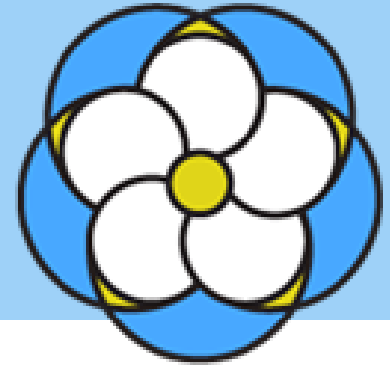


# St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 18 – 15<sup>th</sup> July 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the majority of parents, carers and children who have made this year so rewarding for me as Interim Head. When I joined in November I was only expecting this to be a short-term appointment, initially three weeks, then I was asked to stay until Christmas and then to stay with St. Benet's Trust for the rest of the year.

I am very pleased to have built up good relationships with many of the children and the staff here and it has been lovely to see how much the staff care for the children, creating interesting and exciting learning opportunities and enrichment activities to cater for the interests of all of the children. All of the staff continuously strive to do their very best for every child in the school.

There have been many changes over the past three terms including staff changes, a few children leaving and many more joining the school. We can celebrate the new flooring in several places, newly decorated classrooms and the amazing new library which is almost complete, ready for the Grand Opening in September. (I have asked to be invited back for that exciting event!)

The improvement in the learning environments, the move back to whole school Collective Worship, the introduction of Premier Sports and the Norfolk Music Service, the introduction of Manuel, our P.A.T. dog are all examples of how things have moved forward and been a positive focus for the school over the past year.

It has been a pleasure to see how the children have responded to the opportunities to mix around the school, use the field and play equipment, take part in successful school trips again and share their time together as we moved out of COVID restrictions. It is clear that most of the children try their best to embrace the ethos and values of the school showing aspects of resilience, courage, positive relationships and because of this God's love shines through.

Our amazing Year 6 children have worked so hard and gained great results in the first SATs for two years; they have also provided good role models for the rest of the school and helped to run clubs, play games with the younger children and gain in maturity ready for the challenges of High School. I wish them every success in the future.

I will look back with fond memories and look forward to seeing the next phase for St. Mary's as Mr. Riley takes over in September. I am sure there are even more exciting things to come. It has been a privilege to be here as your Interim Head and thank you to everyone who has supported me in this role.

Regards from Mrs. L Hanger

## CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:*

Week ending 1<sup>st</sup> July

3Athens – Jack B

3Rome – Georgie H-D

4Merida – Anaiya M

4New Orleans – Archie D

5Beijing – Max B

5Mumbai – Jacob S

6Cape Town – Kaiden B

6Casablanca – Teddy B

and, for the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> July

3Athens – Ocean Z

3Rome – Weronika B

4Merida – Whole Class

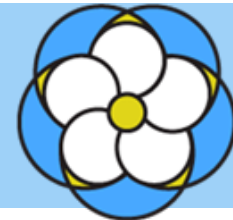
4New Orleans – Baran K

5Beijing – Harry E

5Mumbai – Morgan R

6Cape Town – Charlotte A

6Casablanca – Lillian B



## LEARNING AND CURRICULUM NEWS

### Summer 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>Area of enquiry</u>	<u>Show What We Know about...</u>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> April 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Love for learning</b>	<u>Science</u> Year 3 – Plants – need for survival Year 4 – sound Year 5 – Life cycles Year 6 – Electricity	<u>We are Scientists – Is it vital for survival?_</u>	<b>Experiments – inviting parents and carers in the hall!</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May 9<sup>th</sup> May 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<u>History and Geography</u> Year 3 – Climate zones and biomes Year 4 – Maya civilization Year 5 – Baghdad and the Middle East Year 6 – Mapping the World	<u>We are Humanitarians – Becoming global citizens</u>	<b>Being global citizens - Whole school homework competition</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>		<u>RSE</u> Journaling as we learn to understand and develop healthy relationships	<u>We are A Kind Community – Looking after ourselves and others</u>	<b>Creating reflective journals</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> June 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<u>Science</u> Year 3 - Forces and magnets Year 4 - Electricity Year 5 - Growing old Year 6 - Circulation and lifestyle	<u>We are Scientists – Can we create energy?_</u>	<b>Collaborative learning - Sharing our findings with other year groups</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> June 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<u>PE &amp; Food Tech</u> A close study of physically and mentally healthy lifestyles	<u>We are Athletes and Chefs – A dedicated team</u>	<b>- Sports Day 24<sup>th</sup> June (Parents Welcome Between 9.30am And 11.30am)</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> July 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<u>Geography/ History</u> Year 3 - Ancient Greeks Year 4 - USA Year 5 - Victorians Year 6 - Making our Mark	<u>We are Tourists – Portals and Time Travel</u>	<b>Inviting parents to travel through time and space as we transform our classrooms!</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>		Transition for 2022-2023		

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## ***Class Learning Blog – 5 Mumbai***

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

This half term, Year 5 have been learning all about the Victorians and the Industrial Revolution. We have learnt about the invention of steam engines and how they were a key element in coal mining, as they pumped water out of the mines and enabled miners to dig further. We researched how steam engines helped with developing 'Stephenson's Rocket' and Beijing class made their own 'Rocket'. We have also looked at the increase in factories, child labour and pollution. The children were very interested to find out that children worked long hours and only earned 1 shilling a week - equivalent to 5p! Mumbai class have made their own replica factory and Beijing have made a model of Stephenson's 'Rocket'.



