

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



Newsletter  
 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## St Mary's CE Primary School, N8

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



Dear Parents/Carers,  
 I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family well.

### Harvest Festival Assembly

We are very much looking forward to the Harvest Festival Assembly, which will now take place next week Wednesday from 9.30am at Rectory Gardens. Do please contribute what you can as whatever is collected will be donated to the local food banks and distributed widely to those in need. Your children have been learning all about the importance of Harvest and will celebrate this next week in the school hall. For the first time in a long time, all children from Reception to Year 6 will once again come together at Rectory Gardens. Parents are also welcome to attend this event but we ask that you please wear a face covering when on the school premises. Below is a list of items that the food banks are keen to receive. Please could children bring the items in on Wednesday next week (13<sup>th</sup> October). Thank you.



Baby wipes Nappies size 4 & 7 Shaving cream Feminine hygiene items Household cleaning products	Cooking oil Cereal Peanut butter Biscuits Corned beef /Tinned salmon	Long life fruit juice Instant coffee Hot chocolate
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### Friendship Week

This week we have been thinking about friendship and what it means to be a good friend to others. In Year 3 for example, children have been writing their own Friendship recipes and making Friendship badges for each other – see below.

### Coffee Mornings and Parent Workshops

We are pleased to be able to restart our Coffee Morning and Parent Workshop programme, organized by Bea Fenton, our School Home Support Practitioner. The first coffee morning, which was held this week, was to welcome parents back into the school but going forward, these meetings will be focused on specific areas such as how to support your child with reading and/or maths at home, access to the school nursing service and our school improvement priorities for the year ahead. If there is anything that you would like the school to focus on in a Coffee Morning / Workshop, do please make contact with Bea and this will be considered. Do please look at the upcoming schedule below:

- **Weekly ESOL classes for parents & carers** with Ms Fenton & Ms Fennell. Starting on Wednesday 3rd November. Every week, 9am-10am at Rectory Gardens.
- **Phonics and Early Reading** with Mr Beardwell. Wednesday 9th November 8.55am - 9.45am at Church Lane
- **Meet Olive Dining** on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9am- 10am at Rectory Gardens. Olive Dining would like to invite you to their coffee morning to talk about their food and service provided at lunchtime for your children.
- **Maths workshop** for Year 3-6 families with Mr Jenkins. Wednesday 1st December at 9am at Rectory Gardens

Further dates will be forthcoming in the new year, and we look forward to seeing you at some of them!

### Class Assemblies

We are delighted to be able to restart Class Assemblies, where the children will showcase their learning. Parents and carers are welcome to the assemblies, and thus far, we have planned dates for Y4-6 only. Further assemblies will be arranged for next term. Class assemblies will be on Wednesdays at 2.30pm on the dates below:

13 <sup>th</sup> October – Y5 Sapphire & Turquoise classes (joint assembly)	24 <sup>th</sup> November – Y6 Violet Class
20 <sup>th</sup> October – Y5 Topaz Class	1 <sup>st</sup> December – Y6 Indigo Class
10 <sup>th</sup> November – Y4 Crimson Class	8 <sup>th</sup> December – Y6 Amethyst Class
17 <sup>th</sup> November – Y4 Scarlet Class	

As you can see, we are gradually increasing the range of activities and events that once again actively involves parents and carers in the life of St Mary's. Do understand the need for our school to take a cautious approach in respect of this. We are ever hopeful that a full school open-door policy can once again be in place in time to come.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Calvin Henry  
 Headteacher

## A Recipe for Friendship – Y3

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Lo: A recipe for friendship.

Ingredient  
A cup of friendship.  
1 bowl of compassion.  
A teaspoon of kindness.  
A bucket of love.  
A jar full of fun.  
A bucket of ~~happier~~ happiness.  
~~2 packets~~ of 1 Kg of Laffee.

Method  
Blend a bucket of love.  
Mix a bowl of compassion.  
Add a cup of kindness.  
Stir together a pinch of friendship.  
Drizzle a jar of fun.  
Stir a bucket of happiness.  
Add a Kg of Laffee.  
Pow a friendship recipe!

