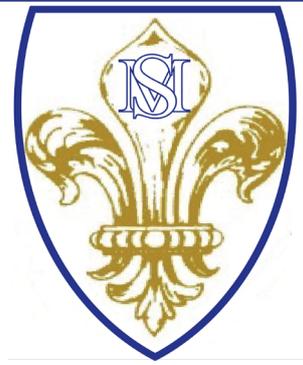


St Mary's News



26th NOVEMBER 2021

As this fortnight comes to a close I am reflecting on how fortunate we are as a school community – fantastic children, supportive parents and a dedicated team of staff and governors – we are so very lucky.

The school choir are in full practise for their Lakeside “gig”, the early years and key stage 1 teams are now in full flow with their nativity rehearsals and the whole school have worked incredibly hard as we’ve completed assessments this week.

Anti Bullying Week – One Kind Word

We started last week with our “just for fun” Odd Sock Day to raise awareness for the start of Anti Bullying Week – One Kind Word. The children explained beautifully how their different socks represented how different they are and how these differences should be respected and valued, knowing that bullying will never be tolerated. I know the children enjoyed their treats – stickers, pencils and wristbands!

Feast of Christ of the King

We were delighted to welcome Fr Anthony into school on 18th November to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King albeit a little early! Father explained some of the symbols in the artwork we see of Jesus depicting him as King and the how Queen Elizabeth uses the same symbols to show her sovereignty thousands of years later. We prayed together asking Jesus to help us be as humble and as loyal as He is.

Children in Need

Last Friday saw us live out our Catholic mission by donning our spots, our yellow or our combination of the two in order to raise some money for Children in Need. This charity whose mission is to help ensure every child in the UK is safe, happy, secure and has the opportunities they need to reach their potential does sterling work and as a school community we raised £120! Thank you so much for your generosity.

Tilbury Town Art Competition,

Last summer we were contacted by Thurrock Council to create some artwork which would be used on the hoardings around the building work in Civic Square. Our artwork was then entered into a competition and Max and Ziona from Year 5 won! On Friday 19th November we went to see the artwork in person and the children collected their prizes. Max and Ziona were thrilled with their Smiggle “hauls”!

Safeguarding

This week we had a Single Central Record Audit and passed with flying colours! The single Central Record is the central record of the safeguarding checks that have been carried out on all staff and other relevant people who come into school e.g. volunteers and governors. A huge thank to Mrs Bishop for all of her work on this.

Going Forth Mass

This Saturday our children who recently made their First Holy Communion will be celebrating their Going Forth Mass where the children learn about going forth as one of God's children, spreading His Word and doing His work. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sunday marks the start of the Advent season and as we ready ourselves for Christmas please be sure to check the dates of all of our upcoming events – I'm really looking forward to seeing you at some of them.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone

Kind regards



Mrs V L McBrown
Headteacher

Father we pray that we are open to hear your voice.
May we be eager to hear what you have to say
We know that sometimes there will be things which
are difficult to hear.
Help me to be willing to hear these words and
follow your lead.

Amen.

