



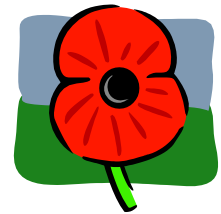
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14TH November 2017

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Thank you to Joel, Kate and Isla who represented the school and laid our wreath at the memorial last Sunday. As ever, you were a credit to the school.



CHILDREN IN NEED

A reminder that we are having a **SPOTTY** dress down day this Friday for Children in Need. Your child's participation and donations are greatly appreciated. If you still have any old **Round** pound coins that you cannot spend anymore please send them in as we will be collecting these as well. Pudsey bear will be visiting us on Thursday morning.



DECO AFTERNOON

On 30th November we will be holding our annual 'wear a seasonal jumper and Deco making afternoon' (possibly most of the day in some classes!) in a bid to deck the school in festive cheer. If you are able to come and help we would love to have you! Your child's teacher will send out more information shortly.

HOT DOG DAY

The marvelous Mrs Byrne is coming back to run a Hotdog Day for us on 1st December 2017, you should have all received your hot dog letter today.

GIVING TREE

From the 1st December we will have our usual Giving Tree up in the foyer. We will be collecting non-perishable foods for Age Concern Jersey. They would prefer us not to wrap the items, as they then have to unwrap them to put them into hampers. We will hang tokens on the tree, please can you select a suitable item and put it under the tree. If your child has been overly enthusiastic and has taken a handful of tokens don't feel





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you need to buy loads - just send the tokens back in and we'll put them back on the tree!

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

We have had another meeting with the Architects about the building project, and they have produced a model of what the school could look like, subject to the plans being passed. They haven't left us the model, but they have left us a number of photos of the models from different angles. I will put these up on the board with the plans, so that you can have a look. Once the Christmas Giving Tree is up, I will move the board to the hall.



Thank you to the parents who took part in our focus group discussion before half term, your feedback was very useful in helping us plan for future development of the curriculum.

We will be holding some parent workshops in the New Year on our new approaches to Mathematics and other areas of the curriculum so that you can be kept up-to-date with what we are doing, and the areas of the school we are developing next.

We will also be developing our report format for the Summer Term, to include more detailed information about your child's attainment. I would be very interested in another meeting with parents in January to talk about aspects of the school that we are doing well, and that we can improve.

SCIENCE & ECO CLUB

Last week Jo Stansfield from the National Trust visited Reception and delivered a new **Nature Table Kit** for the whole school to use. She shared with us a variety of interesting 'treasures' that she has found out and about in Jersey. The aim of the Nature Table Kit is to



"create links between home and school and to connect children to the changing seasons and wonders of the natural world around them." This valuable new resource is currently in Reception however it will make its way to every class in the school and you will be notified when it is your classes turn. Once we have established our Nature Table it will be displayed for everyone to see, share and enjoy. The National Trust are keen to see how we get on



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and we may have the chance to receive further surprises such as a microscope and booster pack!

Our new Eco-Club have made a great start to thinking about making our school more Eco-Active. They have created a new eco-code and they are preparing for 'Switch Off Fortnight' which starts on November the 20th. We have also received some new bat boxes, hedgehog homes and robin boxes which will be out in our school grounds shortly.



Mrs Le Moignan

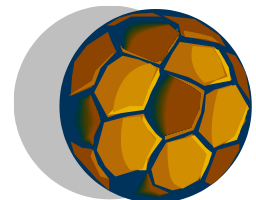
SPORTS NEWS

CROSS-COUNTRY

Well done to all the runners who took part in the recent cross country race. The event was a huge success with over 700 runners. This used to be around a 100 runners so it is great to see the event grow and grow.

FOOTBALL CLUB

Football is getting more and more popular which is great! We have also had some brilliant matches lately, and there was a great atmosphere!



Just a reminder, Andy from the Bicycle Workshop at Le Quennevais precinct has said he will offer discount on children's bikes for children from St Mary's School.

RECEPTION

We have had a busy start to the new half term. We have created bonfire pictures using our handprints to mix red and yellow to make orange and we used marbles to create some eye-catching firework pictures. We have used the story of 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears' to compare and order different sizes in Maths and to sequence the story in Literacy. We had great fun exploring porridge to fill different containers and of course tasting it for snack too!

