

Newsletter

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"Before the danger of self-destruction, may humanity understand that the moment has come to abolish war, to erase it from human history before it erases human history. May every political leader reflect and dedicate themselves to this!"

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



St Mary's School Drivers



Whole Child

Community

Communication

Faith

WC 4th April 2022

Fri 8th April: Easter Liturgy in Church 9.15am Parents welcome

Fri 8th April: End of term, school finishes at normal time

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you back into school for the KS1 and Year 3 Lenten Service this week. It helped us all to focus and reflect on this important time of year. All of you are warmly invited to join us in Church at 9.15am on Friday 8th April for our Easter Service.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

SPORTS CLUBS:

All sports clubs are running as normal next week.

New Sports Clubs for Summer Term 2022:

Monday 3.15pm Football – Years 1 & 2

Wednesday 8am Multisports – Years 1, 2 and 3

Wednesday 3.15pm Cricket – Years 4, 5 and 6

Thursday 8am Rounders – Years 4, 5 and 6

Friday 12.10pm Girls Football – Years 3, 4 and 5

Friday 3.15pm Boys Football – Years 3, 4 and 5



Clubs will begin week commencing 3rd May 2022. Places are offered on a first come first served basis. If you wish to book a space please email the school office.

REMINDER:

If there are any changes to pick up arrangements for your child/children, please can you inform the school by email before 2pm.

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

8th April End of Term:

Whole School Easter Liturgy 9.15 in church – Parents welcome

TRIPS/SWIMMING DATES:

Year 3: Swimming lessons start on Monday 9th May (leaving school at 9.15am)

Rec/Yr 1 & 2: Colchester Zoo – 24th May

RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 COLCHESTER ZOO TRIP – 24th May:

Thank you for all of the parents that have volunteered to help on the school trip to the zoo. The teachers will look at confirming this with the volunteers in May. If we end up with more volunteers than are needed we will put parents names into a hat to make the process fair.

CAFOD YEAR 3 PLANT SALE:

Congratulations to Year 3 for running a very successful Plant Sale after school on Thursday last week. All plants were sold within 30 minutes with the hyacinths being especially popular. We were delighted with the total raised – £76! Fantastic work and much needed funds for CAFOD. Thanks everyone.

The Fundraising Committee



RECEPTION:



This week in Reception we have been looking at the story Handa's Surprise. We have listened to African music; looked at pictures of Kenya (which is where the story is set) and even tried some of the fruits from the story! We tried, mango, orange, avocado, pineapple, banana and smelt a passionfruit which Mrs Goodwin thought smelled of a tropical island!

YEAR 1:

Year 1 have been busy bees this week. In maths we have been exploring weight and we used balance scales to find out the mass of different objects. In science we learnt about how sound travels through waves and we made our own telephones using plastic cups and string. In RE we acted out the parable of The Good Samaritan and then thought about how we could be good samaritans at home and in school.



YEAR 2:

Year 2 were learning about Palm Sunday in RE. We heard the story of Jesus riding into Jerusalem and thought about how we would feel if we saw Jesus. We wrote letters to Jesus on Palm leaves and then had our own 'palm procession' around the school, singing Hosannas!

YEAR 3:

In Year 3, we have been extending our maths skills each week with Maths Eyes problems. The whole class works hard at these challenges, relishing such a visual approach to maths learning. Well done Year 3!



YEAR 4:

In RE this week, Year 4 have been looking at what Jesus did for us when he died on the cross and linking this to the forgiveness of our sins. We explored good and bad deeds, with Jesus on the cross at the centre of our thoughts and presented our thoughts to the class in small groups.

