



St Mary's News

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This Sunday's Gospel reading is the wonderful story about the bridesmaids who were sensible and wise. It is a great story about the importance of wisdom. Wisdom is a great treasure, a virtue for us to nurture. Each one of us is responsible for how we will grow in wisdom. The church exists to help us and provides us with the timeless wisdom of the Bible and the 'Catechism of the Catholic Church'. These are manuals for life which helps us to grow in wisdom.

God alone is infinitely wise. He is wisdom, power and love. Saint Maximilian Kolbe

Mini Vinnies

The Mini Vinnies have come together and organised a **Christmas Shoebox Appeal**. As a school community we are asking that you support us in this appeal by donating items that could be placed in a wrapped shoebox to send to a child in need. Thank you to parents who have sent items in for the shoebox appeal.

School works

Much of the works being undertaken to improve our school environment are still not visible to our parents. However, until the works start at the front of the school please take a look at some of the new windows



School attendance

Congratulations to the children in 6H and 4G who achieved 100% attendance last week. Congratulations are also due to 6H who have the highest attendance since September 2017 with 99.9%. However, it should be noted that 6 other classes have attendance in excess of 98% - they are 3Q, 4A, 4G, 5O, 5P and 6M.

Star of the Week

Emnet	EYFS 1	For being helpful towards others and using great vocabulary.
Tyler	EYFS 2	For always trying hard in all aspects of his learning.
Abigael	1P	For a huge improvement to handwriting and written work.
Lilya	2M	For working hard to develop her handwriting.
Haroney	3M	For always being kind and showing good manners.
Natneal	3Q	For super spellings and creative writing.
Jayden	4A	For always attending his academic study group and making a great effort in Mathematics.
Eugenia	4G	For writing an incredibly descriptive frightastic story.
Theo	5O	For lots of enthusiasm and effort during Mathematics academic study group sessions.
Jack	5P	For making a huge effort to improve his handwriting.
Jemira	6H	For excellent debating skills whereby he displayed great confidence.
Bobby	6M	For setting a high standard to his peers and always being outstanding in all areas of the curriculum.

Christmas Fayre 1st December 2017

Earlier this week we wrote to you to inform you about our Christmas. Thank you to parents who have returned the reply slips and said how they are going to support on the day. On a day to day basis our children enjoy using the equipment you contributed towards in so many ways. The proceeds from our Christmas Fayre will be used to purchase outdoor play equipment for the children in Early Years.



Christmas Raffle

We will be launching our Christmas Raffle on Monday 13th November. We have three wonderful prizes

1st Prize – a football jersey donated by Lewandowski

2nd prize – An i-pad

3rd prize – Tea for Two at the Hilton Hotel

We also have a number of consolation prizes.



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.

Safeguarding

St Mary's treats seriously its responsibility to ensure children are safe and well.

Where there is information causing a level of concern, the matter is discussed between the Executive Headmistress and Head of School to determine if other agencies, such as Social Services, should be informed of the matter.

Where appropriate, parents are informed if the school decides to make a referral to Social Services. In line with their own procedures, Social Services may instruct the school that parents should not be informed in particular cases.

The school follows Social Services guidance with regards to referrals and information sharing to ensure our approach is child-centred.

The school frequently reviews processes to ensure we are doing all we can to minimise risk and keep children safe.

Please be reminded of the following expectations to support safeguarding at St Mary's:

When you bring your child to school in the morning and when you collect your child in the afternoon, please move off the premises promptly to ease congestion and to support the staff in dismissing the children to other parents.

While term time leave is banned, we know there will be emergencies when children need to travel with their parents. In these situations, regardless of whether the leave will be authorised, please provide the school with a copy of the outgoing and return travel documents. This is a very important safeguarding measure.

School Uniform

A small number of children are not wearing their school coats to and from school. Children must wear their coats every day.

