

As we love, we flourish
As we flourish, we aspire
As we aspire, we achieve
Together, we are a family



Newsletter
26th November 2021



St Mary's CE Primary School, N8

Jesus said: Love one another as I have loved you - John 15:12

Dear Parents/Carers,

Where does the time go?! We suddenly find ourselves just 3 weeks away from the end of the autumn term and life at school is getting ever busy in the run up to Christmas. Last week, you will have received a letter featuring all of the events that are happening in school – the dates are reprinted below. Do have another look at this and take note of any events that you are invited to and are able to attend. This includes the PSA Christmas Fair which will take place next week Friday from 5-8pm. Your support here, either to help organise events or in spending money to raise funds will be much appreciated. See PSA information at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Today, children at Rectory Gardens had a wonderful time visiting Hackney Empire to watch the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk, and on Tuesday 14th December, The Mr Frostie Magic Show will be visiting Church Lane to entertain children here. Both of these events have been made possible by your generosity through the PSA – thank you!

Last week, you had the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher to discuss the progress that s/he is making. A reminder that if you need to have a follow-up meeting to discuss your child in more detail, our teachers are happy for you to make a mutually convenient time to meet with them. As I said in the previous newsletter, we hope to resume to face to face meetings in the spring term.

Hornsey Food Bank Christmas Appeal

Thank you so much for your generous donations to the Food Bank Christmas Appeal. The Food Bank staff were very pleased with the amount of donations and feel that they can provide very substantial support to local families in need. A reminder that throughout the year:

Donation times are: Thursdays 10-11am or 1-2pm. Foods, personal care products, toiletries, cleaning supplies, nappies, baby wipes and sanitary products are particularly welcome.

Accessing the foodbank: Thursdays 11am-1pm. Anyone can come – no vouchers or referrals are needed. Address: The Methodist Church, on the corner of Middle Lane and Lightfoot Road, Haringey, London, N8 7JN



Christmas events

Reminder of all the Christmas events coming up:

- Tues 30th Nov Non-uniform day for the PSA Christmas Fair tombola – all children. Please donate gifts that you yourself would like to win e.g. bottles of wine (adults to bring in), toiletry sets, or boxes of chocolates or biscuits etc. Thank you!
- Wed 1st Dec Wind Instrument concert (Y4 + Y5/6 continuers). 11am at RG
- Fri 3rd Dec PSA Christmas Fair. 5pm – 8pm at Rectory Gardens – all families
- Tues 7th Dec Nursery/Reception Christmas show. 10am at CL – Nursery/Reception families only
- Tues 7th Dec Violin concert (Y4 + Y5/6 continuers). 11am at RG
- Tues 7th Dec Nativity 1 – Buttercup/Tangerine families only. 1.45pm at CL
- Wed 8th Dec Guitars/Choir/Band Y5/6 continuers. 11am at RG
- Wed 8th Dec Nativity 2 – Marigold/Saffron families only. 1.45pm at CL
- Fri 10th Dec Christmas Jumper Day – all children – Please bring in £1 for Save the Children
- Mon 13th Dec Santa Run – get your sponsorship forms filled in!
- Thurs 14th Dec Mr Frostie show at Church Lane
- Wed 15th Dec Christmas Dinner Day
- Wed 15th Dec Christmas Service with candles. 2pm at RG for Rectory Gardens families only.
- Thur 16th Dec Class parties – teachers will let you know what is required
- Fri 17th Dec Last day of term – 3.15pm RG pick up, 3.30pm CL pick up
- Tues 4th Jan Staff Inset/training day – no children at school
- Wed 5th Jan Children return to school



Best wishes,
Calvin Henry
Headteacher

Reminders

Coffee Mornings and Parent Workshops

- **Weekly ESOL classes for parents & carers** with Ms Fenton & Ms Fennell. Every week, 9am-10am at Rectory Gardens.
- **Maths workshop** for Year 3-6 families with Mr Jenkins. Monday 6th December at 9am at Rectory Gardens – **NEW DATE**



Class Assemblies – have been moved to Tuesday mornings.

30th November – Y6 Indigo Class – 9.30am

7th December – Y6 Amethyst Class – **9.00am** – **PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME**

Message from the Early Years Commissioning Team in Haringey

Dear Parents/carers,

We need your help!

Haringey has a duty to ensure that there are enough childcare places within the borough. We are also keen to understand how childcare needs have changed in light of COVID. Your views are important to us. You can help by completing a simple 6 minute childcare survey <https://forms.office.com/r/sFrzMV2cM5> The survey ends on 8th December 2021.

Thank you

Early Years Commissioning Team

Violet Class Assembly

In the recent Y6 Violet Class assembly, the children showcased their talents to parents and carers and introduced the story of *The White Bear*, which they have been rewriting to help strengthen their literacy skills. Dylan was our Raven and Maleek, our professor. The children also demonstrated their understanding of what occurs beneath the ocean waves.



