

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

2nd February, 2024

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



Dear parents and carers,

We started this week with an assembly on *Safeguarding at SMP*. We spoke at length about how we keep children safe; whether it be our NSPCC PANTS lessons, our online safety training for the children or our behaviour and anti-bullying policies.

Last week, Mrs Ronan spoke to the children about British values at St Mary's Priory and how they work with our school values.

On the next page, you will see our school rules poster- every class has a copy of it and we encourage you to ask your children about it- they love talking about how things run at their school!

## Reminders from the office:

Requests for letters from school

Please note, if you request a letter from school, for example for proof of address, these cannot be accommodated immediately. The office is a very busy part of our school, and any request for a letter may take up to 5 days to be printed for you.

Next week we will take part in both Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Week. On Friday, the children should wear their scarves to school for Children's Mental Health Week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Reynolds  
Deputy Headteacher

Attendance winners!	
Infant School:	Junior School:
None	5S 100%
Punctuality winners!	
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## British Values

We learn about **Ourselves and Others** and about inspirational people.

**We demonstrate our School Values:**

- We will act with **respect and tolerance** because we are a community;
- We will use **resilience and ambition** to learn and grow;
- We will show consideration as everyone is of equal value and importance.

**Tolerance of different Cultures and Religions**  
Together, we are one community who care, respect and understand one another.

**We study themes of Inclusion and Diversity within our Curriculum**

- Our community – diversity in race, religion, gender and culture
- Becoming aware of differences and similarities between people and populations
- Challenging conventions/status quo and interrogating 'colonialised' knowledge
- Challenging stereotypes
- London as a multi-cultural city and Britain as a multi-cultural society
- Inspirational people from different races, religions, genders and cultures
- Celebrating diversity
- Learning about other places
- Slavery and colonisation

**We value responsibility:**  
School Council  
House Team Leaders  
Play Leaders  
Anti-bullying Ambassadors  
Librarians (including Reading buddies)  
We lead assemblies

**Global citizenship is important:**  
We aim to be carbon zero  
We recycle, reduce and reuse  
We are planning for the future  
We study our environment

**Democracy**  
We ALL have a say.

**Individual Liberty**  
We know our human rights and exercise these in school and beyond.

**Mutual Respect**  
We respect others and expect them to show us respect.

**Rule of Law**  
We respect the rules of our communities and law in society.





# St Mary's Priory's GOLDEN RULES

Be kind and compassionate to one another.  
Ephesians 4:32

## BE KIND

This means:  
**WE SHOW RESPECT**  
**WE KEEP OUR HANDS AND FEET TO OURSELVES**  
**WE MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES**  
**WE SHOW FORGIVENESS**



## WORK HARD

This means:  
**WE BE THE BEST WE CAN BE, AT ALL TIMES**  
**WE LISTEN TO EACH OTHER**  
**WE ALWAYS TRY – EVEN WHEN IT IS HARD**  
**WE HELP OTHERS WHEN THEY ARE CHALLENGED**

## OUR VALUES

RESPECT

TOLERANCE  
(& UNDERSTANDING)

RESILIENCE

AMBITION

# This week at SMP...

What a great DT day in Year 2! We learned about wheels and axles, producing our own ferris wheels!



Our St Josephine House enjoying their reward after stacking up the most house points last half term. Well done all!



Our school is supporting the Big Garden Bird Watch this weekend. #Big Garden Bird Watch 2024



We've been getting very creative this week in Year 1! Our Design and Technology topic this term is puppets, and we have been reading the story 'Lost and Found' for Literacy. So, we decided to combine the two and make penguin puppets! 🐧



Just look at how children in our Art Club interpreted Claude Monet's work - 'Water Lilies'!

# School calendar:

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
5th-9th February	Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Week	All pupils		
9th February	Wear Your Scarf to School Day- in support of Children's Mental Health Week			
<b>12th-16th February</b>	<b>School closed for February Half Term</b>	<b>All pupils</b>		
<b>19th February</b>	<b>School closed for staff INSET day</b>	<b>All pupils</b>		
20th February	School reopens for all pupils- breakfast and afterschool clubs open	All pupils		
6th February	Parent Curriculum Workshop for Safeguarding and behaviour - safeguarding messages - what we do hear, how we teach it, including a behaviour curriculum,	All parents	Hall	2.40pm
12th-16th February	February Half Term			
19th February	School Closed for staff INSET day			
21st February	Parent Curriculum Workshop for Reading and Writing	All parents	Hall	2.40pm
4th and 5th March	Years 1-6 Parent Teacher Consultations	Parents	Classrooms	3.40-6p m



# A Prayer for Peace

For those who are  
fleeing: sanctuary

For those who are  
staying: safety

For those who are  
fighting: peace

For those whose hearts  
are breaking: comfort

For those who see no  
future: hope

