Welcome to our newsletter. We hope that you all had a lovely, relaxing half-term break and enjoyed the sunshine! With the final Summer term in full swing, we have lots of exciting events in the coming weeks, so make sure to check the dates page on the back to keep in the loop. Please take note that Transfer Day will be on Wednesday 11th July.

Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship we have been discussing our new value of justice. We spoke about the importance of following rules and how our past value of forgiveness can play a big part in justice. We looked at the parable of ‘The Good Samaritan’ and discussed how we should act responsibly and fairly with the people that we meet each day. We also had Wendy Scales in who reminded us about sharing. She chose children to help her re-enact ‘the feeding of the 5000’ and discussed how we can all share, even if we don’t have a lot.
FATHER’S DAY
A huge thank you to the PTFA for running and organising the Father’s Day sale. Lots of children bought socks, sweets and little gifts for their important male role models and it wouldn’t have been possible without the PTFA.

CIRCUS DRESS UP DAY
On 29th June, we will be spending the day dressed in circus themed clothing or bright colours! If you can, we would like you to donate a prize for the PTFA tombola. We will have a special visitor on this day!

SUMMER FETE AND CIRCUS
Don’t forget that on Saturday 14th July, the summer fete and circus will be at St. Mary’s! Everyone is welcome and we hope that the sunshine will make an appearance for the occasion. There are a few spaces for stall at the circus. If you would like one, please see a member of the PTFA. Tickets for the circus are on sale Wednesday, Thursday and Friday up until the event. They are going fast so get them while you can!

THANK YOU
We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTFA for supplying every Year 6 child with a leavers t-shirt and donating £5 per child for them to use on their end of year treat. We are so lucky to have such a hard working, dedicated team who are already well on their way to the £10,000 target for the playground fund.

DUCK RACE
The PTFA will have a stall at the Duck Race on 1st July, so pop along and see them!

HELP NEEDED
The PTFA are also looking for help at the duck race and circus. If you have an hour or two to spare, please them know!
Roblox’s Social Features
You can restrict your child from playing, chatting and messaging with others on Roblox. Whatever settings you choose, we recommend discussing your decisions with your child. If you limit Roblox’s social features, consider revisiting these restrictions as your child grows and matures.

1. Log into the account
2. Click on the gear icon in the upper right-hand corner of the web site.
3. Go to Settings
4. Select Privacy

Review the options under Contact Settings and Other Settings. Select No one or Everyone. (Players age 13 and older have additional options.) This can also be done under the Security tab with “Account Restrictions” enabled.

Stay nearby.
Whether your child plays Roblox on a computer, tablet or gaming console, we recommend kids (especially younger ones) play with you or another trusted adult nearby. You’ll want to see what kind of games they’re playing, how they’re playing (sportsmanship matters online too) and with whom they’re interacting, especially at first.

Play Roblox with your child
Make an account for yourself and add your child as a friend on the Roblox platform so you can play games together. This will give you a better sense of what types of experiences your child will encounter on the platform and also how they interact with other friends and players inside specific games.

Community rules.
Review Roblox’s Community Rules with your child, especially the “guiding principles” which are written in plain English. Also consider drawing up a family agreement that outlines your expectations for their online behavior. Make it a discussion (never a lecture) and remember to explain to your child that along with rights and privileges come responsibilities. Be clear about consequences for any violation of the agreement.

Remember to be safe when online. Mr Maddams.

Mr Maddams
ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Well done to all the children below who were nominated by their class teachers to receive Achievement Awards. Please encourage your children to keep up the good work.

Emily Driver       Michael Ayvaliklis       Jake Bird       Mia Barnett
Nicole Short       Taylee Cooke           Sofia Massimo   Kellen Schulze
Chloe Mercer       Ellis Schulze          Gemma Cox       Mackenzie Taylo
Marcus Choroba     John Mutememerwa       Lilly Kearns-Smith
Harvey Lawson      Summer Allwood-Dell

BEHAVIOUR AWARDS

Congratulations must also go to the children who were picked as great role models for the school. These are:

All of Year 2 for their excellent behaviour during SATs week and our trip

Sam Sharman      Taylor Pilcher           Sophia Lorentzen   Sam McNab
Gabrielle Lacey-Betts  Brendan Innard       Cian Thompson   Josh Swift
Sophia Bruce       Holly Wilson             Rihanna Smith     Kaci Wilson
Obinna Madichie    Tommy Babb              Isabelle Shepherd Mia Barnett
Lily-Anna Bruce    Jacob Shepherd           Logan Baxter
Domas Butkevicius  Tiffany Mutuchi         Megan-Rose Harrison Llewellyn

READING CHALLENGE

We have raised the importance of reading at school and now need your help at home. Each week we expect the children to read between 3 and 5 times a week and for you to put comments in their reading records. The reading records will be checked once a week by the class teachers and the average score is then taken to Collective Worship. The winning class will be awarded a trophy to keep for the week.

