



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”

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We have seen so much perseverance from children this week in so many different things such as playtimes, Forest Schools, swimming, football, Number Day to name a few things This is an important message for us all and we continue to encourage the children to show perseverance and resilience.

Ukraine – Thank you so much for the generous donations that we received to go out to Ukraine. We cannot imagine what life must be like at the moment for the people of Ukraine and we are so grateful for the donations. We are saying prayers for the parents and children of the Ukraine.

St Mary's Church – On **Sunday March 27th** there is a special **Mothering Sunday Service**. It is an all age celebration at **10.30am**. Everyone is invited so please make a note in your diary.

We have also welcomed Rev Patrick Donovan to school this week and Rev Donovan will be joining the children for worship over the next few weeks. It is great to welcome members of the church in to school to support the learning that we do.

Year 6 Swimming Gala – English Schools Swimming Association Area Championships

We took eight Year 6 swimmers to The Pavilions in Horsham yesterday and Team A took home Gold & Silver and Team B Silver & Bronze. Wow what an achievement, swimming against the likes of Brighton College, St Bedes and Hurst College. Well done to **Molly B, William C, Luke T, Charlie K, Jessica K, Jessica L, Ella W, Caleb S and Harry H.**



Our reflection time – We have begun to think about justice with the children this week and Mrs Smith has put together her reflection. <https://youtube.com/watch?v=hq-pxqLL9ro&feature=share>

Staff professional development – this week the staff looked at curriculum opportunities to encourage speaking more and therefore allowing the children to experiment and develop language.

Year 6 Girls football – It was the turn of the Year 6 girls last week to compete in the Horsham Sports Services football tournament at Tanbridge House. **After a challenging 1-0 defeat in their opening game to Heron Way B, played in heavy wind and rain, the girls responded with a 3-0 victory against Slinfold with Brooke G scoring twice and a first ever goal for Polly B. The qualifiers came next and the girls recorded a huge 6-0 win against Shelley with Brooke G this time netting 5 and Polly B grabbing the other goal.**

In their final game, Southwater B proved too strong as the girls finished the afternoon **with a 2-0 defeat.** A fantastic display from all of the girls (**Amelie E-W, Brooke G, Charlie K, Misty M, Abi H, Alicia B, Bella B, Ellie J, Polly B**) who have come on so much as a football team. It is the turn of the Year 5 boys next week.

Eco Warriors – Ireland class pupils took it upon themselves to bring in plastic bottles in which they can place their unwanted crisp packets. The reason for this is to continue to recycle the plastic but by placing the crisp packets in a bottle it prevents them from littering beaches, our countryside and polluting our seas. Thank you to Ireland class for thinking about our environment.



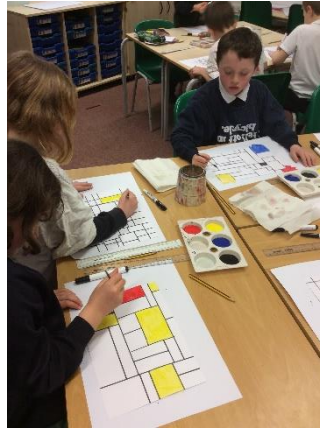
Street Dance – Thank you to Street Funk who came and joined the children for a session this week. The children really enjoyed the sessions and exercise is always great for our mental health and wellbeing and we could see the mood lift for some of the children. Thank you to Mr Coomber and Mrs Gowland for organising this.



Resources and Signposting for War in Ukraine – We know that some children have been sharing worries about the war that is happening in Ukraine. If you need to speak to your child because they are raising this with you then please see the resources attached.

Learning - Egyptian workshop for Year 4. Year 4 were so fortunate to have Horsham Museum come and visit. The children learnt about Egyptian clothing and customs and were able to hone their embalming skills! One of the customs that the children found most interesting was weighing the heart against a feather. If the heart was as light as the feather, the person would be able to move to the afterlife. If the person's heart was heavier than the feather, they would be sent to the Underworld or Ammut would eat them. If a person's heart was light, it meant that he or she had done many good deeds and not sinned.