YEAR 5:

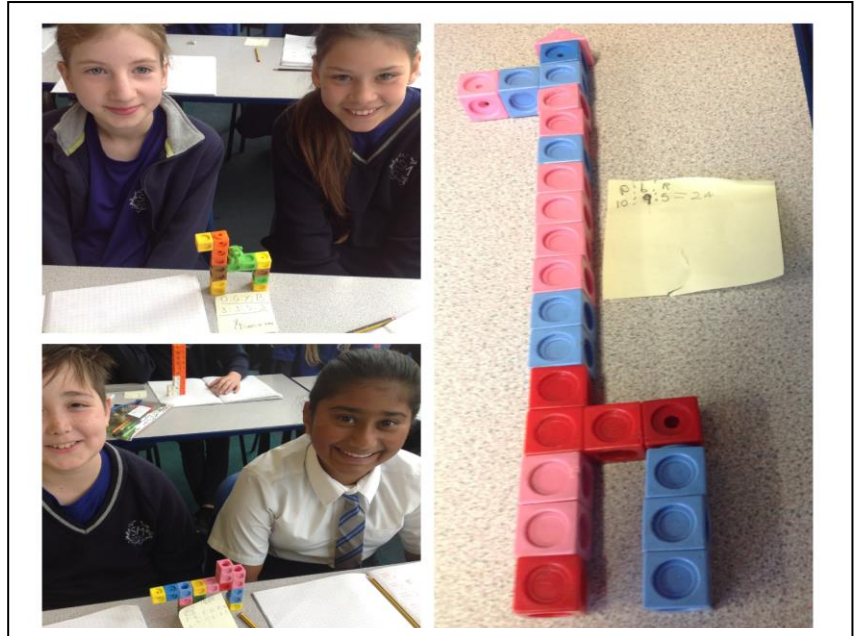
This week the mini vinnies in Year 5 planned and organised a prayer trail for the whole school. There were 6 prayer stations for the children to join in with.

This is enjoyed by us all, thank you.



YEAR 6:

Year 6 started looking at Ratio in a practical way this week! We then went on to look at simplifying and applying knowledge to solve problems. A great start on a skill that is used in high school a lot.



SCHOOL GAMES GIRLS FUTSAL TOURNAMENT:

Our girls played very well in tough conditions. Winning our first 3 games 1-0 against Cedarwood, Gorseland and St Johns respectively. Meaning just a draw against Colneis would take us through to the final. Unfortunately, it was just one of those games where we just couldn't get that decisive goal and we went down 1-0, finishing second in the group, but a tremendous effort and good experience for the girls.



YEAR 6 NETBALL:

ST Mary's fought hard in the snow against a strong St Mark's team losing 12 -6. Well done for persevering and being supportive of each other. We got off to a strong start but their attack was just too strong. Thank you, adults for your support in such freezing weather!



YEARS 5 & 6 NETBALL:

Here are Year 5 and 6 celebrating the fun and hard work they have put into netball this year. The biscuits have kept us going through the cold, bubble netball and we have even managed some games at other schools!



NEW SCHOOL GUIDANCE FROM 1.4.22

Please see the updated guidance below.

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

VACCINATION UK PARENTAL FEEDBACK:

Dear Parents/Carers,

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support to us last year with helping us deliver the School Flu Programme.

We are looking for any feedback you can give us which will help us improve for this year.

Any feedback you can give will be extremely helpful and appreciated

Please see the link below:

Parent and Carer survey link for schools to send out (or you):

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/family-feedback>

Thank you again for all your support and we look forward to working with you again later this year

SCIENCE CHALLENGE:

Please find attached this week's science challenge. Mr Cook would love to hear how you got on making a scared pepper. Please feel free to send in photos of your attempts

SCARED PEPPER

SCIENCE CHALLENGE 17

Designed by Ruby,
James Dyson
Foundation executive

The brief

Move pepper away from you without touching it.

The method

1. Fill the bowl with water.
2. Add some pepper to the top of the water, do not stir it in.
3. Dip your finger into the water, note down what happens.
4. Put a small amount of soap on your finger.
5. Dip it back into the water.
6. What happens to the pepper?

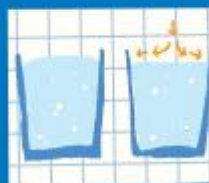


Materials

Ground black pepper
A bowl
Water and washing up liquid or soap

How does it work?

Water normally bulges up a bit. You can see this by looking at a raindrop or by filling a glass slightly over the rim – the water will not spill out. When soap is added to water, surface tension is lowered. The water tries to spread out. As the top of the water flattens out, the pepper on the surface is carried to the edge of the bowl.



