



St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy

September - Newsletter

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Dear Parents/carers,

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. In school, we have been learning how to pray the rosary and considering reasons why people might pray. Across the school, children were involved in exploring the make up of the beads, praying a decade, drawing / writing about their knowledge of the rosary and a small group of children used the prayer garden to pray a decade together as one of the children was mourning the loss of a grandparent. Each Friday, I will say a decade of the rosary for the intentions of all families in the school chapel. Each week, I will be joined by a different year group. Each year group from year 2 to year 5 have their own mystery to focus upon.

Year 2 focus on the joyful mysteries

Year 3 focus on the luminous mysteries

Year 4 focus on the sorrowful mysteries

Year 5 focus on the glorious mysteries

Year 6 contemplate all of the mysteries.

We gather to pray across the whole world, asking Mary our mother to intercede for us.

Every good wish Joseph O'Connor

DATES FOR THE DIARY

(More important dates to be added please keep checking Class Dojo)

Friday 17th October

Harvest Festival

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Sunday 19th October

Ordered lunches on Arbor for
Monday 3rd November

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20th-24th October

INTO University for Year 6

(please see letter on dojo)

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Friday 24th October

Last day of term

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Monday 3rd November

First day back

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Wednesday 12th November

Year 5 & 6 indoor Athletics
competition

-

Monday 24th November

Flu Vaccination

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Friday 5th December

Swimming lessons to start for
Years 5 & 6

Attendance



We have had a great start to the school year as far as attendance is concerned so a big thank you for your support with this. With your help we should remain above the national average again this year.

Just a reminder that the registers are taken at 9:00 therefore the children need to be arriving at school before the gate closes at 8:55 to allow them time to put their coats/packed lunches away and be in class ready for the register.

There are still a few children arriving late for school so if your child is one of them you might be asked to attend a meeting in school so we can try help with making sure they arrive on time.



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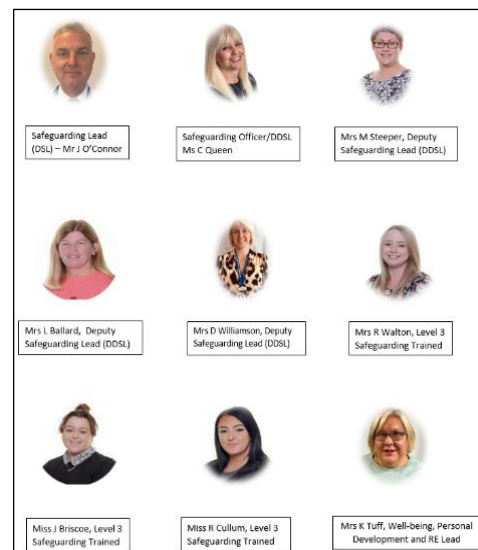
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SAFEGUARDING AT ST MARY'S

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, please contact our designated Safeguarding Team. At St Mary's our safeguarding lead is Mr. J O'Connor, safeguarding officer is Miss C Queen and deputy-safeguarding officer Mrs. M Steeper.

Level 3 safeguarding trained are Mrs R Walton, Miss J Briscoe and Miss B Cullum. Mrs K Tuff is our well-being, personal development and RE lead.



INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please book breakfast club via Arbor App. This runs from 7.45am and children have breakfast and join in on some fun activities with their friends.

PERMISSIONS TO TAKE HOME AND MEDICAL FORMS

Please can all new information be kept updated. It is parents/carers responsibility to keep all information updated for your child/children. Especially any new medical information this can be seen on the Arbor App and you can request changes and updates on there.

UNIFORM

If you require any uniform, please contact Uniform Direct on 01472 347800. Address is 54 Victoria Street, Grimsby DN31 1BL. We do have a small amount of used/new uniform for £1 an item available.

LUNCHES

Please order lunches by this Sunday 19th October for meals commencing Monday 3rd November.

FORMS

Please can parents/carers fill and update the Pupil Consent Form. If you haven't received a copy, please ask the office.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

