

St Mary's News



24th September 2021

Wow what a busy fortnight we've had! Last week we welcomed Patrick Shevlin, our School Improvement Partner and Bernadette Horton from Brentwood Diocese. They looked at children's books, spoke to them about their learning and admired our school displays. Both visitors were incredibly complimentary about our children describing them as focused, hardworking and diligent- it was a pleasure showing them our wonderful school.

It has also been great to welcome so many families onto school site for our COVID-safe Meet the Teacher Meetings – I know how much you have valued these interactions with your children's class teachers.

This week we have had the joy of the outside classroom being constructed (see picture), our Governor Focus Day and our Macmillan Coffee and Cake morning. Whilst the children didn't partake in coffee, they thoroughly enjoyed their cakes, we will announce the total raised on the notice board.



Pupil Leadership

This week we have chosen our Head Boy and Girl, their deputies and supporting prefects. It is never an easy task, but the following children were presented with their special badges and ties in assembly on Tuesday.

Head Boy – Samuel

Deputy Head Boy – Harry

Head Girl – Frankie

Deputy Head Girl – Tia

Our prefect team is comprised of: Pauline, Summer, Ivy, Alex, Morgan, Peter, Freddie & Ife. Keep your eyes peeled for news of House Captains, Eco Team, and Faith Council representatives.

This year we have created a helping hands team – Hannah and Kengah have been chosen for this position due to their work in supporting the younger children at lunchtime always with a cheery word and kind smile. Well done everyone!

Meet the Teacher - Year 5

Our Year 5 "Meet the Teacher" event has been rescheduled as follows:

27th September 3.30pm – 4pm

This will take place in the Hall in order to allow for a safe face-to-face meeting.

Sporting Success

In the summer term we took part in a Trust wide athletics competition, taking part in a variety of athletics events in our own schools and... we won!!! We won both boys and girls competitions as well as the overall event by 62 points! A huge well done to everyone involved and a special thank you to Mr Capper and Mrs Edwards who organised our entrants.

Parish News

First Holy Communion

On Sunday 26th September we have 6 members of our school community making their First Holy Communion; Keisha, Zellin, Martyna, Michelle, Theresa and Zack. We pray that you have a wonderful day with your families as you celebrate this very special sacrament.

Parish Pets Blessing

On Sunday 3rd October at 2.30pm Fr Anthony will be conducting a Parish Pets Blessing as part of the Feast Day celebrations of St Francis of Assisi. Please bring your pets and animals to the front of the church at 2.30pm where Fr Anthony will meet you.

School Mosaic

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming David, our artist in residence, who is creating a wonderful school mosaic with the children. The children created designs in the summer term of images which represent our school, who we are and our values. David will help bring the children's designs to life and we can't wait for you all to see it.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone

Kind regards



Mrs V L McBrown
Interim Headteacher

Dear God,

We lift up the pupils in our schools.
May they know life in all its fullness, and may they experience your compassion and love, and show that to each other.
May they be empowered to fight against injustice and boldly do what is right for others.

Amen.



#MakeADifference

Thurrock Fostering are looking for new or experienced Foster Carers and you do not have to live in Thurrock to be a Foster Carer for us.

If you have been thinking about fostering for a while or are an existing Foster Carer looking for new challenges and experiences, join one of our upcoming virtual information sessions to find out more including our new and very competitive fostering allowances.

These information sessions are an opportunity to view a short presentation, chat with the Fostering Recruitment Team and with current Foster Carers who will be able to answer any of your questions.

Please email fostering.adoption@thurrock.gov.uk to confirm which information session you would like to join and the team will send you the online link for your chosen date.

- **Monday 20 September**
6pm to 8pm –
presentation will start at 6.05pm
- **Tuesday 5 October**
10am to midday -
Presentation starts at 10.05am
- **Thursday 21 October**
6pm to 8pm -
Presentation starts at 6.05pm
- **Saturday 13 November**
10am to 11.30am -
Presentation starts at 10.05am
- **Thursday 25 November**
6pm to 8pm -
Presentation starts at 6.05pm
- **Friday 10 December**
10am to midday -
Presentation starts at 10.05am

For additional dates visit thurrock.gov.uk/fostering

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