



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"With Christ as our guide we let our light shine."

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are only at the end of our first full week and already so much has happened. Your children are a real joy, they have embraced coming back to school with great enthusiasm. On Monday I set a special challenge for pupils to create a poster reminding everyone to care for our world. Do check your child's book bag for information. There will be prizes for winning entries. This week I received some very special news.....

We are delighted to announce that we have received a Silver Award for the Primary Geography Quality Mark (PGQM).

This is such a great achievement for our school and important recognition of the great work we do in delivering a rich and varied curriculum!

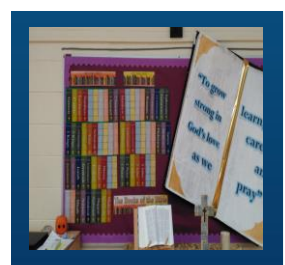
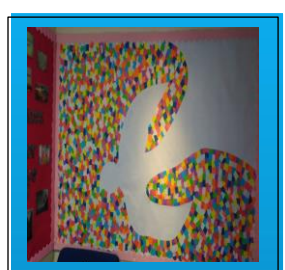
Congratulations to all staff and pupils, for securing this important and prestigious quality mark for our school.



Have a wonderful weekend.

*Best Wishes
Mrs Yuen*

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Term Dates

Official Judge

At St. Mary's, we embrace every opportunity to involve our children in the world of books. Thus, we are delighted to announce, that for the second year running, we have been chosen to be part of the official judging panel for the Young People's Book Prize and will soon receive judging materials and a set of the shortlisted books to read, discuss and judge.

That's many more happy hours of reading for us.



The Young People's Book Prize aims to promote literacy in young people and to inspire them to read about science. It also supports the writing of excellent, accessible STEM books for under-14s. Each year, the winner is selected by judging panels made up of thousands of young people at

Autumn Term

Term Starts:

Thursday 2 September 2020

Term Ends Wednesday 20 October

Half Term:

25 - 29 October 2020

Term Ends:

Friday 17 December 2020

Spring Term

Term Starts:

Wednesday 5th January 2021

Half Term:

Monday 14 - 18 February 2021

Term Ends:

Friday 1 April 2021

Summer Term

Term Starts:

Tuesday 19 April 2021

Half Term:

30 May - 3 June 2021

Term Ends:

Friday 22 July 2021

Outdoor Learning

This week saw the start of our new Outdoor Learning sessions, where our Exploration Hub was filled with groups of Year 1 and 2 children working together to make bird feeders for the school grounds.

The children were encouraged to discuss and share ideas about what birds might eat, then followed instructions as they made feeders which will help the birds through the winter months.



Feed the Birds



Later in the classroom, they will have the opportunity to follow this up with cross-curricular lessons in Maths and Science, when they will look at tally charts and identification and classification of birds.

The Secret Sky Garden

This week Year two started reading The Secret Sky Garden and have been exploring the theme of littering. They went on a litter hunt around school and were very good at finding hidden rubbish. They also went on a sense walk around the playground thinking about what we could see, hear, feel and smell. The children are now ready to write their own poems using the work they have done so far.



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