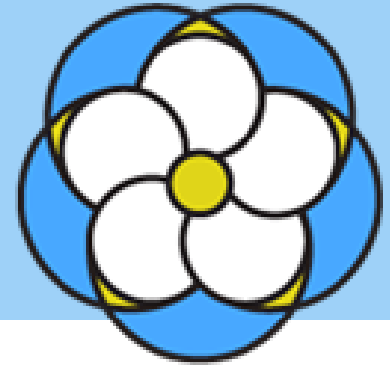


# St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 12 – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022



Dear Parents and Carers

Unbelievably April has started with frost and snow, thwarting the planned walk with Learning Ambassadors to St. Mary's church with our Easter Wreaths! We had to take them in a car otherwise they would have disintegrated in the wind and rain/sleet. The wreaths were used in our first whole school Easter Celebration Assembly since 2019. The children enjoyed singing Easter songs and hearing from each other's classes about the Stations of The Cross and the art work involved in creating their wreaths. Please try to get to the church over the holiday to see the wonderful work that our children have produced.

Some of the children will have let you know that Ms Cranmer has spent some time in school over the past fortnight. It is such good news that she is feeling sufficiently recovered to begin to come back to school, everyone has missed her and we wish her continued good health over the coming summer term.

We are very lucky to have managed to book Premier Sports for the summer term. They will be teaching P.E. in every class and will also be running lunchtime P.E. activities and four After School Clubs. These club details have already been shared with you and we hope that everyone will get the chance to take part in an after school activity during the summer term. They have also volunteered to help us to run a competitive and exciting Sports Day in the summer, to which we hope to be able to invite everyone, having had so long without any parents able to attend.

There are some interesting plans for involving parents in their children's school life over the new term – details will be available soon.

Please take time to have a relaxing and happy holiday with your children over the next two weeks, we shall hope and pray for some better weather to encourage everyone to be out and about in the lovely surrounding countryside.

Easter Blessings to you all.

Regards from

**Mrs Lindsay Hanger**  
Interim Head Teacher

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## CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our  
Stars of the Week:*

*Week ending 18<sup>th</sup> March*

*3Athens – Lucas H*

*3Rome – Kaci T*

*4Merida – Jacob W*

*4New Orleans – George F*

*5Beijing – Oscar W*

*5Mumbai – Darcey M*

*6Cape Town – Maddie W*

*6Casablanca – Lauren R*

*and, for the week ending  
25<sup>th</sup> March*

*3Athens – Eliza-Louise B*

*3Rome – Seb W*

*4Merida – Sophia R*

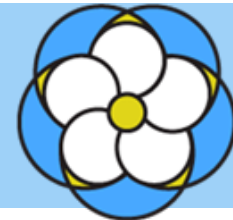
*4New Orleans – Mason G*

*5Beijing – Harry E*

*5Mumbai – Dexter N*

*6Cape Town – Emmy B*

*6Casablanca – Zach B*



## LEARNING AND CURRICULUM NEWS

### Spring Term Curriculum Calendar

**Curriculum vision:** The curriculum here at St Mary's Church of England Junior School is an avenue for discovery and knowledge of the wider world. We will use clear purpose, audience, engagement, interaction and oracy to drive learning of a wider curriculum with an outcome of 'showing what we know' - a display of knowledge and celebration of learning through high aspirations, courage, resilience, positive relationships and God's love.

<u>Week commencing</u>	<u>Mission and values/ Christian Distinctiveness</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Learning Purpose</u>
6 <sup>th</sup> January (2 days) 10 <sup>th</sup> January 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Raising aspirations	<u>Geography and History</u>	<u>We are Humanitarians – Resilient explorers</u>  Creating hallway displays to demonstrate ambitious vocabulary.
24 <sup>th</sup> January 31 <sup>st</sup> January		<u>Science</u>	<u>We are Scientists – Making connections</u>  Producing informative leaflets to share our learning with parents and carers at home.
7 <sup>th</sup> February (half term homework project) 21 <sup>st</sup> February		<u>Art</u>	<u>We are Artists – Inspiring future generations</u>  Every child is an artist. Whole school outdoor Art Exhibition
28 <sup>th</sup> February 7 <sup>th</sup> March		<u>Reading</u>	<u>We are Readers – Spreading the magic of books</u>  TBC by English leads
14 <sup>th</sup> March 21 <sup>st</sup> March 28 <sup>th</sup> March		<u>Computing and DT</u>	<u>We are Technicians – Creating solutions for the future</u>  TBC by computing and DT leads

*\*Please note that music, RE and languages will continue to be taught weekly.*

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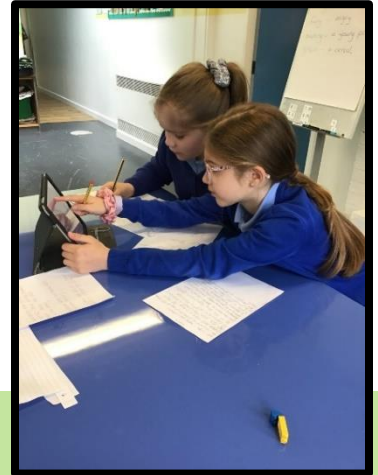
## ***Class Learning Blog – 3Athens Class***

Look at what we have been learning this week...

