

Newsletter

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"With baptism, we belong to Christ. We are rooted in an everlasting communion with God and each other. Baptism is the source of every form of consecrated, and also the strength to separate us from worldliness."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



WC 7th February 2022

Mon 7th Feb: Yr4+ Swimming

Mon 7th Feb: Sports Clubs Return

Fri 11th Feb: Non Uniform Day – Express Yourself

Fri 11th Feb: KS Girls Football for Years 3 & 4 Only

Fri 11th Feb: KS2 Multisports for Years 3 & 4 Only

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, thank you to all of those of you who are parking and driving responsibly. It makes a big difference to our pupils and wider school community. As Pope Francis says, above all, we must work together as brothers and sisters #HumanFraternityDay.

Despite being in class bubbles at school, we are still meeting together virtually every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for prayer and liturgy. We continue to pray, reflect and celebrate together, it is a time appreciated by all of us.

Class bubbles will continue next week, however the number of positive cases is reducing. We currently have 19 cases across staff and pupils.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

NON UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 11TH FEB FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH:

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week 7th-13th of Feb is Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Growing Together'.

Attached to the newsletter is information about growing together for parents and carers.



As part of children's mental health week are taking part in Dress to Express on Friday 11th February. Children can wear what they like, as colourful as they like, whatever makes them feel comfortable as themselves or however they would like to express themselves but please make it appropriate for a day at school. We will be collecting a £1.00 donation, please bring this into school and your teacher will collect it, if you wish to donate more please feel free.

YEAR R:

Reception have been enjoying learning all about Chinese New Year this week. This year is the year of the tiger and on Monday the children made their own tiger masks with Miss Mudd.



YEAR 1:

In Science we have been learning about forces. This week we investigated the direction that the wind is blowing by making our own wind socks. It was very windy day so they worked really well.



YEAR 2:

In Art, Y2 have been preparing work surfaces, ready for printmaking next week. We decided to make our backgrounds look like a beautiful afternoon's sky - inspired by the excellent sunsets we have seen this week.



YEAR 3:

In our year three science lesson this week we set up an experiment to see how plants cope with various conditions. In pairs, the children devised their own questions and collaborated to work out the best way to record our results. We now have a fortnight of observations before writing up our conclusions. Great work, year three scientists!



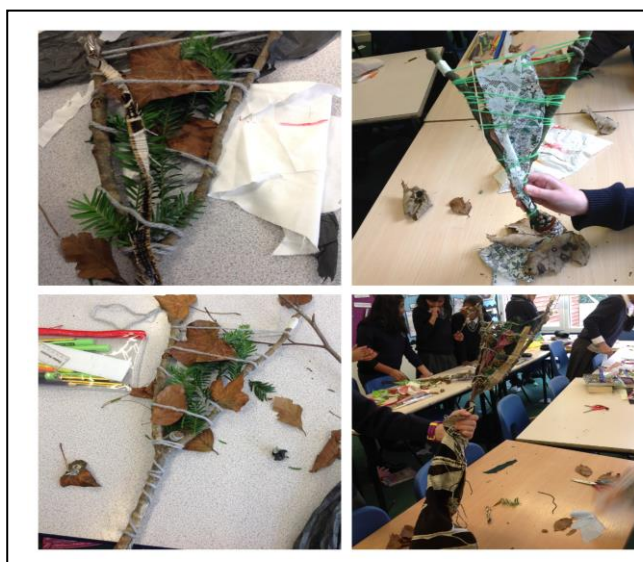
YEAR 4:



Year 4 have been developing their printing skills by making their own blocks and printing onto different materials in the style of West African Kente cloth. Dramatic and messy – good job Year 4.

YEAR 5:

In Art, we have been using our weaving and looming skills to create a piece of natural art. We thought about the colours that appear in nature and gathered natural materials to help us create a piece that resembled nature. We were inspired by Lesley Richmond's art pieces.



VACANCY:

Lunchtime Staff Required

Effective from 1st March, we have a vacancy in school for a midday supervisor to help with our busy lunchtimes.

The hours are 11.55am – 1.05pm (1 hour 10mins per day);
five days per week

The salary is £18,562 pro rata for 38 weeks per year 1 hour 10 minutes per day (plus 5 weeks paid holiday)

If you would like to express an interest or know of someone who would like this role, please contact Louise Pettit on louise.pettit@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk



BRAIN BREAKS:

Talk about all the ways children can take a break to rest their bodies and their minds.