## Reminders

**Uniform** – please ensure that your child is suitably dressed for school every day in the appropriate uniform for St Mary's. As a school with a defined uniform policy it is important that all families adhere to the dress code for their children. Please check the school website which outlines what our expectations are - [click HERE](#). If you would like a paper copy of this document, please do contact the school office. If you have any difficulties in accessing the required uniform, please contact Bea Fenton, our School Home Support Practitioner via the school office, and she can provide support and access to uniform items that you may need.

**Year 6 applications to secondary school** - Reminder to all Y6 parents and carers to complete your child's secondary school application **by 31<sup>st</sup> October**, but as this is during half term, we would recommend that you complete it **no later than 18<sup>th</sup> October** so if there are any issues, we can support you with the application process in the last week of school before half term. More information can be found on the school website - <https://www.stmarysn8.co.uk/>. Please contact the school if you need any assistance with your child's application.

# News from the Touchline - Sport at St Mary's

## Sports News

### Cross Country

A huge well done to our 30-strong cross country squad (we have the biggest team in Haringey!) for a wonderful effort at the cross country event at New River last week. With approximately 140 children running in each individual race (boys/girls), we had some brilliant results. With Y4, 5 & 6 running together, we had the fastest Y4 boy and fastest Y5 boy in the borough with Jack and Dominic finishing 6th and 9th respectively! Jean, in Y5, had a very strong race coming in 39th as our fastest girl. We are so very proud of all who took part!



### Summer Athletics results are in!

We are delighted to announce that in the Summer Haringey Borough Athletics competition that our Y5 & 6's won, St Mary's, representing Haringey, then went on to be the 5<sup>th</sup> highest point scoring school in London! We are thrilled to have achieved such a high placing and is a reflection of all the children's hard work in lessons and clubs! Well done all!

### Running Club

Well done to our dedicated weekly runners from Y3 & 4 who have completed a morning run every week this term regardless of weather! Thank you Mr Jenkins and well done children!

### Captains

Our sports captains were announced this week. The following children were chosen for their superb attitude, sportsmanship and ability in their respective sports! Well done all!

- Boys Senior Football Captain - Euan
- Girls Football Captain - Julie
- Netball Captain - Lottie
- Athletics Captain - Leviah
- Boys Junior Football Captain - Joseph

### Team Building Activities at Church Lane

The children had fun engaging in teambuilding activities this week at Church Lane. The children worked in small groups as well as working in their houses in a range of team challenges focusing on teamwork, cooperation and leadership.



### YMCA fun run

Some of our children and families recently took part in the YMCA fun run – well done to everyone to take part in this wonderful local community event. Here are some photos of happy finishers!

