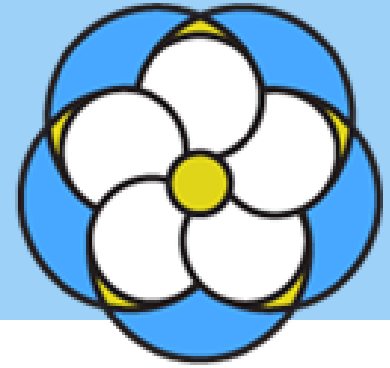


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 5 – 13th October 2023



After working at St Mary's for a year, we have spoken to parents, children and staff about our shared vision for the school moving forward. We have listened to all of the comments and used these ideas to write a new vision for the school. The vision is underpinned by our Christian ethos which is *Isaiah 40:31*

Our vision is:

At St Marys, we nurture respectful and responsible global citizens who contribute to their communities with compassion and courage. Young minds grow with God's love and an ambitious curriculum for all, to enable everyone to flourish as they 'soar on wings like eagles' and 'live life in all its fullness'.

We feel this is the foundation for our children to ensure they fulfil their full potential. The Isaiah 40:31 passage 'They will soar on wings like eagles' theologically underpins our vision as we trust in God's love to give us the strength to persevere, maintain our ambition, 'running and not growing weary' so that we 'soar on wings like eagles'.



CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Week ending 13th October

Robin – Leelan D

3 Skylark – Eddie McL

4 Kingfisher – Mia Webster

4 Woodpecker – Amelia A

5 Avocet – Ivy-lea H

5 Curlew – George H-D

6 Falcon – Arran McK

6 Red Kite – Lola McL

Dates for your Diary

17th Oct – Yr 3 to Mayfields for Halloween crafts

*19th Oct – School Disco
Yr 3, 4, Robins 3-15 -4.15pm
Yrs 5, 6 – 4.30 – 5.30pm*

31st Oct – Deadline for Yr6 Applications for Secondary School



Class Learning Blog – 3 Skylark Class

Members of Skylark Class have settled in well to their new Year 3 class this half term.

- In Maths we have been learning about place value and addition and subtraction.
- In English we have studied poetry and persuasive letters.
- During Science we have made models of skeletons when learning about our bones and their purposes.
- In Design Technology we have been finding out about seasonal foods. We have made an apple and blackberry crumble; the blackberries and apples were picked from the school premises. We have designed our own seasonal savoury tarts and are excited to be making them this week.

This is what the children said when making and trying the crumble –

"The crumble was sweet and the fruit was a little bit sour," said Kayden. "I then made an apple crumble at home."

Ella commented, "It was really good and I am hoping to make one at home."

"The crumble was delicious and I really liked it," said Evren.

"I really liked making the crumble at school," said James.

Matthew commented, "I thought it was wonderful and delicious, I then made another one at home,"

Millie said, "It smelt really nice."

Andrii commented, "The crumble looked tasty."

Hayley said "The apples were crunchy and the blackberries made it taste really nice."

Written by Mrs Kirman and Skylark Class

See next page for photos...

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Show Racism the Red Card – non-school uniform day

As part of our continuous work to develop global citizens at St Mary's we have partnered with St Micheal's Junior School. Part of this partnership is to develop a 'Culture Society' where both schools learn about global problems such as racism together and share good practice across the schools. To start this off on **Friday 20th October** all children and staff are encouraged to **wear red** as part of the '**Show Racism the Red Card**' and raise the profile.

Later on that day, the children will join a virtual quiz with St Micheal's where we will learn about issues around the world and causes we would like to support. We want all children to....

BE PART OF THE DRIVE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE.

Coats

Now that the weather is getting colder and rainy, please can you ensure that your child brings in a coat with them every day.

PE Clothes

We would appreciate any donations of PE bottoms either shorts or tracksuit bottoms in various sizes. We are also looking for larger sized white PE T-shirts. If you have any of these items that your child has grown out of and are happy to donate to the school, please send them in to the school office. Thank you.

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Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church

On Monday 16th October, Revd John from St Mary's Church will be coming in to take our Harvest Festival.

Year 3 – visit to Mayfields

On Tuesday 17th October, Year 3 have been invited to Mayfields Care Home for Halloween crafts with the residents.

Year 6 – Transfer to Secondary School

All Year 6 children will be bringing home with them an envelope today regarding information about transferring to secondary school in September 2024.

The closing date for applications is **31st October 2023** and it is important that parents make their application by that date, to ensure you get the place at the school that you want. Late applications will be given a lower priority than those received on time.

After-school Sports Clubs for next half-term

Next half-term, St. Mary's are pleased to tell you that the school will be offering an exciting, sports-focused after-school club every day of the school week.

All after-school clubs will be charged a rate of £4 per session, which accurately reflect the costs of running our after-school sports provision.

Monday: Archery with Premier Education

Tuesday: Street Dance with ARTS

Wednesday: Multi-Sports with After School Clubs

Thursday: Bounce (Mini Trampolines) with After Schools Clubs (see link below which explains what Boogie Bounce is)

<https://www.boogiebounce.com/programmes/kidz-schools/>

Friday: Football with Mr Roberts & Mr Leek

There will be no after-school sports clubs on offer during the final week of term, week beginning 11th December.

