



St Mary's News

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Feast of Christ the King

Catholic Life of the School

This Sunday marks the last in the Church's year. It is the day we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In the Gospel we learn that Jesus said to his disciples, 'When the Son of Man comes at the end of time, all people will be gathered before him. He will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, and will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. And he will say to those on the right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom which has been prepared for you. For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was sick and you visited me; for whatever good you did for others in need, you did for me.'

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

Attendance School attendance - Congratulations to the children in 6M as they achieved 100% attendance last week; Congratulations are also due to 6H who have the highest attendance since September 2017 with 99.2%.

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.

Shoe Box appeal

Thank you to all our parents for their support of the Mini Vinnies Shoe Box appeal. We very proudly sent 100 boxes to support this charity.



Read Write Inc. Phonics Programme

We would like thank you to the parents in Years 1 and EYFS 2 who attended the workshop earlier this week. At the meeting parents learnt how they can support their children at home in developing their reading skills.



Christmas Fayre

This great event is almost upon us. We would like to remind parents that the children will be dismissed on Friday 1st December at 11.50am. We are looking forward to welcoming all our families to the Christmas Fayre from 1.30-3.30 on that afternoon. We have had some wonderful help promised from so many parents. Let's get together on the afternoon and have some wonderful food, refreshments and take the opportunity to buy some great items.



Star of the Week

Tre'shawn	EYFS 1	For working hard during phonics lessons.
Jayden	EYFS 2	For excellent phonics work in class.
Firdous	1P	For working hard to improve and develop her handwriting.
Hassan	2M	For outstanding effort to create charts in Mathematics.
Ilias	3M	For always being kind and helpful to his peers.
Ziad	3Q	For working hard at his phonics work and reading.
Adam	4A	For working well in his group to make a negative number line.
Robin-son	4G	For making a special effort with his handwriting.
Amy Rose	5O	For a great effort speaking out more in class.
Siyenna	5P	For excellence across the curriculum.
Mateus	6H	For being very enthusiastic to share his scientific knowledge about the circulation in the human body.
Frankie	6M	For working hard to improve his reading comprehension skills.

Other Information

Mobile phones

Mobile phones are strictly banned from school. It is important to remind to all our parents that mobile phones are strictly banned from school premises. The large majority of our parents have abided by this rule.

Mobile phones are banned from the school premises at all times, for all pupils.

Rationale:

The main reasons for banning pupil's having mobile phones in school are as follows;

Bullying – Mobile phones can be used to bully other children

Inappropriate Use – Mobiles have been used in other schools to transmit inappropriate or unauthorised images of pupils and/or staff.

Disruption – Using mobile phones within school time may disrupt learning and teaching.

Crime – Mobiles are the cause of much crime and being a valuable item can go missing in school.

Health Risks – There is a lot of research which suggests that mobile phones are not suitable for children.

Thank you to parents for understanding this rationale and abiding by the policy.

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