



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*' We Pray, We Work, We Play '*



**Week Commencing 14th May 2018**

Dear Parents,

## **Last week's Worship Focus**

In our Worship this week, we focussed on the part of the Bible where Jesus tells us that he doesn't call us 'slaves', he calls us 'friends' and that through his death and resurrection we receive the grace to love others as Jesus asked us to. In the assembly, children were reminded that Jesus came to be our friend and that by being friends with others, we become closer to Jesus. Those who know Jesus well will love one another, and those who love others will know Jesus well. Later in the week, we took attended Ascension Thursday Mass, an important date in the Church's calendar, which was led by Father Tanzey.

## **Last Week in School**

Last week, our Year 5 and some of our Year 4 children took part in a cricket competition at Rishton Cricket Club. This event lasted the whole day and the children had a fantastic time! Thank you to Mrs Sheridan, Mr Mosses and Mr Foulds for organising and accompanying our children to the event. Thank you also to the parents of our Sacramental children who came to Miss Sheridan's meeting, which detailed the next stages of the programme, last Tuesday night.

## **This coming week in School**

We have an extremely important week ahead in school as it is SATS week. Our Year 2 and Year 6 children have been working extremely hard in preparation for these tests and every single one of them has tried their very best - whatever the result they could not have tried any harder. The progress they have made in class has been wonderful and they just need to give it their best shot in the tests. We are so proud of them all. With early nights the day before tests, a good breakfast and keeping the children calm, they will have the best possible start to each day, giving them the best chance of showing what they can do in the tests. The Year 2 Reading tests will start on Wednesday and the rest of the tests will carry on the week after. Year 6 will start their tests on Monday morning and finish them by Thursday lunchtime.

On Tuesday afternoon there will be an 'Animal Olympics' event for our Year 1/2 children at Accrington Academy. This is a really popular event and our children will have a great time. On Thursday there will be a Royal Themed Lunch in celebration of the Royal Wedding this coming Saturday. Please see the school office or our Facebook page for further information. On Friday, the Year 6 children will be coming to school in non-uniform and we will have a SATS party for them.

## **Eco-Bricks**

Hopefully, you will have seen our double-page spread in the Lancashire Evening Telegraph last Friday but if you haven't, don't miss out on purchasing a copy! Our eco-friendly, recyclable, outdoor classroom seems to have caused a great deal of interest and is a great way of bringing our community together, and for such a good cause. We have been inundated with eco-bricks at school so well done to everybody! We just need to ensure that they are packed fully with plastic so they are as solid as possible. We also need to make sure that they are filled with waste plastics only and no other material.

## **Parent/Governor Election**

As you are no doubt aware, there are places for 2 parent governors on the governing body of this school. They are elected by the parents of pupils at St. Mary's to serve a 4 year term of office and we have a vacancy for one parent governor. Nomination forms were returned to school by 12:00 p.m. today and ballot papers will be sent out this Friday so that you can cast your vote. The closing date for votes is 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Votes will then be counted and the result will be announced.

I hope you have a great week and thank you for your constant support of school.

Mr M.S.Mashiter

<u>STAR OF THE WEEK</u>	<u>RAINBOW AWARD</u>	<u>Pat Quirk Award for Literacy</u>
C1 Riley & Colton	C1 Elora	Elizabeth for outstanding effort & achievement in English throughout the year .
C2 Archie & Jenson	C2 Seth C	
C3 Zeshan & Charlie C	C3 Jacob	<u>Mr Gallagher Award for Maths</u>
C4 Aijab & Maryanne	C4 Tyler	Ryan for amazing effort & achievement in arithmetic's & reading .
C5 Grace & Emily	C5 Dylan	



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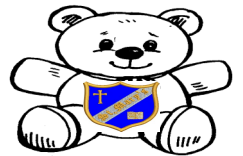
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Fri 18th May	Celebration assembly 9.00 A.M.
Tues 22nd May	Bikeability Year 6
Wed 23rd May	Bikeability Year 6
Fri 25th May	Celebration assembly 2.45 P.M.
Fri 25th May	School Closes
Mon 11th June	School Re-opens
Sunday 16th June	Holy Communion 10 A.M.
Wed 20th June	KS2 Outdoor Elements school trip

**(week ending 11th May 18)**

**97.1%**



**All money brought into school needs to be in an envelope with child's full name & clear instructions please.**

**★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!**

Birthdays 14th May - 20th May

## Charles C & Theodore



Our school had a lovely write up in The Lancashire Evening Telegraph on the 11th May.

