

St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools' Weekly Newsletter

2nd February, 2024

'Love one another; Always do our best; Take care of ourselves and the world around us'



Dear parents and carers,

We started this week with an assembly on *Safeguarding at SMP*. We spoke at length about how we keep children safe; whether it be our NSPCC PANTS lessons, our online safety training for the children or our behaviour and anti-bullying policies.

Last week, Mrs Ronan spoke to the children about British values at St Mary's Priory and how they work with our school values.

On the next page, you will see our school rules poster- every class has a copy of it and we encourage you to ask your children about it- they love talking about how things run at their school!

Reminders from the office:

Requests for letters from school

Please note, if you request a letter from school, for example for proof of address, these cannot be accommodated immediately. The office is a very busy part of our school, and any request for a letter may take up to 5 days to be printed for you.

Next week we will take part in both Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Week. On Friday, the children should wear their scarves to school for Children's Mental Health Week.

Kind regards,

Mrs Reynolds
Deputy Headteacher

Attendance winners!

Infant School:

Junior School:

None

5S
100%

Punctuality winners!

Owls
0 lates

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0 lates

We value responsibility:
School Council
House Team Leaders
Play Leaders
Anti-bullying Ambassadors
Librarians (including Reading buddies)
We lead assemblies

Global citizenship is important:
We aim to be carbon zero
We recycle, reduce and reuse
We are planning for the future
We study our environment

Democracy
We ALL have a say.

Individual Liberty
We know our human rights and exercise these in school and beyond.

Mutual Respect
We respect others and expect them to show us respect.

British Values



Rule of Law
We respect the rules of our communities and law in society.



We learn about **Ourselves and Others** and about inspirational people.

- We demonstrate our School Values:**
- We will act with **respect and tolerance** because we are a community;
 - We will use **resilience and ambition** to learn and grow;
 - We will show consideration as everyone is of equal value and importance.

Tolerance of different Cultures and Religions
Together, we are one community who care, respect and understand one another.

- We study themes of Inclusion and Diversity within our Curriculum**
- Our community – diversity in race, religion, gender and culture
 - Becoming aware of differences and similarities between people and populations
 - Challenging conventions/status quo and interrogating 'colonialised' knowledge
 - Challenging stereotypes
 - London as a multi-cultural city and Britain as a multi-cultural society
 - Inspirational people from different races, religions, genders and cultures
 - Celebrating diversity
 - Learning about other places
 - Slavery and colonisation



St Mary's Priory's GOLDEN RULES

Be kind and compassionate to one another.
Ephesians 4:32

BE KIND

This means:
WE SHOW RESPECT
WE KEEP OUR HANDS AND FEET TO OURSELVES
WE MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES
WE SHOW FORGIVENESS



WORK HARD

This means:
WE BE THE BEST WE CAN BE, AT ALL TIMES
WE LISTEN TO EACH OTHER
WE ALWAYS TRY – EVEN WHEN IT IS HARD
WE HELP OTHERS WHEN THEY ARE CHALLENGED

OUR VALUES

RESPECT

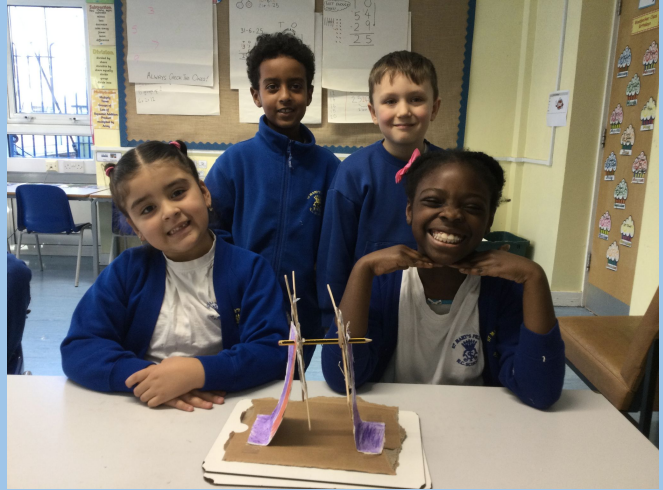
TOLERANCE
(& UNDERSTANDING)

RESILIENCE

AMBITION

This week at SMP...

What a great DT day in Year 2! We learned about wheels and axles, producing our own ferris wheels!



Our St Josephine House enjoying their reward after stacking up the most house points last half term. Well done all!



Our school is supporting the Big Garden Bird Watch this weekend. #Big Garden Bird Watch 2024



We've been getting very creative this week in Year 1! Our Design and Technology topic this term is puppets, and we have been reading the story 'Lost and Found' for Literacy. So, we decided to combine the two and make penguin puppets! 🐧



Just look at how children in our Art Club interpreted Claude Monet's work - 'Water Lilies'!

School calendar:

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
5th-9th February	Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Week	All pupils		
9th February	Wear Your Scarf to School Day- in support of Children's Mental Health Week			
12th-16th February	School closed for February Half Term	All pupils		
19th February	School closed for staff INSET day	All pupils		
20th February	School reopens for all pupils- breakfast and afterschool clubs open	All pupils		
6th February	Parent Curriculum Workshop for Safeguarding and behaviour - safeguarding messages - what we do hear, how we teach it, including a behaviour curriculum,	All parents	Hall	2.40pm
12th-16th February	February Half Term			
19th February	School Closed for staff INSET day			
21st February	Parent Curriculum Workshop for Reading and Writing	All parents	Hall	2.40pm
4th and 5th March	Years 1-6 Parent Teacher Consultations	Parents	Classrooms	3.40-6pm



A Prayer for Peace

For those who are
fleeing: sanctuary

For those who are
staying: safety

For those who are
fighting: peace

For those whose hearts
are breaking: comfort

For those who see no
future: hope

