

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start with a thank you this week. Thank you to you all for your continued support. Life in school is very busy and the staff continue to do an amazing job. Their job description has changed but they all continue to provide their very best for the children. We are close to maximum capacity and continue to look for ways to offer as much support to you all as we possibly can.

Apparently the "Babbling Bubbles" are a chatty bunch!!! Here is a picture of their display.

The "Bubbly Bubble" is forever blowing bubbles. Look how big they are!







The art work in the "Aero Bubble" is super!







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The "Chilled Out Chicks" have produced some amazing art work, have been doing science experiments with plants and have produced a dance for the music concert tomorrow. Well done to them all.

















The children in "Bikini Bottom Bubble (from Sponge Bob)" have been building a steam train for the Victorians project, this included a brilliant video which I have put on the website.







The staff that are supporting the home learning have been amazed at some of the work that has been posted into the Google Classroom this week. You are all doing such a great job. We have been trying to let you know how great you all are through different platforms. Bubble staff as well as class teachers now have access to MarvellousMe and hopefully you will have received a message. They have also been commenting on individual work. Don't forget to send a 'High 5' back!



Look at this amazing Orc Fortress made from scratch by Piotr and his dad in Year 3.

Also Antoinette's fantastic tomato plants – I bet she will soon have tomatoes on them.



In Year 4 lots of children took part in the cricket competition and the Gymnastics competition.

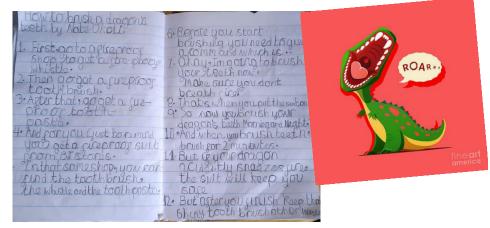
Here is a picture of George taking part in the cricket. Well done George, you really have got your eye on the ball.





In Year 1 Fay made yummy pastries and Nathan did some fantastic writing about how to brush a dragon's teeth!





In Year 2 Hannah coloured a picture of the Holy Spirit and Evana made a lovely sunflower.





In Year 5 I have had great fun catching up with 'Lakatos on Location' and 'Walking with Watts' as well as watching the videos of all the children's different talents.

You will soon be receiving an email with regards to our 'Virtual Sports Day' for Key Stage One and Two. Our staff have filmed examples of the different activities and events that you can participate in. Please do not laugh out loud when you see Mrs Armstrong's big bottom in the air during the obstacle course! I also tried to do the "keepie up" challenge but that was a step too far so I had to ask my daughter Katie to do it. I look forward to seeing your photographs and videos when you take part; the main idea is to have FUN with your family.

On Monday 29th June, to celebrate Missio's **Day of Many Colours**, Mission Together in the Plymouth Diocese are encouraging children & young people to take part in the following activities, both in school and during home learning:

- 1. There is a special assembly which will be posted on the Google Classroom.
- 2. Mission Together has created a "Reaching Out" art activity in which children and young people can design their own greeting for children around the world. They are encouraging schools and

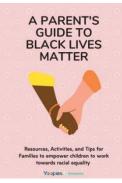
parents to upload the artwork to be seen on Twitter by including the @MissioUK address and #DOMC or #MissionTogether hashtags. It would be great to get as many pieces of artwork uploaded from **Plymouth Diocese**. Attached is the sheet you can use and send your examples back to school or post them yourselves.

- 3. On Monday 29th June, the **Day of Many Colours** children and young people are invited to dress in bright colours to represent children from all over the world. If you are in school or at home, please wear something bright to take part.
- 4. We know that the Coronavirus is affecting all of our communities but if you are able to make a donation to support Children Helping Children, to provide education, nutrition, medical care and shelter for children living in poverty around the world please visit the Missio website: https://missiontogether.org.uk/donate-now/



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Finally, a kind parent emailed the school 'A Parent's Guide to Black Lives Matter', which has resources, activities, and tips for families to empower children to work towards racial equality. I have attached it with this update.



Once again can I thank you for your patience and your continued support. If you need any help, support or advice please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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