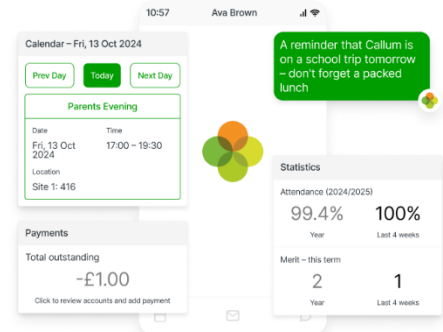
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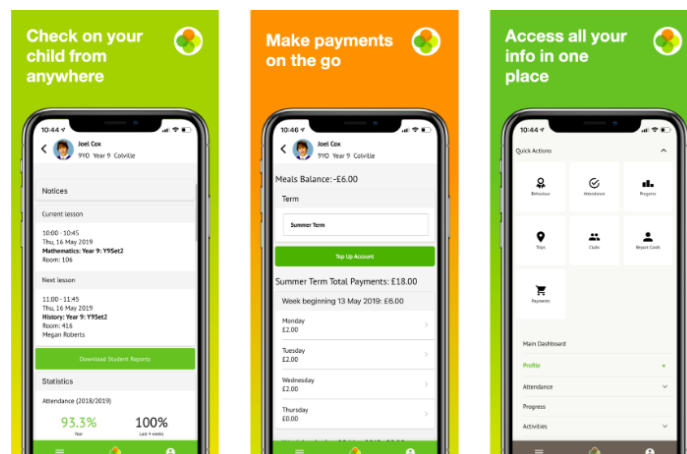
WHY IS THE SCHOOL USING ARBOR?

Say goodbye to paper slips – our new App lets parents register their child for a club or trips and manage payments all from their phone. Parents can also use the App to check in on their child's attendance.

WHY WILL THIS BENEFIT OUR PARENTS?

- Access important information about your child in one place: See your child's attendance, this week as well as for the year so far.
- Get updates from school via push notifications: Get notified when your school sends out a new message via the App
 - Make payments on the go.

PLEASE ASK THE OFFICE IF YOU NEED HELP LOGGING IN.





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Harvest Festival

We are pleased to announce that our school will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Friday 17th October, in support of The Rock Foundation Food Bank. The celebration will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the school hall, parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. As part of our Harvest Festival, we are collecting donations of non-perishable food items such as tins, pasta, packets, cereals, soups, biscuits, and snacks. These contributions will be donated to The Rock Foundation to help support families in need within our local community.

Children are welcome to bring in their donations from now onwards to help us prepare for this special occasion. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support.



Here are JUST SOME OF THE FANTASTIC PHOTOS WE TOOK OF OUR VISIT WITH SEAN GAFFNEY.

There is still time to collect any sponsorship money from our visit from Sean Gaffney, here's a reminder of the great prizes you'll get for your fundraising efforts in this short video: <https://vimeo.com/1000798545>

Remember that the money raised will go towards new sports equipment to improve levels of physical activity in our school! If you've not sponsored your child yet, now is a great time to reward them for their hard work. You can sponsor them online here: <https://sportal.greatathletes.org/events/landing> or bring the cash in with your sponsorship form.

THANK YOU





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CATHOLIC LIFE & MISSION

At St Mary's we have had a busy start to the term. Many children have taken up the opportunity to take a more active role in the catholic life and mission of our school through applying to become a Mini-Vinnie or a member of our school council.

These are important roles that play a huge part in the life of the school.

The applications have been read, and short interviews will be taking place over the next few weeks.

At the start of this term, we welcomed our new chaplain into our school. Mr Glenn Wright will be working with us all in school with a specific focus our catholic life and mission and RE curriculum. Mr Wright has visited each of our classes to introduce himself and we all look forward to working with him.

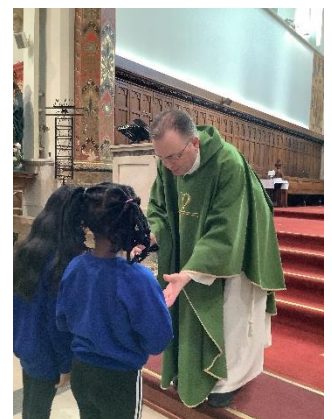
At the start of September, we said farewell to our Parish Priest of many years, Fr Andrew Cole. We held a special assembly to thank him for all his work and support given to our school. We sang some of his favourite hymns and presented him with a gift from us all.

We all enjoyed the celebration of our beginning of the school year Mass in St Mary's on the Sea Church.

This not only gave us the opportunity to ask for God's blessing on our new school year but to also welcome our new parish priest, Fr Robbie O'Callaghan.

Each class made Father Robbie a card to welcome him into our community which were presented to him at the end of Mass. Fr Robbie told us that he would put them proudly on display in his home.

We look forward to getting know Fr Robbie as he settles into his life here in the great Borough of North East Lincolnshire.





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WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO AT SCHOOL

RECEPTION CLASS have settled into school well. We have enjoyed meeting new friends and building relationships. Our first topic is "All are Welcome" we have been learning about ourselves and our families. We have been working on our fine motor skills by doing a range of fun activities. We have explored Autumn and found items in our outdoor area to match and sort. We have started learning to read and write our sounds following the Read Write Inc. program. We learn a new sound each day and soon will be reading and writing words.



