



St Mary's News

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Catholic Life of the School

In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells the story about the man who set out on a journey. Before leaving he had summoned his servants giving one five talents, the second two talents and the third one talent. Following a period of time away he returned. The servant who received five talents had made five more, the servant who had two talents made two more. The master had been pleased with these two servants. However, the servant who had been given one talent quite simply buried it in the ground, dug it up and returned it to his master. This servant proved to be lazy and was eventually dismissed.

We learn from this Gospel that for each one of us, life is a talent entrusted to us so that we can transform it and increase it, making it a gift to others.

***'Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you! Put your talents at the service of God'.
Pope Francis***

Attendance School attendance

Congratulations to the children in 6M as they achieved 99% attendance last week; Congratulations are also due to 6H who have the highest attendance since September 2017 with 99.6%.

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.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

we were delighted to receive a certificate from Macmillan thanking our school community for the magnificent sum of £250 received towards the amazing support this charity provides for cancer sufferers. As always our parents give so generously.

Star of the Week

Jorge	EYFS 1	For always offering his help when it is tidy up time.
Julia	EYFS 2	For an excellent piece of creative writing.
Hana	1P	For being an outstanding role model.
Seim	2M	For a great effort to write using descriptive language.
Maryam	3M	For working hard to achieve her English targets.
Adonias	3Q	For excellent work in her times tables work.
Teigan	4A	For extraordinary effort with reading in school and at home.
Tashelle	4G	For great participation during our poetry lessons.
Weena	5O	For always making good contributions in class.
Rafael	5P	For excellent work in every area of the curriculum.
Eudora	6H	For understanding and being committed to teamwork.
Chloe	6M	For working hard on her spellings.

Shoe box appeal

Thank you to all our parents who have helped their children to prepare a shoe box for children far less fortunate than themselves. From the youngest children to the children in Year 6 – they have taken much pleasure in embedding Gospel values into their daily lives. Well done to the Mini Vinnies and Miss Plummer for leading the appeal for this great charity.



School Photographers

Our school have had a close relationship with Van Cols School Photographers over a long period of time. We were delighted to learn from them that one of our children is to feature in their publications for schools. Congratulations to Marcellino who has featured in a publication. A special pack will be presented to him in assembly. Looking at the images in the brochure Marcellino is a great ambassador for St Mary's.

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.

Christmas Fayre

We are now less than two weeks away from our Christmas Fayre. We are in great need of items for this event. Please think about how you can contribute to making this a really successful event:



Preparing a dish from your country – food will be sold on the day

Consider making a cake for our cake stall

Donate unwanted good quality gifts for our bric-a-brac stall

Donate good quality toys and games for the toy stall

Donate a bottles(s) for our bottle stall

Help to sell raffle tickets – we have secured some wonderful prizes. Please buy some raffle tickets.

Please let the office know how you can help us on the day.

School environment

New higher specification doors which are more secure are now installed at the car park entrance to the school. Where windows have already been installed, the children have commented about the brightness of their rooms.



School Uniform

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

