

St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 6th October
2023



@StMarys_SW8



Dear Parents and Carers,

Have you seen our school advertising in the local area? Do look out for posters on the back of buses and at bus stops for our new advertising campaign posters. We're very proud of them and thankful to Miss Shirley in the office for all the hard work that went in to producing them. Let's not also forget the stars of the campaign, **Sebbie, Eiliyah, Aysia** and **Roman!**

Mrs Mitchell has been impressed with the quantity and quality of competition entries this week for the book club competition. The following children will attend Wimbledon Theatre next week to see David Williams live and receive a free copy of his new book 'The Blunders' Congratulations goes to **Eliora, Elliot, Prince, Dagem, Ashley, Olamide, Selma, Roman, Eiliyah** and **Dylan**.



Please see pages 9/10/11 for exciting Black History Month competitions.





Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th October— Y4 poetry trip to the Civic Suite

Tuesday 10th October— Parent Gym taster session at 9am

Thursday 12th October—Y4 class
assembly at 9am

Thursday 19th October— Y3 class
assembly at 9am

Thursday 19th October - Y1 & Y2 to the London Wetland Centre

Thursday 19th October - Football Festival in Battersea Park with Coach Pedro

Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th
October—HALF TERM

Wednesday 1st November—Y4 football team to Emanuel tournament

Thursday 2nd November— Y6 to Wisley

Thursday 9th November— Y2 class assembly

Thursday 16th November— Y1 class assembly

Monday 20th—Friday 24th November—Y6 to Sayers Croft

Wednesday 22nd November— Y4 to Winter Sounds concert rehearsal at the Civic
Suite

Wednesday 22nd November— Flu vaccinations

Thursday 30th November— Parents consultations—school will close early.

Tuesday 12th December— EYFS Nativity at 2pm

Wednesday 13th December— KS1 Nativity at 2pm

Wednesday 13th December— Y4 performance at the Winter Sounds concert in Fair-
field Halls

Thursday 14th December - KS2 Advent Service

Thursday 21st December - LAST DAY OF TERM—school will close early.



Our Mission Statement

'A man took a grain of mustard seed and sowed it in his field. Indeed the seed is smaller than all other seeds but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches'

Matthew 13.31

Which class has the best attendance and punctuality this week?



Class	Attendance	Lates
Nursery	99%	4
Reception	89%	4
Year 1	96%	5
Year 2	99%	12
Year 3	99%	4
Year 4	100%	2
Year 5	99%	5
Year 6	94%	6

Food Collection

We are fortunate enough to be receiving a food donation every week.

Every **Tuesday** we will be giving out food at the front entrance from 3:15pm. All families are welcome.



Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is **MESSENGER**

"May we help people to discover the joy of Jesus' message"
Pope Francis



Parent Gym taster session Tuesday
10th October at 9am!



parentgym

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and more
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Get your
children to open
up and talk
more

Feel calmer
and have more
fun time with
your family

**"You can't ask for a more
amazing experience.
You listen, you share,
you connect. After each
session of Parent Gym
I could not avoid to feel
lifted, full of energy and
focused to keep it up."**

Sign up now

**To secure your place free of
charge, worth £1000 per parent.**



Dear parents,

Come and give your parenting skills a 'workout'...

Parent Gym is coming to St Marys

We know from talking with parents that many of you wonder what you can do to give your children the best start in life (and make your life as a parent a bit easier too).

This is why we're delighted to offer Parent Gym, a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive.

All parents are welcome to apply and places will be filled on a first come first served basis. Through our relationship with Parent Gym the programme is free for parents.

Each weekly session lasts two hours, and will take place in the **Meeting room near the office** on:

Tuesday, from 9 - 11

Tuesday 10th October: Taster (45 mins) – shorter session for you to meet the coach and find out more about the sessions.

Tuesday 31st October: Chat (2 hours) – Help your family talk and listen to each other

Tuesday 7th Nov: Love (2 hours) – Build self-esteem and independence through secure attachments

Tuesday 14th Nov: Behave (2 hours) – Bring calm and order to your home

Tuesday 21st Nov: Care (2 hours) – Looking after ourselves and our families

Tuesday 28th Nov: Discover (2 hours) – Support your children to learn and explore

Tuesday 5th Dec: Together (2 hours) – Look to the future and recapping key techniques

To **confirm** your place, please speak to **Mrs Cadden** or ask **Molly at reception/the office**.



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Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Please be aware that some dates differ from those published by Wandsworth.
These are our term dates for the academic year.

Autumn Term 2023
INSET Day: 4th September
Autumn 1: 5th September - 20th October
Half Term: 23rd - 27th October
INSET Day: 30th October
Autumn 2: 31st October - 21st December

Spring Term 2024
Spring 1: 8th January - 9th February
INSET Day: 15th January
Half Term: 12th - 16th February
Spring 2: 19th February - 28th March

Summer Term 2024
Summer 1: 15th April - 24th May
Half Term: 27th May - 31st May
INSET Day: 3rd June
Summer 2: 4th June - 24th July
One INSET Day TBC



Ten:Ten
Resources



October 2023

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary with the celebration of the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. As an important feast in the Church calendar, it's a great opportunity for schools to pray the Rosary. We'd like to support and encourage families to pray the Rosary together too, and therefore, we have made available a simple Rosary resource which can be accessed through the Collective Worship Parent Portal.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

To read the full October newsletter please click on the link below!

www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/



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Free Getting Started on Vinted Course



Vinted

The second-hand fashion app

What is Vinted?

Vinted is an online marketplace for buying and selling secondhand clothing and accessories.



**YVONNE CARR
FAMILY HUB**
2 THESSALY RD,
NINE ELMS, LONDON
SW8 4HT



**Tuesday 17th October,
10am-1pm**

In this short course you will:

- Be introduced to Vinted Market Place
- Master the art of product photography
- Learn efficient packing and shipping techniques
- Gain valuable tips and tricks

To book your place contact Megan from Power to Connect on
07934553192 / megan@powertoconnect.co.uk



St Mary's Homework Project 5/10/2023



Dear students and families,

As you are aware it is Black History Month in the UK and although as a school we ensure that our curriculum is diverse we still feel that it is important to give this month acknowledgment. Therefore, in line with this year's theme "Celebrating our Sisters emphasises the vital role black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities" (Cherron Inko-Tariah MBE 2023) we have been sharing some facts about an influential woman daily. That being said, it is now time for you to share with us black woman from the past of present that has had impact on society in the UK or further afield.

We ask that children hand this project in by **Tuesday 17th October at the latest.**

History:

Create an information poster about a significant black woman for example: Sonia Boyce, Claudia Jones, Queen Nzinga, Floella Benjamin, Rochelle Humes. You must include the following:

- A title
- At least 2 sub-titles
- At least 1 picture
- At least 5 facts, below are some examples of information you could include:
 - What is the person's name?
 - Why are they are a significant black person in history?
 - When and where the person was born?
 - Where in the world do they live?
 - Are they still alive?



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- Do they have a famous quote?

Have a look at the examples below for inspiration.





BLACK

HISTORY

MONTH

#WEMATTER

• WHO? YOUNG PEOPLE IN WANDSWORTH - ALL AGES!

• WHAT? A CREATIVE COMPETITION TO MARK
BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2023
TO 'SALUTE OUR SISTERS'

• HOW? ANY MEDIUM - ARTWORK, MUSIC,
MULTI-MEDIA, POETRY, ETC...

• WHERE? PRIZES AWARDED AT A SHOWCASE EVENT
- TO BE CONFIRMED

CLOSING DATE: 15.10.23

Please send entries to;

Limitless@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

