



St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools'

School Newsletter

'Where great lives begin!'

11th October 2024

Dear St Mary's Community,

A big THANK YOU to our fantastic community who contributed so generously to our Harvest Festival! Our Mini Vinnies brought the donations of food and hygiene products to St Ann's Church where they have a foodbank for those who need it.

On Monday, the children took part in CAFOD's 'Brighten Up' as part of Harvest and we ran a bake sale in support of the day. We raised £170- well done everyone!

Reminder that we are keen to start our own **St Mary's Food Bank!** So if you are doing your weekly shop, and can afford to pick up some additional non-perishable goods, we would appreciate the donations. Once it's set up, our families who need to use the food bank can do so from our school office.

We have spent the month celebrating Black History Month...and there is even more to come! After the half term our Year 5 and 6s will take part in a poetry workshop. The workshop is part of the Tottenham Literacy Festival and the children will be joined by poet, Kirk-Ann Roberts. The theme of the festival is 'Black Imaginations' Please take a look at some of the wonderful work the children have been doing in this newsletter or via Twitter.

Warm regards,

Ms Reynolds
Deputy Headteacher



Attendance winners!	
Infant School:	Junior School:
None	3C 100%
Punctuality winners!	
None	3W and 5B 0 lates

School calendar:

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
wb 9th Sept	Activities start in After School Club: Mon: Art and Craft Tues: Dance Weds: Ball sports Thurs: Ball sports Fri: Homework	All	Book via Arbor	3.30-4.30
28th October- 1st November	October Half term holiday- school closed	All		3.20pm finish
4th November	School open to all pupils	All		8.40am
12th & 13th November	Parent Teacher Consultations	Years Reception-6 Parents	Infant and Junior Halls	3.40-5.50 pm





Stars of the Week



Robin Class	Kalice	Satiro
Dove Class	Charlotte	Daniel
3C	Atnatiwos	David
3W	Rosa	Eyoel
4D	Demi	Daniel
4G	Jagoda	Samuel
5B	Mikal	Antos
6J	Kian D	Miryam

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



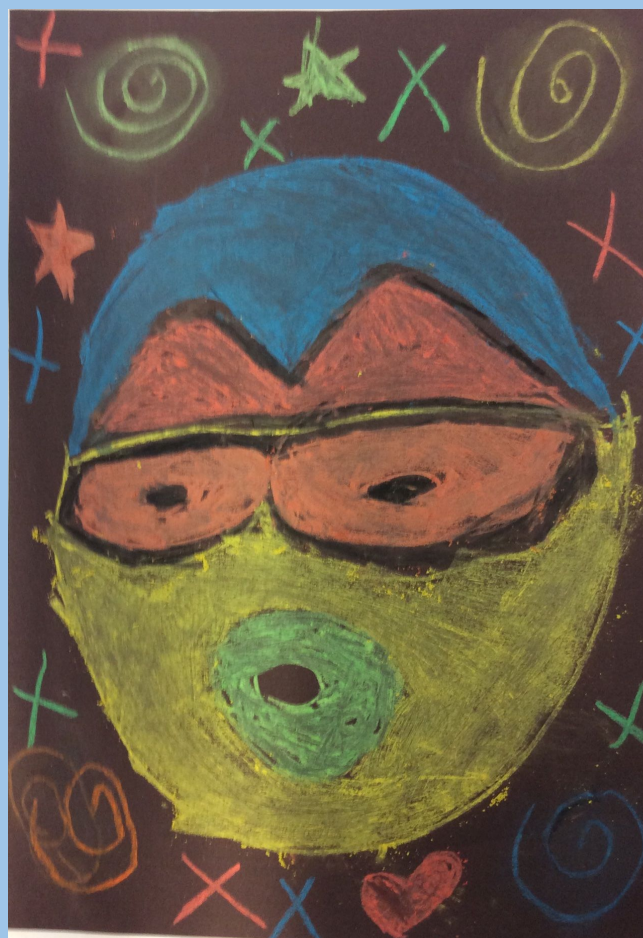
To celebrate **Black History Month**, our St Mary's pupils have been getting very busy indeed!

Each class has taken on an art project where they have chosen a black artist to learn about and re-create their style of art!



