



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023



What an amazing and eventful week we have had. I have never been requested so much to come and see wonderful writing from across the whole school. The pride the children have in their accomplishments is a joy to behold. I even managed to take a photo of the whole of Robin's class who came to get Headteacher's Awards.

On Thursday we had a special assembly to accept a prize won by Father Jacek when he entered a raffle supporting the Catholic Children's Society. The Sport's Leaders were thrilled to accept one football signed by Plymouth Argyle and one rugby ball signed by the Exeter Chiefs. We will be thinking about how we can use these to help raise funds to purchase a tablet for filming sports and taking photos of our sporting endeavours.

We will be having a whole school Mass on the first Wednesday back for Ash Wednesday. Please come along it is such a moving experience filled with beautiful songs and readings from the children.

Robins this week they have been finishing their learning about Chinese New Year by acting out the story of Nian the monster and making a dancing dragon in Wiggly Writers. They have also chopped up lots of vegetables to make a noodle dish. They have been listening to a non-fiction book about how Chinese New Year is celebrated in China. In maths they have been comparing lengths and heights. The children had great fun measuring themselves against each other!

This week in Woodpeckers they have written their own class version of the story: could a penguin ride a bike and made it all about llamas. We have been working very hard on our assembly where we are sharing our learning from September. In science we looked at why it is important to exercise and be hygienic. We also wrote our own prayer.

Owl's have had a fantastic last week of the Spring term. We have created some wonderful pieces of artwork using watercolours and carbon paper. The children have completed their biographies about their chosen person. We have also finished our unit of fractions and we will be starting multiplication and division after half term. In science, the children have had a practical lesson sorting materials into magnetic and non-magnetic groups. Please see the class page for photos of their outstanding work.

In history this week Kestrels researched in pairs finding out about life in an Anglo-Saxon village. Ask them what job was given to some children! In PSHE they have thought about ways of keeping track of any money they have. They have planned a story that explains the watercycle and have begun to write it.

In Eagle's class this week we have been writing our own poetry. The class were given options about things to research and the children have been really creative with their ideas. We have been finishing off our science topic, which has involved making and designing our own burglar alarms.

## 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 February

Please follow the link to the parent's newsletter.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/download/44712>

## Dates for your diary

**10<sup>th</sup> February** - Last day of term

**20<sup>th</sup> February** - Children return to school

**21<sup>st</sup> February** - Netball Team practice 3.30-4.30pm

**21<sup>st</sup> February** - Stockland Cross Country (parents advised of those taking part)

**22<sup>nd</sup> February** - Ash Wednesday Mass open invite 9am

**There will be no Gymnastics club on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb (resuming on 1<sup>st</sup> March)**

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 - Arthur  
Woodpecker class - James  
Owl class - Phoebe  
Kestrel class - Neiva  
Eagle class - Emily

Head teacher award – Parker, Robin class  
Music award – Isaac R  
Sports star of the week – Alexis  
Sports Person Value award – Freya  
Lunchtime award – Theodore H

## IXL Star of the week

Woodpecker class – Skyla-Grace

Owl class - Elliot

Kestrel class - Amelia

Eagle class - Bridget

### Homework

#### Robin

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

#### Woodpecker:

Maths  
Year 1 E6-10  
Year 2 R1-8

English  
Year 1 O1-5  
Year 2 L1-4

#### Owl:

Maths  
Year 2: L 1-10  
Year 3: M 1-10

### Homework

#### Kestrel:

Homework - Practise times tables.  
Reading, please read at least 4 times over half term.

Maths B2 L1 K1  
English T1 T3 LL1

#### Eagle:

Y6 Maths: M 1-10  
Y5 Maths: G 1-5

Y6 English: I 1  
Y5 English: I 1

### 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 Report

### **Stockland Cross Country**

**Well done to Violet, Isabelle, Freya, Rafferty, Blake, James, Shannon, Emily, Bridget, Eli, Harry and Daniel for representing the St Mary's at the third Stockland Cross Country meet of the season.** They showed the school games values of passion, self-belief and determination in their efforts. Our school games value for this week was make the right choice, not the easy choice and our runners showed this value on Wednesday evening. Congratulations to Freya who wanted to give the cross country a go but found as she was running the course it was really hard work. Despite this, Freya kept going and completed the race, making the right choice, not the easy choice! Rafferty lost a shoe half way round but kept going despite running in socks! Blake lost a shoe and was running in first place. He stopped to put it back on which lost his position by about twenty places but worked hard to make his way through the competitors to finish in second place. What a fantastic achievement!



### **Eagles and Kestrels Interhouse Dodgeball Tournament**

Well done to all the children in Kestrels and Eagles who competed in the inter-house dodgeball tournament yesterday. St Patrick's won the group in both Eagles and Kestrels and went on to win the tournament overall. Well done St Patrick's!





## Learning to Skip

Eagles have been teaching Robins how to skip with a jump rope. They broke the skill down into the following steps...

1. Jumping two footed over the rope
2. Jumping two footed with a double bounce over the rope
3. Bringing the rope over your head and letting it drop in front of them
4. Bringing the rope over and then jumping over it

Robins did really well and some of us managed a few skips. Why not have a go at skipping at home? It's a great way to keep fit!