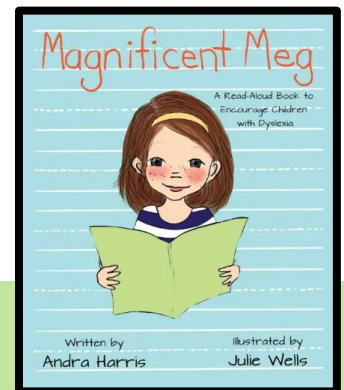
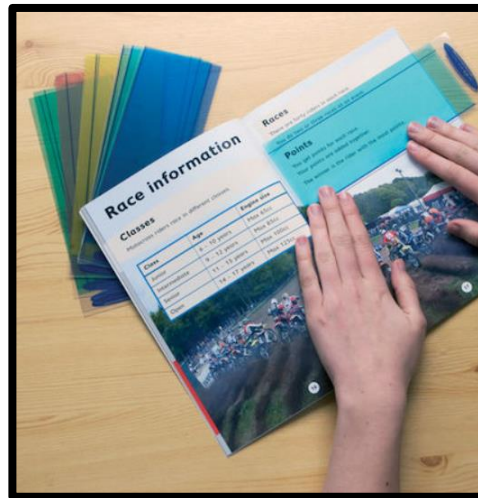
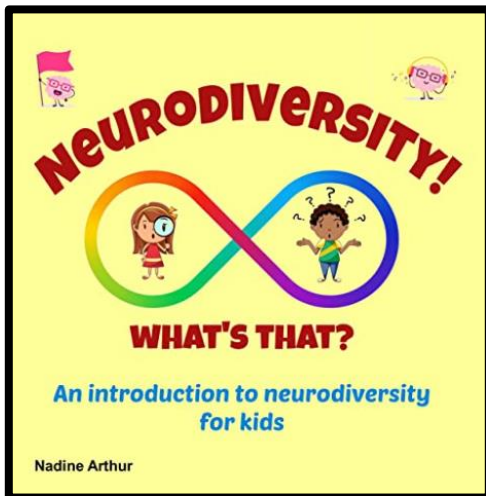
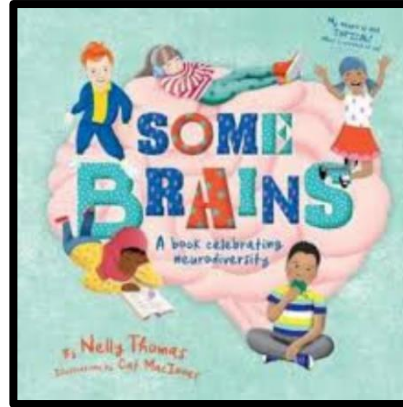
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Go Red Bake Sale for Dyslexia Awareness Week

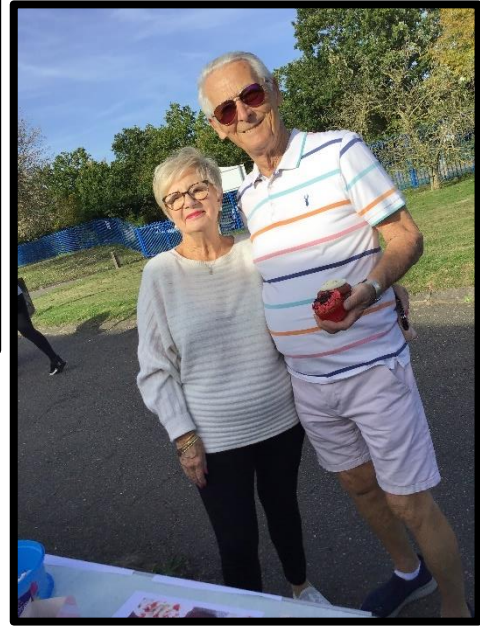
Thank you so much to all of our parents and children who both supported and baked cakes. We are so pleased to have raised **£160.45**. (Photos on next page).

These funds will help our school buy dyslexia friendly resources for our pupils including dyslexia-friendly reading books, books promoting inclusion and acceptance of neurodiversity and resources to support children in overcoming barriers such as 'speak to text' and coloured overlays.



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St Mary's PTA Events....



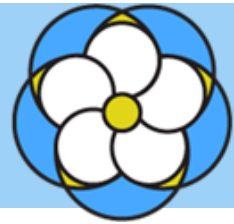
Attendance

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 2nd – 6th October 2023

5 Curlew	99.05%
3 Skylark	98.67%
3 Avocet	98.5%

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Dates for the year ahead:

16/10/23	Whole School to St Mary's Church for Harvest Festival (pm)
17/10/23	Year 3 going to Mayfields Care Home to do Halloween Crafts with the residents
19/10/23	PTA Disco Yrs 3&4/Robins 3.15 – 4.15pm Yrs 5&6 – 4.30pm – 5.30pm
23/10/23 – 27/10/23	Half Term
31/10/23	Closing date for applications for transfer to Secondary School (Yr 6)
06/11/23	Yr 6 National Measurement Programme
13/11/23	Anti-bullying Week
15/11/23	Parents invited into school to learn about how we teach maths 8.45am – 9.30am
17/11/23	Children in Need Non-school Uniform (donations to be made on Parentmail)
23/11/23 – 29/11/23	Scholastic Book Fair – open after school to Parents (details to follow)
27/11/23	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
29/11/23	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm (change of date)
30/11/23	Flu Immunisations for all Year Groups
08/12/23	Year 3 & 4 Parents invited in to Open Classrooms 2.15 – 3.00pm
15/12/23	Year 5 & 6 Parents invited in to Open classrooms 2.15 – 3.00pm
19/12/23	Year 3 & 4 Nativity Performance at 9.15am
19/12/23	Christmas Lunch (details to follow) Christmas Jumper Day (donations to be made on Parentmail)
20/12/23	Year 5 & 6 Parents invited to our Christmas Carols around the tree at 2.30pm
20/12/22	End of Term (School Closes at normal time)
21/12/22 - 03/01/24	Christmas Holiday
04/01/24	Back to School
19/02/24 – 23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	Back to School
28/03/24 – 12/04/24	Easter Holidays
15/04/24	Back to School
06/05/24	May Bank Holiday
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Back to School
19/07/24	Last day of Term



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