



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter- 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023



It is great to see that school attendance figures are beginning to rise after such a difficult cold and flu season and we thank you for your continued support in brining your child to school.

It was wonderful to have our Executive Head and School Improvement Officer around the school and share the super behaviour and attitudes of all the children. They are always so eager to share what they have been doing and talk about what they have learnt and the progress they have made. It is important for me to thank the staff for all of their dedication and hard work in ensuring the children are achieving their best.

Robins are learning about keeping healthy this week. We designed our own healthy packed lunch, completed an activity challenge and made our own pizza's. We learnt that we can be healthy by eating lots of different foods, exercising, getting a good night's sleep and keeping clean. We wrote sentences about how we would like to keep fit and healthy and the children had some great ideas.

Woodpeckers have really enjoyed writing their own stories using the story box cards this week. They have all aimed high in addition and subtraction in maths and using resources effectively to help them this week. They also have all had a go at creating a map of the front of the school with their own key.

In Owl's, the children have been extremely focused and engaged this week. We have started our new English unit of biographies where the children will eventually be writing their own biography. In maths, we have started the unit of fractions which the children are really enjoying. During art, the children painted a background using watercolours, then added detail using carbon paper.

This week Kestrels are writing their own version of the book Blue John. They have been very creative in thinking about different settings and characters. In computing, they have used Scratch to write algorithms to make letters move and change colour.

Eagle's class have been looking at the artist David Hockney and his wonderfully colourful paintings. The children have almost finished their work on the picture book, 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner and have produced some stunning pieces of descriptive writing. This week in music, the children learnt to play the bamboo tamboo - an instrument which comes from Trinidad and Tombago. They had lots of fun!

## 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

## Ten Ten December

Please follow the link to the parent's newsletter.

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

## Dates for your diary

10<sup>th</sup> February - last day of term

20<sup>th</sup> February - 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 - Mila  
Woodpecker class - Tristan  
Owl class - Lillia  
Kestrel class – Alexi

Head teacher award – Florence,  
Joshua, Lillia, Ruby, Sofia  
Music award - Mia  
Sports award - Tristan

## IXL Star of the week

Woodpecker class - Frances  
Owl class - Skyla B  
Kestrel class - Neiva  
Eagle class - Darcy

### Homework

#### Kestrel:

IXL homework:-  
Maths F7 K3 A3  
English E1 KK6  
Practise timestables

#### Eagle:

Maths y6: L 12-19  
Maths y5: E7-13

English y6: OO 2 and PP1 and 2  
English y5: PP1-4

### Homework

#### Robin

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

#### Woodpecker:

IXL:  
Maths  
Year 1 K1-10  
Year 2 I1-10  
English  
Year 1 M1-4  
Year 2 J1-3

#### Owl:

IXL Homework:  
Maths  
Year 2: R 1-5  
Year 3: CC 1-5  
  
English  
Year 2: LL 1-2  
Year 3: SS 1-2

### 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

## Sports news

We have started the year with lots of extra -curricular sports clubs on offer at St Mary's and the children are really enjoying participating in these clubs. Our football club for girls is slowly growing and the children come away from these sessions buzzing with excitement! Running club is a great way to start a Thursday morning and the children really enjoy Mr Murnane's after school clubs. Gymnastics club is always purposeful and the children have been working hard on their routines. There are some spaces still available at our clubs so please ask the office.

Congratulations to our year 5/6 athletics team who represented the Axe Valley in the East Devon Sports Hall Athletics event yesterday afternoon. Kevin Moran, our school games organiser said, "Many Thanks for your attendance at yesterday's East Devon Year 5/6 Sports hall athletics finals. It was a huge pleasure to see such enthusiasm and team spirit from the pupils and such great support from school staff. The 95 participants should be congratulated for playing their part in creating a superbly supportive and enjoyable atmosphere. They were a credit to their schools, staff and parents." Well done St Mary's!

