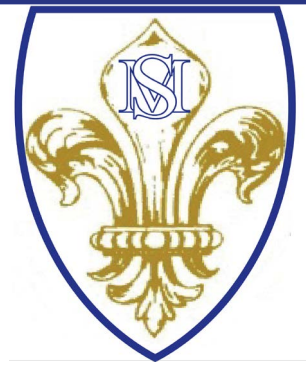


St Mary's News



24th March 2023

Welcome back to the summer term; I hope you all had a blessed and restful Easter. The summer term flies by in the blink of an eye and before we know it, we're on the last stretch towards the summer holidays! However, a wise lady once said to me – "don't count the days, make the days count" and so in true St Mary's style this is what we'll be doing!

Easter Play

Before the holidays, Year 3 and 4 helped us to remember and reflect upon the Easter Story with their beautiful Easter Play depicting Christ's Passion. From their soulful singing, amazing acting and terrific teamwork they all did a super job and a huge thank you to Miss Beauchamp and Miss Stephens for preparing them so well.

Stay and Pray

Our first Stay and Pray was a huge success! Led by the Faith Council, we prayed the Stations of the Cross in our school chapel as a community. It was wonderful to be able to offer a moment of reflection to our parents, carers, governors and trustees during Lent and for the children to be able to lead this. A big thank you to Mrs Smith for organising this special event and to our year 6 artists for their beautiful artwork.



Reconciliation

On 30th March we welcomed F. Anthony into school where he offered those children who have made their First Holy Communion an opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. It is through this most powerful sacrament that, we as Catholics, believe our relationship with the Lord is repaired and strengthened and so we are hugely grateful to F. Anthony for supporting our children with this.

Lenten Fundraising

Across all of our fundraising activities, the Big Lent Walk, the Easter raffle and ticket sales we raised a wonderful £317.50 which will be split between CAFOD and Brentwood Catholic Childrens' Society. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.



Rock Steady

As is tradition our Rock Steady musicians entertained with their End of Term showcase and we thoroughly enjoyed seeing and hearing how much they've progressed – keep up the great work!

Upcoming dates for your diary

Friday 5th May – Coronation "Street Party" – children to wear red, white and blue
Wednesday 17th May – Y5 Class trip
Thursday 18th May – Class Photographs
Friday 19th May – St Mary's Feast Day – children to wear blue

Have a wonderful weekend.



Mrs V L McBrown
Headteacher



God, we pray for our neighbours and friends facing challenges and struggles.

Please grant them the strength and courage to persevere and to trust in Your goodness and love.

Help them to know that you are with them always and will never leave them.

Give them the peace and assurance that comes from knowing You and the hope that comes from trusting in your promises.

Amen