

Newsletter

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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4EU

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"In this season of conversion, sustained by God's grace and by the communion of the Church, let us not grow tired of doing good. The soil is prepared by fasting, watered by prayer and enriched by charity."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



St Mary's School Drivers



Whole Child

Community

Communication

Faith

WC 25th April 2022

Mon 25th April: PD Day

Tue 26th April: Children Return to School

Tue 26th April: Year 3 Parish Mass 9.15am in Church

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was truly wonderful to see so many parents in church this morning. Our pupils sang, played instruments and spoke beautifully for our Easter Liturgy. A special well done to Year 6 and Mrs Dyer who led the liturgy.

Have a wonderful Easter break and we will see you on Tuesday 26th April for the start of the summer term.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

SPORTS CLUBS:

New Sports Clubs for Summer Term 2022:

Monday 3.15pm Football – Years 1 & 2 FULLY BOOKED

Wednesday 8am Multisports – Years 1, 2 and 3 FULLY BOOKED

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



There are still a few spaces available on the KS2 clubs, places will be offered on a first come first served basis. If you wish to book a space please email the school office and we will reply after the Easter Holidays.

Clubs will begin week commencing 3rd May 2022.

REMINDER:

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

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.

LUNCHTIME STAFF REQUIRED

Effective from 1st May, 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 £18,887 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

Closing Date: Friday 22nd April 2022

Interviews: TBC



RECEPTION:



This week in Reception the children have been digging for worms. We know lots of facts about worms, our favourites are that they have 5 pairs of hearts and they have no eyes!!

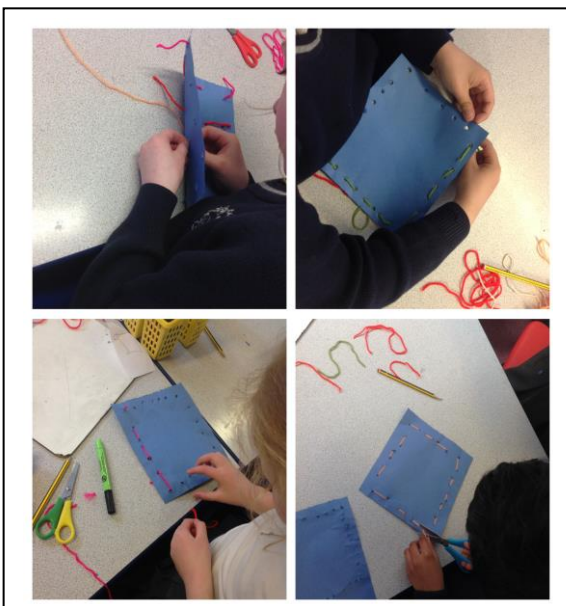
YEAR 1:

Year 1 had a fantastic time visiting Ipswich Transport Museum. We got to sit on lots of different trams, trolley buses, buses and coaches. We particularly liked the top deck of the tram because we could change the direction of the seats! We also got to buy our own tickets to go on the buses. We enjoyed trying on different fireman's helmets and ringing the bells.



YEAR 2:

Year 2 have been practising their threading skills in Art this week. Well done everyone!



YEAR 3:

This week, our year three artists have been creating beautiful collage mandalas in their sketchbooks. Everyone worked hard at applying new skills and enjoyed touring our classroom gallery once we had finished. Well done Year 3!



YEAR 4:

Year 4 had a great DT session making spicy roasted potatoes. They practised the skill of peeling and learned the "bridge method" to cut with a knife. The potatoes took a while to cook but were very tasty. They shared their success with Year 3 and Year 5 so lots of people had a chance to enjoy their delicious cooking. Good job everyone.



YEAR 5:

Year 5 had a great time this week during DT tasting scones as part of our upcoming project next term!

We tasted cheese, sultana, plain and clotted cream scones and completed a sensory evaluation of them all. The least favourite for the majority of Year 5 was the cheese scone!! We also looked at the packaging of each and determined which was the healthiest. We are looking forward to baking our own after Easter.



