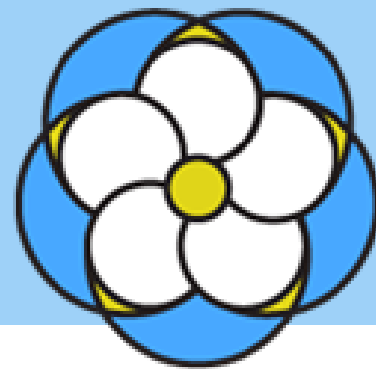


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 27 – 17th May 2024



-Free Parent Workshop-



-Supporting your child with anxiety-

When? Tuesday 11th June 2-3pm

Where? St Mary's Library

Sit down with us for a cup of tea.
Friendly, relaxed atmosphere

To book a place, please email
slaurie@stmarys.stbenets.org

What Is It?

A psychoeducation workshop for parents/ carers to explore why children experience anxiety and how you can support with this.



Who Are We?

The Mental Health Support Teams working in schools to deliver mental health support for young people, either directly or through education staff and parents/ carers.

What Will We Cover?

- What is anxiety?
- Why do we experience it?
- Recognising signs and symptoms.
- How to support your child.
- Self-care and managing our own anxiety.
- Resources.

CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Week ending 17th May

*Robin – Charleigh D
3 Skylark – Sienna-mai T
4 Kingfisher – Blake H
4 Woodpecker – Violet W
5 Avocet – Olivia-rae S
5 Curlew – Mollie Q
6 Falcon – Caine B
6 Red Kite – Hannah R*

Star Value of the Week

*LKS2 – Jack B
UKS2 – Weronika B*

Dates for your Diary

20th, 21st & 23rd May – Sailing Trips for Yr 4, 5 and Robins Class

20th May – Tri Golf (individual children to be notified)

*23rd May – PTA Yr 5 Cake Stall
3.00 – 3.30pm*

24th May – Football Match vs Newton Flotman School (individual children advised)

Please note this has been postponed from 17th May



“They will soar on wings like eagles”



Learning Blog – 5 Curlew Class

Curlew have had an action-packed half term so far and have thoroughly enjoyed our time in Forest Schools. Despite many changes in the weather, we have adapted and created dens, set up school rooms, played games and worked well within groups. Here's some examples of what we have created:



In English, we have been studying a Michael Morpurgo book, *Giant's Necklace* which had a very sad and poignant ending. The story is set in Cornwall and we have spent time researching Cornwall for a descriptive setting and also for a non-chronological report which we are going to write next week.



Cornwall
Hot Write

Cornwall, a magical place, full of intrigue, with sandy beaches that stretch for many miles. The gentle breeze as the calm waves splash gently against the stones. The relaxing beaches that are backed up with towering cliffs home to many different species of plants and animals, these beaches attract many tourists and holiday makers who are fascinated by Cornwall's nature. Children splash around in the sea as others enjoy sunbathing or paper reading on a book.

The waves overlap in the cold water but the beauty is the same as in the warm summer. You can enjoy the local delicacies such as Cornish pasties, clotted cream, Cornish ice cream and seaweed. Cornwall is to the northeast and borders another country named Devon. Cornwall which is beautiful has a lot of popular beaches some include Godrevy, ~~Penryn~~ Penryn, Looe and Bude. Cornwall has only one city and that city is the city of Truro. Cornwall has approximately four million tourists per year come to see the popular and beautiful attractions are: the Eden Project, St Michael's Mount and Land's End.

Thursday 9th May 2024

Hot write

Welcome To Cornwall

Beaches

Before long, the beaches that are packed with people as loud as a lion yelling, relaxing and playing in the calm silky and smooth sand swimming in the transparent, blue and happy sea, hearing the regional language & Cornish. Seeing the black with a white cross in the middle of the flag, just imagine going to Cornwall exploring the tin mines that are ancient, St Michael's Mount which is covered in stone, high cliffs and rocky coasts.

Going in summer where the sun is shining brightly, feeling the warmest weather, seeing the Eden Project with beautiful bugs and insects roaming around. Despite the rocky coastline it is an amazing view from out of sea. Going in winter seeing the white frothy waves crashing up and down, rapidly crashing and splashing into the high coast as it ebbs away fluently the majority of the glorious beach.

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In maths, we have learnt so much about 2D and 3D shapes, geometry, how to measure angles, reflections and translations.

Our Guided Reading is based around our science learning on Life Cycles and we have learnt a large amount of vocabulary and some interesting facts, such as spiderlings (baby spiders) eat their mother as they grow up and the mother spider eats the father after mating (if they have not been eaten already by the spiderlings...!)

In PE, we are practicing hard with our athletics in preparation for Sports Day and are also learning about yoga. We have created flows and sequences which we have demonstrated to the class and have learnt yoga poses and the importance of breathing techniques too.

