# Weekly Newsletter Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup>March 2020

# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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#### Dear Parents.

We have had another wonder week at St Mary's, the children have been filled with lots of excitement as we celebrated World Book Day on Thursday, it was so lovely to see the children in all their bright colours. Thank you for your donations, which will be forwarded on to MISSIO (The Catholic Church's official charity for overseas Missions. We were overwhelmed by the support our families showed towards the cake sale that Year 4 arranged on Tuesday. We raised £205 that will send to families in Australia who have suffered in the recent fires. On Thursday nine of our year 4 children set off on their very exciting journey to Flight Camp at Birmingham International Airport. The children participated in lots of fun activities delivered by the Primary Science Teaching Trust, of which Mrs Blincow is associated. A very big thank you to Mrs Blincow for arranging this great opportunity for the children to participate in and experience camping out overnight. Thank you also Miss Rowles for assisting Mrs Blincow and the children in their flight Camp experience. We very much look forward to welcoming you all next week for Parents Evening where your child's class teacher will be able to share with you their Learning journey so far this year. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs K Yuen Executive Head Teacher

#### **CCTV Installation at St Mary's**



We are delighted to have received funding from the government for enhancing security to our school site.

CCTV cameras are now installed, and will be in full operation shortly. This helps to keep our lovely school grounds secure out of hours.



# **Upcoming Events**

#### March 10

Parents Evening 3:30 -6:30pm

## March 11th

Parents Evening 3:30pm – 6:30pm

#### March 12th

Year R – Visit to Gallones Ice Cream Parlour

#### March 18th

Year 6 – Visit to The Natural History Museum (Tring) will return to school for 4:00pm



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## **School Gateway App**



If you haven't already please download the School gateway
App in order for you to receive Text's and emails directly from
the school. Thank you

### Sports Clubs & After School Activities W/C 9th March 2020

<u>CLUB</u>	DAY & TIME
Tennis (Tennis 4 All)	Monday 8:00am - 8:45am
Dodgeball (Mr Flanagan)	Monday 3:15pm -4:15pm
NTFC Multiskills Club Years 1 & Years 2	Tuesday 3:15pm -4:15pm
Hotshots Basketball	Tuesday 8:00am - 8:45am
Gymnastics (Shannon)	Wednesday 3:15pm - 4:15pm
NTFC Multiskills Club Years 3,4, 5 & 6	Thursday 3:15pm - 4:15pm
Ukulele Club (Miss Nash)	Friday 3:30pm - 4:00pm



## In the Community

## Local Parish Sunday Mass Times

# The Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate:

Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am & 5:15pm

#### St Gregory's

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

#### St Patrick's

Sunday: 9:30am, & 11:00am at – Nazareth House

#### St Aidan's

Sunday: 9:45am

#### YEAR 6 SATS BOOSTER SESSIONS

Tuesday's 8:00am - 8:45am Wednesday's 8:00am - 8:45am Thursday's 8:00am - 8:45am Friday's 8:00am - 8:45am



Well done to Year R who achieved 97.50% for their School Attendance week ending 2020

Our Whole School Attendance for Weekending 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 was **92.69%** 🙁

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#### Flight Camp - Birmingham International Airport

Touch Down - Flight Camp Success!

The first ever participants of Flight Camp, run by members of the Primary Science Teaching Trust, have just 'Touched Down' after their exciting, overnight, visit to Birmingham Airport.

'Taking Off' after school on Thursday this week, eight children from Year 4 travelled to their destination, where they took part in a variety of 'flight themed' science activities, which had been planned and prepared for them by Fellows of the PSTT.

First port of call was an investigation into how parachutes work, where the children were given resources to plan and make their own parachutes, which would land an egg safely from a height of 4 metres. They were lead in this activity by Mrs. Blincow, who was extremely impressed by the way the children organised themselves in the task and made adjustments to their prototype models.

This was followed by visits from the flight crew and cabin attendants of a well-known airline and the airport's fire crew, who let them, try on their specialist fire-fighting equipment. The children then asked the professionals questions and were amazed to find out that the fire-crew only have 3 minutes from the time they receive an emergency call, to get their gear on and arrive at the scene and mesmerised by a programme, which made it look like they were on the flight deck of an aircraft.

After making hoop gliders, the children were then treated to a presentation on the history of flight from its inception to present day and treated to an amazing air show, with rockets, balloons and gliders, before heading off to watch a movie, flight themed of course, and then settling down to sleep in their tented area at 'base camp'.

In the morning, the children were treated to a breakfast of brioche and fruit before heading back to school.

The children were magnificent ambassadors for St. Mary's Catholic Primary, displaying an awareness of the world around them; resilience in their efforts to complete difficult tasks, evaluate their work, to make improvements and try again; compassion and understanding for the early aviators and left with aspirations of possible careers in science.

















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