Y2 trip to The Tower of London

Year 2's topic this term is Magnificent Monarchs and the children recently enjoyed their trip to the Tower of London. Having learned all about King Henry VIII and his reign, they were very excited to see his armour and learn about the history of the Tower of London. Highlights of the trip included a tour of the Crown Jewels and a workshop with a medieval knight, demonstrating how to become one of the King's best men and enjoy life inside the castle. As a preview to the next monarch we will be learning about, the children's curiosity was stirred by the sight of Queen Victoria's miniature imperial and state crown, encrusted with sparkling diamonds!



News from the Touchline - Sport at St Mary's

Y3-4 are Haringey Football Champions, 2021!

Our Y3-4 team entered the Haringey Football Cup recently which is the biggest football competition of the year so far. The girls won 2 games (one of which was a friendly), drew 1 and lost 2 and were unlucky not to progress this time. This was their first time playing together and they showed lots of potential and talent as well as great team spirit throughout.

The boys breezed through the qualifying rounds scoring 9 goals and winning one game 5-0! They came from behind in both the quarter and semi-finals and the finals went to penalty shootout! Kamari and Joseph confidently scored our penalties and when Max superbly saved their penalty, we won the cup! The boys showed superb ability and attitude all day and are worthy Haringey champions – well done all. Thank you to Ms Brewer, Ms Ritchie and all the parents who supported brilliantly all day - Well done all!

Boys Team: Joseph (captain), Kamari, Christian, Rico, Jack, Max, Noah, Triston

Girls Team: Maria, Stefania, Daniah-Lea, Waverley, Debbie, Samantha, Izzy



St Mary's shine at Rugby Festival

Y5-6 entered a mixed team into the recent Rugby Festival at New River Sports Complex and had an excellent day. They worked with a rugby coach in the morning in a short masterclass session that the children really enjoyed. In the competition the team won 5 games and drew 2 games, managing to go the whole day without losing! There were excellent tries scored, with every member of the team scoring at least one! Also, we are developing a link with Haringey Rhinos Rugby club - see Mr Oakley or visit www.haringeyrhinos.com/youth-team/ for more info.

Rugby Team: Leviah, Reuben, Dylan, Ade, Dieumerci, Juno, Kalisha, Zahara,

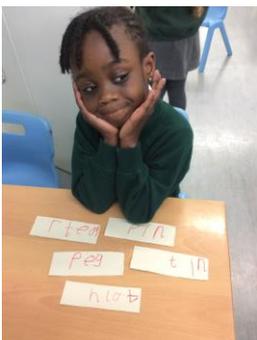


Netball Friendly with Weston Park

Our mixed netball team's (A & B) travelled to Weston Park for a friendly match on 5th November. The B team played some excellent Netball and won their game 2-0. The A-team match (a rematch from a recent tournament) was once again extremely close with two very well matched teams. The game ended a draw at 2-2 and was played in good spirit. We will be hosting Weston Park in the Spring for some return matches.

Netball: Euan, Dylan, Ade, Ella, Lottie, Makayla, Kalisha, Karolainy, Dieumerci, Mariah, Leo, Preston, Tequila, Keilani, Alexa

Nursery	Nursery children have had an extremely busy few weeks, with the highlights including a Pirate day and a day learning about giraffes. They are enjoying the end of the topic on Autumn focusing on hedgehogs. They have created some lovely crafts making clay hedgehogs and hedgehog rolls. Outside, they have been developing their construction skills and building some fantastic conker runs.
Reception	In maths, the children have been learning about the properties of squares, rectangles and triangles, using those shapes to make their own pictures in the style of the artist Piet Mondrian. In English, they have started a new Talk for Writing unit based on the story <i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> . They enjoyed learning to perform the story with actions and have written amazing sentences to describe the troll. In RE, they have learned about when Angel Gabriel tells Mary she is going to have a baby, and they made paper angels. The children have also been making great progress in phonics and are beginning to use the sounds they have learned to read and write short words.
Year 1	Superheroes have been flying around our classroom with a wonderful fantastic 'Superhero Day'. The children enjoyed making a superhero potato based on the story of <i>Supertao</i> , designing a mask and cape for their potato and also enjoyed the wonderful Superhero yoga workshop. The children have also been learning about the real life heroes Martin Luther King and Harriet Tubman in history. In maths, they have continued to work on addition skills using various manipulatives and a number line and also working on the inverse operation of subtraction. RE lessons have focussed on The Nativity Story, thinking about the importance of all the people involved and why Mary and Joseph were chosen to be the parents of Jesus.
Year 2	The children have reached the end of their Talk for Writing text <i>Rumpelstiltskin</i> , and are preparing to write their own, innovated version of the traditional tale. In maths, they are learning about fractions, specifically wholes, halves, thirds and quarters. They continue to explore important rulers in our topic Magnificent Monarchs, and thoroughly enjoyed their recent visit to the Tower of London. Following their recent exploration of the Somalian Queen Araweelo, they are now looking at the life and reign of Queen Victoria. In science, the children are investigating what makes a material waterproof and in RE, they are examining the Nativity Story and the different ways the narrative can be portrayed.
Year 3	In English, the children have been reading instructional texts on how to trap a dragon! They then innovated their own character and instructions using imperative verbs. In maths, the focus has been on recognising fractions - involving halves, quarters and thirds and identifying fractions in shapes with equal parts. In art, they have explored the work of artists Sonia and Robert Delauney who used warm and cool colours to create abstract art using different shapes. In RE, they have continued the topic of advent and Epiphany and what these stories teach us about Jesus' life.
Year 4	The children have been working on fractions and improving their knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division to support this. In English, they have started their unit on non-chronological report writing and are working towards producing their own report about the Romans. In RE, they have enjoyed learning about Jesus' message of peace in RE, and the comfort that verses such as John 14:27 brings to Christians.
Year 5	In English, the children have been writing poems about animals, using extended noun phrases and different poetic devices. In maths, they are learning about fractions, understanding the concept of fractions and how to find equivalent fractions. In history, the focus is on Arabia and Islam, and in geography, the children are learning about earthquakes. In science, they continue to learn about forces, understanding mass and gravity. In art, children created amazing self-portraits using mixed media.
Year 6	In maths, the focus has been on factors, multiples and prime numbers as well as revising what they know about equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions. In English, the children are writing stories based on the beautiful story of <i>The Ice Bear</i> by Jackie Morris. In their reading lessons, the children have finished reading two short stories by Oscar Wilde and are now about to start a new book called <i>Artichoke Hearts</i> by Sita Brahmachari. In science, the topic is Light and the children have carried out several investigations to show how light travels in straight lines but can also be reflected.



