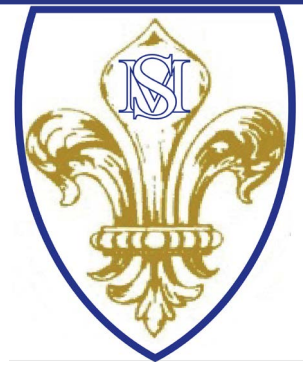


St Mary's News



23rd June 2023

The summer term is speeding by and we've had a very busy fortnight as usual with lots of fantastic learning going on.

New Reception Starters

On Thursday evening we welcomed our families whose children will be joining us in Reception class in September. It was a delight to meet everyone, and we look forward to welcoming the children for their transition afternoon on 6th July. Thank you to all involved in the organising and running of the evening itself.

Celebrating Dads and Special Chaps.

On Friday, in the nursery, the children celebrated all the special chaps in their lives and invited them into Nursery to create some engineering masterpieces! Wow!!! Their pieces were amazing – working wheels, drawbridges, windows that open to name but a few!!! The children had a wonderful time and are so grateful to all who were able to give their time.



Walsingham House – Y6 Retreat

On Friday Year 6 visited Walsingham House at Abbotswick, a youth retreat centre run by the Diocese of Brentwood. Through workshops, prayer and meditation, the children worked around theme “You are God’s work of art” based on Ephesians 2:10. They focused on what makes them unique and special, their precious memories of primary education and what makes them shine. It was a truly beautiful day and their exemplary behaviour was a credit to us all.



Windrush Day

On Thursday 22nd July we celebrated National Windrush Day, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush which docked in Tilbury in 1948. After World War II, people from across the then British Empire were invited to move to the UK to help with post-War labour shortages and to rebuild our battered economy. Many of those who came became manual workers, drivers, cleaners, and nurses in the newly-established NHS. Many broke new ground in representing black Britons in society. Year 3 and Y5 visited Tilbury docks to take part in the celebrations and learn more about the Windrush generation. A huge thank you to Mrs Smith and Mrs Bull who organised our visit.



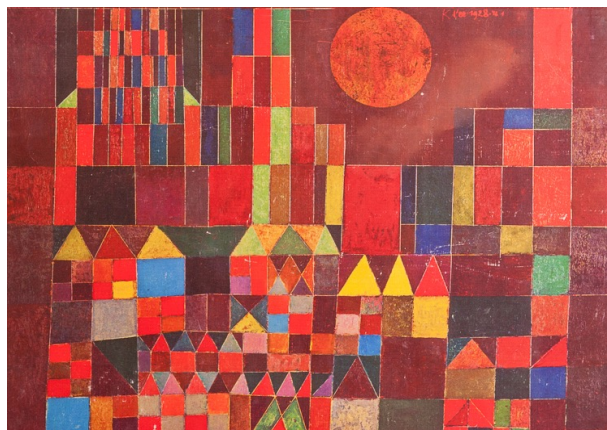
Sports Day

And finally... Sports Day! As I type Mrs Nixon is rallying the troops ready for Sports Day where we will hop, skip, jump and sprint through the morning and then enjoy a lovely picnic! I am excited to announce the winners in the next newsletter!

Art Focus Week

Next week we'll be having our first St Mary's focus week where we will focus on one or two curriculum areas across the school. Our first focus week will be Art with theme of Colour and Structure. As a school we will be exploring Paul Klee's Castle and Sun painting and then each class has an individual piece of artwork to explore too.

We would like to invite you to come and see our masterpieces after school on Monday 3rd July in the school hall.



Looking Forward

Please remember to check the school website for the dates for your diaries for all our end of term activities and celebrations.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend – please enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs V L McBrown
Headteacher



Take time to claim your strength; they are gifts of God.
Take time to have fun; it's God's way of teaching you your strengths.
Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.
Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.
Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.
Take time to share with others; they will bless you, and you will bless them.
Take time to have hope, you are a child of God.
Amen