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## THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE OFF



Bake Off came to Year Four!

Following our Design Technology Cookery topic, the year four children were invited to take part in a flapjack technical challenge

The technical challenge was to bake six identical pieces of flapjack.

This was the flapjack recipe they used:

### Ingredients

150g golden syrup  
150g demerara sugar  
250g margarine  
400-500g oats

### Method

Pre-heat the oven. 180 degrees centigrade.

1. Measure and then melt the margarine, syrup and sugar together either in the microwave or a pan.
2. Measure and then add in the oats. Mix together thoroughly. Add any additional ingredients.
3. Pour the ingredients into a baking tray and flatten the surface.
4. Place into the oven and bake for about 20 mins, until lightly golden.
5. Cut into pieces whilst warm.



They had the option of changing the sugar, syrup and margarine to suitable alternatives and adding any additional ingredients that they thought would work.

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The competitors, along with their parents gathered in the school hall to watch the judging. The tension was tight as the four judges, Mrs Kirman, Miss Maher, Mrs Elvin and Mr Gracie, worked diligently to decide on a winner. Points were scored for appearance, smell, taste and texture. The scores were very close. We had four first place winners - Leela C, William R, Alice H and Thomas B. Highly commended went to - Jacob W, Bea M and Molly H. Well done to everyone who took part, it was great to see so much enthusiasm.



## Year 6 Trip to Pleasurewood Hills

On Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July, the Year 6 children visited Pleasurewood Hills, in Lowestoft, as part of their leaving celebrations. Whilst there, the children made the most of a quiet weekday to enjoy, multiple times, riding on a wide variety of the park's offerings. Not only were there rides to enjoy, the children got to watch a fabulous Sea Lion show; an exotic animal show and some even got to meet Woody!







## ***End of Term Disco***

On Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, the school, for the first time in three years, hosted its Summer disco. It was a superb night, with four separate year group discos, attended by nearly 200 children. The children (and staff too) had great fun dancing, doing the limbo and there was even a very entertaining snowball fight! Organised by the Year 6 children, the disco raised nearly £500, which they will be using to make a donation to their year group charity, Finnbar's Force, and also purchase a leavers legacy present, which they hope will help to enhance break/lunchtime enjoyment.



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## ***Lost Property***

We have an ever-increasing pile of lost property in the school, please check your child's uniform to see if anything is missing. Please call into the office to see if any of your items are in lost property.

When buying new uniform, please ensure that this is marked with your child's name to help us return their property to them. Lunchboxes and water bottles should also be marked with names.

Lost Property will be kept until the end of the school year and then disposed of.

## ***Parentmail – Outstanding monies***

Could we ask all parents to check their ParentMail Accounts before the end of the school year, to make sure that they have no outstanding payments i.e. Dinners, After School Club payments etc. Even if your child has not had a lunch for a while, it could be that an amount is still required to be paid which has been forgotten. Please address any queries to the office, so we can look into this for you.

## ***Calendar***

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Whole School Transition  
(Year 6 to High School/Year 2 from Manor field)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.00 – 2.45pm  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Last day of Term (school closes 1.30pm)  
No After School Club  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Pupils Return to School

## ***Learn to Fish Summer Holiday Club (New)***

Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays

throughout the summer holidays

10 am until 2 pm

No experience required

All equipment supplied

Qualified licensed coaching

£25 per day

Sessions held at

Taswood lakes, Mill Rd, Flordon, Norwich NR15 1LX

All coaches hold DBS, safeguarding and first aid certificates

Website: <https://learntofish.co.uk/> or Phone 01953 304221

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## PETS AS THERAPY

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, Manuel visited our school and brought joy to many children's day. Kaci from 3 Rome dazzled Manuel with her beautiful story telling. Manuel appreciated how calm and gentle all the children were during his sessions. He is looking forward to his next visit.



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## SAFE CYCLING

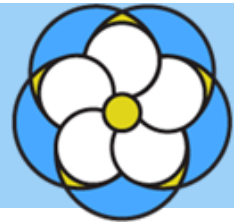
Please be mindful that Long Stratton Leisure Centre have requested that parents and carers are aware that before school, some children have been observed cycling around their car park in the mornings, using the ramp to the 3G pitch. They are just concerned about children's safety as around this time in the morning, the car park is rather busy with school drop-off. A couple of Leisure Centre members have mentioned that they have nearly hit some boys as they haven't been able to see them until last minute.

The Leisure Centre is aware that children are not causing any harm, but are just concerned about their safety.



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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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