



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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Spring has definitely arrived this week and we have loved seeing the sun! Thank you to the parents that have come in to school to help with Science week – the children are talking about the practical science experiments that they have completed this week.

FSW Cake Sale – Thank you to everyone who bought cakes from the School Council last week. We are thrilled that it raised **£168.00** and this will be going directly to Family Support Work, which is a charity that we support.

Ukraine – The outbreak of war is awful for the people of Ukraine and we would love to feel that we can help in some small way. If you feel that you could donate sleeping Bags, winter/ warm clothing, torches, backpacks, tents, nappies, camouflaged clothing and blankets. **They will be collecting on Thursday 17th March so please drop anything to the side gate on Wednesday 16th March or Thursday 17th March. We won't be accepting donations until these days.**

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.

A follow up visit to Pocket Park – On Wednesday U.K. and Austria class returned to our Pocket Park Patch to look for signs of Spring.



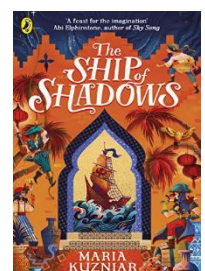
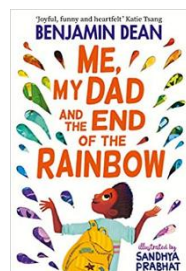
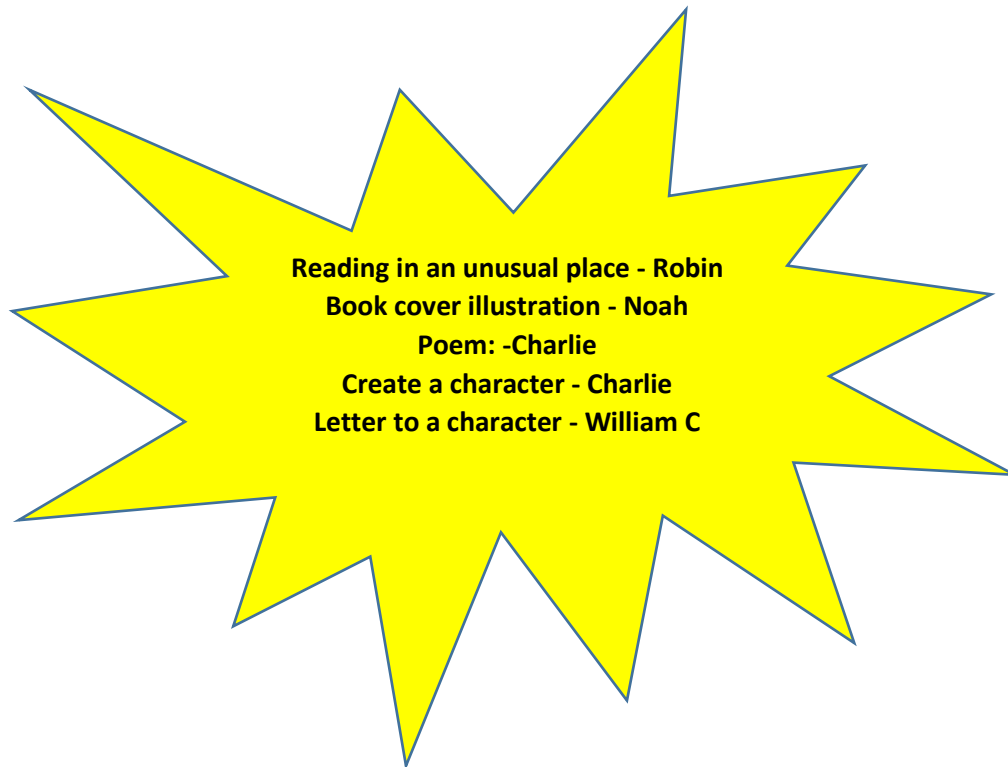
Curriculum – We have had new books arrive this week to supplement our 'Reading Spine'. Key texts are the key to the children's engagement in reading, especially if the children then read the whole series of something!

Phonics – The staff have been updating their phonics training this week. It was great to ensure that we have consistent expectations right across the school and how we teach to get those sounds to stick in the children's long term memory making them better readers and writers.

Year 6 Football - On Friday, the Year 6 boy's football team travelled to Tanbridge House for the Horsham Sports Services schools tournament. After a heavy 5-0 defeat in their first game, against the eventual champions Heron Way, St Mary's went on to record two draws and a defeat in their remaining pool games with a last minute goal denying us victory against Kingslea. Harry H scored a well worked goal for St Mary's first of the afternoon. A 2-0 defeat to Leechpool in the qualifiers led to a final game against Southwater B, **which St Mary's won comfortably with goals from Henry W and a goal of the season contender from Max D.**

Brilliant effort from the boys (**Luke T, Billy B, William C, Alex B, Harry H, Henry W, Max D, Rylan B**) who grew in confidence as the afternoon wore on. Very well led by the Captain **Luke T** and a special mention to **Rylan B** for **keeping two clean sheets.** Next week it the turn of the Year 6 girls.

