



Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents,

During the next half term we will be continuing with our Social Teaching theme of the *Promotion of Peace*. We will be in addition looking at another theme, *The dignity of the human person*. Catholic Social Teaching is based on the belief that God's plan for creation is a world of peace, love and justice. It holds that God has a special place for us in this story. It includes every aspect of our lives including how to live as responsible global citizens. This reflects the teachings of Pope Francis for the Common Good in our world. The Dignity of the Human Person focuses on each one of us being incredibly special because we are made by God. It doesn't matter who we are, who our friends are, what we own or what we look like. What matters is that we are special because we are God's children. This means we must treat others with respect and fairness. A wonderful message for all of us to embrace.

Mr Keane
Headteacher

'Staying Safe' Workshop

On Tuesday, Year 5 and 6 children were involved in a workshop from a theatre company called 'Staying Safe'. This workshop was about peer pressure children may face as they get older and how to deal with this. In particular this was linked to staying safe around areas that may be dangerous such as building sites, for example near our school during the railway line developments. After the performance children were then able to have a go themselves in both trying to peer pressure someone into doing something unsafe and responding to peer pressure in order to work out strategies for how to deal with this. The drama company even said there were some BAFTA winning performances among the children. Children really enjoyed this workshop and learnt a lot from it.



Stars of the week!



EYFS 1	Naomi	EYFS 2	Isaac
Year 1P	Melena	Year 2M	Noel
Year 3M	Maryam	Year 3Q	Taym
Year 4A	Ida	Year 4G	Tashelle
Year 5O	Ibum	Year 5P	Siyenna
Year 6H	Tiffany	Year 6M	John Lloyd

Attendance

Week ending 4th May

EYFS 1	95.2%	EYFS 2	98%
Year 1P	94.1%	Year 2M	100%
Year 3M	95%	Year 3Q	89.2%
Year 4A	95.7%	Year 4G	99.2%
Year 5O	95.7%	Year 5P	97.3%
Year 6M	95.8%	Year 6H	96.8%

Total for week 96.1%

Well done to Year 2M for a perfect 100% attendance!

4G have slightly increased their lead and are now at 98.5% for the year-to-date. 4G have been leading for some time now but the other classes are just behind. 6G have 97.9% attendance while 3Q are at 97.8%.

Brent Schools Deanery Mass

On Tuesday a group of children from the school went to the Brent Catholic Schools Deanery mass. This included our Year 3 and 4 Student Council and Mini Vinnies and the Year 3's who have recently made their first Holy Communion. This was a lovely opportunity for us to gather with other Catholic schools. Mass was said by Fr. Stephen who reminded us all that we are schools together, and that the children are all part of a wider Catholic family. It is a pleasure taking our children out on such visits as their behaviour was immaculate and they were great ambassadors for our school.

Hidden Secrets

There have been many new developments to improve the school building and environment. There are many more plans for further improvements in the very near future. One of those improvements will be to an area which has been remained hidden for a long time. It is a small garden area with a statue of St Mary. The statue of St Mary cannot be seen because the garden has become very overgrown over the years. We will cut back the vegetation allowing the beautiful flowers and statue to be seen by all.



Our beautiful school

Every week we will feature some of the beautiful displays of work and learning in school. We start this week with EYFS 2 and their fantastic reading corner. It is a favourite place for many of the children. As one child said "if you look at the pictures it feels like you are in a real jungle. And we have a tiger."



May Procession

Before the half term we honoured our Holy Mother St Mary with a special May gathering and procession. We offered our own personal prayers, our songs and beautiful flowers. Children were exceptionally respectful and made the whole experience very reverent and meaningful for all who took part.



Year 6 School Journey Almost there!

Thank you to everybody who came to the Year 6 School Journey meeting during the week. The residential school trip to Gordon Brown is one of the highlight of the children's time in primary school and we thank you for your support in making it a special occasion. At Gordon Brown the children will be undertaking a range of fantastic activities and experiences and we are certain that this particular group will make us all very proud.

Kitchen 5 Star Rating

Congratulations to Jackie(Head of Catering) and our kitchen staff for obtaining a five-star hygiene rating from the local authority. Jackie explained to our news team that the inspector came with a very long checklist but she was pleased to say our kitchens passed with flying colours!

World Cup 2018

The beginning of the World Cup is only days away and we will be keeping in touch with the matches being played and learning something about the countries taking part. We will have a World Cup chart in the dining hall for children to follow their teams progress.