School Uniform

We would like to remind parents of the uniform that pupils are expected to wear.

Pupils wear:

- Grey/black or navy skirt/pinafore dress/shorts/trousers or blue and white checked or striped summer dresses (skirts should be at least knee length and of a style which allows the children to sit comfortably on the floor)
- Pale blue blouse, shirt or polo shirt*
- Royal blue sweatshirt* or cardigan*, without a hood, either plain or with the Academy logo (optional)
- Plain white, blue, black or grey short or knee length socks (not over the knee) or
- Black, navy or grey tights
- Grey/Black or navy shorts or trousers not jogging bottoms

Shoes

Shoes – flat, black and appropriate for school.

Trainers – plain without logos. (PE- outdoors)

Boots – plain black and not to prevent children from sitting comfortably on the floor.

Warm coat with a hood for cold weather – children do go outside when it is cold and wet.

P.E. Kit

Please bring in a suitable PE kit in a named draw-string bag on the day for P.E. or any After School Sports Clubs

- Black or navy shorts
- Plain white T-shirt or polo shirt (long enough to tuck into shorts)
- Plain or school logo Royal blue jumpers can be worn (no other logos, brands or slogans)
- A pair of plimsolls (indoor) – velcro fastenings are useful for younger children
- trainers are needed for outdoor use
- Black or navy jogging bottoms for outdoor lessons in cold weather

Uniform can be purchased from Stevenson's (see price list attached) or other retailers for non-logo items.

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Kingfisher Class in the Woodland Area

On Monday afternoon, Kingfisher (Y4) class enjoyed a beautiful afternoon in the school's woodland area. Inspired by 'The Nest' built by Roz, the main character in our current English book, *The Wild Robot*, the children's challenge was to build a bug hotel. The bug hotel had to meet specific criteria: the space needed to be damp and dark; it needed to incorporate lots of natural materials (branches, leaves, moss etc..) and it needed to be a stable structure to withstand the test of time. The children worked together in teams, learning to work effectively and make decisions as a team and the result were some fantastic, creative, well-crafted bug hotels. We look forward to returning back to the woods on our first week back after half-term. Mr Roberts



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Attendance

Every day at school adds up, so make the most of it.

As part of the national 'Everyday Counts' attendance campaign, we will continue to monitor attendance very closely. If you need support on this matter please make an appointment to see Mrs Dale our pastoral officer or visit www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 6th to 10th May 2024.

5 Curlew	100%
5 Avocet	99.38%
4 Kingfisher	98.75%



St Mary's PTA Events...

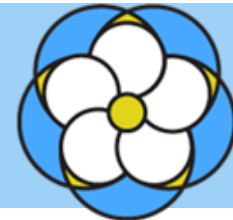
The PTA and Year 5 will be holding a Cake Sale on Thursday 23rd May between 3.00 and 3.30pm at the front of the school. We would be grateful for your support by either contributing cakes or purchasing some at the end of the day. Any cakes can be brought into the school office during the morning. Thank you.

Year 6 Cake Stall

Thank you to everyone who contributed and purchase cakes at the Year 6 Cake Stall, we managed to make £65.15 towards school funds.



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Dates for the year ahead:

20/05/24	Yrs 3 & 4 Golf Club (individual children to be notified)
23/05/24	PTA Yr 5 Cake Stall at 3.00 – 3.30pm (contributions welcome)
20 th , 21 st & 23 rd May	Yrs 4 & 5 Sailing Trips
23/05/24	Yr 4 to Harker House Residential Home (1 st Group)
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Back to School
03/06/24	Yr 6 Parent Meeting re residential trip to Kingswood 3.15pm
03/06/24	Yr 4 DfE Multiplication Check
06/06/24	School Games Yrs 5 & 6 Girls Dynamo Cricket (individual children to be notified)
10/06/24	Yrs 3, 4 & 5 PiXL Testing Week
10/06/24 – 12/06/24	Yr 6 Residential to Kingswood, West Runton (those children not attending residential still need to come into school)
11/06/24	Parent Workshop – supporting your child with anxiety 2.00 – 3.00pm in the library (please book by emailing slaurie@stmarys.stbenets.org)
17/06/24	New Year 3 Parents Meetings 2pm and 4.30pm
18/06/24	Class and Yr 6 Leaver Photos
21/06/24	Sports Day Yrs 3 & 4 – 9.00am – 10.30am Yrs 5 & 6 – 10.30am – 12.00 noon (please note this date has been changed)
16/07/24	Whole School Transition Day
17/07/24	Whole School Transition Day
18/07/24	Yr 6 Leavers Party 1.00 – 3.00pm (more details to follow)
19/07/24	Last day of Term

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