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Date 4th-11th March

**For every £10 raised £6 will go to
our school to buy New books**

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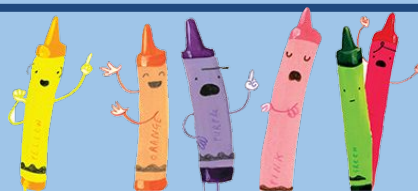




8th March, 2024

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

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



Dear parents and carers,

This week we celebrated the wonderful world of books and reading!

The children took part in a Readathon to raise money for new books for the school. The competition runs until Monday 11th March so there is still time to raise money over the weekend. If you'd like to donate electronically, [please click here](#), alternatively, bring any cash to your class teacher in a clearly marked envelope.

We also celebrated World Book Day on Wednesday and the whole school read Drew Daywalt's '*The Day the Crayons Quit*'. We had lots of fun dressing up as crayons too!

Our children enjoyed getting to read with a different class. Our older children shared their love of reading with our younger year groups. It was wonderful to see all of our children come together as a community of St Mary's Pupils!

Attendance winners!	
Infant School:	Junior School:
Woodpeckers 100%	3M 100%
Punctuality winners!	
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This week we also celebrated International Women's Day. Mrs Ronan shared an assembly with the children about equality and inclusion and how we can all- girls and boys- play a part in ensuring we are an inclusive and fair school for all.



Dear Parents / Carers,

Are you interested in understanding more about autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia and dyscalculia? What does the term 'neurodiversity' mean to you?

"Many people in our community use neurodiversity as an umbrella term used to describe alternative thinking styles such as Dyslexia, DCD (Dyspraxia), Dyscalculia, Autism and ADHD. But regardless of labels, neurodiversity is about recognising those who think differently."

Running from the **18th to the 24th March**, "Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported ..." Throughout the week St. Mary's Priory will be learning more about what neurodiversity means and how we all have a different brain, making us all unique and wonderful. They will take part in lessons that will explore this area in more detail, ensuring that everyone has a clearer understanding of how we all think in a different way. Please continue and support these conversations at home with your children.

The above two quotations are taken from the Neurodiversity Celebration Week website (<https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/resource-hub>), which is running a week of virtual events <https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/events> "with inspirational speakers from a range of backgrounds and professions. The discussions will all be focussing on key neurodiversity topics, and aim to educate while inspiring conversations about neurodiversity." All events are free of charge, open to all and will be recorded. You just need to register for each event in order to receive the link to the recording.

Here's a taster of some which might be of interest:

Event 1: [An Introduction to Neurodiversity](#), 18 March 2024, 09:30 to 10:30

Event 3: [Neurodiversity: We Don't All Fit into One Box!](#) 18 March 2024, 13:30 to 15:00

Event 14: [Understanding Neurodiversity as a Family](#), 20 March 2024, 16:30 to 18:00

Event 19: [Neurodiversity for Parents & Carers](#), 21 March 2024, 18:30 to 20:00

Kind regards,

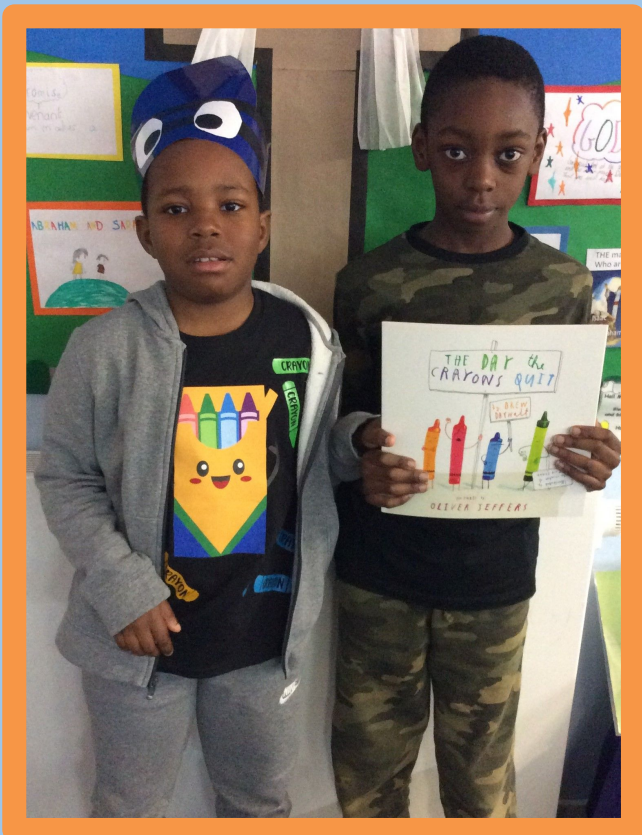
Ciara Neli,

Assistant Head for Inclusion

This week at SMP...



The school enjoyed coming together to read the book, *The Day the Crayons Quit*. They wrote fantastic pieces of work based off of the text.



A big thank you to the Shakhsiyah School for inviting our children to the Islamic Inventors Fair. We had such a lovely morning and learnt a lot about the famously Islamic inventors. All of the children's projects were outstanding!

School calendar:

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
14th March	Zoolab visiting our school	All pupils	In school	All day
14th March	St Patrick's Troupe	All pupils	In school	All day
28th March	School closes at 1pm	All pupils		1pm
29th March-12th April	School closed for Easter Holidays	All pupils		
Wb 13th May	KS2 SATs examinations	Year 6		





Tottenham Futures

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Cohorts run for six weeks, restarting every two weeks.

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Every Tuesday, 4:30pm - 6pm

Every Thursday, 4pm - 6pm

**Location - Percy House, 796 High Road, Tottenham,
London, N17 0DH**

To find out more and to register for the sessions, email:
lauren.black@tottenhamhotspur.com

**SCAN TO SIGN UP
BELOW**





Lent

I Will Turn

Lord, I will turn, Turn my face towards you. I will lay before you the desert areas I hide And turn to soak in your refreshing words of life. I will cast aside the barren, selfish pursuits And turn to rest in the tranquil warmth of your love. I will draw back from the harsh pull of media And turn to bathe in the gentle power of your Spirit. Lord, today I turn my face towards you. I will turn To soak in your words of life, To rest in the warmth of your love, And to bathe in the power of your Spirit.