



St Mary's pupils shone in this year's Oxford German Olympiad

Skylarks pupils once again took part in the annual competition, which sees schools from across the country participating. The Oxford University German Department called all young learners of German to enter the competition and the theme this year was "Natur und Technik" – Nature and Technology.

Skylarks were asked to research and reflect on "Natur und Technik" in the German-speaking world, how and where the two concepts overlap and what challenges they might pose to us in the 21st century.

There were more than 750 entries submitted by pupils from 97 schools across the UK.

We are extremely pleased to report that four of our pupils were successful in the competition! Maisie McCormick and Zachary Bosworth were highly commended in the category "Design a robot and label its parts, write what it can do." Darcey Meredith was highly commended in the category "You're going to set up a community on Mars - draw your spaceship and the fifteen most important things to take, and label them." Matilda O'Connor was runner up for the same category, and has been invited to receive her prize at Oxford's prestigious Bodleian Library next year. We should add that it is the second year in a row that Matilda has received a prize – bravo!

Well done to all of the Skylarks who participated; the standard of your work was truly excellent.

Good News

Wonderful news! Mrs Hall will be having a baby. She expects to be with us until Autumn Half term. We also wish Mrs Finch well as she finishes school to have her baby in the summer holidays.

Debt on Parent Pay

It has come to my attention that many families need to make a payment to be up to date on Parent Pay. Please could you do this as soon as possible and certainly before the end of the school term. Please ring the office if you need more information.

Upcoming Dates 2020

14 July Year 6 Leaver's party in school.
17 July End of Summer term 2020

1 Sept / 2 Sept Training days
3 Sept 2020 Autumn term starts Whole school including Reception
We welcome nursery children from the 7 Sept 2020- full day

IMPORTANT NEWS

Next week, I will be putting out information in a letter for a September 2020 school opening. We are planning for all children to be in school and we will be sharing with you the protective measures we will have in place.

On the website, by the end of this week, there will be a google form asking you to inform us of your needs regarding Before & After school - please fill this in so I can plan accordingly.

<https://forms.gle/4JX6Dufj4GzhqQms8>

Office staff

I am delighted to inform you that we have a new administrative assistant, Mrs Worrall, who will join us in the new academic year. She will be working with Mrs Whiting, who will be our business manager whom we will share with another Catholic school. We look forward to welcoming this new team in to the office.

Class assignments

Teachers for each class will be:

- Year N/R- Miss Maclean
- Year 1/2- Mrs Whiteford & Mrs Hawley
- Year 3/4- Miss Righton
- Year 5/6- Ms McAloon

Soon, the Year 6 Class of 2019-2020 will be leaving us to take the next exciting step on their learning journey. Before they go, we would like to recognise their time at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School.

The Year Six Leavers' Party will be taking place between 1.15pm – 3.00pm on the afternoon of Tuesday 14th July 2020. Weather permitting, this event will take place on the school field

A note from Mrs Palmer:

After 10 years of patching grazed knees, icing bumps and bruises, running up forgotten lunchboxes and trainers – I have had the privilege of seeing our little robins settle in to school, then grow, spread their wings and fly off to new chapters. Each child at St Mary's has nestled into a part of my heart and I will certainly miss you all as I begin my new chapter. Thank you for all the smiles.

Goodbye and God bless.
Mrs Palmer x