Working hard in Reception



Y3 art work in the style of Sonia and Robert Delauney



The Superheros are here!



HARINGEY SCHOOLS *Cycling* LEAGUE

The Haringey Schools Cycling League is an inter-school league for promoting cycle racing between primary schools in the borough. They hold monthly race events during the academic year, including grass-track racing, cyclocross, time trials and hill climbs. Children also take part in coaching sessions at specialist cycling facilities. Their website is <https://haringeycyclingleague.org/>. St Mary's is doing well in the ongoing Haringey Schools Cycling League, most recently held at Finsbury Park. We are proud of all our cyclists, but a special mention for Joseph in Yr 4 for coming second in the Boys 24" heat and then going on to win the Boys 24" final - Well done Joseph!

Cycle confidence training

Congratulations to our second group of Yr 5 children who completed their Level 1 & 2 week-long Cycle Confidence Training.

- Level 1 - Adrian and Trayvon
- Level 1 & 2 - Alexi, James, Finnley, Daniel, Jeremi, Josiah, Sapphire, Lionel, Skyla, Jean, Evelyn and Berdil.



Certificates will be presented to children next Friday at our Celebration Assembly.



Parent School Association (PSA) News

IT'S THE CHRISTMAS FAIR COUNTDOWN



JUST ONE WEEK TO GO – FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER 5-8pm

The Christmas Fair is back and we hope it will be better than ever – and we need your help!

We need lots of volunteers on the night so we can make it as much fun as possible - please contact your class rep or Sara Thomson saramerchant@hotmail.com if you can spare an hour to help out on the night.

Other ways you can help:

Tombola

It's non-uniform day on Tuesday 30th November and if you're able to, please consider a nice gift for our incredibly popular tombola. Gifts can include bottles of wine (brought in by adults), boxes of chocolates or biscuits, toiletry sets or anything else you think someone would like to win. Please bring donations in on Tuesday 30th November.

Sweetie Jar Tombola*

Get the children involved in this one - decorate an empty, clean jar and fill with goodies. Everyone wins a prize on this sell-out stall. Please send into school on the 30th November.

Raffle Prizes

Do you have anything you could offer as a raffle prize? Perhaps your employer or your friends or family might consider donating a prize to the school. This doesn't have to be a gift - meals out, treatments, workshops, services etc are all popular prizes.

Donations for the toys, books and gifts stall/ wrapping room – please don't bring into school until w/c 29th November.

This is the perfect time for you to have a clear out before Christmas. We are looking for games, toys and books to sell at the fair. This is a lovely way of passing things you no longer need to other families at affordable prices. Please ensure all toys and games are working, complete and boxes are sealed with tape. **This year we are also asking people to consider donating any unused or nearly new gifts you might have at home.** Children can buy these at a low cost at the fair and we will help them wrap them to put under your tree. A lovely way for children to choose gifts and a brilliant way to recycle all that junk lurking in the cupboards!

Make and bake* - please bring donations on 3rd December

Please think about making some savoury finger food (nothing that needs reheating) or baking a tasty treat for our snacks & cakes stall.

***We are a nut AND latex-free school. Please make sure any sweets or chocolate for the sweetie tombola or donations for our snacks and cake stall do not contain nuts or balloons or elastic bands etc. THANK YOU!**



ST MARY'S PSA PRESENTS

St Mary's Christmas Fair

Friday 3rd
December

5 - 8 PM

RECTORY
GARDENS



Entry
£1 Adults
Children Go Free



St Mary's PSA



MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021

**Please collect sponsorship to
raise funds for school.**

Sponsorship forms have been sent home via the children to all families!

St Mary's PSA