

# ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | March 10<sup>th</sup> 2023



From the Head...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fabulous week has flown by here at St Mary's. This Friday should have been the turn of our Year Three class, leading us in our Lenten Charity activities – **Crazy Hair and Cake Sale!** We are so sorry that the children's (or the parents') hair imagination and baking prowess will have to wait until Monday, but we are excited to have our special day. To make this extra special after today's disappointment, **Monday will be a non-uniform day.**

As the snow has mainly melted, we are so pleased that tonight's FOSM disco will still go ahead; thank you to everyone involved in organising this. Stars of the Week will be awarded in next Friday's Celebration Assembly.

Next week we celebrate Science Week and as we celebrate togetherness, after a period where isolation was a sad but necessary reality, 'Connections' is an apt theme for British Science Week 2023.

Nearly all innovations in science, technology, engineering and maths are built on connections between people; two (or more) heads are better than one, after all! But as well as exploring the importance and joy in connections between individual scientists, research groups and institutions, we will discover the different ways connections appear across all areas of science. Evolution, for example, shows us the ways that animals, including humans, as well as plants and bacteria are all connected in a family tree stretching back millennia.

Perhaps you could explore the science and technology behind the internet, or delve into the ways technology has changed the world by connecting people internationally at the click of a button at home with your children.

After an assembly from Cafod this week the children have discovered that 'Connections' isn't just about Science. We have talked about why we focus on almsgiving during the season of Lent and the children have a good understanding of doing things and making some sacrifices for the 'greater good'. We are always looking at how we can show we are following the Catholic Social Teachings. This our moral compass, guiding us how to live out our faith in the world. Our faith calls us to love God and to love our neighbours in every situation, especially those that live in poverty. Following in the footsteps of Christ, we hope to make present in our unjust and broken world, the justice, love and peace of God. We have such marvellous, kind and well-grounded young people in our school and they make us so very proud on a daily basis.

All of the children had such a wonderful time in the snow on Thursday and special thanks must go out to my wonderful staff for bearing the brunt of the arctic conditions. The children showed some wonderful collaboration and communication to build their snow people.

Have a wonderful weekend  
God Bless

Maureen Collier

## Stars of the Week

Nursery – Ivy L

Reception – Vincent

Year 1 – Freddie

Year 2 – Vicky

Year 3 – Mary

Year 4/5 – Maggie & Tami

Year 5/6 – Maxwell & Poojitha



Come and join us for tea and cakes in the school hall (donations welcome). A selection of gifts to buy will be available.



EVERY FRIDAY

**Celebration Assembly**

@9:05 School Hall (open to all)

**50p Friday**

Snacks & drinks on sale after school. Bring your pennies to fundraise for FOSM



10 - 19 March

British Science Week

Monday, March 13

Science Day - Forensic Science Workshop

**UPDATE Monday, March 13**

**Non-Uniform**

**+ Cake Sale & Crazy Hair**

Tuesday, March 14

Parents Evening  
2pm - 7pm @ School Hall

**!! Appointment time slips were issued earlier this week; please contact your teacher if your child hasn't given you yours !!**

Friday, March 17

Lentern Charities  
- PJs and Teddy (Y4/5)

Friday, March 17

Mothers & Others Afternoon  
Tea from 2:30 in the hall

Friday, March 24

Lentern Charities  
- Chocolate Raffle (Y2)

Friday, March 31

Lentern Charities  
- Break the Rules Day (Y1/6)

Friday, March 31 @7PM

Easter Prize Bingo  
School Hall - Church fundraiser

April 3 -14

Easter Holidays  
(back to school Monday 17<sup>th</sup>)

**PLEASE NOTE:**

DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
More dates and details online at:  
<https://www.stmaryssoutham.org.uk/events/>

HOUSE POINTS

- St George = 169
- St Andrew = 164
- St Patrick = 130
- St David = 97



**NURSERY & RECEPTION** - Mrs Finch & Mrs Hilditch

Nursery and Reception have had another outstanding week! We have been practicing lots of writing this week which seems to have inspired the class. Children have been independently mark marking in various areas of the classroom. Writing can be quite daunting in EYFS when it requires so many skills at the same time. It has been incredible to see the confidence and love for writing soar amongst the class! We then ended the week with a fun snow day - let's see what next week brings!