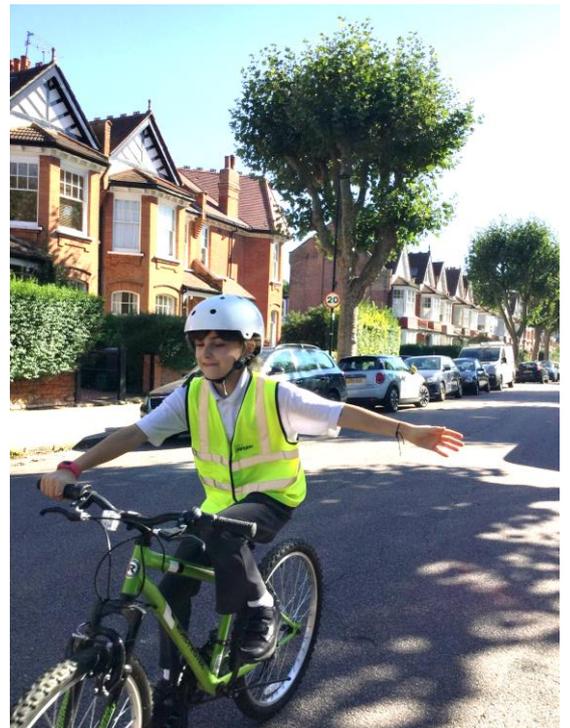


# Cycle Confidence

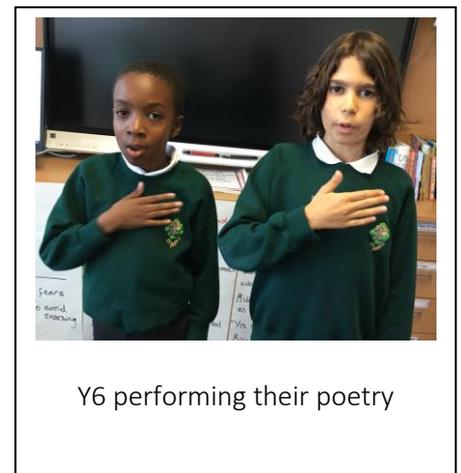
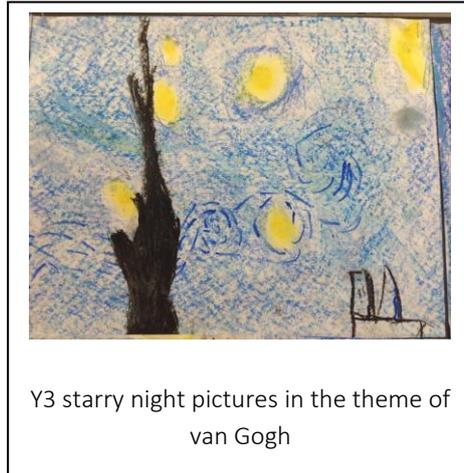
A team of 24 Yr5 Children from Turquoise, Sapphire and Topaz classes took part in a week long Cycle Confidence training course and gained their L1&2 badges and certificates. Congratulations to them all!

**Level 1** is designed to give your child control over his / her bike and takes place in groups in a space away from traffic such as a playground or closed car park.

**Level 2** will ensure your child is prepared for short journeys such as cycling to school. Training takes place in small groups on quiet, local streets, giving trainees a real cycling experience.



Nursery	Nursery children have been enjoying learning about the Christian story of Creation and have been linking this with the current focus of Harvest. The children have been printing with different vegetables, making plasticine food for their harvest baskets, painting pumpkins, threading pasta necklaces all developing their motor skills. They are looking forward to cooking up a harvest feast next week, with carrot soup and beetroot muffins on the menu.
Reception	In phonics, the children have been learning the letters 't', 'p', 'l' and 'n'. They are now beginning to build simple words with these letters. In maths, they have been learning about repeated patterns. In English, the children have enjoyed reading the book <i>Pumpkin Soup</i> and creating beautiful autumn-themed potato print patterns in the shape of pumpkins. They also made their own puppets to retell the story. In RE, the children are learning about the different animals that God created and how best to care for them and their environment.
Year 1	In English, the children have been investigating <i>Into the Forest</i> by Anthony Browne and relating it to other fairy tales. They have worked on their letter formation and sentence writing and the new sounds for the week are '-ve', 'tch' and '-dge'. In maths, they are continuing to practise their number bonds to 10, adding numbers to 10 or 20 using manipulatives and symbols. In RE, they continue to learn about the Creation story and how they can help make the world a better place. In geography and science, the focus is on the season of autumn looking at what they can see, feel, hear and smell. In ICT, they are practising using their computer logins and working on coding activities.
Year 2	In English, the children have been focussing on their grammar and punctuation and have started a new Talk 4 Writing book called <i>Oh No George</i> . In maths, they have been investigating and ordering numbers to 100. In history, they have been sawing and gluing their Tudor houses – watch this space for photos in the next newsletter! In science, the focus is on investigating how exercise can be used to stay healthy. In RE, the children have been learning about Christian ceremonies such as baptism and marriage and discussing the promises one makes to each other in church. In ICT, the children have started coding which they are very much enjoying.
