

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – 4th NOVEMBER 2022

SCHOOL NEWS

As part of our mission to promote British Values and celebrate diversity and inclusivity, this week has been Multi-Faith Week in school, which has given pupils and staff a lovely opportunity to celebrate similarities and differences between a range of religions. Each class has been learning about special celebrations within a specific religion including Judaism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity. The children have enjoyed finding out lots of information through a range of activities, and we hope that this has been an enriching experience for them.



Our EYFS classes have had some visitors this week from 'people who help us' with visits from the local police and fire service, who came in to meet our younger pupils and talk to them about their jobs and how they help our local community.

Well done to our Y5/6 Athletics team who represented St Mary's at a local athletics competition held at Valley Leadership Academy on Wednesday. We were very proud of their efforts during the competition, which involved events such as obstacle courses, running races and field events. A special mention for Dylan-Milner O'Hare who showed amazing speed and agility on the over and under obstacle course. All children received a certificate in this morning's assembly.

MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS

On Thursday, some of our Y5 pupils attended training to become part of our team of 'Mental Health Champions'. During the year, our amazing team will teach other pupils Makaton signs to ensure that communication is inclusive for everyone in school. They will also be sharing ideas with classes on how to support each other to promote positive mental health and how to look after friends who might be feeling sad at times. They are planning to run a 'sports-based' club to help children feel good about themselves. Well done to our new team members Declan, Bentley and Scott.

FOREST SCHOOLS

Mrs Plant, our fantastic EYFS teaching assistant, has been running our Forest Schools club on our school grounds and has reported that the children are working very hard, and enjoying their forest time together even if the weather is bad! They have already made a den for themselves and this week they made a house for a hedgehog to help him survive the winter.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Ella-Rose Raby
Reception – Evie-Faye Flynn
Year 1 – Elliot Butterworth
Year 2 – Amelia Hussain
Year 3 – Amber Gjeta
Year 4 – Theo Haselden
Year 5 – Sienna Shaw
Year 6 – Millie-May Thomas



GROWTH MINDSET

Well done to our winners this week who have won certificates for **'RECALLING INFORMATION'**

Nursery – Jacob Jones
Reception – Ralphie Mellor
Year 1 – Benjamin Jones
Year 2 – Braxton Handley
Year 3 – Kayden Buckley
Year 4 – Sheldon Quinn
Year 5 – Marshall Navin
Year 6 – Savana Navin

Next week, our phrase of the week will be **'POSITIVE THINKING'**.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Here are our attendance figures for this week. The winning class will receive £10 for class treats.

Reception – 88.2%

Year 1 - 97.2%

Year 2 – 95.8%

Year 3 – 97.5%

Year 4 – 97.5%

Year 5 – 99.4% (Winner)

Year 6 – 98.3%

Weekly Overall School Attendance is 96.5%



FIREWORKS

We hope you all enjoy your firework celebrations over the weekend if you are attending any local events or having fireworks in your gardens but please reinforce safety guidance with your children. The letter that Lancashire Police has asked all schools to share with parents is attached again.

ONLINE SAFETY

One of the most popular games currently played is FIFA 23, a competitive but fun football game simulator. Please see the attached guide from the National Online Safety website to learn about risks and advice for parents so that the game can be played safely and enjoyed by children.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'The beauty of the world lies in the diversity of its people'
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