Over the last fortnight, the trophy was won by:-

Mrs Broadribb and Mrs Barron’s Twinberries with a score of 6.5 reads.
HOME ACHIEVEMENTS

It’s so wonderful to see children achieve outside of school as well as inside. Well done to the following children for their out of school achievements.

Oliver Stenson, Jayden Gotts and Jamie Smith—for participating in the Bubble Run for Cransley Hospice
Holly Wilson—coming 4th in a cheerleading competition and playing clarinet in a concert
Mackenzie Taylor and Corey Dicks—finding the coloured rock in Barton Seagrave and re-hiding it for somebody else to find
Skyla Newall—completing her sponsored 5 mile walk for the Crazy Hats Appeal
Summer Allwood-Dell—completing her level 4 swimming certificate
Isabelle Shepherd—being awarded a silver and bronze medal in gymnastics
Mia Pilcher—being awarded a trophy for street dance at school
Betsy Litster –climbing to the top of the wall at Kids Play
Archie Nolan—having the best dance moves at the school street dance club
Jude Roberts—completing his reading homework
Katie Ambler—raising £76 for Cancer Research, running 5km the race for life
Miley Macdonald—being awarded level 1 and 2 for her swimming
Lucas Waples—being awarded level 3 for his swimming
Emir Salim—fighting for 5 rounds in a Thai boxing contest
Laylend Clark —competing in 2 football tournaments
Harley and Corey Dicks—winning a cricket tournament in Raunds
Chas Thomkins—scoring a goal and winning his football match
Isabel Edwards and Cadiya Robinson-Evans—participating in a ballet show

CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD

Every week the class with the highest attendance is recognised in our Achievement assembly. The class that achieved the highest attendance were:-

Mrs Litchfield’s Elms with 99.6% attendance
SPORT AT ST. MARY’S

It has been a fantastic few weeks for sporting achievements at school.

SPORTS DAY

Before half-term, all year groups participated in Sports Day activities, with running, skipping, sack, bean bag, egg and spoon, hockey and marathon races. Thank you to everyone who came and participated in our Sports Days. Poppy Binder (year 5) has written a review of the Year 5 and 6 Sports Day.

At the Year 5 and 6 Sports Day and we had 53 races in total. Miss Whitlock commentated on the microphone and there were also people and staff that helped with the organisation (and giving out stickers). I took lots of pictures of all the different races. Everyone did really well and persevered in each of their races. We had a break in between the events and we got to eat ice poles, due to the sunny weather. Some children were chosen to receive special awards in assembly because they showed special values.

Well done to everyone who joined in and thank you to Mrs Reynolds and the other teachers for organising the event.
Recently, some children from St. Mary’s competed in a level 3 gymnastics competition. This competition was county wide, with over 100 different gymnastics groups taking part. The children competing had to complete 3 different routines: vault, floor and body management.

Out of the 100 groups, St. Mary’s came 8th and 9th. As well as that, 3 girls were awarded bronze medals for their routines. They were Holly Wilson, Saskia Bond and Matilda Babb. Well done to all of the children who took part in the various gymnastics practices and competitions with Miss Marshall and Mrs Reynolds over the last year. If you think you might like to take part in these next year, talk to either Miss Marshall or Mrs Reynolds for more information.
Reading is something that is very important to us at St. Mary’s. Here, you will now be able to find out about all of the reading activities in school, see the fortnightly reading leadership board for all classes, read a range of facts and information about reading and find ways that you can access different reading texts for your children.

Role of parents/carers and the home environment
Evidence suggests that parents and the home environment are essential to the early teaching of reading and fostering a love of reading. Key findings from the evidence include:

- Parental involvement in a child’s literacy has been reported as a more powerful force than other family background variables, such as social class, family size and level of parental education.
- Children whose home experiences promote the view that reading is a source of entertainment are likely to become intrinsically motivated to read.
- Children are more likely to continue to be readers in homes where books and reading are valued.