Year 4 children learnt about an American artist - Faith Ringgold. Inspired by her work and a core text the children have been studying called, Tar Beach, the children recreated one of her famous pieces.

Year 3 have been studying the artist Lois Mailou Jones! Check out their amazing African masks.



5B learnt about an American artist - Alma Woodsey Thomas. They then created their own pieces based on one of her most famous works of art.



The fabulous Robins created their very own @GeesBend artwork as part of our #BlackHistoryMonthUK celebrations. The end products were fantastic

Coming soon:

As part of BHM, our Year 5 and 6s are taking part in Tottenham Literature Festival 2024 in November. They have been invited to go to the Bernie Grant Arts Centre in Tottenham and share the poetry that they will write during the poetry workshop with poet, Kirk-Ann Roberts after half term. The theme of this year's festival is Black Imaginations. We look forward to reading what they have written!



To celebrate Black History Month, our children took part in the Great Big Live Assembly.

This week at SMP...



Our school community raised an impressive £170 for

@CAFOD

for their #BrightenUp appeal. We had lots of donations from our wonderful families and even hosted a 'Bake Sale'. Well done everyone!



Year 1, have fully taken on the @mark10mission to pray the Rosary every day of the week 🙏✝️🙏💙

Meet our new school librarians!



Congratulations to these Year 5 children who have become our new librarians. The children will be responsible for looking after our much-treasured books and supporting our younger pupils with their reading. Well done team!





At St Mary's, we participate in the Talk PANTS NSPCC programme. With the help of a colourful animated dinosaur, called Pantosaurus, it helps children understand that their body belongs to them, that they have a right to say no and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

This week, our whole school have had age-appropriate lessons using the NSPCC resources.

The NSPCC has guides for parents and carers to use at home when talking to your children about the messages of keeping themselves safe.

Please see the links below these resources:

[Underwear Rule - guidance for parents](#)

[Underwear Rule - guidance for foster carers](#)

[Underwear Rule - guidance for parents of a child with SEND](#)



Managing Challenging Behaviours

Parent group in school

The Trailblazers will be hosting a 5 week group, supporting parents to manage their child's behaviour as they grow and develop. Parents and carers will be supported to use positive parenting skills to reduce challenging behaviours, build self-esteem and enhance family relationships.

Sessions will include:

- Friday 08/11/24 : Understanding challenging behaviours
- Friday 15/11/24 : Helping children to follow instructions.
- Friday 29/11/24: The importance of play.
- Friday 06/12/24: Use of praise and rewards.
- Friday 13/12/24: Strategies to help with managing challenging behaviour

- space for Q&A and trouble-shooting.
- Parent peer support – sharing and understanding.
- Coffee, Tea & Biscuits provided



**Starting: 08:45-09:45 @ St Marys Priory
Catholic Infant & Junior School**

**To express your interest in attending the group please
contact Mrs Neli**

ATTENTION
RECEPTION & YEAR 6 PARENTS!

IT'S TIME TO COMPLETE THE
**CHILD HEALTH
QUESTIONNAIRE**



SchoolScreener

You'll receive a letter from the school with details. This helps the School Nursing Team support any health needs your child may have.



Alternatively Scan the QR code to fill out the questionnaire



SCAN HERE!



**Bernie Grant
Arts
Centre**
Developing
culturally diverse
artists

TOTTENHAM LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2024



DR. RONX | KELECHI OKAFOR | KEN WILSON-MAX

PLUS A **FREE** ZINE-MAKING AND FOUND POETRY WORKSHOP WITH **THE BLACK CURRICULUM!**

FAMILY DAY EVENTS 16 NOV 2024

JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE FAMILY EXPERIENCE AT TLF 2024. ENJOY INTERACTIVE READINGS OF DR RONX'S (AS SEEN ON CBBC) *HOW TO SAVE A LIFE* AND KELECHI OKAFOR'S DEBUT PICTURE BOOK *STRONG LIKE ME*. GET YOUNG HANDS AND MINDS BUSY AT OUR FREE FAMILY ARTS AND CRAFTS WORKSHOP WITH AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR KEN WILSON-MAX.