Year 1 have had a busy start to the term, getting to know the different routines of the school day. The children have made a good transition and are engaged in their learning. In RE our topic is Creation and Covenant. We have been learning all about God's creation and how we need to be stewards of our wonderful world. We have looked at some art images of creation and then created some of our own. We celebrated a liturgical prayer about caring for God's creation. We set up the focus area. In maths we have been working on numbers to 10 and beyond. We have been finding numbers 1 more and 1 less than a number. In Literacy we have been describing woodlands and woodland creatures. We have been matching key words to sentences and have begun to record our own sentences. In Computing we have been learning about algorithms and the importance of instructions. We gave Miss Boyd instructions for making a bowl of cereal. We learnt how we needed to be very clear about each step. We then had a go ourselves.





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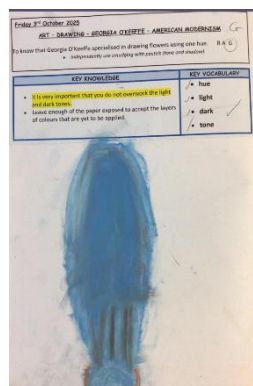
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In **Year 2** geography children have been learning basic mapping skills. They have used the four cardinal compass points to find locations, created their own map to show what a key is and learnt the difference between human and physical features of a geographical location. They can also name the seven continents and five oceans of the world through song. In science children have been learning about living things and their habitats. Children discussed why we find certain animals in different habitats before creating their very own cereal box habitat, filling it with the correct living things. In half of our PE lessons children have been understanding the importance of fitness and learning new skills around cardio exercises. They have applied what they know about speed, agility and coordination in different relay games.



In **Year 3** in Art, we are exploring the work of American Modernism artist Georgia O'Keeffe. We will learn about picking the right media and tools to create different effects in our drawings. At the end of this unit children will create their own flower drawing using their new skills. In Science we be learning about forces and magnets. In our first ever physics topic we will investigate how friction is a force when two objects are moving against each other and how different surfaces can affect friction. We will also explore the magnetic force and discover which objects are attracted to magnets.



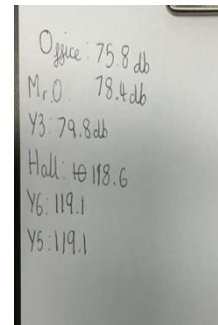
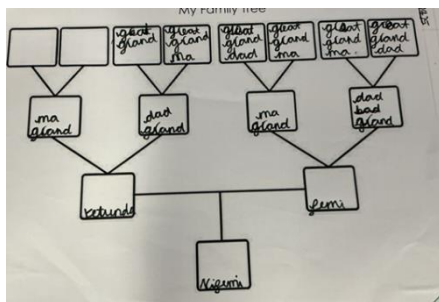


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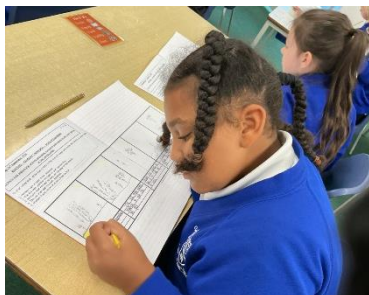
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In Year 4, we have made a great start, learning all our times-tables in preparation for the MTC times-tables check in May. In science we are learning about how sound is made by vibrations and a sound source. We have also learnt the difference between pitch and volume and conducted an experiment around the school. In RE, we have just completed our first topic "People", we reflected on our own family tree and those people and learned that Jesus also had a human family, and we looked at his family tree.



Year 5 - In Reading, we have been reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. We made a comic strip to sequence and summarise what we read in Chapter 5. In Geography, we have been learning about map skills. We have learned how to use six figure grid references to locate specific places on a map. In RE, we have been learning about how we can use our gifts and talents to serve others. We made an interpretive dance as a class and then wrote about what each movement meant and why we chose it.





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This term in **Year 6**, we have explored The Magic Emporium and created some extended writing a narrative about a magic toy shop. We have broadened our rich vocabulary to create our own style of writing. In reading, we have been looking at vocabulary and finding information, so we can bring the correct evidence into our answers. We are really enjoying the Letters from the Lighthouse book and our quick quizzes. We have just started our long multiplication method in maths, understanding the layout of our calculations influences our result. There have been some investigations going on in our science lesson, where we have proved the theory that light travels in straight lines in RE, we have been extending our knowledge of God's creation and how we are stewards in this world. We have looked at human dignity as our Catholic Social Teaching principle and how it relates to our everyday lives. As part of our Geography topic, we have looked at time zones and longitude and latitude. We can determine which parts of the world are in darkness when others are in daylight.

