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Dear Parents and children,
I hope this update finds you all keeping well and staying home and safe where it is possible. We are all missing your children and have been heartened to see so many positive interactions via messages and our Twitter account. It is a joy to see you embracing this time with your children. I am conscious that as lockdown continues, our resilience to stay home may begin to be tested, but I am sure we will all be able to demonstrate our moral values in the best way we can for our children and do our very best to maintain social distancing. It's now May, a month which is dedicated to Mary, our school patron. Let's all try to say a Hail Mary each day and ask Mary to join us in prayer.

Take care and keep in touch.

Warmest Regards
Mrs K Yuen

Home Learning Week 5 activities

Next week's focus is animals. On the Learning plan you will see a range of activities to promote thinking, including finding out about animals in their habitats, creating animal patterns and masks.



Many parents are now making thorough use of the BBC Bitesize lessons for a 'daily input' also – please do explore these. Each day there are 3 lessons tailored to your child's age.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

Ways to keep in touch and receive information

Important Notice

Please remember to download the School Gateway APP. This is our main way of communicating with you



Email us on:

admin@stmaryscatholicprimary.northants.sch.uk

Send Your Good News

Stories to:

admin@stmaryscatholicprimary.northants.sch.uk

We would love to hear from you and possibly a photo too so we can put it in future editions.

News From the community

Signs of spring Photo competition



Look at this amazing Bug Hotel- Wow!



Well done girls what an amazing effort. Thank you for sharing your masterpiece. We hope you have lots of guests coming to stay in your hotel.

**Keep sending
in your news
and
photographs.
We love
seeing them.**



Science Competition- Update from Mrs Blincow

We are delighted to have received so many entries for the poster competition 'Our Diverse Planet' and have really enjoyed looking at the photographs of all your hard work. We have decided to extend the closing date for entries until next Thursday, 7th of May, when we will look at them all and make the difficult decision about prize winners. To enter your creation you can take a photograph of your work and email it to admin@stmaryscatholicprimary.northants.sch.uk or drop it in at school, if you can do this safely during your exercise time. Some of the entries are already brightening up our Science Noticeboard at school. Everyone who enters will receive a specially designed certificate. Good Luck.

Thank you to everyone who sent in their entries. It has been wonderful looking at these. Congratulations our overall winner is Hayley for this winning entry. All who have entered will receive a prize for their efforts.



Message from our School Chaplain

There is a saying, **"It's not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning how to dance in the rain."**

The last four weeks of almost unbroken sunshine has helped so much to ease the stress of lockdown with all it involves – the uncertainty, the home learning, sickness, social distancing, shielding ... This week it has been so much harder to find the 'silver linings' amidst the clouds, the rain and the chilly weather!

So, can we 'dance in the rain...are we still looking for the silver linings each day?

As I was driving today, listening to a song on the radio, it struck me that I knew every word...Some of you may have heard of David Essex. This song was from way back in the 70's...the words which struck a chord with me were, **'with your love light shining, every cloud has a silver lining...'**

Maybe that's the answer to the questions above!

Thinking about these words made me realise that even on the stormiest days, in the toughest moments with every cross word, frustrated effort, grumpy child, tired parent, a silver lining can be found if we just keep smiling and let our love shine out for those around us. Keep looking for the good in everything and everyone, turning those tricky moments into something positive and precious. When you look out of the window and the rain is coming down, get your wellies and waterproofs on, find your umbrellas, look for the biggest puddles out there and learn to dance in the rain!



