



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take the opportunity to update you on the life of the school this week.

At the end of half term House Points were collected and counted by the accounts department in Y5: Oliwia, Emily, Ellie and Marina ...my thanks to these superbly efficient girls who revised and adjusted their counting technique in order to get the result accurately and quickly.

I am pleased to announce that, despite being very tight again, it is Blue house (Lulworth) that have taken the lead with a total of 783 points collected. The school council met this week and the news from the Blues is that they would like an extra break. This will be organised by the council and I look forward to reporting on it in next week's bulletin.

Another successful area of endeavour within the school has been the fantastic news that Georgia from Year 1 managed to get past the first round of the 500 words competition. Children from across the U.K. were asked to write a short story on a theme of their choice. Georgia told me that ...“My story was about some children and a fairy and I really enjoyed writing it using a pencil and paper. Maybe I will think of some more stories for the future.”

Obviously the competition was fierce and so Georgia deserves congratulations from all of us within the St. Mary's community; well done Georgia and we look forward to hearing what happens next in the story of your story.

Away from the books and pencils, other St. Mary's pupils have been excelling in athletic pursuits. Liam from Y2 took part in the Poole festival of running and ran his first ever one mile race in the heat and excitement of last weekend. He ended up 36th out of 89 children; a really superb effort and I am sure you will join us in congratulating him on his achievement. Tiffany from Foundation and Alex and Amelia from Y4 also showed us medals from the same event, a great achievement all round and very promising for our Golden Mile initiative-more on this next week.



Thanks to Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Evans we have enjoyed “Water, Wheels and Waves” science events, Golden Mile exercise challenges and visits from Zabivaka (Google him!) in the space of one short week. We are always looking at ways to ensure our curriculum remains broad, balanced and relevant to the children at St. Mary's so the range of

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ingenious designs on display last Tuesday was a testament to the “creativity” aspect of our vision here at school. It was particularly pleasing to see the way in which children from different year groups enjoyed the same challenge at a range of different levels. This creativity will stand them in good stead as they progress through their education and into an employment market that will value these skills highly.

In relation to this, please remember the “Inspire to Learn” event that will be taking place in the afternoon of Friday the 13th July here at school; we need your support to really inspire the children to consider as wide a range of careers as possible. Please let the office know if you can spare an hour to tell small groups of supervised children about your work. We are interested in as wide a range of jobs as possible so please let us know if you can help in any way.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. R. Howard.

Deputy Headteacher