



St Mary's Newsletter

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"We are all fragile and vulnerable. We all need that compassion which knows how to pause, come close, heal us, and raise us up."

.Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Week Commencing 20th February 2023:

Mon 20th: Children return to school

Mon 20th: Yr 4 Swimming – leaving school at 9am

Wed 22nd: Ash Wednesday

YEAR2 FUNDRAISING:

Thank you to everyone who bought a new toy at the fundraising sale on Thursday. It was wonderful to see everyone so happy with their new purchases – and we even had enough for KS2 to take part as well with our after school sale. Year 6 did a great job running the sale in the Hive and were a real credit to the school with their kindness and organisation! We have raised nearly £140 for CAFOD which is an incredible amount, and will help many people in need here and abroad. Thanks from Miss Mudd and the Fundraising Committee





SPOTLIGHT ON

YEAR 1

Wow how quickly this half term has gone! Come and take a look at the exciting things Year 1 have been getting up to this half term!

RE

In RE we have recently been focusing on prayer. We have learnt about the different signs and symbols we use as well as the different types of prayer there are! This week we enjoyed writing our prayers in the lovely sunshine and adding some colour to our outdoor area. **Ask me what the 4 types of prayer are!**

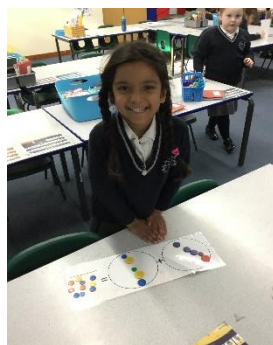


English

In English we have worked extremely hard to use features of a recount. We wrote about our visit to the church where we learnt about Baptism in RE. It is really pleasing to see the progress that the children have made since the start of the year!

Mathematics

In Mathematics we have recently finished our addition and subtraction block and are now working on Place Value within 20. We are enjoying using the variety of maths resources that we have in school. Yesterday we explored the different ways we can represent 10!



Science

In Science we have enjoyed learning about materials and their properties. We have loved having the opportunity to conduct different experiments such as which materials are transparent and opaque and more recently which materials are waterproof. **Ask me what it means if something is waterproof!**



History

In History we have been learning about Mary Anning. We have learnt lots of different facts about her life. We learnt that she is a palaeontologist- did you know that is someone who studies fossils? We had fun making our own fossils too! We are looking forward to learning about "David" (Attenborough) next half term! **Ask me how many facts I can remember about Mary Anning!**



PSHE

In PSHE this week, we have focused on children's mental health. We have been discussing the different ways we are connected. We enjoyed completing lots of different activities within our PE lesson that linked to our PSHE. **Over the half term enjoy spending time doing the things you love and making memories!**



DT

DT has been very interesting to watch this half term! The children have enjoyed their food technology module which has seen the children make rainbow wraps and crudité's. Apologies for any grated fingers that have gone home recently! The children have been very sensible when using different equipment to cut food. I have to say, we have seen some fantastic facial expressions when children have tried their food! Perhaps I can help you to prepare dinner over half term!



Please continue to read and practise your sounds over half term 😊

Have a wonderful half term and thank you for all of your support!



PARENTS EVENINGS:

Thank you for your feedback on parents evening. Following the positive response, we will be continuing with remote parents' evenings using school cloud. Please remember that you can book a face-to-face appointment with your child's class teacher at any time throughout the school year. Our next parent's consultation evenings will be held on the 21st and 23rd March.

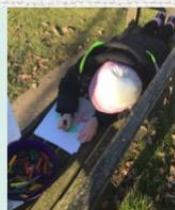
YEAR 5 LANDSCAPE REBELS EXHIBITION:

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Year 5 at the Landscape Rebels exhibition



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8th February 2023 PIC•COLLAGE

CHILDRENS MENTAL HEALTH WEEK:

Year 6:

Year 6 were showing their attention as a way to feel connected. This was an activity suggestion from Suffolk mind. Each person in the pair would talk for 60 seconds on something they felt expert about. This was split into 4 sub categories: Topic, Words, Skills and Why?

At the end they then asked each other one question they wanted to know about their partners topic.

They then had 2 minutes to record in a quadrant what they could recall - their partner then had a look!

Post card: We discussed mental health as a class. The aim was to imagine we were sending a postcard to a child and promoting mental health support.



Reception:

Expressing ourselves.



Year 1:

In Year 1 we used the idea of connection to make balances which required trust.



Year 2:



YEAR 3:

We were talking about how to calm ourselves when worried or cross. We tried a Body Scanner that scanned our breathing. We were laying, relaxing and controlling our breathing using meditation to help relax all of our body.



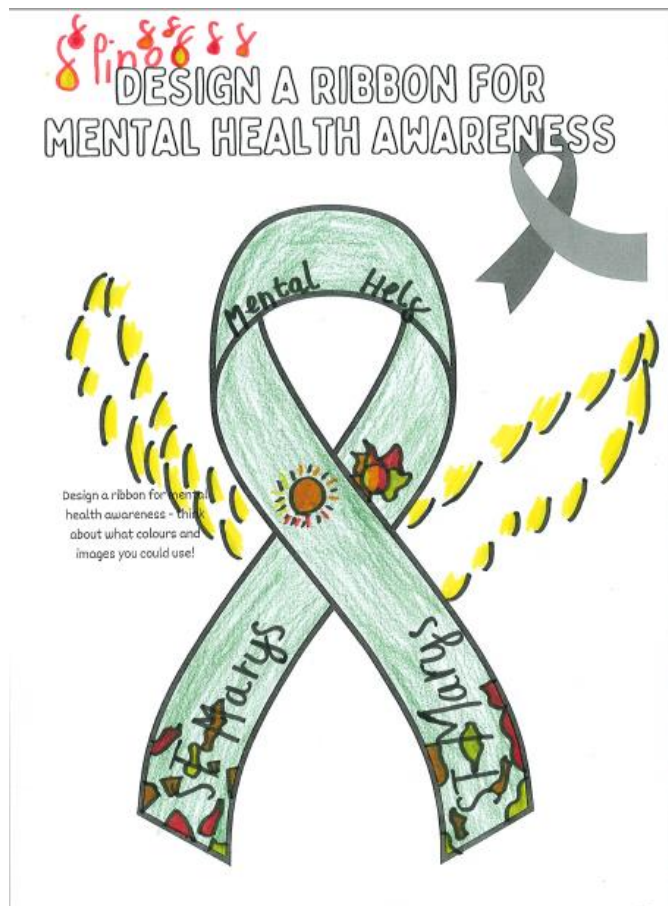
Year 4:

Year 4 made a paper chain of what connects us to someone else



Year 5:

Year 5 designed a ribbon for mental health awareness



DESIGN A RIBBON FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Matilde



I made this design because this is what makes me happy. And a dragon loves water.

SEND HALF TERM ACTIVITIES:



For more information please visit: <https://infolink.suffolk.gov.uk/kb5/suffolk/infolink/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=7>

SEND FAMILY FARM DAY:



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