



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

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Head's Lines

The children have enjoyed an exciting Science Week organised by Miss Russell; their curiosity has no bounds and below you can read about some of the investigations they have carried out.

Thank you for your support for the school choir at the Rose Theatre on Wednesday. We hope that you enjoyed the children singing as much as they enjoyed performing. They were a credit to the school and thank you to Mrs Smiley and Mr Miseldine for their hard work in preparing them for the Music Festival.

Congratulations to the Girls Cricket Team who represented Kingston playing at the County Finals this week. Their blog will be on the website if you would like to read details of how they got on. Well done girls as always you did us proud!

If you are having conversations about the recent terrorist incidents in London with the children then you may find this link a useful starting point <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-40011787>

I am delighted that we have been successful in recruiting a newly qualified teacher, Rachel Payas, to join our teaching team from September. I should be able to inform you of which teacher the children will have next year very shortly. Congratulations to Miss Glacken who has finished her placement at St Mary's; we wish her all the very best with her teaching career as she returns to college to finish off the year. Mrs Hodgson

Class news this week:

Kiwi: Kiwi Class have enjoyed being scientists this week as part of our whole school science week. On Monday we met Simon the Scientist and throughout the week we have enjoyed making bubbles, visiting the wildlife area and mixing slime.



Cherry Class: This week in Cherry Class we visited Ladyland Farm and we had an amazing time! We fed calves, goats, chickens and sheep. We were very lucky and we saw a baby chick starting to hatch from its egg! We have even been making our very own farms in the construction area. We have also enjoyed being scientists this week making slime, spaghetti towers and fizzy paint.



Lemon Class: This year Lemon class have really enjoyed science week. We have explored floating and sinking, made our own boats, investigated ice melting, classified bugs in the wildlife garden and even had a visit from a real scientist who showed us how to make slime!

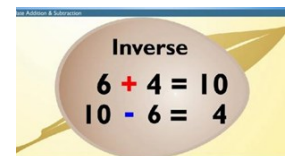
Orange Class: This week Orange Class have thoroughly enjoyed science week. We loved the 'Sublime Science' workshop and spent a lot of time with our mouths open saying WOW! We loved our KS1 carousel where we got to have a science lesson by different teachers throughout the day. During this day we explored which material kept the ice from melting, identified minibeasts in the wildlife area and we investigated whether the tallest person had the biggest feet!



Blueberry Class: This week, Blueberry class has been finding out about the geography of Russia. We used internet research to investigate the climate of different cities in Russia at different points of the year and compared them with the climate of London. We also explored the physical geography of Russia to see how it was similar or different to where we live.



Strawberry and Apricot Classes: This week Strawberry and Apricot classes have been busy revising their knowledge of subtraction. They have learned how to use the column method, exchanging where necessary and to check using their knowledge of the inverse



Mango Class: As part of Science Week, Mango Class were invited to the Science Labs at CCC. Whilst we were there, the children enjoyed learning how to put a Bunsen burner together correctly; exploring the effect of oxygen and hydrogen on fire; using the microscopes to discover more about pond creatures; and exploring the time it took for an object to fall to the ground. We all had a good time and would like to say thank you to Miss Lorence from the Science Department at CCC for such a wonderful afternoon.



Pineapple Class: This week the children in Pineapple Class have been learning about microorganisms in Science. They have set up their own experiments to investigate the factors which cause bread to go mouldy such as the level of moisture and temperature of storage. The pieces of bread will be regularly checked and observations on the amount of mould will be carefully recorded.



Stars of the week:



Lemon Class: **Harry** for amazing story writing this week and **Kiera** for incredible story writing this week.

Orange Class: **Georgia** for excellent effort in her maths this week and **Dean** for his effort and enthusiasm in all his work.

Blueberry: **Grace E** for fantastic listening and always being ready to learn. **Alkid** for excellent reasoning and explanations during reading and topic.

Apricot: **For everyone in Apricot Class** for the fantastic team effort in producing and presenting their assembly.

Strawberry: **All of Strawberry Class** for making Miss Glakin feel so welcome and for making her last teaching practice so enjoyable.

Mango Class: **Aisha** for excellent DT this week, making a fabulous Mayan sculpture. **Ethan** for super work in maths and helping others learn this week.



Pineapple Class: **All of Pineapple Class** for their excellent behaviour and teamwork at Sayers Croft.

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

Notes from the office :

We have received some complaints from local residents so please may we remind parents when dropping off and picking up from school, to be respectful to local residents and not park across their driveways. Thank you.

Hopefully this lovely weather will continue. Can we remind parents to make sure children have water bottles, sun hats and are wearing sun cream. The children can leave sun cream in their bags which they can reapply at lunch time.

If children suffer from hay fever please make sure they have had the appropriate medication in the morning. The school can administer prescribed medication, but only if you have filled in a medical form at the office with details of times when needed.

Parents who are attending both KS1 and KS2 sports days on 6th July are welcome to stay on the field during lunch time.

We have a vacancy for a **Sports Apprentice** from September. Please see link below for details

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/-139442>

Don't forget to have a regular look at the class pages on the school website www.stmaryschessington.co.uk

where you will find some photographs of recent school trips and visits. Mrs Hodgson

Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 95.3%. Apricot class had the best attendance this week with 96.9% . **Well done to Apricot class**

The class we need to encourage to get to school on time this week is **Orange class**.

Please remember the registers are taken at 9am and assembly starts at 9.05am. Thank you for your support in getting the children to school on time.

Families and Friends News:

The school fair is fast approaching and preparations are well in hand. However we still need old china, plates, mugs etc. for the China Derby stall. Also, we are still collecting any clean school uniform with the logo on. These can be handed into the office .

Upcoming events:

Tuesday 11th July—Summer Disco

stmarysfundraising@outlook.com

There is a giant Teddy Bear at the front of school ! We will be naming him as one of the fundraising activities for the Fair. Look out for Bear on the gate next Thursday and Friday. The cost to name him will be £1.

Sports Blog

On Wednesday a team of girls from St Mary's represented Kingston Borough in the Kwik Cricket finals. They played some great cricket and finished runners up in their group. They went on to play another four games for the plate. They won 2 and lost 2 and finished joint runners up. The girls were amazing especially considering the heat. Well done to Ruby, Holly, Annouska, Daisy, Briana, Mia, Kyra and Eva

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.

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, KS1 starts 9.30, KS2 starts 12.30

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