



St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

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St Mary's RC Primary

School Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024

Our Mission Statement

As God's family we are STARS within a loving and thriving community, celebrating our diversity. We ignite lifelong learning where everyone becomes a positive influence on our world.

Our Gospel Values

*Every person is a valued member of our community, invited to follow Christ's call to a life of **love**, **hope** and **forgiveness**. We **respect** and support each other to live in **peace**. We embrace challenges and develop the **courage** to create a better world for us all.*

Y6 History curriculum

Year 6 are currently learning about the Second World War evacuations as part of their history topic.

We are basing poetry and persuasive letter writing on the same subject as their knowledge deepens.

Children were delighted to welcome Mr Brooks to the school to learn about the late evacuations to Lowestoft during World War II. It was an interesting afternoon, enriched by the children's knowledge and curiosity and their innovative child evacuee costumes complete with suitcases, pillow cases and

hand-crafted gas mask boxes.





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Our winners for the Knights of Columba KS2 Lent Scene Painting Competition and the Easter Prayer Competition

Scene Painting Winners

1st - Ester

2nd - Eliza

3rd - Pixie

Easter Prayer Winners

1st - Lexie

2nd - Evie

3rd - Tilly





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The Eco council had the pleasure of meeting Luke, who is a part of the Coastline Runner Initiative. He was in the town today running from Lowestoft to Southwold collecting litter along the shore. He came into school along with Madame Mayor Barker to deliver a talk to the Year 3 class and the school's Eco Council about the environment and the impact plastic has on our oceans.

The Eco council then joined him on the beach to collect some plastic. We hope Luke had a successful day running! We are looking forward to having Luke back again next year! Please look out for photos in the Lowestoft Journal!



Easter Mass

On Wednesday we celebrated Mass with Fr Padraig and some parishioners. The theme of the Mass was Easter as the season of Easter lasts for 7 weeks, ending with the coming of the 50th day which is Pentecost. Through the Mass, we were encouraged to hear the good news about Jesus: that death and violence and injustice didn't kill him, but that he does his work now in a different way. We are part of his risen life, and the way he works in the world today is through us. Whenever we look after the lonely or try to make life's conditions better for people who are in any way deprived, then we are sharing the work of the resurrection.





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The Bohemian Choir

Last Wednesday, the staff and the pupils at St Mary's RC Primary School were treated to an amazing ensemble by The Bohemian Choir from the University of Liberec in Czech Republic.

This is the fourth visit for the choir to the East of England, delivering concerts in Churches and Schools. This year's concert was titled Honour and Courage, and told the story of the difficult history of the Ancient Kingdom of Bohemia and focussed on the challenging history of the 20th Century.

For our KS2 students and particularly for the Y6 pupils, who are currently learning about WWII, it was an extraordinary opportunity to hear and learn about the experiences of other countries during WWII.

The choristers, who are finishing their teaching degree, said they thoroughly enjoyed observing classes in our school and will take their learning and experience with them to the Czech Republic. We are looking forward to having them again next year.



The Bohemian Choir with the Y6 and School Council pupils from St Mary's RC Primary School.



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CALENDAR DATES for 2023 - 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

The following dates and events are subject to change if necessary. Please refer to the most up to date newsletters for termly dates.

May 2024		
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
6th -10th	Deaf Awareness Week	Children will learn sign language in class
13th - 17th	KS2 SATS	Further communication to follow regarding arrangements for SATs week breakfast.
20th-24th	Walk to School Week	All children, parents and staff are strongly encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Alternatively you can park further than usual and walk to school.
Monday 27th	MAY HALF TERM	Pupils return 3rd June
June 2024		
19th	Sports Day - Whole School 9:15am - 11:15am Family Fun Afternoon 1pm - 3pm	Whole school Sports Day AM Fun afternoon - PM
20th	Alternate Sports Day	
25th	School Photos	Professional School Photos taken for the new school's prospectus and MAT photos day.
26th	New Reception class 2024 parents meeting	
26-27th	Y6 Theatre Performance	Evening performances for the end of year Y6 theatre production at the Seagulls Theatre



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27th	Y6 Ignite retreat day	

July 2024		
12th	Whole School Transition Day	



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