



NEWSLETTER

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

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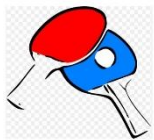
WB 5th February 2024

What a great half term at St Mary's with the highlights being author visits, Greek Day, Hawking About, Little Lifesavers, Arctic Explorers Day, Egyptian Day, drama sessions to encourage active learning, sleep clinic, Horsham Museum, Amberley Museum, Mental Health, celebration assemblies for some of the school and sport competitions. Please enjoy the half term break with your friends and family and create memories.

Quiz Night - A huge thank you to the PTA for organising the Quiz Night. It was great to see so many competitive people taking part. Tom Hayes was a very competent Quiz Master for this event, which raised £578.57. Thank you to those who supported the PTA for this event.



Table Tennis - Eight children across Key Stage 2 travelled to Forest School in Horsham on Friday to participate in a Table Tennis skills festival. After learning some key vocabulary and facts about the sport, the children learnt about the many ways of gripping a bat as well as serving using both a forehand and a backhand. They then moved on to a series of target games involving miniature rugby posts, cricket stumps, a wooden archery butt, numbered cards and towers of plastic cups before finishing with a set of rallies. Well done to all the children that took part - Skye T, Kevin M, Bea K, Ivy D, Freya C, Daisy B,



Victoria L and Bowie W-V



Key Stage Two - Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests – Thank you to those parents who came to the meeting. We hope it was useful and informative. If you would like a copy of the Powerpoint they can be found on the class pages on our website or by clicking [HERE](#).

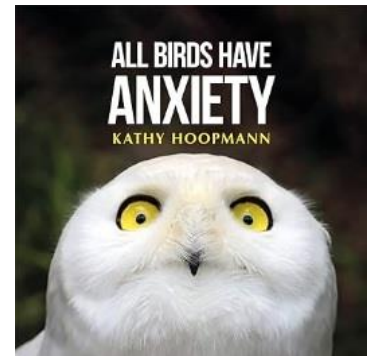


Safer Internet Day - Reminder for Whatsapp and technology. Obsession with technology is becoming a real thing – please try and minimise your children's access to devices and allow them to play outside and play games with others. Please visit the website for useful information on keeping yourselves and your children safe online: www.saferinternetday.org



Uniform supplier - Exciting news! Our uniform provider Sussex Uniforms has now rebranded to Monkhouse Schoolwear. You can now shop at monkhouse.com for a fantastic online shopping experience and simple ordering

Mental Health Week - This week is Mental Health Week. 'Thoughtful' are running a parent Tea and Chat about "Helping your child with their emotions". This is on Monday 22nd April. Please attend if your child has outbursts and finds it difficult to describe their emotions. As a parent, you spend so much more time with your child and knowing how to manage this is so important for your families and for everyday life.



We are seeing more cases of childhood anxiety in school. If you feel your child is struggling with anxiety, then do teach them about what it is and how you can manage it. The book 'All Birds Have Anxiety' is brilliant to share with your child and is available online.

You can also find some useful support and advice at the following places –

[e-Wellbeing – Parenting Support](#)
[West Sussex Mind](#)
[YoungMinds](#)

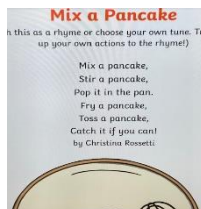
Learning – Art - Year 3 have been printing in their art lessons. This is the end of a series of lessons where the children have been experimenting with printing and mark-making.



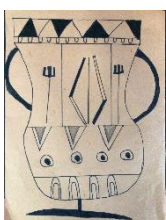
Learning – Library - Mrs Hancock has really trained the children in our library and the children are using the app to get out their own books. Do ask the children to change their book if they need a new one.



Learning – Shrove Tuesday - as Shrove Tuesday is during half term, our EYFS children have been making pancakes today and choosing their favourite toppings before tasting them.



Learning – Japan Class - The children in Japan class used repeating Greek patterns to design a vase. They included symbols to represent the Greek gods and myths. They also created their own masks and acted out scenes inspired by Ancient Greece



Reflection – [Forgiveness and Lent \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) Thank you to Mrs Smith for this reflection – it really does make you think! Have a watch! The children at school have been thinking about forgiveness – look at what South Africa produced as part of their reflection.