TICKETS
3-18 YEARS: £3
ADULTS: £10
CONCESSION: £8



SEE MORE & GET YOUR TICKET NOW AT WWW.BERNIEGRANTCENTRE.CO.UK

Half Term Take Home

Autumn Challenges!

Some fun seasonal activity ideas, to explore the world around you during the school holidays...

**.TRICK.
OR.
.TREAT.**

Spook-tastic Decorations

Create some Halloween-inspired decorations! What materials will you use? What about cardboard, newspaper, pipe cleaners and natural materials? How will you make them look spooky?

Warming Drinks

The weather is getting chillier now. Make a hot drink to stay cosy! Can you write the recipe for your drink? Remember to ask for a grownup's help!

Autumnal Art

Collect natural materials to create an autumn collage. Try using leaves, conkers, sticks or anything else you can find, then stick them to some paper or card!

Tree Watch

Keep a record of the trees you've seen and what they look like during this time of year. You might like to draw them or take photos. What different colour leaves are there? How many evergreen and deciduous trees can you spot?

Conker Count

Use a tally chart to record the number of conkers you can find. Have you seen conkers on the ground? What trees do conkers come from? Compare your findings when you return to school!

Perfect Pumpkins

Design a spooky pumpkin! Can you bring your design to life and carve a pumpkin? Remember to ask a grownup for help!

Positive Thinking Poems

Happiness is...

H is for happiness

A is for always being kind

P is for positive attitude

P is for being patient

I is for always inviting friends over to play

N is for being nice to others

E is for enjoying family time

S is for being splendid

S is for being super special.

HAPPINESS comes from within, so stay positive!

by A'zaria in 4G



Positive Thinking Poems

Happiness is...

Happiness is being able to laugh like nobody is there.

Happiness is like a golden pot of heaven.

Happiness is like flying like a bird that just got let out of his cage.

Happiness is like to the moon and back.

Happiness is like a joyful river pouring down on you.

Happiness is like being an angel of joy and happiness.

by Shemmy in 4G



Positive Thinking Poems

Happiness is...

Happiness is being free,
Happiness is a lucky clover,
Happiness is a sunny day,
Happiness is getting gifts,
Happiness is loving by my family,
Happiness is travelling around the world,
Happiness is like finally getting rest,
Happiness is going to the park,
Happiness is being the best,
Happiness is being lucky,
Happiness is like a free bird,
Happiness is being me,
Happiness is loving me,
Happiness is singing freely!

by Leah in 4G



Make your **school holidays** unforgettable

October 2024



Join us for fun activities
and make new friends.



Visit haringey.gov.uk/holidayfun to find the perfect activity for you!

Don't miss out - your adventure starts here!

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All Saints & All souls Halloween Party



Friday 25th October

6.00pm till 8.30pm

St Thomas More Church Hall

Featuring Mr Marvel's Magic Show · Disco · Costume Parade
· Pumpkin Carvings · Ghost Stories
· Hot Dogs & Non-meat Options · Snacks · Drinks

TICKETS £4 PER PERSON OR £10 PER FAMILY (CASH ONLY)

(MAXIMUM 2 CHILDREN WITH PARENTS) PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A TICKET ONLY EVENT
TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE AT THE IRISH ELDERLY ADVICE NETWORK OFFICE ON THURSDAYS 10AM - 3PM
TICKETS ALSO AVAILABLE FROM FR CLIVE, LIAN BRIAN-PREACHER, GERALDINE CASEY AND ELIZABETH NGOZI.

ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH, HENRY ROAD, N4 2LH | (CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER 6PM TILL 7.30PM)



Class Prayer

6J's prayer:

Dear God,

**Thank you for bringing us together as a class
this year.**

**Help us to show ambition in everything we
do, especially as we prepare for our Year 6
SATs. Give us the focus and drive to always
try our best and never give up.**

**Teach us to show tolerance and kindness, as
we make new friends and work alongside
each other, understanding and appreciating
everyone's differences.**

**Guide us to show respect – for ourselves, our
teachers, our classmates, and our school
rules.**

**Give us the strength to have resilience when
things get tough, so that we can stay
focused, finish our work on time and behave
in ways that make our school proud.**

**Help us to work hard, be kind, earn golden
tickets and live out our school values every
day.**

Amen.