



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

## School Newsletter

'Where great lives begin!'

15th November 2024

Dear St Mary's Community,

On Monday we marked Remembrance Day with a two minute silence as a whole school. We used the time to reflect on people who have lost their lives through war, and our own personal losses.

This week we marked 'Anti-bullying Week'. The children took part in an assembly first thing on Monday morning where we discussed this year's theme 'Choose Respect!'. We also discussed our school pledge to stop bullying as soon as it is reported, and all of the steps we take to ensure that it is stopped. On Tuesday, the children came to school wearing 'odd socks' in order to show off their individuality! They also took part in a virtual assembly which was broadcasted nationwide.

On Friday we celebrated Children in Need with a very fun Crazy Hair Day! If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please use our link here: [click here](#) .

Thank you to our parents for attending the Parent Teacher Consultations this week. Parent involvement in their child's learning supports our school so much- so thank you all for this. Just a reminder that our school website has really useful curriculum information which supports you in knowing what your child is covering in class each half term. All of this information can be found on the class pages: [click here](#). For specific curriculum information, the '[Our Curriculum](#)' page is particularly helpful. It also contains useful 'expectations' by year group so that you understand what your child is expected to be doing in each year group for reading, writing and maths.

Our FANTASTIC PSA came together on Thursday for a meeting to kick of the Christmas Fair plans! Make sure that you put Friday 13th December at 2.30pm in your diaries! It is sure to be a very festive event!

Next week as part of our Black History celebrations, we will be joined by former St Mary's pupil, Dr Tammy Russel. We will be learning about her journey into becoming a doctor since leaving our school. She is a reminder that St Mary's truly is 'Where great lives begin'!

Thank you,

Ms Reynolds  
Deputy Headteacher



Some of our 'odd socks'!

Attendance winners!	
Infant School:	Junior School:
Robin 97%	4D 98.91%
Punctuality winners!	
Owl 4 late	5B 1 late



**Give a coat, warm a heart**

Dear parents and carers,

This year, as a school, we are taking part in the Wrap Up London campaign. If you have any old coats that are no longer needed please send them into school. The charity accept both adult and children's coats. Please hand in any old coats, in a bag, to the office. Can I ask that all donations are handed in by Thursday 21st November.

Thank you all for your continued support and helping us to achieve our Catholic mission.

Mrs Murphy

# 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 (Netball) Thurs: Ball sports (Golf) Fri: Homework	All	Book via Arbor	3.30-4.30
20th November	RSHE consultation in the Junior Hall	Parents invited to attend		3:30pm until 4pm
21st November	Deadline for bringing in your old coats to donate to 'Wrap up London'			
13th December	Christmas Fair- School closes for all pupils at 2.20pm	All	Infants	2.30-4pm
	<b>Christmas performances:</b> 16th December Years 3 and 4 at 9am 17th December Years 5 and 6 at 2.30pm 17th December Nursery and Reception at 9am 18th December Years 1 and 2 Nativity at 9am			





# Stars of the Week

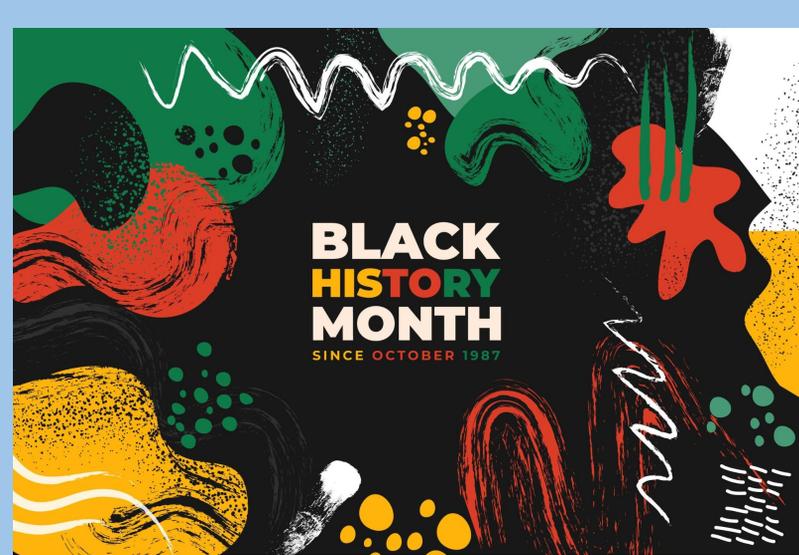


Robin Class	Renayasia	Kieran
Dove Class	Elijah	Arianne
3C	Leila	Andreas
3W	Euale	Iggy
4D	Ruzgar	Jaida
4G	Toprak	Pa-Biram
5B	Blessing	Dawood
6J	Kian G	Mikolaj

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







Year 5 and 6 went to the Berni Arts Centre for their poetry session around the theme 'Black Imaginations'.

Our Year 3s have been investigating friction!

# This week at SMP...



We held a whole school moment of silence for Remembrance Day.



Our junior pupils have been taking part in the TTRS challenge this week! They have been trying to get as many correct answers as they can each day in hopes that their class beats other classes in the country!



## A Prayer for Remembrance

Ever-living God,  
We remember those whom you have  
gathered from the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



*Let Us  
Pray*