We have had a fantastic half term in 3Athens. It was great to see the children return eager to secure their knowledge on column addition and subtraction in maths. We have been re-capping our skills on column addition with re-grouping and showing great resilience with our column subtraction with exchanging. In the photos, you can see the class applying their knowledge to real-life problem solving and using base-10 blocks to support their understanding.



This week, 3Athens have been learning about the Easter story and the significance of the cross to Christians. In particular, we have been focusing on our class station: when Jesus was removed from the cross. We have discussed how even when someone has died, we must still treat them with love and respect. In the photos, you can see the children making flowers to add to our class wreath to represent how people lay flowers at graves to show love, respect and remember the person who has died. In the photos, you can also see Mollie and Sophia researching further into the significance of the cross to Christians and creating a speech in preparation for our Easter Service on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March.



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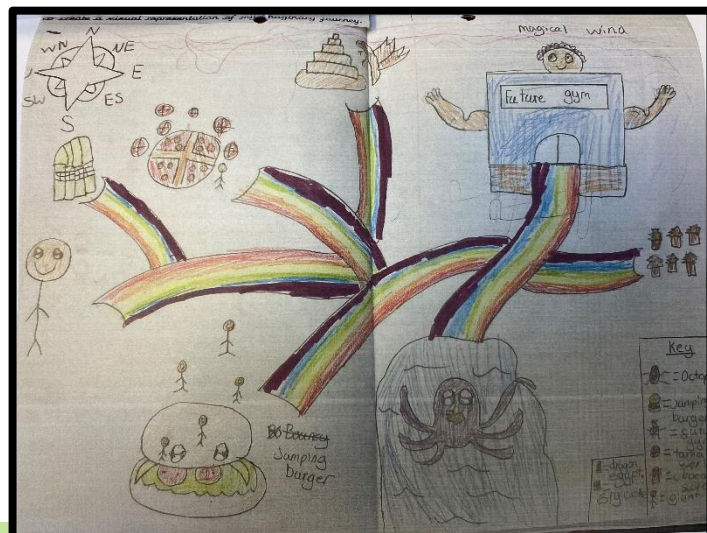
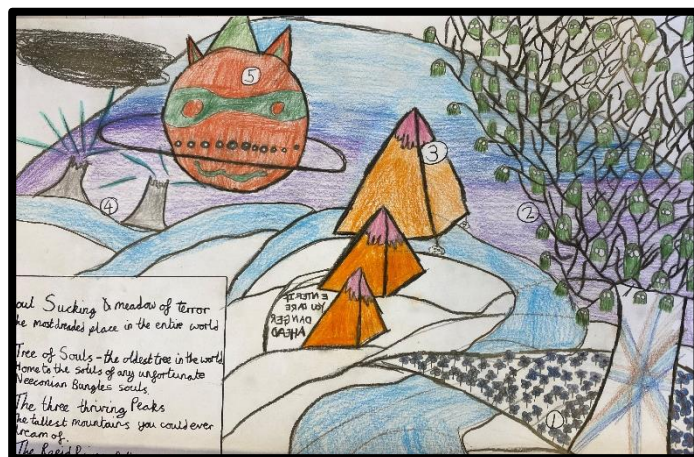
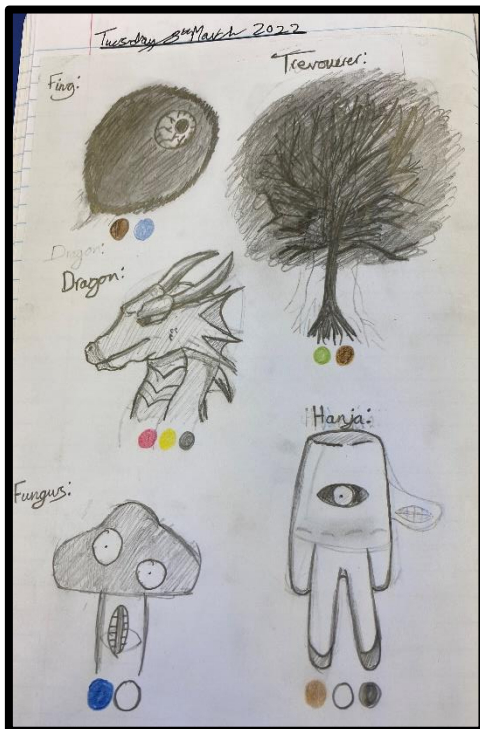


## ***We Love Reading Competition Winners***

For our curriculum topic linked to World Book Day, we gave the children the challenge of creating their own journal of their travels through imaginary worlds. All classes produced some amazing pieces and it was very difficult for the judges to choose an overall winner from each class! After much deliberation, the winners have been announced and are listed below, along with some examples of the beautiful work they created:

6 Cape Town - Esther Davidson  
6 Casablanca - CJ Benjamin-James  
5 Beijing - Jenson Silcocks  
5 Mumbai - Saphira Todd

4 Merida – Kaleb Waterman  
4 New Orleans – Eleanor Bunn  
3 Rome – Billie Meyer  
3 Athens – Lily Fisher



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## ***Schools Jubilee Art Competition***

Please see the attached Norfolk Gardens Trust Art competition. If your child/ren is/are a budding artist and would like to enter this exciting competition, please encourage them to complete their artwork over the Easter holidays and bring into school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April for Ms Dutton to sign and send off.