Our next topics will be 'Biscuit Bear' using the exciting story by Mini Grey and then Christmas. We are very busy planning our Nativity story to share with you soon! Our



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Maths focus until the end of term will be exploring and ordering different lengths/heights, 2D shape and finding 1 more and 1 less using numbers to 10 (then 20). In Literacy we will be using 'Biscuit Bear' to write recipes, design our own biscuit bear and to plan our own 'safe place' for a biscuit. We will also be thinking about the story setting, characters and main events.

Last week we had a visit from Jo (Isaac's Mum) who works for the National Trust. She brought us our new school nature table kit and showed us some interesting things that she had found on her adventures out and about such as a 'mermaid's purse', a dragonfly and a rabbit skull. The table will be with Reception for the rest of this term so we would love to have some interesting treasures to share with the class from your own adventures.



The Reception Team.

YEAR 1

This term we are going to be learning about Castles. We had a special invitation from Mont Orgueil Castle asking us to visit yesterday 13th November. We had an exciting time looking at how the castle might have been made and the different features that it has.

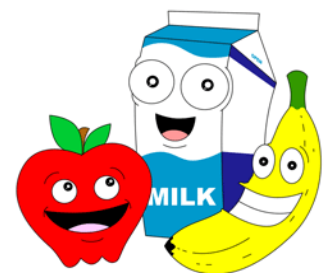
In Maths we are very busy being mathematicians and figuring out how to make addition and subtraction number sentences. In literacy we are looking at the story 'The Kiss That Missed' and are working on our description skills to make our stories more interesting.



Miss Rogers

YEAR 2

This term we have been learning about how to be healthy. We have thought about what we need to eat, exercise and will be exploring hygiene next week. With Mr Griffiths the children have been learning about how to keep their minds as well as their bodies healthy. We had a fantastic visit from Mrs Freeman last week who taught us all about how bodies work and we all had a go at finding our pulse and listened to our heartbeats with her stethoscope. Next week we are off to Crabbe for the afternoon. We will be thinking about how lucky we are to be able to





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learn in outdoor spaces. Thank you to everyone who has returned their slips and to all the parents who have offered to help, it will be great to have you supporting us with our learning 😊 In maths we have been mastering subtracting and although it has been tricky we have persevered and I have been really impressed.

We will be moving onto our next topic 'Festivals' shortly and I will send out more information when we do.

Miss Hill, Mrs Betts, Mrs Jones and Mrs Yeboah

YEAR 3

Maths.

In maths we have been learning different methods of adding and subtracting with the Concrete, Pictorial, Abstract approach.

English.

We have been reading the play script 'A Tune of Lies' by Lou Kuenzler which is a play script about making the right choices, and exploring issues such as exaggerating and lies.

Topic

The children are really enjoying our Vikings topic. There have been some fantastic pieces of homework coming in. We have also been using our historical research skills to find how in the past the Vikings lived.

YEAR 4

In Year 4 we have had a busy time learning about electricity and circuits. We are in the middle of designing and making our own working lanterns! We have also just started our new topic on Christianity. We recently went to Mont Nicolle School for a fabulous workshop led by Liz Lambert. We were taken on a journey starting from the creation story in the Old Testament, through to the Easter story. We will be visiting St Mary's Church and Bethlehem Church and learning about Advent, in preparation for our Year 4 Carol Service on the 13th December.





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YEAR 5

The children have been working hard on their report writing. The children have completed an extended piece of writing on a new species called the Flubbojab and are now going to create a poster or leaflet on a topic of their choice.

We have been learning about places around the world, linked to our WW2 topic and we are about to begin contrasting London and Jersey. All of the children have demonstrated their creativity through their detailed sketches of London landmarks and playing recorders to a piece of Jazz music. Thank you to those children who have already completed their project homework for this topic. The deadline is Monday 11th December.

Mrs Harber

YEAR 6

We are now coming to the end of our topic "We've All Got Rights". Year 6 have worked really hard on this topic. They have tackled some big global issues such as: homelessness, access to clean water and fair trade.

Lots of effort went into their homework task and as a result they gave informative and well-rehearsed presentations last Friday. I was also very impressed with the way that they listened to each other's presentations and the quality of their peer feedback. Well done Year 6 - great work!

This Thursday, we will be supporting the St Mary's Brainiacs at the De Putron challenge - an interschool general knowledge quiz a bit like University Challenge! Good luck to Sophie, Harrison, Saoirse and Bella. We will be waving our banners to cheer you on!

Next week, we will be beginning our Victorian topic - which I'm sure the children will enjoy.

On a final note, there are still some children without art aprons. Please provide one for your child - an old shirt will do!

Mrs. Smith



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