Free online books
With reports suggesting that children under 8 are spending some 50 minutes to 2 hours a day looking at a screen or tablet, ebooks can be a great way to encourage reluctant readers, through a medium that they enjoy. The ‘Oxford Reading Owl’ has a range of free online books for 3-11 year olds that anyone can access. Follow this link to see more: https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page
**Buddy Reading**

Before half-term, the children got to experience a range of ‘buddy reading’ sessions, with older year groups reading to younger children. The younger children thoroughly enjoyed listening to stories read to them by their siblings and older friends and it gave the older children a chance to take ownership and establish a love of reading. All children, and adults, thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it is something that we will hopefully be organising again. Watch this space!
PARKING

It has recently come to our attention about the parking situation on Latimer Close at the end of the school day. This is a gentle reminder that we should be parking considerately, particularly around the resident’s driveways and we should not be parking on the zig zags as the road will become obstructed. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

123 Magic

We will be facilitating this at our school again on 29th October, 8th November, 15th November and 22nd November. If you are interested please let Carol Lipscomb, Family Support Worker, know.

There are also a range of other 123 Magic courses being held across the county:

- Compass Academy on 11th, 18th October, 1st, 5th November at 1:00 – 3:15PM
- Rothwell Infants and Juniors – 6th June 2018
- St Edward’s Primary – 10th, 20th, 27th September, 4th October 2018
- St Mary’s Primary, Kettering – 22nd, 29th January, 5th and 12th February 2019

WOW CLUB

Each Wednesday, a Worship On Wednesdays (WOW) club is held in the dance studio after school. This is a chance for families to come together with Yvonne, Sandra and often Tom, to reflect on their week and enjoy the company and community of others. Why not pop along on Wednesday after school to find out more!

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Sam Bosworths of Bosworths Garden Centre for the donation of beautiful flowers for our school. They look fantastic and certainly do a good job of brightening up people’s days. Have a look the next time you are on the playground!

FATHER’S DAY

Thank you to everyone who came to our Father’s Day performance. The children put in a lot of hard work and effort to share their dedications to the male role models in their lives. We hope you thoroughly enjoyed the performance and we’re sure there wasn’t a dry eye in the house! A special thank you to Mrs Reynolds for creating and organising the performance and to Mrs Cooke for the donations of the chocolate gifts.

TWITTER

Please check out our St. Mary’s twitter account to see all of the exciting things happening at school! Visit @st_primary for any updates.
Disability Multi-Sports Club

Every Sunday 2:00PM - 4:00PM

For all young people (0 - 25 years) with SEN/SEND & their families to participate in a variety of sports & softplay/sensory play in Northampton.

Venue - Fernie Fields Scouts & Community Centre Fernie Field, Moulton, Northampton, NN3 7BD

£4 Per Child £6 - For 2 Or More Children, Parent/Carers - Free

Activities
2:00 - 2:30 - Boccia
2:30 - 3:00 - Football Outside
3:00 - 3:30 - Multi-Sports Inside
3:30 - 4:00 Stretching & Calm Down
2:00 - 4:00 Arts & Crafts & Sensory Play/Soft Play

For More Information Contact Mark Tel. 07811 371569
Email info@sport4fitness-cic.co.uk www.sport4fitness-cic.co.uk
**BEFORE SCHOOL**
A gentle reminder that children and parents should remain outside on the playground until 8:50am when the whistle is blown. No parents or children should be inside the buildings or classrooms, unless a prior arrangement is agreed with the teacher. If you have a concern and wish to speak to your child’s teacher, please wait until the teacher is on the playground, or arrange a suitable time to meet after school. Thank you for your support with this.

**A PRESENCE ON THE PLAYGROUND**
We are starting to see an increase in the amount of parents that are popping into the school office first thing in the morning before school to drop forms in. You can return forms via your child’s book bags and they will put into class trays that come up to the office. Also either Mr John Currall or Mrs Emma Simmonds will be available on the school playground from 8.45am to answer any queries or take messages at the beginning of the school day. You will be able to spot them easily as they will be wearing their Hi-Vis jackets. From 8.50am they will be located at the gate by Latimer Close. They can both take any messages and action them for you and also take any forms/medication from you.

Please do speak to whoever is out on duty to help us to free up the office space first thing in the mornings for any urgent or confidential issues only.

**PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING ANY CONCERNS**
If you have any concerns regarding your child’s education please could we ask that you in the first instance come to the class teacher and have a chat. More and more issues are getting put on social media sites without us having the chance to investigate this issue and try and help. We would like to work with parents and pride ourselves on being very approachable and open to any concerns parents may have. If you feel the class teacher has not looked into your complaint or you are not happy with the outcome you can then go to a member of SLT (listed below) who will look into it and escalate to the Deputy or Principal if necessary.

**SLT Members:**
- Melanie Barron
- Michelle Evans
- Emma Baker
- Emma Farrer

If you are still not happy with the outcome of your complaint you can then go to

**Head of Governors:**
- Mr Neil Dorothy
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