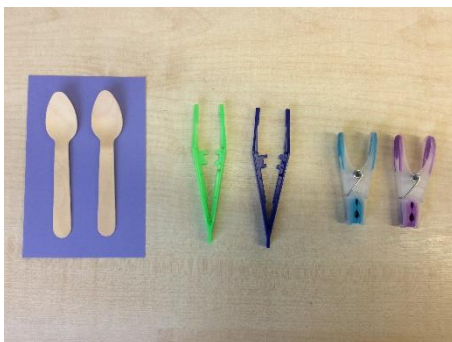
NSPCC Number Day – We raised **£141.00** for the NSPCC. Thank you so much for your donations – we know that the NSPCC will be thrilled.



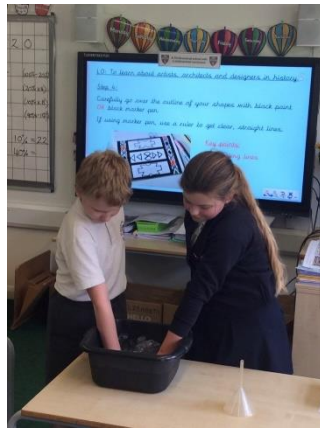
Science Week - Wind Turbines



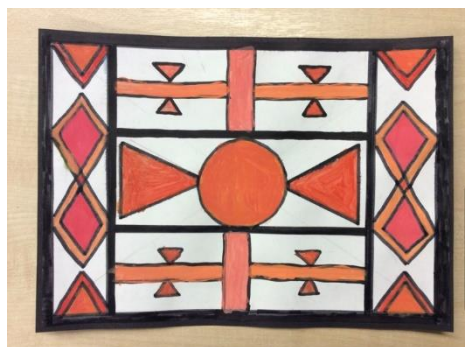
Science Week - Battle of the Beaks – in Science we looked at the shape of the bird's beak and how easy or hard this was for eating.



Science Week - Blubber Glove – Year 6 looked at the effects of blubber for insulation in animals.



African Art - Esther Mahlangu – Our art curriculum looks at African art and the children researched African artists and their designs.



Things coming up

- **Fri 18th March – Red Nose Day** - No contribution and we will be running a sponsored 'Read-a-thon'.
Cakes / Brownie sale after school in the front playground.
- **Tue 29th March and Thur 31st March – Parents Evening via School Cloud** and the teachers will be sharing evidence from the children's books.
- **Sunday 3rd April – Year 4 performing 'The Easter Play'** in church.
- **Tuesday 5th April – The Easter Play for Year 4 parents on school field** – tickets will be available shortly.
- **Wednesday 6th April** – Parents will be able to come in to the classrooms to look at the children's books with their child for EYFS and KS1 at 3.15pm. Your child will need to stay with you throughout this.
- **Thursday 7th April** - Parents will be able to come in to the classrooms to look at the children's books with their child for KS2 at 3.30pm. Your child will need to stay with you throughout this.

Achievements

Olivia (SL) achieved 3rd place in the individual medley in swimming

Keeley (Jap) read a 'Mrs Copus star read' within a few days – amazing effort!

Daisy (ire) received a medal for the Rugby tournament

Ella W (SA)
Ella completed her sponsored swim for the big top at the weekend. Slight delay due to covid. Her aim was to swim 50 lengths (25m) in an hour she completed 70 within the hour, swimming 1.75km. She has raised £70 Well done!

Ava (Chi) made her promise at Brownies.

Charlie (Ire), Olly (Ire), Max (Ind) and Charlie (Ind) received Man of the Match.

Ruben (Chi) got his adventure badge.

Tommi (SA) achieved Man of the Match at his football.

Sophie (Ire) received a silver medal at ballet.

Archie-D C
Got player of the week even with an injury.



Parkrun

**Franco F (SL), Flynn F (SL), Anna E (SL)
Martha B (SL).**

Who are giving their very best in
'Parkrun' we love the participation
outside of school. Well done!

Max (Ind)
achieved stage 3
in his swimming

Isla (NZ) has
moved up to
stage 5 in her
swimming

Charlie (Ire) best
player in rugby for
Under 8's.

Felicity (USA)
achieved her
dance medal.

Caleb (Mex) has
gained three cub
badges.

Esme (Ire) has gone
up to stage 4 in her
swimming.



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