



St Mary's News

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...The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone... **Matthew 21:42**

Catholic Life of the School

At Mass on Sunday, we will hear another story from Jesus that reminds us to listen to the messengers God sends to us.

In this reading, we learn about the farmers who rent land and when the landowner send his servants at harvest time, the farmers killed them. They also killed the farmer's son when he went to them. Jesus tells us that this is like the Kingdom of God which will be taken away from bad tenants and given to the good people to produce its fruit.

In your family prayer time this week, you may wish to think about who are God's messengers today and how do they help us to understand more about the Good News?

We can also be God's messengers by sharing his love with others. Pope Francis says "May we help people to discover the joy of Jesus' message".

Dear Lord Jesus, help us to share in your mission; to be your messengers so that others will come to know the joy of loving you. Amen



Online Safety

Schools, police, social services and other agencies are concerned at the ever-increasing volume of offences being committed against children through online devices. Children are also being exposed to activities which are completely inappropriate for their age.

From class discussions and e-safety learning, it seems that a significant number of children access the internet from their bedrooms without parental controls or monitoring.

Parents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their children are involved in age appropriate online activities and to keep their children safe when they are using mobile phones, tablets, laptops, games consoles etc.

Attendance

During week beginning 25 September 2017, Classes 3M, 3Q, 6M and 6H had 100% attendance.

Class 6H currently have the highest class attendance for the year so far.

All children may arrive from 8.20am at their designated gates. Please take full advantage of this early arrival as it not only helps your child to prepare for their learning day but also eases congestion.

Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be referred to Brent Education Welfare and may be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)

Please remember that if your child is absent from school, and we have not already been informed in advance, parents must telephone the school by 9.00am on every day of absence. This is a very important safeguarding measure to ensure we know the whereabouts of every child.

If a child's whereabouts are unknown or unclear, the school will contact Brent's Children Missing In Education team so they can carry out an investigation.

Parental Survey

Last week we asked our parents to take part in a school survey. We would like to extend our grateful thanks to our parents who have again overwhelmingly said how happy they are with the various aspects of life at St Mary's.

	Questions to Parents	Strongly Agree or Agree with the statements
1	My child is happy at this school	100%
2	My child feels safe at this school	100%
3	My child makes good progress at this school	100%
4	My child is well looked after at this school	100%
5	My child is taught well at this school	100%
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	92%
7	This school ensures the pupils are well behaved	96%
8	This school deals effectively with bullying	96%
9	This school is well led and managed	100%
10	This school responds well to any concern I raise	97%
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	94%
12	I would recommend this school to another parent	96%

Additionally, we were delighted with the following responses to 'what are we doing well?'

'Everything'	'Keep up the good work'	'Great leadership and great staff'
'The education is incredible'	'After School'	'Well done'
'Behaviour dealt with well'	'Time management'	'Excellent communication'
'Staff very helpful and supportive'	'Smart uniform'	'Very pleased'
'School is well organised'	'No bullying'	'Safety, behaviour and religion'
'Taking care and teaching our children'	'Safe and comfortable environment to study in'	
'Encouraging children with positive rewards'	'Could not be happier thanks for all the changes'	
'Your support...and clear system of rules'	'You are trying your best because you are the best'	
'Additional clubs outside the curriculum help my child to grow'		
'All the staff are polite, gentle and dedicated to both children and parents'		

We have fallen short of 100% in some parental responses as follows:

After School too expensive: *We are aware our fees are lower than other local provisions.*

Older children to stay until 4pm under supervision: *The teachers must be given time to organise for the next day.*

School gate should close at 8.50: *The gates are closed promptly at 8.40am when all the children should be in school for registration.*

Once again, we thank parents for taking the time to share their views.

Star of the Week

Name	Class	Reason for Nomination
Hebron	EYFS 1	For following the Golden Rules and sitting appropriately on the carpet
Malachi	EYFS 2	For excellent behaviour and being kind
Teddie	1P	For being an outstanding role model
Roshaun	2M	For working hard to solve mathematical investigations
Youssef	3M	For settling in so well into 3M
Taym	3Q	For always trying his hardest and displaying excellent manners
Nile	4A	For choosing more difficult tasks to challenge himself
Ruana	4G	For exceptional work in English
Nicole	5O	For excellent effort and participation in class
Dahabo	5P	For always putting 100% effort and enthusiasm into class discussions
Elisa	6H	For outstanding timetables knowledge
Nashville	6M	For working hard to improve his mathematical understanding

St Mary's Mission Statement

At St Mary's Catholic Primary School we strive to create a stimulating environment so that by learning, playing and working together, we openly follow Christ's teachings. We seek to offer every person the opportunity to be a unique and valued individual, sharing and developing our belief in the teachings of Jesus through everyday relationships and mutual respect in our dealings with one another.

Our School Mission is as follows:

- We stand on holy ground
- We will always open our doors in welcome
- We will always love and care for each other as Jesus taught us
- We will always place the Word of God at the heart of our school
- We will always be witnesses to our faith by following in the footsteps of Christ

	<p style="text-align: center;">Beginning with the Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Linking School, Parish and Home</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Religious Education</p> <p>Key Idea: Beginning with the Church</p> <p>This topic is intended for the first of the academic year 2017/2018. As we welcome new and returning members to our schools community, we learn about how the Church formally welcomes new members in study of the sacraments of Initiation. This topic is the last in our study of the Year of Matthew.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> <p>Spiritual Outcomes: <i>It is hoped that pupils will develop:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sense of the importance of the sacramental life of the Church • A commitment to celebrating their faith </td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An openness to the presence of God in the Sacraments • Reflectiveness in prayer </td> </tr> </table> <p>Activities to try at home</p> <p>You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. Help your child by trying this activity while this topic is being taught:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming people into our homes, workplaces and communities is part of life. Talk with your pupils about how you welcome new friends and family and why. Making people welcome is the first moment when we say to them you matter to us – you are important and valuable to us...and to God. 	<p>Spiritual Outcomes: <i>It is hoped that pupils will develop:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sense of the importance of the sacramental life of the Church • A commitment to celebrating their faith 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An openness to the presence of God in the Sacraments • Reflectiveness in prayer
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	<p style="text-align: center;">An idea for prayer at home</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer Activity</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Loving God, as we gather as a family today/tonight, may we remember your great love for us. You call us your daughters and sons, making us all members of one family. This day and tomorrow might we remember to welcome and show our love and appreciation for those around us: old friends and new. Make us people who welcome as you did – inviting others to be part of your family, your home. Amen.</p>		