Year 3	In English, the children have used descriptive detail in their writing, adding expanded noun phrases, similes and comparatives. In maths, the focus has been on adding and subtracting one digit numbers from two and three digit numbers, crossing 10. The children have used a variety of ways to represent this including using base 10, partitioning and column method, showing where exchanges have taken place. In RE, and to celebrate Friendship Week, they have explored what friendship means and the qualities of being a good friend. They then used these qualities as ingredients to write their own Friendship recipes. Also, in DT, the children made Friendship badges for each other.
Year 4	The children have been reading <i>The Papaya that Spoke</i> and the features of traditional tales. They have been innovating their own characters and ideas. In maths, they have been learning the column method for addition and subtraction. In science, the focus is changing states of matter and they will be doing some fun activities to underpin the learning, including chocolate melting and butter making! In RE, they are continuing to look at what it means to be a Hindu, learning about the Hindu values and sites of worship at a Mandir. The children have also learnt about and made art work inspired by Yinka Ilori, a designer/artist who has recently transformed the area of Tottenham Hale.
Year 5	In maths, the children are learning to subtract 4-digit numbers using one or more exchanges, with a greater focus on problem solving and reasoning. In science, they continue to explore properties and changes of materials conducting experiments involving ice cubes and insulation. In history, the focus continues to be How Christians Lived in the Roman Empire and learning about the magnificent city of Constantinople (Istanbul) and its rich culture. In geography, they have been learning about the deserts all around the globe, understanding their features and habitats.
Year 6	In English, the children have been performing and writing poetry and have created some amazingly expressive performances of the poem <i>The City of my Birth</i> by Karl Nova. They wrote poetry based on Josph Koelho's poem <i>Gingerbread Man</i> and Grace Nicholls' <i>Cosmic Disco</i> . In maths, the focus has been on multiplication using the formal method. Each lesson also involves reasoning and problem solving questions so that children can use these skills in context. In science, the children have been learning about the circulation system and carried out an investigation on the effect of exercise on the heart. They completed different activities and took their pulse rate after each, and then compared the effect of different exercises on the heart.