## ***Flu Immunisation Programme***



Several of you used the flu immunisation programme this year, to get your children vaccinated. In order to improve the service for the upcoming 2022 season, Vaccination UK have asked if you would take the time to fill in a survey using the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/family-feedback>

Your feedback will be of great help to them and keep them informed of parents' needs.

## ***NORSE Meal Price Increase***

Unfortunately, the cost of school lunches will be increased from £2.20 per meal to £2.30 with effect from 19<sup>th</sup> April.

## ***Lunch Menu – Tues 19<sup>th</sup> April***

There is a change to the menu for the first day back which will be as per the Monday menu.

Margherita Pizza (v) with Potato Wedges and Sweetcorn

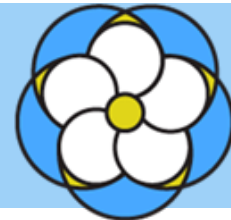
or Jacket Potato or Cheese Sandwich

Dessert – Vanilla Ice Cream

## ***Change to Toilet Arrangements***

Now that the COVID rules have changed, children's toilets will change back to lower school boys and girls and upper school boys and girls. There will be notices on the toilets when pupils get back into school and staff will talk them through this when they come back.

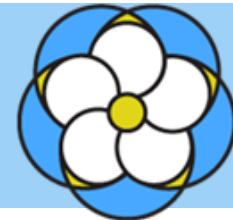
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## ***New P.E. Days for the Summer Term***

DAY	CLASS
TUESDAY Year 4	New Orleans
	Merida
WEDNESDAY Year 3	Rome
	Athens
THURSDAY Year 6	Cape Town
	Casablanca
FRIDAY Year 5	Beijing
	Mumbai

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## SAFEGUARDING

See attached poster "What Parents & Carers need to know about Whatsapp".







## 2021 – 2022 CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING...

### Red Nose Day

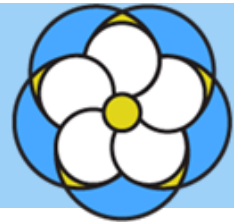
Thank you to everyone who purchased red noses and wore non-school uniform to raise money for Comic Relief. We managed to raise £303.50



### Charitable Fundraising

<b>2021-2022 Class Charities</b> <i>(Please be advised that we continue to support additional charities such as comic/sports relief, children in need, jeans 4 genes etc)</i>			
LKS2 Class Name	Linked Charity	UKS2 Class Name	Linked Charity
3 Athens	<b>The Hamlet</b> 	5 Beijing	<b>Nelson's Journey</b> 
3 Rome		5 Mumbai	
4 Merida	<b>Norfolk and Waveney</b> <b>Mind</b> 	6 Cape Town	<b>Finnbar's Force</b> 
4 New Orleans		6 Casablanca	
London and After School Club	<b>NSPCC</b> <b>St Mary's Church, Long Stratton</b>		

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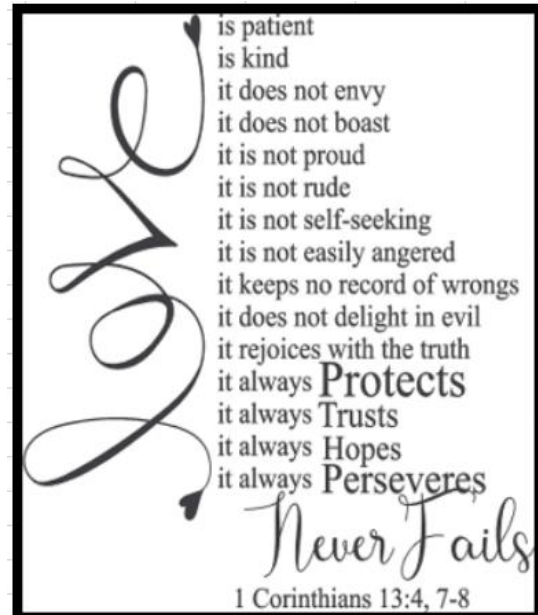


## CHRISTIAN DISTINCTIVENESS

**This half-term we are  
celebrating 'God's Love'**

***We develop a positive, joyful  
community spirit, contributing  
to the wider community  
through the love of God.***

 Diocese of Norwich  
St Benet's  
Multi Academy Trust



*For God  
so loved the world,  
that He gave His  
only Son  
John 3:16*

### **Songs for God's Love:**

*(click link below)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sc6SSHuZvQE> (Reckless Love)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rv6\\_fpU2jdc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rv6_fpU2jdc) (Love Like This – Lauren Daigle)



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