



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

'Live life, love learning guided by God'

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Head's Lines: We all recognise the enormous impact of the Manchester concert attack on our communities, especially as it was targeted against families and children. Our thoughts and prayers are with the victims, their families and all those affected by this cruel attack. At school we teach the 5 British values of mutual respect, tolerance, individual liberty, democracy and the rule of law as part of our curriculum. We have had a message from the MET this morning reminding us that our strength as a nation comes from our relationships. It is really important that people report anything that worries them or feel is suspicious to police officers on duty or phone 101 or the confidential Anti-Terrorism Hotline on 0800 789 321 to speak to trained staff in confidence. Our voices and those of our young people across the country will be extremely powerful in showing how we as a nation remain defiant against all forms of terrorism, extremism and hatred.

I hope that you have a wonderful break with your families next week and are able to enjoy the sunshine. If you are renewing school uniform please remember to check requirements against the list on the website and use our official uniform supplier www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk where you will be able to see the range available online. On Friday June 16th, during Science Week, we are supporting Build a Den day at school to raise funds for Save the Children and to help make life better for some of the worlds most vulnerable children. Teachers will be asking for donations of cardboard, sheets and tarpaulin for their classes soon, so please see what you can find! Details next half term. We will see you back at school on June 5th— keep safe and enjoy next week. Mrs Hodgson

Science week

St Mary's will be having a science week during the week beginning 19th June. During this week we would love to have some science visitors. If any of our parents work in a scientific job then please let your child's class teacher know. Many thanks in advance. Miss Russell

Class news this week:

Kiwi: The children in Kiwi Class have been taking good care of the seeds that we planted and this week we were very excited to see that they have begun to grow. We have planted a variety of vegetables, including tomatoes, beetroot & courgettes and we are looking forward to being able to harvest and eat them next term!



Cherry Class: This week in Cherry Class we have been making the most of the sunshine! We have been experimenting and exploring different ways to play with water. We have made slopes and looked at which toys move the fastest down the slopes. We have also been experimenting with powders to see what colours we can make when mixing them together with water. Thank you to everyone who came to stay and play we really appreciate it! We hope you enjoyed learning with them.



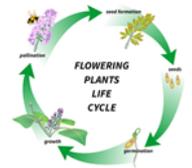
Lemon Class: This week lemon class have been enjoying the sunshine. We have been reading the poem "The Treasures" and have written our own beautiful poems. We have also been writing a plant diary for our sunflowers and making close observations of the changes we see.

In maths we have been working on fractions and have been calculating fractions of amounts. Have a lovely half term!

Orange Class: This week Orange class had great fun measuring out the ingredients to make a fruit punch. Each person in the group had to measure a juice and add it to the punch bowl. We then added fruit and enjoyed the cocktail together. This was a lovely treat after completing our KS1 tests.



Blueberry Class: This week, Blueberry class has been building on their learning about plants so far to develop their understanding of the lifecycle of flowering plants. We enjoyed using drama to explore all of the different ways plants can disperse seeds, including animals, water, wind, and explosions!



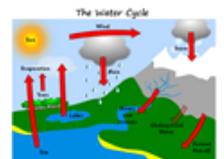
Strawberry and Apricot Classes: This week Strawberry and Apricot Classes have been writing poetry based on the sea. We have been impressed by the children's imagination and fantastic ideas. The first was a list poem based on the *Mousehole Cat*. Here is an example by Leah.

Ten Things Found in a Mousehole Fisherman's Boat

A ripped, wrecked leather jacket
A bowl of slimy, silver fish
A pink pot of mould milk tipped over
A plate of soggy spaghetti with a mind of its own
A wet ball of wood trapped in a mossy net.

A soggy, silky shoe lying under a wooden bench
A piece of smelly fish pie
A photo of an old, pretty lady gazing at the stars
A small whisker stuck in a silver fish's mouth
A letter from a fisherman.

Mango Class: As part of our topic Water, Water, Everywhere, Mango Class have been learning about the Water Cycle. We have then written an explanation text describing what happens to water in the cycle.



Pineapple Class: This week the children in Pineapple Class have been writing their own child evacuee stories, inspired by the story, 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. They have been focusing on including tiny details in their writing to make it more emotional and engaging, for instance, 'Standing on the train platform, her father hugged her so tight, she could hardly breathe'.



Stars of the week:



Lemon Class: **Gabi** for fabulous progress in reading and **Leah F** for being a fabulous role model and showing a responsible attitude to your learning.

Orange Class: **All of Orange Class** for their amazing effort and determination during our end of year quizzes.

Blueberry: **All of Blueberry Class** for their fantastic effort and teamwork in their class assembly.

Apricot: **Rhys** for some excellent examples of different poetry features and **Jessica** for working hard to learn her 6 x tables.

Strawberry: **Georgia** for excellent perseverance in literacy and **Rhiannon** for brilliant enthusiasm towards her learning. **Louis** for a huge improvement in his handwriting.

Mango: **Rylan** for super work on shapes in maths and **Kimberley** for excellent work in science.

Pineapple: **Mason** for excellent concentration when writing your evacuee story and **Phoebe** for your fantastic contributions during class discussions of Goodnight Mr Tom.

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



Attendance & Behaviour:

Please note that fidget spinners are not permitted at school. Thank you for your support.

Whole school attendance this week is 92.5%. Apricot and Lemon classes had the best attendance this week, both with 96.7%. **Well done to Apricot and Lemon Classes.**

The classes we need to encourage to get to school on time this week is Apricot 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

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Notes from the office :

Parent Workshop reminder:

Mrs Johnson, Special Educational Needs Coordinator, will be running a work shop on 7th June at 2.30pm .

The workshop will take place in the Nursery and will cover how to support your child if they are struggling in the key areas of reading, writing and maths. Strategies to help your child develop skills in these areas will be demonstrated and discussed. Parents of children with Special Educational Needs might find it particularly useful. Please come along, Mrs Johnson will look forward to seeing you.

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.

We still have a few items of **uniform in stock**, We have sold out of 9-10 and 11-12 sweatshirts, also 9-10 PE tops. Please enquire at the office for any other items we might still have. These will be sold on a first come, first served basis.

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.

29th May – 2nd June Half – term week

Wk beg. of 5th June Yr 5 Bikeability

5th June—Y4 to Wisley Gardens

8th June—Year 4 Recorder performance at Rose Theatre

8th June—Lemon Class Assembly

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