# Parent School Association (PSA) News

Dear Families,

## **Bonfire Night – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

The PSA is excited to announce our bonfire night celebrations on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Watch the Ally Pally fireworks from Rectory Gardens playground and enjoy an evening of family fun!

Come and enjoy the fireworks, bar, BBQ, games and craft stall. Tickets are £2.50 Adults. Children are free. All welcome!

**Please do consider lending a hand on the night** as we cannot put on events such as these without volunteers on the night.

### **What we want to fundraise for:**

Did you know we are raising money to help the school fund a trip to the Hackney Empire Christmas panto for children at Rectory Gardens and a Christmas show at school for Church Lane children. We would also like to buy new playground equipment for Church Lane. Your children need you! Please get in touch with Sara Thomson if you can help: [samerchant@hotmail.com](mailto:samerchant@hotmail.com)

### **Cake Sales**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our cake sales at both Church Lane and Rectory Gardens this week

### **PSA Meeting**

It was lovely to meet new parents at last week's PSA meeting. If you weren't able to make it, the minutes will be loaded on to the school website for your review.

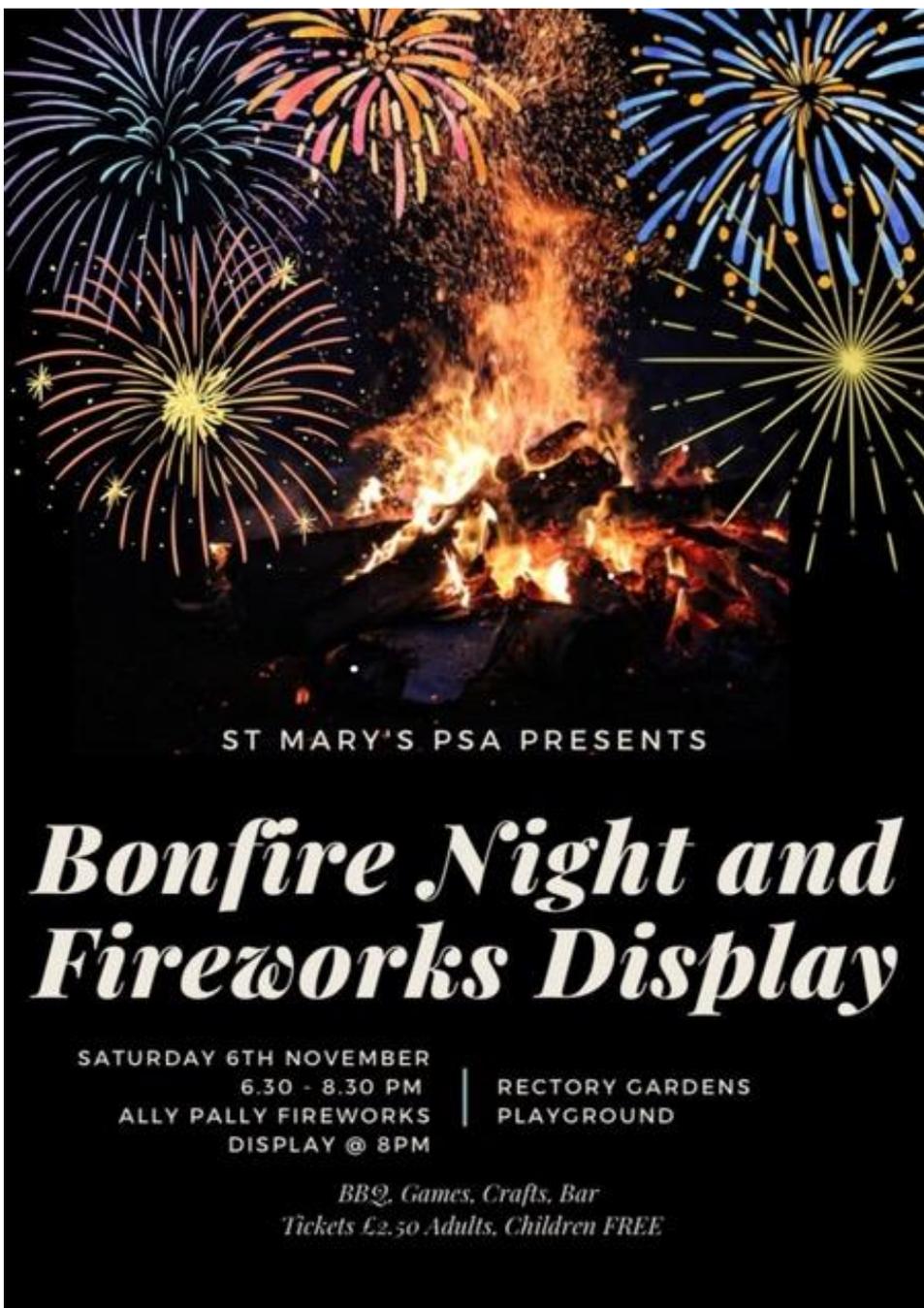
### **How you can support the PSA?**

- Volunteer to be a class rep – we aim to have two for each class. Please contact Charlotte Worth if you're interested: [charlotte.al.worth@gmail.com](mailto:charlotte.al.worth@gmail.com)
- Sign up to **Classlist** - We use ClassList to communicate, including advertising when PSA events and meetings are, so do make sure you join. Download the app and click this QR Code to join:
- Attend PSA meetings where we plan events and decide what to fund
- Come to our events - and do help out if you can

If you would like to know more about our work or how to get more involved, please contact Sara Thomson at: [samerchant@hotmail.com](mailto:samerchant@hotmail.com)

If you want to contact someone from the PSA at Church Lane, Hilary or Grace would love to hear from you: [hilarygrierson@icloud.com](mailto:hilarygrierson@icloud.com) and [gracestaniland@gmail.com](mailto:gracestaniland@gmail.com)

St Mary's PSA



ST MARY'S PSA PRESENTS

# *Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display*

SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER  
6.30 - 8.30 PM | RECTORY GARDENS  
ALLY PALLY FIREWORKS | PLAYGROUND  
DISPLAY @ 8PM

*BBQ, Games, Crafts, Bar*  
*Tickets £2.50 Adults, Children FREE*