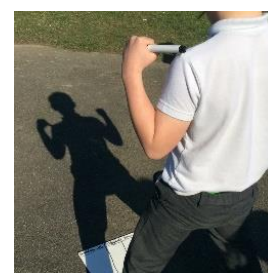
Weald Book Award: Congratulations to the Year 6 children who have taken part in the Weald Book Award this year. This is a project for able readers involving other primary schools in the locality. The group involved have read six challenging books by new authors and participated in competitions where they have submitted work based on these titles. After reading all six books, the children were asked to vote for their favourite; our votes were then combined with those from other participating schools to determine the overall winner. **Well done to Abi, Charlie, Amelie, Luke, William G and Caleb (South Africa) and Isla, William C, Robin, Molly, Keely and Noah (Japan) for their hard work and commitment to the project throughout the year.** This week, we learnt that 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold was voted the winner of the Weald Book Award 2022. 'Darwin's Dragons' by Lindsay Galvin and 'The Ship of Shadows' by Maria Kuznar were voted joint second place. We were also delighted to hear that the following children from St Mary's were chosen as winners for their competition entries:



Reflection for this week – Four children from South Africa Class led worship this week, based on the theme of compassion. Luke, Jonah, Amelie and Martina had worked with Mrs Smith from St Mary’s Church earlier in the week to plan this act of worship. They began by asking the rest of the class to define compassion and explain what it meant to them. The children talked about compassion being ‘love in action’ and linked this to current world events. Amelie read the story of ‘The Healed Leper’ (Luke 17:11-16) and other members of the class were invited to join in with acting out the story. Finally, the children shared a memory verse from 1 John 3:17, followed by a song and a prayer. Thank you to Vicky Smith for reflection 2 and this is attached! [Reflection - Thankfulness part 2 - YouTube](#)



Our learning - Ireland class Yr 3 shadow hunting – As part of Year 3 Science week we have been learning about light and shadows. The children went on a shadow hunt around the school. Their objective was to identify the source of the light and how the shadow is formed. Key vocabulary included Opaque, Natural or man-made source.



Year 4 have been making volcanoes using biscuits and cream – they talked about the ‘Magma’ and the ‘Tectonic Plates’ and how Mountains are formed and Earth quakes occur. This is great hands-on, practical learning that helps the children to understand the vocabulary and the concepts.



Year 4 have produced some WOW work so that everyone continues to strive to be the best that they can be.

Year 2 have been reading about penguins and creating their own landscapes with animals they have found out more about.



Year 6 have been recommending books to each other – what book would you recommend to someone else?



Italy class have been artists – look at their wonderful artwork



Achievements

Kindness shield – Lily G (SL)

Lily has been awarded the Kindness Shield for March. Lily impresses us at every turn with her effort and enthusiasm for learning but also the kindness and compassion she always shows to all members of her class. Lily has not a bad word to say about anyone and is keen to support others when they are feeling a little low and will be the support that children need without a moan or a groan. Lily – you should be so proud of yourself and being such a superstar!



Ella W (SA)

Ella received her new belt and certificate on Friday following a grading the week before. She is now a 4th Kup/ blue belt, edging ever closer to her black belt goal! We are so proud of you Ella as this is not an easy task and you have shown your skills.

Spencer N (NZ)

Spencer scored a hat trick in his most recent football match – what a great achievement for your team.

Holly D (Chi)

Holly was involved in a beach clean in Bognor with her Auntie and Cousins; they cleared a significant amount of rubbish. Well done!



Things coming up

- **Wed 16th March** – Number Day – more information to follow
- **Fri 18th March** – Red Nose Day - £1 contribution and we will be running a sponsored 'Readathon'. More information to follow
- **Tue 29th March and Thur 31st March** – Parents Evening via School Cloud and the teachers will be sharing evidence in the children's books.
- **Sunday 3rd April** – Year 4 performing 'The Easter Play' in church.
- **Tuesday 5th April** – The Easter Play to be performed to parents – 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
- **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.

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GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP

JOIN US FOR EASTER CRAFTS TO TELL THE STORY OF EASTER WEEK

On: Good Friday, 15th April 2022

From: 09:30 am to 11:30 am

At: St Mary's Church Pulborough

FOR: AGES 4 TO 11

So that we can cater for
this free event
please contact us by
email to book:

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KINGFISHERS



St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church would love to invite you and your families to Children's Church. Join us for songs, crafts, Bible stories, games and snacks, in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.



**1st and 3rd Thursdays, during term time
3.30 to 4.45pm**

Please register for your place by contacting Vicky Smith at stmaryschildschurch@gmail.com