



# St Mary's Catholic School

## Newsletter

2nd March, 2018

Dear parents,

It is great to see all our children back in school and motivated to work hard after the February half term. The children all seem rested and happy.

At assembly we looked at a picture by of 'The Marriage at Cana' by Mattea Preti in which Jesus performs his first miracle, turning the water into wine. Mary says to the guests, "do as he (Jesus) tells you" – her last-ever words in the gospels. We too are challenged by these words during Lent to do as Jesus tells us. During this time of Lent we can take time to listen to God in prayer and follow more closely our faith.



### St. Mary's Book Day



World Book Day was scheduled to be on Thursday this week, but due to the severe weather the school made the decision to postpone this event and

run a 'St Mary's Book Day' on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. We look forward to all children coming to school dressed as a favourite book character on this day.

Please make sure they can talk about the character they are representing. This week is a good opportunity to think about how we can encourage our children to read more, and how we can expose them to more text and stories by reading to them and with them. It is also very good for children to see adults modelling reading behaviours. We can think about our household routines – do we allow time for children to read before bed time? Do we encourage them to take books with them for journeys or on outings? Is reading the first choice of activity when they get home from school? Do I prioritise reading to my children every day (even older children)?

Developing a love of reading is the best way to secure academic success.

### Friendship Assembly -Year 2 teacher:

A few weeks ago Mr McKernan presented an assembly about Friendship.

Firstly he gave advice on how the year ones and two's could be friends. He offered advice on how to be good friends. After the assembly the children were thinking about how to be kind to each other.

Friendships between children in Year 1, 2 and 3 have improved and children are thinking more about how to be kind to each other. By listening to each other understanding each other and they are now co-operating more when playing.



Mr McKernan is very proud of the children for making the effort and he is very pleased he chose to do this assembly!

Written by Eudora.

## Pupil Profile Football Review with Bobby 6M:

Before half term the boys in year 6 and one in year 5 went to play a football match against other schools and they had a really good time. Here is a review of a boy we were able to question called Bobby.

"I enjoy football because it's entertaining and it gives a certain type of glory which makes you feel encouraged when you win. The person who made me get into football was my mum she was a left-mid and she got picked for Chelsea (my favourite team). I like my teammates because they support me all the time. I also like to work with my teammates because if you mess up they are supportive of you. When we lost the first match against John Keble 13-0, I felt like I needed to do better! But things lightened up during the second match when we won 6-2 against St Josephs!"



Thank you Bobby for telling us about your experience of football.

## Year 6 Gardening Plan:

Year6 have been tidying the area next to the ICT room. The eco councillors in 6H have been going into each classroom encouraging children to bring in a pot plant to decorate the area if you can, Please bring a pot plant in, to transform dull and boring area into a colourful, bright area. If you do bring a pot plant in take it to class 6H.



## ★ Stars of the week! ★

EYFS 1	Carmen	EYFS 2	Kaell
Year 1	Framcos	Year 2	Noel
3M	Ilias	3Q	Matthias
4A	Nile	4G	La
5O	Desia	5P	Thomas
6M	Chamaya	6H	Alfie

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.

The following children are the

School's new Eco Councillors:

6M= Frankie and Liah

6H= Lawand and Jammel

5O=Kwali and Emily

5P=Thomas and Afomeya

4A=Ida and Ibrahim

4G=Robinson and Cairo

**3M=Ishini and Abdulrahman**

**3Q=Noah and Matthias**

**2M=Hosanna and Hassan**

1P=Hyuree and Leah

## Eco Councillors

The Eco Councillors are the schools recyclers. They make sure the school is doing its best to look after the environment. They also make sure that, after using equipment, we tidy up and don't leave a mess. Our message – ALWAYS RECYCLE!