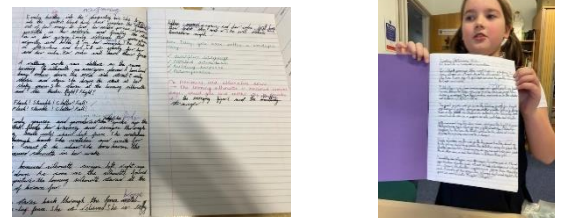
Amberley Working Museum – UK and Thailand class visited Amberley Museum as part of their topic ‘Marvellous Machines’. They travelled to Amberley on the train and looked at old and new machines in the museum. What an experience and a great day out for these two classes.



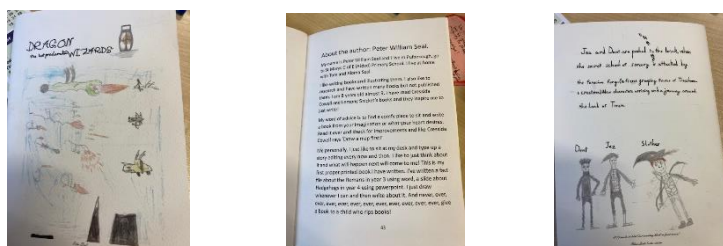
Sierra Leone – Miss Turner is travelling to Bo, Kenema in Sierra Leone with Education West Africa this half term to visit some local schools. Our children in Key Stage 2 have spent some time writing to the children there and the children in Year 5 and Year 6 have been making them some gifts for her to take along. We look forward to hearing all about it on her return!



Outstanding writing – Year 3 have been sharing their suspense stories and the quality of the writing, vocabulary and ideas is outstanding. Check out these examples.



Peter S has been sharing his love of books and came with his version of ‘**Dragon Wizards; The Last Proclamation**’ He really does have the talent to be an author and I will be watching to see his progress with this dream.



Reading – Over half term please try and read books that you might have at home or visit the library. If you can get your child to read for 20 minutes a day it will have all these benefits.



Celebration assemblies - Spring term – These will start at 9am.

Thur 22nd Feb – Jap (main hall) USA (small hall – NB change of date*)

Thur 29th Feb – UK (small hall) SL (Large hall)

Thur 7th Mar – NZ

Thur 14th Mar – Ireland

Thur 21st Mar – India



Vine leaves – **Ava M (Thai)** for friendship and kindness - she chose (without any prompting) to give her milk to another child who didn't have one. **Martha B (SA)** for humility - you put another child before yourself when we were allocating parts for our class assembly, allowing them to have a role that you also wanted. **Hettie S (Ind)** for creativity as she produced an amazing polar region. **Macie S (Ita)** for creativity; she produced an amazing polar region – with great 3D animals. **Edward S (Ind)** for showing and sharing his wisdom during Guided Reading, super job! **William K (Ind)** for displaying his amazing creativity when India class made their own bookmarks. Amazing shading effects! **Bowie W-V (Ire)** for perseverance as she gave table tennis her all. **Max H (USA)** and **Freya C (USA)** for their Internet Safety posters. **Lyla H (Ita)** for her amazing Antarctica scene. **Harrison B (Ire)** have a vine leaf for creativity. For writing a suspense narrative using a high level of detail, personification and a wide range of fronted adverbials. **Poppy G (NZ)** for showing humility as she cares enough to ask if she should close the outside door every time. **Gioele (Tha)** for perseverance as now he has started writing we can't get him to stop and with notebook in hand he is taking detailed notes. **Rex W (SA)** for kindness as you have supported a classmate brilliantly with their learning this week. **Poppy G (SA)** for perseverance as you have made huge strides with your Maths this half term. **Lyla H (Ita)** Lyla created a detailed polar landscape using some very creative resources. **Swaily J (Ita)** Swaily persevered in his Rainbow Bear poetry and created some work to be proud of. **Pippa C-G (Ita)** Pippa has been so polite and helpful this week, always eager to help with class jobs.



Chartwell's Easter Celebration Meal – Don't forget to order your child's Easter meal. Booking for this **must** be done by Thursday 14th March. See attached poster for details.



Dates for your diary - SPRING TERM

- **Mon 12th Feb** – Fri 16th Feb – HALF TERM
- **Mon 19th Feb** – Return to school
- **Tue 20th Feb** – Film Night for Y5 and Y6 – more details to follow
- **Tue 27th and Wed 28th Feb** – EYFS medical checks
- **Thur 7th Mar** – World Book Day – Come to school in costume dressed as a book character
- **Tue 19th and Thur 21st Mar** – Parents' Evenings 3.30 – 6pm – these will be back in school with a book look at the same time, so please be aware of this.
- **Tue 26th Mar** – Easter Play Y3/Y4 – Perform to parents
- **Thur 28th Mar** – Last Day of term – Easter Eggstravaganza and Easter Eucharist (Easter bonnet competition)

