



Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents,

At assembly this morning we looked at the Catholic Social Teaching principle of stewardship, care of our world. We reminded ourselves of Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si, the invitation for everyone on the planet to care for God's creation and our common home. Pope Francis challenges us to consider the kind of world we want to leave to our children and those who come after us. We are called to consider the damage being inflicted on the earth by humans and the need to make changes to our lifestyle. We can make a difference!

At St Mary's, teachers will be discussing with children ways we can help protect the environment. We will be establishing a School Eco Council and will encourage children to take responsibility for the school surroundings and garden areas. We look forward to great ideas from the new Eco Council.

Mr Keane

Year 1 Trip to Paddington Recreation Park



Last week Year 1 had a wonderful trip to Paddington Rec to look for signs of winter. They went on a scavenger hunt looking at the bare trees, winter plants and empty birds' nests. Leah liked looking at the birds nest in the big tree. Teddie and Leah both enjoyed the opportunity to use the park playground and the scavenger hunt.

Building Works

The building works are progressing smoothly and quickly. We are hoping for the work to be completed by the end of February. While the builders are on site we have taken the opportunity to create a new and much larger EYFS 1 area near their original classroom. The new area will provide many more learning opportunities for the children.



Stars of the week!



EYFS 1	Rayan	EYFS 2	Muhammed
Year 1P	Hyuree	Year 2M	Jeremiah
Year 3M	Richard	Year 3Q	Joshua
Year 4A	Nebille	Year 4G	Carlton
Year 5O	Maryam	Year 5P	Siyenna
Year 6H	Ream	Year 6M	Ranady

Excellent effort, hard work, good progress and great attitude were among the reasons given for this week's Star of the Week awards. Well done to all the children.

Parent Governor

Next week we will be sending out information regarding a position for a Parent Governor on our School Governing Body. Parents are important people to have on a governing body because having your child's best interests at heart means that you'll also have the school's best interests at heart, which makes you committed to the school's continuous improvement for the benefit of your child. Please consider if you can make this important contribution to our school.

Sporting Stars!

The school has entered the Brent Schools Football League and will be playing in competitive matches very shortly. Ranady in Year 6 has written the following piece about one of the children selected for the team.

A Year 5 boy has been chosen to be in the school football team, his name is Solomon. Solomon was chosen because of his amazing ability with a football. His interests include reading and maths. Tennis is another sport that Solomon enjoys playing. Solomon likes his teacher for her fantastic talent with children and her kindness and support for him. His dream job is to be a footballer and he knows if he works hard he can achieve his life ambition. By Ranady

Writer of the week



Amina in EYFS 2 is enjoying reading the book she was awarded for being writer of the week. She is one of many great writers in her class and in the school who receive the weekly award.

Reflection

Your talent is God's gift to you.
What you do with it is your gift back to God.



Leo Buscaglia

Staff Profile – Mr Grimshaw Y6



Eudora and Dimora our news reporters from Year 6 interviewed Mr Grimshaw, our new Year 6 teacher.

How do you feel being at St Mary's?

St Mary's is one of the nicest schools I have taught in. It also has some of the most polite students and friendly colleagues I've ever worked with.

Have you taught in other schools?

I have taught in 4 different schools, two in Australia and two in England. However they are all primary schools.

Do you miss Australia?

I miss my family, friends, clean air and my surf board.

What are your interests?

My interests include; helping children reach their potential, most types of sport., current affairs, finance, cooking and playing with my dog Millie (whom I brought from Australia)

What is your favourite book?

My favourite book is: 'It's not how good you are, it's how good you want to be!' By Paul Arden.

Attendance



Year 4 G have the double honour of having the best weekly attendance and the best overall attendance for the year to date! Well done Year 4 G. They have other year groups very close behind them in the race to get the Chessington World of Adventure prize.

Newsletter Team

There is a team of Year 6 children who have helped produce this newsletter by taking photographs and writing articles. These children will be part of our Pupil Profile in next week's newsletter.

