



St Mary's Newsletter

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"God's word pushes us to go out of ourselves so as to encounter our brothers and sisters solely with the gentle power of God's liberating love."

.Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Week Commencing 23th January 2023:

Mon 23th Jan: Yr 4 swimming lesson

Thu 26th Jan: Yr4 Parish Mass 9.15 am in Church

PARKING AND CHILD SAFETY:

May we ask that you all think about child safety whilst driving around the carparks. We are fortunate in that we have use of a school and church carpark. We would like to remind everyone to use the carparks and we should always think of the need to park safely.

SOFT TOY SALE:

Year 2 are having a fundraising sale to raise money for CAFOD.

They would like to have a soft toy sale on Thursday 9th February which is just before half term.

So, we need donations please! Can you have a look through your toy boxes and cupboards and send in donations of anything that is clean, undamaged but no longer wanted by your children.

The children have great fun buying and selling the toys and it will benefit a great charity CAFOD, who do so much to help and support those in need.

Thanks for your help - an early Spring clean!

CAFOD
Just one world





SPOTLIGHT ON

YEAR 5

We have had a very busy first couple of weeks back at school after the Christmas break. Take a look below to see some of the things we have been getting up to!

Science:

In Science, we have started our new topic on Forces. We have learnt all about friction and had a good discussion about how it can be both unhelpful and helpful. We carried out an experiment into how different surfaces can impact the distance a toy car can travel. We hypothesised that the car would travel the shortest distance on rougher surfaces. We found out the bumpier/rougher surfaces, such as the Astro & Bark, slowed the toy car down, as they had more friction, compared to our desks & the concrete path.

English:

Year 5 have been working towards writing a third person story, set in another culture. The children have chosen either Ancient Greece (linked to our history topic) or Ancient Egypt, linked to our Guided reading. We have been working hard to plan our stories this week and will be completing them next week.

R.E:

We have begun our new topic on God's Covenants. We have looked at His Covenants with Noah and Abraham. We are now looking at the Israelites and creating our own story booklet about the Covenants we have learnt about.

Using natural materials and inspired by the work of Lesley Richmond, we made woven decorated branches



Year 5
Art
Textiles and Collage

PIC•COLLAGE

Year 4 Art 4th January 2023



Inspired by nature
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Art

We have been using nature to inspire our Art with Miss Mudd this term. We looked closely at tree bark and made mixed media collages. Then, we used natural materials inspired by the work of Lesley Richmond to make woven branches! These have been proudly displayed in our outdoor classroom.

NETBALL YEARS 5&6:

We had a new record at netball club on Wednesday despite the cold, 26 girls from Year 5 and 6. Their love of the game is infectious and is spreading throughout the classes!



SUFFOLK GAMES YEAR 4 BOWLING:

Some Year 4 children had a wonderful afternoon bowling at Martlesham as part of Suffolk School Games. They had a great time and improved their scores as they bowled! It was splendid to see such team spirit and encouragement. Well done



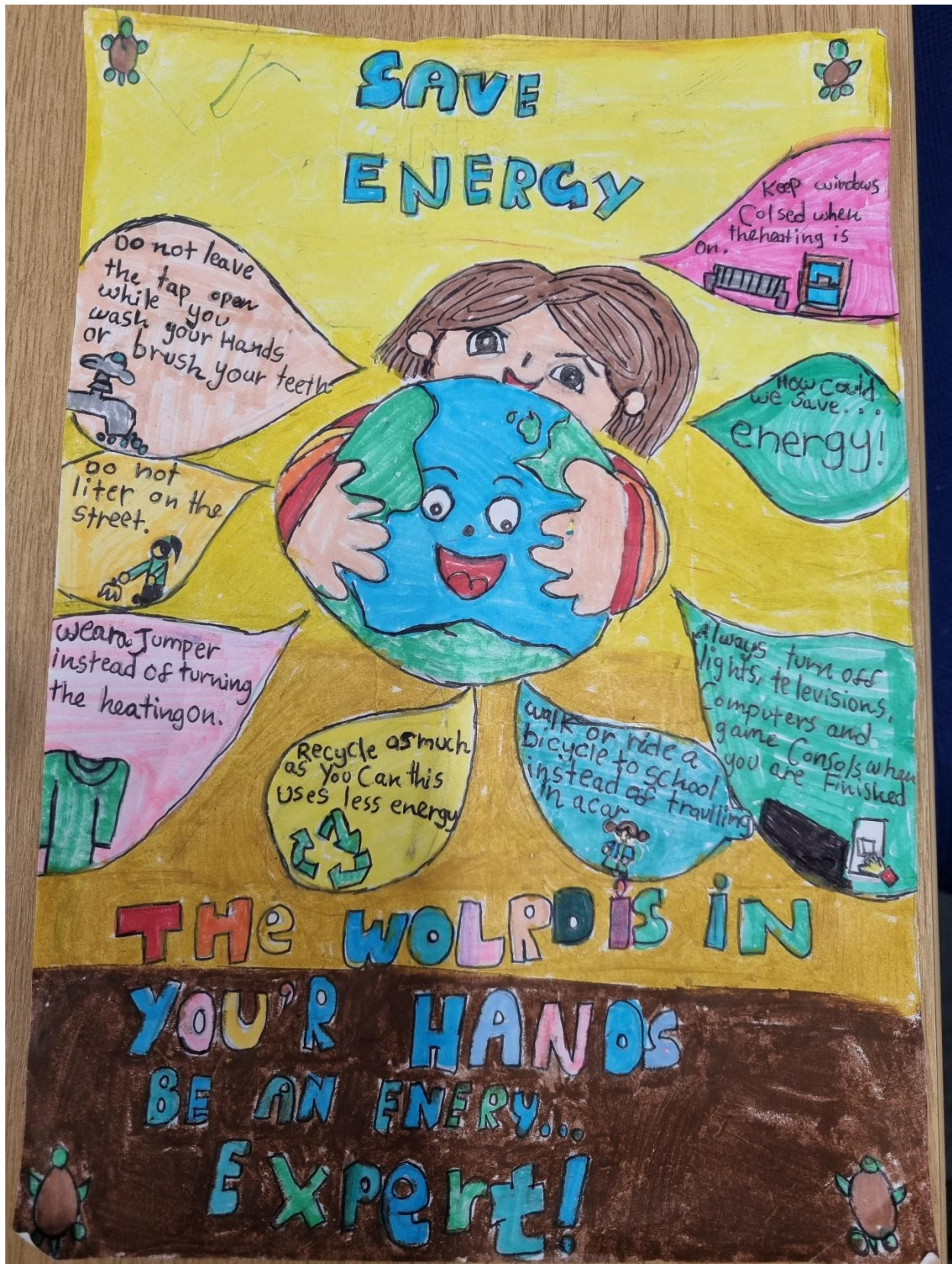
TRAVELLING BY TUBA:

Travelling by Tuba entertained and informed us on Thursday with a Musical Assembly and workshops. The musicians played such an array of instruments and kept us spellbound for a solid 75 minutes before break and then each class took part in a workshop exploring rhythms and ensemble playing. What a treat for all!



SAVE ENERGY COMPETITION:

The school council held a competition for pupils to design a poster to help save energy. Thank you to everyone who entered it was a tough decision choosing a winner, here is Amara Thahir from Year4+ winning poster:



TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th September – Friday 16th December

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 & 8th May

Half term: 29th May – 2nd June

Staff Training days: 17th April, 21st July