**YEAR ONE** - Ms Priestley

Wow! It has been a busy week in Year One! We had loads of fun in the snow yesterday - it was well worth getting soaked and frozen for! We had a tasty Wednesday, testing and evaluating a range of fruits to put in our fruit salads later on in the term. I was really impressed with all the children for trying something new - we had strawberries, mangoes, pineapple and watermelon, delicious! To start our new Science topic, plants, we learnt about how seeds grow into plants and planted our very own cress seeds. The children are looking forward to seeing them grow. We have a class plant that we will be measuring periodically so we can practice our ruler skills that we will be beginning in maths next week. I'm looking forward to sitting down with you for Parents' Evening next week 😊

**YEAR TWO** - Ms Pahnke

Snow in March! The children enjoyed experiencing playing in the snow and showing teamwork to create snowmen. The children have shown a passion for learning about events in the past, 'The Great Fire of London'. They have used our story to write a fantastic diary entry as Vlad the flea (ask the children to explain). In Math, the children have continued to develop their understanding of odd and even numbers, doubling and halving and their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. In PE, we have been developing our tennis skills and considering are starting positions and have we track the ball. As we continue on our journey through Lent, the children have been thinking about the difficulties we have to be a forgiving person and how does Jesus help us to do this. If you are able to, please keep the chocolate donations coming in. Year Two will begin to sell raffle tickets next week and it would be great to show the children what they could win. Thank you for your continued support.

**YEAR THREE** - Ms Keith

This week in Year Three we have enjoyed a very cold but lovely week at school. In our English lessons we have begun looking at different poetry techniques and hope to use these to help us write a natural disaster poem next week. In our Maths lessons, we have begun looking at measurements and have been using our knowledge of millimetres, centimetres and metres to not only read measures but to also draw our own measurements using our rulers. In our RE lessons, we are continuing our learning about Lent and have this week learnt about the miracle of the widow of Nain's son. Yesterday, we were very lucky to get to enjoy some time in the snow, it was so lovely to experience this with all the children and see the joy it gave the children! We also had lots of fun baking cakes for our charitable Lenten activity. As the snow had other plans for us today, I hope all the children have had time to enjoy the snow and look forward to seeing the children's crazy hair and selling cakes on Monday. Have a lovely time enjoying the snow! Thank you for your continued support!

**YEAR FOUR & FIVE** - Mrs Hawley & Ms Costa

We have had a very busy week of learning; in Maths, we have started to look at fractions. We have been learning all about mixed numbers; how to partition them, how to identify them on a number line and how to compare and order them from smallest to greatest. In English we have been continuing with our book "There's a Pharaoh in our Bath" by Jeremy Strong and have been writing descriptions of a museum, similar to the one from our story. In RE, we have been learning about what temptation is and discussing ways to resist doing things that are wrong, just as Jesus resisted the temptations from Satan when he spent 40 days and nights in the desert. We have also been looking at what Jesus said about fasting, praying and alms giving, and discussing why these are still important to Christians today during Lent. In Art and D&T, we have started work on the Ancient Egyptian Canopic jars and looked a bit into mummification. We discussed why the jars were used, the significance of the jar lids and why they were considered important in the burial process. The children are really looking forward to creating they very own jars in the next few weeks!

**YEAR FIVE & SIX** - Mrs Banat-Rinz

What another fabulous week in 5/6 that has been super busy. Our time has been filled with learning more about classification in science where we focused on how birds can be grouped. Linked to our Cafod assembly, we discussed why there is poverty in the world and how it is vital we shout about this injustice and makes our voices heard. Thursday was all about the snow! We had the most amazing morning building snowmen and having snowball fights. In maths we were perfecting multiplying by 2 digits, looked at properties of shape and we are working hard at being fluent at our instant recall of all the times tables. Once again, thank you making sure they hand in their homework by Wednesday and for your continued support with encouraging your children to read every night, learning their spellings and times tables. Have a great weekend.

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

YN: Freddie	Y3: Aidan
YR: Chester	Y4/5: Zachary & Stephanie
Y1: Frederick	Y5/6: Peyton & Logan K
Y2: Grace V-B	

LUNCHTIME AWARD

YN: Kaiden	Y3: Felicity
YR: Lauren	Y4/5: Hollie & Layla
Y1: Isla	Y5/6: Thomas & Danielle
Y2: Thomas	