

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursey, Southam | June 18th 2021



FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has sped by here at St. Mary's. More new children have started in the Goldfinch and Robins classes and both children have settled wonderfully well, with the help of your kind children.

The Wriggle Project has continued for Year 3, with children working individually or in pairs to make bomb shelters whilst virtually interacting with a member of the older generation. Old time dances were listened to and joined in with, as were stories of World War II. This was universally enjoyed by those who took part, and ably facilitated by Ms Dymond.

Forest school has finished now for Year 3/4, but other year groups will be given a day each over the next few weeks, so watch out for a letter relating to this.

Next week we look forward to Faith Week, when each class will choose a country to research into their culture, languages, faiths and geography. We hope to cover some of the major world faiths through a particular country, possibly linked to the text the class is studying. This will take place in all the afternoons of the week, except for Tuesday afternoon when we will share the One Life Retreat called Unique and Valuable.

Sadly, at the end of term we will have to say goodbye to Mrs Whiteford as she is retiring after 38 years of teaching. She has given great service to this school and of course many other schools over her career. She has worked hard with great devotion to teaching and I would certainly say she was given a vocation that she has committed to for the whole of her working life. I thank you personally and wish you every joy and best wishes in your, no doubt, busy retirement.

I am also delighted to share with you the news that we have appointed Ms. Costa for the Year N/R and Year 1 job share. She has worked with both of these age groups before and will bring with her a wealth of experience both of teaching and of the Catholic faith. She will be a welcome addition to our staff team.

Mrs Price

WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

ROBINS

Robin class had fun baking cakes today! In groups the children baked banana and chocolate chip muffins. They had to measure out, sieve and mix the ingredients as a team. This was a special treat as the children have been working very hard and listening carefully. Well done Robins!



GOLDFINCHES

Here are some of the children from Miss Costa's group proudly showing their very creative monster giants. The pictures are fantastically detailed and we wrote terrifying describing sentences about it!

For maths this week we are continuing to work on finding fractions of amounts. We have visited the inside of our Church to find out about what is inside!



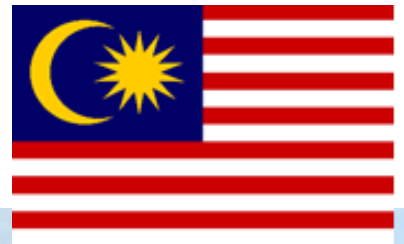
KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have been involved in lots of exciting activities this week.

Children have been continuing with the Wiggle Project. They have been creating drawings and writing to record the memories of some of those who lived in World War 2. They have shared stories of rationing, gas masks, evacuation and the Blitz in Coventry. On Saturday June 26th there will be a screening on Zoom of the work that has been completed. Details will be sent out next week for you to enjoy the premiere with the children.

In English we have also been learning about the Great Kapok tree, the animals that live there and some of the problems faced in the rainforest.

Next week the children will be learning about the culture and faith from another country. Kingfishers will be learning all about Malaysia.



SKYLARKS

A flight of Skylarks have either read, or are busily reading, four shortlisted texts - and have done/are doing so with great gusto! This year's bookworms are now enthusiastically writing questions for the authors, entering competitions and investing in signed copies of the above texts. We look forward to the virtual ceremony taking place on July 8th when the winning author will be announced!

On the next page you'll see just a taster of the what the Skylarks got up to today - they showed such resilience in the inclement weather. Thank you for a memorable day Skylarks! I would like to extend huge thanks to Mrs Lyons, Mrs O'Leary & Miss Ireland who supported our children, and me, brilliantly!



GREEN FINGERS @ ST MARYS

Thank you to our FOSM volunteers and KS2 children making the prayer garden look so beautiful and keeping the plants watered through the heat (which broke so spectacularly today!). Eco-Council have been busy this week too planting tree saplings around the school grounds. The trees were donated by the Woodland Trust's Free Trees for schools scheme.

HEARD THE BUZZ ABOUT THE BEES?

6-12 year olds can join BBC Radio 2's competition and design a garden that will attract bees and other pollinating insects. The winner's design will be built by the RHS at an NHS Trust site which is used by children and young people with mental health needs! For colouring pages, more info and to enter, visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p09j4g1m>

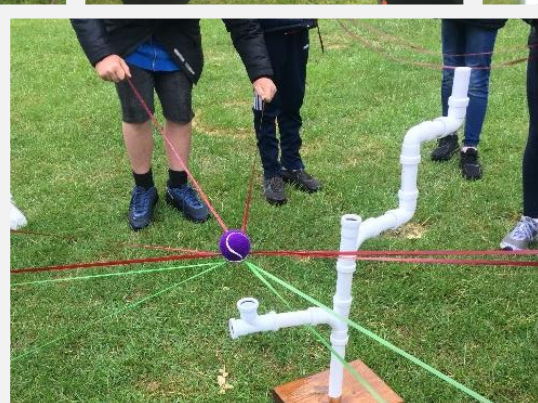
ASK ME ABOUT...

Being more Eco-friendly

From bug houses, to planting wild flowers or saving rain water for the garden, having shorter showers, recycling more, or reducing single use plastics – what will you do...?

SKYLARKS RE-TREAT

The rain didn't dampen spirits on what was a fantastic day, a special Year 5/6 retreat when the outreach coordinators brought Alton Castle to us:



STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins – Fionn

Goldfinches - Harry

Kingfishers - Peyton

Skylarks – James

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Sophia D for engagement and great learning behaviours & Lydia R for her embracing the new topic and bringing her own knowledge

HOUSE POINTS

St Patrick 66

St George 59

St Andrew 46

St David 35



DIARY DATES

Every Friday

50p Fridays for FOSM

Sunday, June 20

Father's Day

Wednesday, June 30 @4PM

NEW 2021 Robins' Information Session (Online)

Tuesday, June 22

Whole School Singing Retreat

Thursday, July 1

Sports Afternoon

Friday, July 9

Moving Up Day (all classes)

Sunday, July 11 @ 11:30

First Holy Communion

Friday, July 16

Leavers' Day (details to follow)

Wednesday, July 21

Last day of Term

July 22 – September 3

Summer Holidays (Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd are Teacher Training Days)

PLEASE NOTE:

DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
More dates and details online at:
<https://www.stmaryssoutham.org.uk/events/>