YEAR 6:

On Wednesday 6th April, Year 6 Worship Council presented all 15 Stations of the Cross to the whole school. Classes went around either in the Willow Garden or inside classes (due to the rain). The children guided classes through each of the stations and reflected and prayed in memory of Jesus' journey to his death and resurrection. Well done Worship Council.



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

SCIENCE CHALLENGE:

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

DANCING RAISINS

SCIENCE CHALLENGE 18

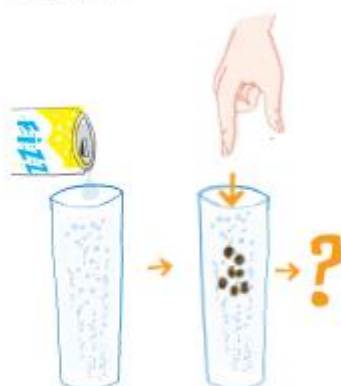
Designed by Danyu,
James Dyson
Foundation executive

The brief

Make raisins dance up and down in a glass of fizzy drink.

The method

1. Pour the can of drink into the tall glass.
2. Notice the bubbles coming up from the bottom of the glass. The bubbles are carbon dioxide gas released from the liquid.
3. Drop a few raisins into the glass. Watch the raisins for a few seconds. Describe what is happening to the raisins.
4. Do they sink or float? Keep watching, what happens?



Materials

- A can of clear, fizzy drink (e.g. lemonade)
- A tall, clear glass
- A handful of raisins



How does it work?

Raisins have a higher density than the liquid in the glass, so they sink to the bottom. Carbon dioxide bubbles attach themselves to the raisins increasing their volume while adding very little to their mass. With greater volume, the raisin displaces more fluid. This causes the water to exert greater buoyant force, pushing the raisins upwards. Once the raisins reach the top of the glass the carbon dioxide escapes and the raisins sink again.

SENDIASS CONSTRUCTION INTERVENTION TO SUPPORT SOCIAL COMMUNICATION:

Please use the link below if you are interested in booking a space on this work shop.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-construction-intervention-can-support-social-communication-tickets-277408966687>

Construction Intervention to support social communication

SENDIASS is hosting a relaxed online session for parents and carers exploring how Construction Intervention can help children and young people develop social communication skills in school and at home.

The presentation will be delivered by specialist teachers from Suffolk's Communication and Interaction Service. This is one of the 5 specialist education services in Suffolk which support schools to support pupils with different special educational needs.

The session will explore:

- what Construction Intervention is;
- how it can help your child develop social communication skills in school;
- how the same principles can be used at home.

You do not have to use your video or speak in the session if you'd rather not - you can just listen.

5th May 2022 **10am – 11am**

[Click to register](#)

NEW SCHOOL MENU FOR SUMMER TERM:

When we return to school after Easter we will have a new school menu, running on a 3 week cycle.

We have attached the menu and allergy information with the newsletter but below is a link if you find this easier.

<http://www.eats-catering.co.uk/menus/>



SUMMER FAIR:

Friends of St Mary's will be holding a summer fair from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday 25th June. We will need volunteers for all sorts of things on the day so please get in touch

at Friendsofstmarysipswich@gmail.com if you can spare an hour or two on the day. We really hope we can make it a good one.

To that end, if you are having a clear out over Easter we would be very grateful for donations of the following for the summer fair:

- Soft toys and teddies
- Books in good condition
- Packaged chocolate or sweets



We will put a box in the office for donations, or please ask your class rep if you have a lot to donate. In the interest of advance warning, we will be having one more dress down day this year, on June 10th. Instead of a pound, we will be asking for bottle donations to be used for a tombola at the fair – soft drinks, wine, spirits, are all welcome.

Thank you very much and have a happy blessed Easter from the Friends of St Mary's PTA team

TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2021 - 2022

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