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By SOPHIE-MAY CLARKE  
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MARY WEEGA's featured school, St Mary's Primary School in Clayton-le-Moors, is going the extra mile to protect the environment and to engage its pupils in a sustainable and creative way.

"We have been working towards creating an outdoor 'classroom' in an old infant yard at the back of the school," says Mrs Turner, head teacher.

The school has collected and recycled materials, such as plastic bottles, cardboard boxes and melting of minds between head teacher and staff.

"Mr Turner approached the local council about the idea of collecting 'eco-bricks', and from them we were given a classroom was formed."

The eco-bricks are made by crushing plastic bottles and carterias with waste plastics like milk cartons and washing up liquid bottles.

The bottles can then be used to make bricks which are strong and are 100 per cent of things and are 100 per cent of things and are 100 per cent of things.

The idea originated in Canada, where people started making 'eco-bricks' from plastic bottles and other materials to build houses and playgrounds their streets. They soon realised that they could use these materials to build anything they wanted.

Outside the school can also get involved in making the bricks.

Mr Mashiter said: "I was looking at ways of offering more opportunities for our children for our children as this way of building bricks would be good."

"I approached Bob about his interest idea and asked about the possibility of having a brick-penches out of these eco-bricks for the school playground. Making a way this could be done."

The bricks are already made and are being used to build the brick-penches before long the school hopes to have a new playground area.



Children at the school and, below, some of the plastic collected.



WHEN they're not busy making no-brainier than their new classmates, you'll quite often find pupils of the school out on the sports field or court, playing their favourite game. Staff and pupils are passionate when it comes to sport and this is a source of pride for the school. Recently when the school won Primary School of the Year award, the school's success was attributed to the fact that the school was a "community school."

Community Sports Awards last year, the school was nominated for the massive push on sports was largely down to Mary Nolan, the school's PE and head teacher, who died last February and is greatly missed.

Mr Michael Mashiter, who soon after took over the post of head, said, "This is a massive achievement and it is testament to the fact that the school is a community school."

To the insurance we place on health and fitness through sport, which was prioritised at every opportunity by Ms Nolan.

The school's success in the award and I would like to congratulate Mrs Emma Sheridan for her tireless efforts in achieving this award for the school. It is a testament to the school's commitment to providing countless opportunities for children to try their hand at a wide range of sports and activities.

The award was presented to the school by the local authority and the school looks forward to continuing to dedicate time to sports and physical education. Mr Mashiter added, "It was also a pleasure to be able to thank the many people who have contributed towards the quality sporting provision our school has."



THIS WEEK's star pupils are a very special group of children who dedicate their own time to help the school and the community.

The pupils of chapelaine of St Mary's are a very important part of life to-day in the school, explained deputy head teacher Cécile O'Brien, who heads the group of 12 pupil chaplains.

She said: "The 12 pupils are from different classes within the school and are noticeable by the purple sashes they wear."

"All of these children are extremely dedicated to their roles, and we all meet every Friday lunchtime to talk about the work that we have to do in and around the school."

"These children all have an amazing potential and are a credit to the Catholic life of the school."



Does your school have something they want to learn and about about?

Work and special activities and ideas to charity work to give schools across East Lancashire the chance to show what they've been up to over the term.

To find out more get in touch with us by calling 01524 298202 or e-mail [regional@stmarys-catholic.org.uk](mailto:regional@stmarys-catholic.org.uk) and your school could be on the next list.