



Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

As the World Cup in Russia draws to an end of the first group stage, Pope Francis praised players, organisers and football fans who will be following "this event that overcomes all borders."

His comments resonated with the message of Peace which is one of our Catholic Social Teaching themes of this term.

He asked "May this important sports event become an occasion for promoting solidarity and peace between nations".

"May this important sports event become an occasion for encounter, dialogue and fraternity between different cultures and religions, promoting solidarity and peace between nations," said the Argentine Pope, who is an avid football fan.

He made his remarks in an appeal at the end of his general audience in St. Peter's Square.

Year 6 Public Speaking Workshop.

Year 6 children had the opportunity to work with Dallas Leigh -Martene a multi-award winning training consultant. Dallas is a United Kingdom public speaking Champion who trains clients in high-impact presentations and leadership development. The children in Year 6 had the benefit of advice and guidance on public speaking and presentation skills. It was amazing to see how the children grew in confidence during the course of the workshop and ended in producing some excellent speeches. They did this without any props or scripts to support them in their presentations. Dallas commented on the quality of speeches made by the children and on their excellent aptitude and commitment. Well done Year 6.



Attendance

Week ending 8th June

EYFS 1 98.4%	EYFS 2 96%
Year 1P 96.3%	Year 2M 94%
Year 3M 97,5%	Year 3Q 99.2%
Year 4A 98.6%	Year 4G 99,2%
Year 5O 95.7%	Year 5P 93.6%
Year 6M 100%	Year 6H 99,2%
Total for week 96.2%	

Year 4 Wildlife Challenge

4A completed the Wildlife Trusts '30 days' Wild' Challenge. They did one 'Wild Card' each day throughout June.

We decided to interview students from the class to tell us about some of their project:

On the first day they made a daisy chain by linking a line of daisies together. On another day the class went out and picked up litter from the playground which had been blown in from the street. One afternoon was spent outside creating a nature art piece. There were numerous opportunities for fantastic I writing. Ida in 4A explained what they did in their 'Wild Card Challenge'

'In the wild card challenge we collect litter, clean the playground, draw the wildlife and more. This was a very fun challenge to complete and I hope we will do this again".



★ Here are our stars of the week! ★

6M	Saya
6H	Lee Ryan
5P	Jack
5O	Amy Rose
4G	Lahand
4A	Gabija
3Q	Sarah
3M	Abdulrahman
2M	Danny
1P	Firdous
EYFS2	Heela
EYFS1	Jorge

Well done to all these children who were awarded their Star Certificates for demonstrating a range of wonderful learning, behaviour and attitudes.

This week's class focus

Having last visited EYFS 2 we now move to the upper end of the school to show some of the display work in Year 6.

Children in the Year 6 have been reading a book called the Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne. The story is about a boy who comes from a rich family and moves to a house near a concentration camp. He befriends a boy who is part of the camp. It is a very moving story about the tragedies of World War 2.



Another book being read by the children in Year 6 is The Long Walk. This story is about a boy who has a beloved grandfather and they go on precious walks together. The story shows the strong relationship between the boy and grandfather. The grandfather takes his grandson on a long walk where the boy makes a heart-breaking discovery.



Well done to our athletics team.



Well done to our athletics team who took part in the Brent Schools Athletics tournament. It is the first time we have taken part for many years and the children did us proud with their fantastic efforts in a range of athletic activities. The fact we had a number of children from lower year groups competing against older children will stand us in good stead next year.

Busy week ahead!

Next week Year 4 will be going on an outing to The Welsh Harp.

Year 5 will be attending the Good Shepherd Mass at Westminster Cathedral to support the Catholic Children's Society. The children will be presenting a donation from St Mary's School to the society.

..... And finally! On Monday morning, Year 6 will be making their way to the Gordon Brown Centre to spend the week undertaking a range of really exciting activities. We wish them all the very best and will keep all Year 6 parents updated on their adventure.