Did you know?

In the cosmetics industry the surface friction and consistency of various liquids are regularly changed in order to make them easier to pour or spray.

RECEPTION FUNDRAISING:

Reception would like to announce their fundraising activity for this year. THE FANTASTIC EASTER BUNNY RAFFLE! Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will be able to take part. There are 4 prizes, one for each class. Tickets are 50p each or 3 for £1. If you would like your child to take part in the raffle please send their money into school in a named envelope (it makes it much easier for us to keep track!): Tickets are available up to the end of this term. The draw will be made on the last day of term and money raised will go to CAFOD. Good luck!
Reception and the Fundraising Committee



EASTER ACTIVITY CAMPS:

We wanted to make contact to ensure your school was fully aware of the HAF programme which is providing a number of free activities and food for those who are eligible for free school meals and those children who have a disability.

The programme is being delivered in partnership between Suffolk County Council, Ipswich Borough Council and local providers. This programme aims to support the physical and mental wellbeing of primary and secondary school children during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays, through the provision of a range of sport, leisure and cultural activities and nutritious lunches.

Delivering a brand new programme and working alongside a network of delivery partners, Ipswich Borough Council are offering FREE holiday camps with lunch included during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays for children

and young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals, as well as those from low income working families who would benefit from this extra support. There's also a discretionary fund for those young people that may be in care or young carers. For families that have a child with a disability, we also offer specific disability friendly and inclusive camps that are also offered FREE, with the same benefits as our other Holiday Camps but with the added value of disability-friendly equipment and additional provisions to provide young people with additional needs the best possible experiences.

<https://www.ipswichfit.co.uk/school-holiday-camps/>

UKRAINE APPEAL:

Help us to help them

Here at Autism & ADHD we cannot begin to imagine how difficult it is for all the Ukrainians trying to travel at this horrifying time, but when you are also managing an autistic/ADHD child or adult as well, it just adds another layer of trauma, and it genuinely is keeping me awake at night.

We have liaised with the Red Cross and Autism Europe to see how best to help right now. We have suggested making packs of pocket-sized cards for the front-line professionals to understand how to support these families when they arrive at checkpoints, along with packs of cards to help build social scripts and visuals for the children on their traumatic journey, as the cards they have at the moment do not cover Neurodiversity. We are then able to use the Red Cross and

Autism Europe to help us get the resources where they are need most.

Longer-term, we are exploring how we can provide training & support for displaced families.

We need this money NOW !! So please help us to help them.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/resources-for-autistic-ukraine-families?member=17955235&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer



The poster for Ipswich Fit Activity Camps features a purple and blue color scheme. At the top, there are icons for a purple sneaker, blue goggles, and a yellow dumbbell. Below these is the text 'IPSWICH FIT' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Underneath the text are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. A horizontal purple line separates the header from the main content. The main content includes the title 'Activity Camps available this Easter Holidays!' in bold, followed by the dates 'Monday 11 - Friday 22 April' and 'Booking Dates:'. Two lines of red text provide booking information: 'Priority booking is available now to those with a disability, additional needs or eligible for Free School Meals until Monday 28 March 2022' and 'General Bookings for everyone else opens from Tuesday 29 March 2022'. Below this are two photographs showing children participating in activities. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text explaining the partnership with Suffolk County Council and the Department of Education, and another paragraph stating the programme's aim to support the physical and mental wellbeing of children through sports and nutritious lunches.



TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2021 - 2022

Spring Term 2022

Wednesday 5th January – Friday 08th April

Half term: 21st – 25th February

Staff Training day: 4th January

Summer Term 2022

Tuesday 26th April – Tuesday 19th July

Bank holiday: 02nd May & 6th June

Half term: 30th May – 03rd June

Staff Training days: 25th April, 20th & 21st July

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th September – Friday 16th December

Half term: 24th – 28th October

Staff Training day: 1st & 2nd September

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 31st March

Half term: 13th – 17th February

Staff Training day: 3rd January

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18th April – Thursday 20th July

Bank holiday: 1st May

Half term: 29th May – 2nd June

Staff Training days: 17th April, 21st July