



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

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Head's Lines: Arts Week at St Mary's has seen some magnificent pieces of Art being created by the children which will be on display in our Gallery for **Celebration Evening** on Monday. Across the school Van Gogh's 'The Sunflowers' has been interpreted in 9 different ways with some excellent results.

We have received some fabulous news this morning and can announce that **St Mary's has achieved the Gold Sports Mark Award** this year—huge congratulations to all of the children and staff for their efforts which you can see on the 'Our Learning, Sports' section of the website. Of course a very special well done to Mr Russ and Mrs Fouracre for their hard work and commitment.

End of Year School Reports for all of the children, have been written and you will be receiving them in Book Bags today. Congratulations to all of the children for their hard work, effort and perseverance throughout the year with their learning. Any questions please do liaise with their class teacher. Monday is class swap morning and **Miss Kelly and Miss Payas** will be here to meet their new classes so we would like to extend a warm welcome to them.

The last full **Governing Body** meeting of the year was held on Wednesday evening. Details of who and how they are involved with the school can be found on the website under the 'Governance' tab. A special and heartfelt thank you Jenny Ward who is leaving the body after many years having led much change at the school as she retires from the board. Also to Griff Akai for his work as a Governor as he leaves the FGB. We have recently welcomed two new Governors and if anyone would like to become involved in school governance please do ask for some details. Have a relaxing weekend - the summer holidays are not far away now. Mrs Hodgson

Class news this week:

Kiwi: This week Kiwi Class has been taking part in our whole school 'Arts Week'. We started the week with some steel pan drumming and then used junk modelling to make our own musical instruments. Throughout the week we have been singing, sharing stories and creating with playdough, paints and drawing materials. We will be displaying some of our work at Celebration Evening next week!



Cherry Class: This week in Cherry Class we have been drawing our very own sunflowers in lots of different ways. We have painted a giant sunflower and even drawn them using chalk on the playground floor. We have also been singing songs and doing lots of dancing! We have thoroughly enjoyed Arts week.



Lemon Class: This week lemon class have been thoroughly enjoying arts week. We worked with clay to make some beautifully detailed painted tiles, inspired by Van Gogh's Sunflowers. We have also been working with watercolours, pens and pencils and have produced some stunning artwork. For our performance in the talent competition we have been learning "Yellow Submarine!"

Orange Class: This week Orange Class went on our class trip to the Look Out Discovery Centre. We had a marvellous time and the children behaved beautifully. They made their teachers very proud and were a real credit to St Mary's.



Blueberry Class: This week, the children in Blueberry class enjoyed making prints as part of expressive arts week. We created an image, made a tile to print from, and then used the tiles to print our two colour designs. We needed a lot of care and perseverance to follow all of the stages – but we managed to make some very eye catching artwork!



Strawberry and Apricot Classes: Strawberry and Apricot classes have been involved in various activities as part of expressive arts week. On Monday they enjoyed a very lively steel pan workshop. They have also been producing art work based on Van Gogh's sunflowers. In addition, Strawberry Class treated us to a wonderful assembly which included time travel with the help of a tardis



Mango Class: On Monday, Mango Class visited CCC for the day. We were able to experience secondary style lessons in English, Maths and Science, which we really enjoyed - particularly using the Bunsen burners in science. We also had the opportunity of using the climbing wall – it was great fun. Thank you to all the teachers at CCC for giving us a wonderful day.



Pineapple Class: This week, the children in Pineapple Class have been using their maths lessons to design and make board games. The brief that children were given was to design a game intended for children aged 7-11 years old which is fun to play and develops a range of maths skills. The children have been very creative in their thinking and all were keen to be declared winner of best board game design.



Stars of the week:



Lemon Class: All of Lemon Class for their super effort and behaviour on our trip. Well done!

Orange Class: All of Orange Class for their amazing behaviour on our school trip. You represented St Mary's beautifully.

Blueberry: Matt for always challenging himself during maths and **Max** for good reasoning and ideas during talk time.

Apricot: Grace for her very creative pieces of writing and **Freya** for the excellent contribution she makes to class discussions.

Strawberry: For all of Strawberry Class for working so hard on their brilliant assembly.

Mango Class: All of Mango Class for their behaviour and attitude during their visit to Chessington Community College on Monday.

Pineapple Class: Dylan for his positive attitude towards all of his learning and **Archie** for managing his learning so well with his injured arm over the last few weeks.



144 Club - Megan in Apricot—well done!

Congratulations to all of you we are proud to have you as part of our school!

Notes from the office :

Look out for the **lost property box** in the playground at the end of the day next week . Any items still left at the end of term will be taken to a charity shop.

Roan Lloyd who is in pineapple class is shaving his hair off to raise money for cancer research. He would like to raise £500 and is nearly there, he has 7 days till the big day ! If you would like to support him please donate at www.justgiving.com/fundraising-sharon-amanda-lloyd5

Roan will also be at the school gates next week with his donation box so bring your loose change :-)

Message from PMG Schoolwear

The deadline for ordering school uniform to guarantee delivery in time for the new term is 11 August.

After this date due to the high demand we may not be able to guarantee uniform for the new September term.

Please do not to leave buying uniform until the very end of the summer holidays i.e. last week of August 1st week of September, this just causes chaos in the store also this leaves us no time to re-order stock if they become low.

Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 92.8%.

Pineapple class had the best attendance this week with 95.4% **Well done to Pineapple class.**

The class we need to encourage to get to school on time this week is Strawberry Class .

As outlined in our Attendance Policy and on our school website, requests for term time 'holidays' will not be authorised by the school. Any requests need to be made directly to the Headteacher. Only in 'exceptional circumstances' and with the knowledge of the Educational Welfare Office will absence during term time be considered.

Year 6 Mini Fair

Next Monday afternoon, Year 6 will be running their own mini fair with stalls they have designed themselves. These include Splat the Donkey, Lucky Dip and Prize Penalties. **We are asking children from Year 1- Year 5 to bring in their loose change to spend when they visit with their class.** Most stalls will charge 20p per go. All money raised will be donated to the school to be put towards new golden time equipment for next year. Thank you.



Help Needed

We are looking for a volunteer from September to help in our school library. If you have time on a regular basis , we need someone who can keep our library up to date. This would include booking in returned books on our computer system.

If you are interested please speak to Mrs Coles for more details.

Diary Dates: * = new date **Don't forget!** You can also see a full list of school events on the school calendar which is on our website.

17th July – Class Swap morning

17th July—Celebration Evening 6 – 8pm. (Musical performance Y4 Recorders and School Choir at 6.30pm)

21st July – Yr6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am and evening party

21st July – End of term at 12 noon

Autumn Term 2017-2018

4th & 5th September INSET day

6th September—Children return to school