

St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools' Weekly Newsletter

8th December, 2023

'Love one another; Always do our best; Take care of ourselves and the world around us'



Dear parents and carers,

We began this week with a special assembly for Advent. Our lovely Year 1 children created a beautiful Advent wreath and proudly presented this to the whole school. Advent is a wonderful time of year where we wait excitedly to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our children in Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 travelled to St Thomas More Church for services for the Feast of St Nicholas and the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, respectively. A huge thank you to Fr Clive for hosting us and all of our parent volunteers for accompanying us.

Don't forget to join us at our Christmas Fair this Thursday from 2-4.30pm. School closes at 2pm sharp and once all of the children have been collected, we will open up for the fair. God willing, it will take place in our brand new temporary hall.

We have a busy few weeks coming up so please make sure you check the dates in this newsletter or our school website for: Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Fair, Christmas performances etc.

In Friday's assembly, we marked the passing of Benjamin Zephaniah, who died on Thursday. One of Britain's most prolific literary voices, Zephaniah's work dealt with themes of racism, poverty, and social injustice. Each spring term, our Year 6s enjoy their writing lessons centred around Zephaniah's book 'Windrush Child', which is always a particular favourite of the children. After the Christmas break, we shall do a whole school piece of learning on Zephaniah and the huge body of work he left as his legacy.

Congratulations to our winners of the Road Safety competition!



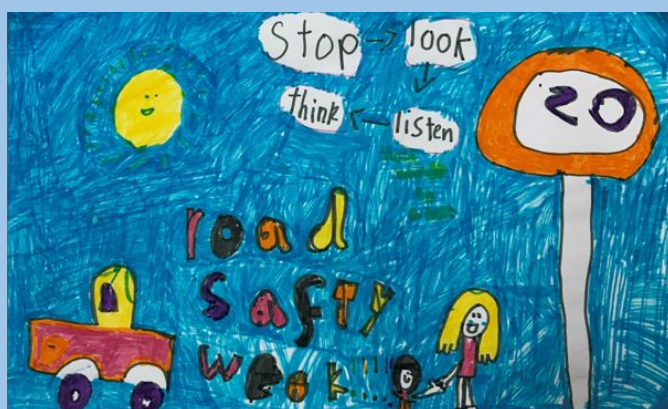
Joel



Tatiana



Emily



Triana

Children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals and their families will be able to access free activities during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays.

Click on the link below to find out more and book places:

[Haringey Holiday Activity and Food Programme link](#)

Attendance winners!

Infant School:

Junior School:

Owl
99.22%

5D
96.43%

Punctuality winners!

Penguins
1 late

3C and 3M
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This week at SMP...



Year 5 children were experimenting with drawing processes, techniques and materials to replicate the colours, textures, lines and shapes they can see in few different ways. Just look at their artwork!



Reception made stained-glass effect Christmas decorations, then decorated the classroom!



Our wonderful Robins created a very special advent wreath for the entire school. I think you will agree with what a superb job they did!



The children, from Years 3 and 4, went to Mass this morning to celebrate the feast day of St Nicholas





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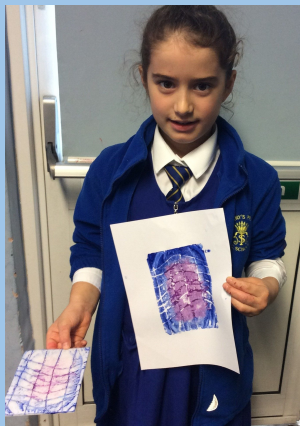
Christmas Fair

DECEMBER
14TH
Thursday

ART & CRAFTS . GAMES .
FOOD . RAFFLE . FACE
PAINTING . MEET SANTA
. TOMBOLA

Welcome from
2 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

4B created some amazing power prints during our Art session!



Enrichments clubs have now finished! We will be sharing our club timetable for the spring term shortly.

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
13th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (please donate via the Arbor app)	All children	Lunch hall	Lunchtime
13th December	Christmas Jumper Day (please donate via the Arbor app)	All children		
14th December	The PSA's Christmas Fair! School closed early at 2pm	St Mary's Community	Hall	2pm
Wb 18th December	Christmas Performances: EYFS Performance: Tuesday 19th December @9am KS1 Performance: Monday 18th December @2.30pm Y3/4 Performance: Tuesday 19th December @2.30pm Y5/6 Performance 20th December @9am	All parents	Hall	
21st December	School closes at 1pm	All pupils		1pm



Stars of the Week



Owl Class	Oliver	Katie
Penguin Class	Renayasia	Leon
Robin Class	Merveline	Alex
Woodpecker Class	Euale	Aaron
Dove Class	Eden	Jess Andrea
3C	Demitriana	Adrian
3M	Samantha	Mar'Veil
4B	Ashley	Ariya
5D	Kinga	Christian
5S	Kacper	Synah
6B	Hanan	Carolina
6J	Martin	Mikhaile

Congratulations to our Stars of the week!
These pupils have worked exceptionally hard
to stand out amongst their peers. Well done
everyone!





Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war.
Amen