



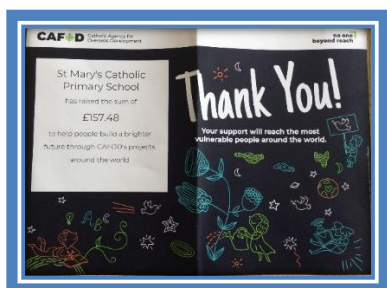
St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
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15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have lots to celebrate at St Mary's this week. First I wanted to share with you that we have been awarded the 'Music Mark' to recognise our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum and the value that we place on music. Music Mark is the UK Association for Music Education, championing and supporting access to music for all children and young people. Our special thanks goes to Mrs Wilson who has supported our school to achieve this award.



We also received a certificate of thanks from CAFOD for the donations we sent to them in the summer term. Thank you to you all for helping us raise £157.48.

Our Mini Vinnies have sprung into action this week and Georgia is leading on the Prayer Intention Group. She has sent us the details of how this will work:

The Mini Vinnies Prayer Intention Group are here to help by sharing in your prayers.

What is a prayer intention? It's just something that you want us to pray for.

Just write your intention and your name on some paper and post it in the special box that will be passed around the classrooms for you. Each class will have a turn to post their intentions but if you have an urgent prayer, don't worry! Just ask your teacher if you can bring it to Miss Howard and she will put it in the box for you. If your prayer is something you don't want to share, just write your name only and we will know to pray for your special intention, God will know the prayer in your heart.



This is not just for us children, it's for the teachers and everyone else who works at our school and everyone in our community too.

So ask your Aunties, Uncles, Nanas, Grandads and everyone else and we can pray for them too!

From the Mini Vinnies



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Next week the Mini Vinnies are planning to do a cake sale after lunch, when all the children can have the opportunity to buy a cake and help raise money for 'Julia's House' their chosen charity. Can I thank you in advance for sending in all your donations of cakes.



This term Mr Vince has started 'Forest School' and all the children are thoroughly enjoying the fun activities. Here are a couple of photographs to show what they have been up to and to say thank you for the donations of wool.



Next week we are trialling a Fitness week at St Marys, as a school we will try promote and do our best to encourage a better, healthier and more active lifestyle. Whether during school, at lunchtimes or after school. It will be a great opportunity to try something new or do something different to keep active this particular week.

'Fitness is being physically strong and healthy' - 'the ability to carry out daily tasks with effort and alertness, without undue fatigue, and with ample energy to enjoy life'

The children will all be participating in different activities throughout the week and wearing the 'Moki Bands' to measure their fitness. There are also opportunities for staff to participate in netball, body conditioning and Yoga after school. We look forward to sharing lots of pictures with you.

I am delighted to share with you that Mrs Evans welcomed Aurora Evans on Monday. They are both doing well.

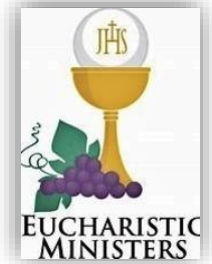


After half term we will be holding our autumn term Parent Consultations in the week of the 8th November. These will be online using school cloud. Details for booking appointments will be released next week.

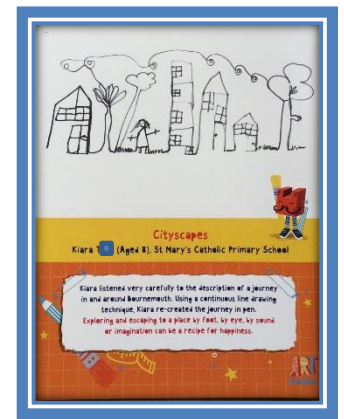
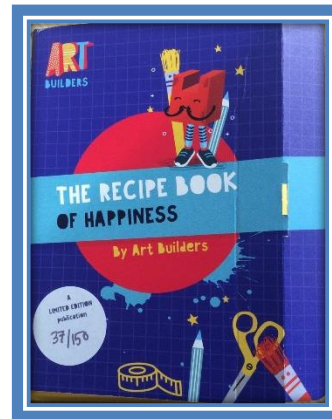


This morning our whole school Liturgy was led by Year 3. They had written their own prayers of the faithful and based the liturgy on 'Home and family'. In the reflection, the big question was *"Does the love I show really reflect the self-giving love of Jesus?"*

I am pleased to share with you that Miss Howard and Mr Aldworth have spent a good few hours bringing our 'chapel' back to being a chapel. Thank you to them both. If you are a Eucharistic Minister and you would be able to help us when we have Mass at school, next half term, please would you contact the school office.



We have recently received "The Recipe Book of Happiness" from Art Builders after we took part in their Art Builders Day 2021. Well done to Kiara in Year 4 who had her drawing published! The whole school took part in this day as part of our wellbeing week and looked at art outside, our local environment and our journey to school. Watch this space for further information as we are registered for Art Builder Day 2022! Our thanks to Miss Shaw for her support with this.



This week the winning group for the House points were the Blue House.



Red – 266

Yellow – 251

Green – 216

Blue - 277

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

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