with Owl class on a visit to Colyton where they learnt how to perform different balances, rolls and jumps. They worked hard and improved their skills. In science they have learnt how to make a simple electrical circuit that lit a bulb. In RE they explored the meaning of community within the church and made their own community of houses decorated with words from St Paul.

This week in Eagles class they have been producing the most outstanding writing based upon our class text, Flotsam. The children have really enjoyed the book's surreal pictures. Today they watched some David Attenborough in order to gather ideas for their own versions of the story. The children have been learning all about contrasting colour in Art and they are going to be painting emotions in their lessons!

PE class days- Spring term 2023

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

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Please follow the link to the parent's newsletter.

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Dates for your diary

3rd February - Kestrel and Owl class join Mass in the church

10th February - last day of term

20th February - Children return to school

22nd February - Whole school Mass

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

Stars of the week!

Head teacher award- Emily, Charlie D, Evie B, Kirsty, Bridget, Isabelle L, Harry, Noah, Darcy, Amelie, Mikolaj.

IXL Star of the week

Woodpecker class - Pixie

Owl class - Elliott

Kestrel class - Grace

Eagle class - Mikolaj

Homework

Robin

Mrs Burrough has added extra reading books. Please encourage reading and remember to right your comments in their learning journals.

Woodpecker:

IXL:

Maths

Year 1 O1-10

Year 2 E15-25

English

Year 1 L1-4

Year 2 I1-3

Homework

Owl:

Maths: Addition and Subtraction skills

English: Past and present verbs

Kestrel:

Practise times tables, IXL maths A1 G1 G2 G3 English K1 Z1 Z2

Eagle:

Y6 English: D 1-2

Y5 English: D1-5

Y6 Maths: E1-4

Y5 Maths: D 4-9

Update from the Flamingo Pool – Monday 16th January 2023

During the regular Christmas maintenance at the pool, it was discovered that some of the supports for the sides of the pool were corroding. The pool was emptied to avoid any damage. The hydrotherapy pool remains open and will continue to be so. A local structural engineer and several local fabricators have looked at the supports, as well as a representative from the manufacturer, Myrtha Pools. With the structural engineer, we have planned a way forward and are going to remove and replace the supports. The timeframe is still to be confirmed, but it is important to us that we ensure that the pool is safe and sound for the future.

We hope to put out a weekly update with progress until we are open.

Kind regards

Flamingo Pool staff and trustees

Useful Links

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

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

Devon County Financial Support and Advice

[Help with household bills, energy costs and financial assistance](#)

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, Ex13 5Bj Chard Street, Axminster EX13 5DZ · 01297 32331