



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: Congratulations to the children in Year 4, Apricot and Strawberry classes, who took part in the performance last night at the Kingston Music Festival at the Rose Theatre. Up to 450 children from a variety of schools across the Borough took part and St Mary's children played their recorders beautifully with great skill, enjoyment and enthusiasm. We had a lovely evening and you are all a credit to the school.

You can see below the wide variety of activities the children have been involved with this week both on site and outside the school, during and after the school day. We are lucky at St Mary's to have such a supportive wider school family and thank you for ensuring bike tyres are pumped up, PE kit is washed, recorders are practiced, uniform is looking smart and children have packed lunch and teas when asked! Working together certainly enables all of these enrichment activities to become possible which in turn ensure that the children get as broad and balanced a curriculum as possible at the school.

You will have received a Parent mail about setting parental controls for your children online this week, which suggested links to websites for useful information about online safety. We are planning a parent work shop in the Autumn to raise awareness of this issue.

Thank you for your support with correct footwear during the school day –please make sure that the children from Year 1 to Year 6 are wearing the correct colour socks to school each day. As you can see on the website boys are expected to wear grey socks and girls grey or white socks or tights. Enjoy a restful weekend. Mrs Hodgson

Class news this week:

Kiwi: The courgettes that we planted before half term have grown so large that this week Kiwi Class have planted them out into grow-bags. The children have been taking really good care of all our seedlings, making sure they are watered every day and looking to see how much they have grown.



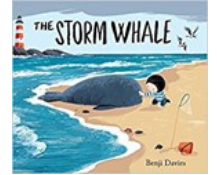
Cherry Class: This week in Cherry Class we made our very own stage in our outdoor learning environment using a range of construction resources. We have also been remembering to use our capital letters, fingers spaces and full stops whilst writing our half term news. We have also been enjoying watering our vegetable garden and seeing how tall our beans have grown over the holidays!



Lemon Class: Well done for your super assembly this week. We have been reading our new book "How to find Gold" and

have been making treasure plans and maps. We have begun building a pirate ship for our role play area and have been practicing our phonics every day.

Orange Class: This week Orange Class have been introduced to their new English text 'The Storm Whale'. We began the week by drawing the image we got after hearing just one line from the book. This was very powerful and showed off our amazing imaginations.



Blueberry Class: To begin our new topic that explores what it might be like to live in Russia, Blueberry class have been sharing what we already know about Europe. We enjoyed sharing facts about some of the places we know and used maps to find out where different countries and capital cities are.



Strawberry and Apricot Classes:

Apricot and Strawberry Classes have had a very busy and exciting week. On Monday they visited Wisley Gardens to start their learning about tropical rainforests.



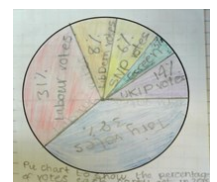
The glasshouse at Wisley gave them a real experience of the climate and vegetation of a rainforest. On Thursday both classes performed the recorder pieces, learned in school, in front of a huge audience at the Rose Theatre. They were brilliant. We are so proud of the way in which the children have represented the school this week



Mango Class: This week a number of children have taken part in Bikeability, learning how to cycle carefully on the road. They have bravely endured different weather conditions and have all enjoyed the experience. We have also this week started our new topic on The Mayans and have been learning about where they lived.



Pineapple Class: As this is the week of the general election, the children in Year 6 have been developing their understanding of British politics. In maths, they have analysed voting data from the 2015 election, calculated the percentage share of the total vote for each party and represented the information in the form of a bar chart or pie chart.



Stars of the week:



Lemon Class: All of Lemon Class for their super class assembly. Well done.

Orange Class: Sam and Vinnie for showing off their excellent writing skills this week.

Blueberry: Dylan for always showing a fantastic attitude towards his learning and **Phoebie** for showing great perseverance in maths.

Apricot: All of Apricot Class for making our trip to Wisley so successful and enjoyable.

Strawberry: Oliver for a brilliant improvement in his writing and for all round enthusiasm to learn. **All of Strawberry Class** for being so enthusiastic and well-behaved on our Wisley trip.

Mango: Robert for fantastic work in literacy this week and **Isla** for superb buddy work in maths.

Pineapple: Ted and Browndon for excellent effort when writing their formal letter to Justine Greening, MP.

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

Well done to Aykut, Harrison and Logan in Year 3 and to George, Daniel, Casey and Andreja in Year 5 who have gained their **Silver Mathletics Awards** this week.



Notes from the office :

Lunchtime Supervisors: We are still looking to recruit some more 'bank' lunchtime supervisors, who would be willing to stand in for a regular supervisor should they be unable to cover a lunchtime. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Coles.

Free NHS health checks for those aged 40-74 with a Kingston GP

Places for People Leisure are delivering free NHS health checks to anybody aged 40-74 and who has a Kingston GP. Phone 07736 132532 for a check at Malden Centre, Kingfisher Leisure Centre, Tolworth Recreation Centre or Kingsmeadow Fitness & Athletic, and get a free five day pass, personal training session and fitness session (terms and conditions apply).

If you still have any **Sainsbury Active Vouchers**, we would be very grateful if you can send them in to the office. We will soon be sorting out what items we can order.

We would appreciate if any **outstanding contributions** for trips, swimming and Science week can be paid into school. We are sure that you can appreciate that any contributions make a big difference to the school being able to fund trips and visits in the future. Thank you.

Curriculum Charity Day -Den Day for Save the Children 16th June

Next Friday we will be holding a charity fundraising curriculum day –Den Day—for Save the Children. We will be asking for a voluntary donation to charity to support the event and each class will be building a den of some sort during the day. They will have fun, get creative and raise awareness of the importance of shelter for children across the world as they build their dens.

Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 95.1%. Lemon class had the best attendance this week with 97.7%. **Well done to Lemon Class.**

The class we need to encourage to get to school on time this week is **Cherry Class**

Families and Friends News:

We still need helpers for the fair, on 1st July . If you can help please contact your class rep.

We are also collecting old china and any school uniform with the logo on.

Upcoming events:

Wednesday 21st June—Pineapple class cake sale.

Tuesday 11th July—Summer Disco

stmarysfundraising@outlook.com

Friends and Families meeting in the school hall next Tuesday 13th June at 7pm—all welcome.

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.

12th June – Phonics Screening Week Yr 1

14th – 16th June – Yr6 to Sayers Croft

19th June – Science Week

21st June – Kingston Singing Festival – Choir

22nd June—Apricot Class Assembly

22nd June – Yr 5 to CCC Science Labs

26th June—EYFS Sports Day at 10am

27th June – Y6 Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral

29th June—Orange Class Assembly

1st July Summer Fair 12-3pm

4th & 5th July – secondary school induction days Yr 6

6th July – Sports Day

10th July Arts Week

11th July – KS1 to Lookout Discovery Centre

13th July– Strawberry Class Assembly

17th July – Class Swap morning and Celebration Evening

21st July – Yr6 Leavers Assembly and evening party

21st July – End of term at 12 noon