



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing week we have had at St. Mary's. Last Friday we watched 30 of our Year 4 children perform on stage at the Poole Lighthouse Theatre. 'Beowulf' is a book they will study next Year in Year 5 but on Friday they participated with the Armonico Consort in an inspiring retelling of the great mythical story Beowulf.



On Saturday we had two events. The first event was the 'Pond' area. Thank you to all the parents who turned up with their gardening equipment to help clear the whole area. It was a team effort which took all morning. Look at the before and after photos!



Now the area has been cleared we are looking for a 'Pond Expert' to help advise us what we need to do to repair the pond area. If you know anyone who could help please let us know. The aim is to have another Saturday in September when we can mend the ponds and get them back into use.

In the afternoon it was straight down to St. Mary's Church Fete. I had lots of willing ambassadors who manned the stall and talked to people about our school. Thank you to all the children for giving up their Saturday afternoon. My personal thanks goes to Mrs Spenceley and Mrs Brown who saved me with a supply of water and an ice-cream. It was very hot!



Then on Wednesday and Thursday we had our amazing school production – 'Alice in Wonderland'. My special thanks go to Mrs Wilson, Miss Daykin, and Mr Lakatos. Special thanks to St. Mary's PTA who supported this event from the very beginning and to 'Sugar Rush Events' who made the flower wall. The props were fantastic but the costumes which were made by Mrs Reyes were amazing and we thank her for the hours of work she put into them. There were so many other people that helped make the production possible but without the amazing talent of the children it would not have been such a great success. The actors, musicians, chorus and the stagehands were fantastic. Thank you to them all.



Congratulations to the whole of Key Stage 2 who attended the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's Space and Exploration Concert in June. We received a 'BRAVO' certificate this week. We have also been successful in being awarded the 'School Games' – Silver Award. This was awarded to our children for competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our children for their dedication to all aspects of school sport.



Congratulatlutions to Rocco in Year 4 who got a certificate and a badge for swimming 50 metres. Also to Ciara in Year 4, who was put in for the BTDA Silver Medal for Speech; she performed a Verruca Salt Monologue from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - and passed with the highest mark. Gabriel in Year 3 came second in his age category in the Purbeck triathlon this Sunday. Well done to them all.



Next week is our last week of school before the summer holidays. I have looked at the calendar and it is looking very busy. Tonight we have the disco for those children in Year 6 moving onto secondary school and on Wednesday evening they will celebrate with a Mass in Church at 6pm, you are all welcome to attend.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

Mrs Armstrong
Headteacher