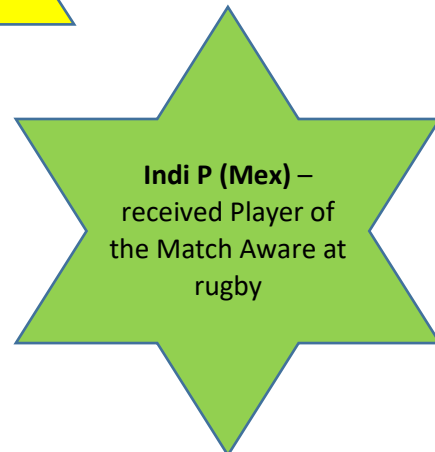
Achievements



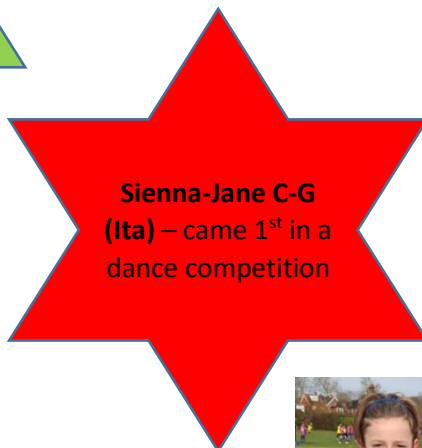
Bea K (Mex) –
Moved up to Stage
5 in swimming



Daniel M (USA) –
Received Man of
the Match Award at
football



Indi P (Mex) –
received Player of
the Match Award at
rugby



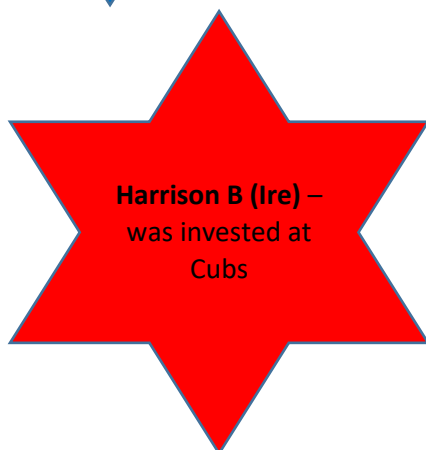
**Sienna-Jane C-G
(Ita)** – came 1st in a
dance competition



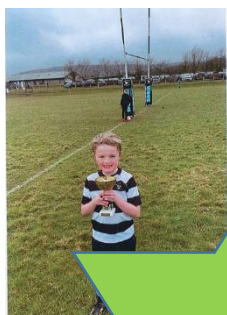
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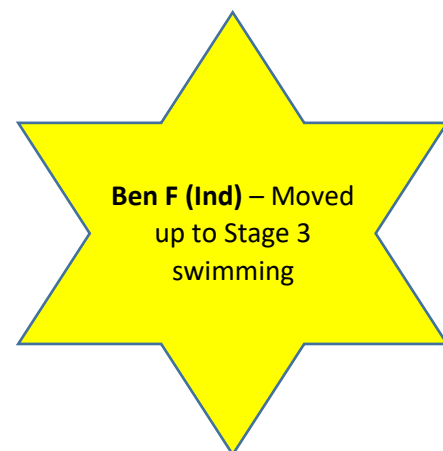
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Harrison B (Ire) –
was invested at
Cubs



James H (Ind) –
received Player of
the Match at rugby



Ben F (Ind) – Moved
up to Stage 3
swimming



Ted E (Ire) –
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HAPPY EASTER

Easter Treat

Thursday 28th March

Order now on parentpay.com

MAINS

Beef Burger

Veggie Bolognese

Jacket Potato & Baked Beans

SIDES

Rainbow vegetables or Salad

DESSERT

Lemon Easter Cupcake

Scan QR code to order

No later than Thursday 14th March

*Special diets will remain in place.





Journey

A group for Parents and Carers
of Autistic and SEN Children

Wednesday 28 February
Wednesday 27 March
Wednesday 24 April
Wednesday 22 May
Wednesday 19 June

10am to 11am

Pulborough Sports & Social Club,
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similar journey to you.

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Tuesdays at 5.05pm

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Tuesdays at 5.20pm

St John The Divine Church Hall, Ripley Road, West Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 5NQ

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Winter Wildlife



Join us for stories starring some frosty, furry friends this half-term, plus a fun craft activity!

Suitable for children aged 4+

Booking essential – please contact the library to reserve a place

Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity

**Friday 16 February
11.00am-12.00noon**