SCIENCE CHALLENGE:

Please find attached this week's science challenge. Mr Cook would love to hear how you got a make a working demonstration of Lenz's Law. Please feel free to send in photos of your attempts

LENZ'S LAW

SCIENCE CHALLENGE 10

Designed by Tom,
Design engineer at Dyson

The brief

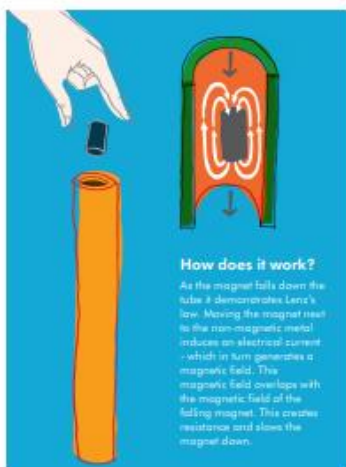
Create a working demonstration of Lenz's law.

The method

1. Drop the magnet into the tube.
2. Watch what happens.

Materials

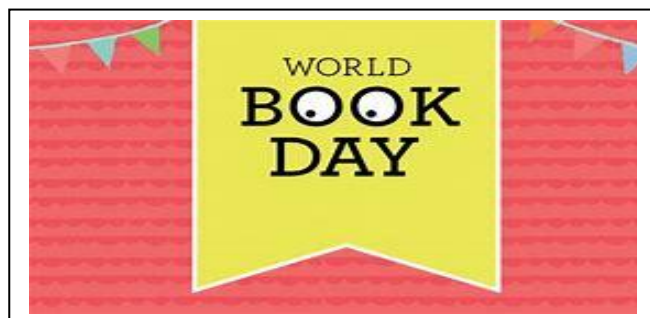
A 30cm long domestic copper plumbing tube
Strong magnet that fits freely – but closely into the tube



WORLD BOOK DAY:

Key date: World Book Day – 3rd March

This year World Book Day will be on Thursday 3rd March. On this day, we would encourage children to come dressed up a character from a book they have read. We would also like them to bring in their favourite book, so we can share these in class.



MUSIC TUITION:

Instrument tuition has started. Spring term tuition fees are due for payment please 28th January 2022.

Polite reminder that when you sign your child up for music lessons that begin every September, that you are financially committed to this for the whole school year. Thank you



PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL MEALS:

School Dinners should be paid for in advance. If your child's dinner account is in arrears, please clear within the school week. Thank you. If you have any issues with payment, please email the school office.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

Universal Free School meals are available for every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

However, you may be eligible for what is known as 'Free School Meals', this is available for all families to apply who are on a low income from Reception to Year 6. If your application is successful the school will be provided additional financial support which will then enable us to help you. To ascertain if you are eligible please apply using the link below.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

COOL MILK:

If any of our Free School Meal pupils would like morning milk, the school would pay but please email the school to request this. If any other parent would like to pay for morning milk they can register and pay cool milk.



The graphic is a promotional poster for Cool Milk. It features a blue background with a white milk bottle icon and the text 'FREE and subsidised school milk Register your child today!'. Below this is a photograph of a child in a red school uniform holding a clear plastic milk carton. To the right, a flowchart titled 'Is your child entitled to FREE milk?' shows two paths: 'Child under 5?' leading to 'Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.' and 'Child over 5?' leading to 'Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £14 per term.' Both paths include a red arrow icon and the instruction 'Register your child online for FREE school milk today.' or 'Register online now and you can pay straight away!'. At the bottom right, there is a blue box with white text: 'Register your child for school milk today. Sign them up in a few clicks... Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com. Need help? Contact our Customer Service team on 0800 321 3248 or via email at register@coolmilk.com'. The Cool Milk logo and website URL are at the bottom.

MICROSOFT TRAINING:



This is available for Parents and families, this is basic training, just select the course below to book your space.

Microsoft Excel -- 3rd Feb/8th Feb -- <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/store/workshops-training-and-events/detail/get-started-with-microsoft-excel?program=Students&src=results&pos=1>

Microsoft Word -- 31st Jan -- <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/store/workshops-training-and-events/detail/introduction-to-word?program=Professionals&src=results&pos=2>

Microsoft Team -- 16th March/13th April/11th May -- <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/store/workshops-training-and-events/detail/introduction-to-teams-webinars?program=Students&src=results&pos=19>

Windows 10 Basic -- 4th Feb/7th Feb/18th Feb/25th Feb -- <https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/store/workshops-training-and-events/detail/get-started-with-windows-10?program=Professionals&src=results&pos=1>

FOSM SECOND HAND UNIFORM:

We have some really lovely Second Hand uniform available at the moment. If you see anything you would like, please request it by e-mailing Friends Of St Mary's on friendsofstmarysipswich@gmail.com. Please include your child's name and school year group. Any donations of uniform would be very gratefully received – just send them in to school with your child for the attention of The Office.

Updated list attached with this newsletter.

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