

St Mary's RC Primary School School Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

This week, as we continue through the season of Lent, the children have been reflecting on kindness, generosity, and self discipline, practicing these values in their daily lives as we prepare for Easter.

Today, we welcomed Father Addison for our Reception Class Celebration of the Word, a meaningful opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of Lent and the journey towards Easter.

The children will be joining The Stations of the Cross online on Friday At 11am with Bishop Gerard. He will be joined by Georgia Clarke and Greg Finn for a half-hour guided Stations of the Cross filmed at St Anthony of Padua parish.

The Mark 10 Mission is dedicated to sharing the Gospel with children and helping them encounter Christ through prayer. Using the beautiful Stations in St Anthony's, Bishop Gerard, Georgia and Greg will guide children through all fourteen stations, pausing at each one to reflect, wonder and pray. This short and engaging devotion offers a meaningful way for young people to enter more deeply into the story of Jesus' Passion during Lent.

World Book Day Celebrations

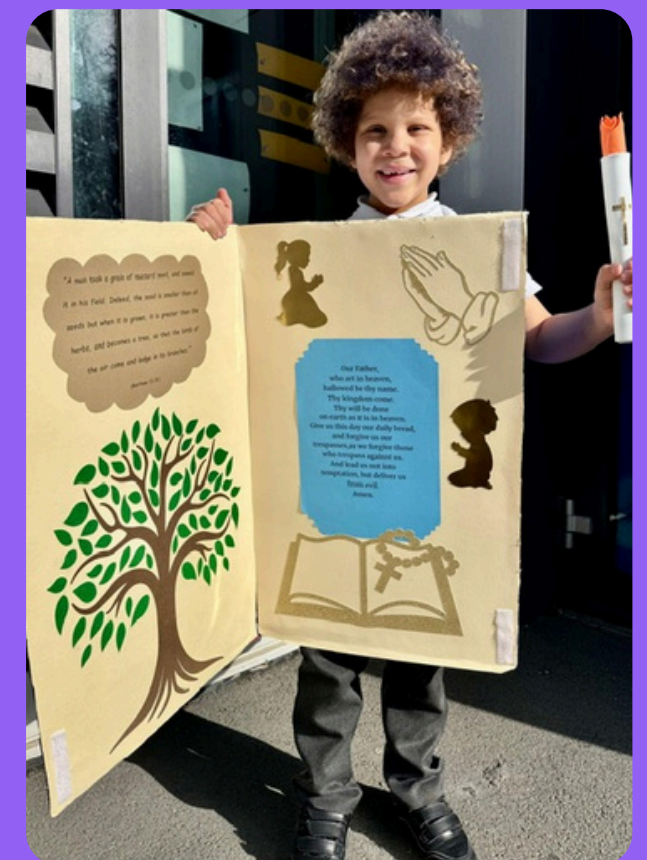
We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day across the school recently! It was wonderful to see the creativity and enthusiasm of the children as they arrived dressed as their favourite non-fiction characters.

From inspiring scientists and explorers to famous historical figures, the costumes were brilliant and sparked lots of conversations about books and learning. Our Year 2 children had an especially exciting day when they visited Battersea Power Station dressed as characters from the Mr Men and Little Miss stories. Their colourful costumes certainly made an impression—and some of the children even appeared in a moment on the BBC News, which was a very exciting surprise!

Back in school, classes have been enjoying Book Detective quizzes, using their reading skills to solve clues and think carefully about what they have read. The fun will continue this week when children have the chance to read with another class, sharing stories and enjoying books together with a different teacher.

To keep the excitement about reading going at home, every child will be bringing home a book this week. These have been kindly donated by The Children's Book Project, and we are very grateful for their generosity in helping us put more books into children's hands.

Thank you to all families for supporting our World Book Day celebrations and for helping to nurture a love of reading.



Six talented artists in year 5 have just completed their second art project with More Curricular and have had their work exhibited for the second time this year!

Both projects required the children to research a local person from the past, and then represent them and their lives through art. This was initially a tricky request; with no images of these people online, the children had to piece together facts and fill in the gaps with their own imagination and creativity.

Their work on Black Tudors was on show at St Mary's Church in Putney, and can be seen here (click on the pictures to see the artists' names).

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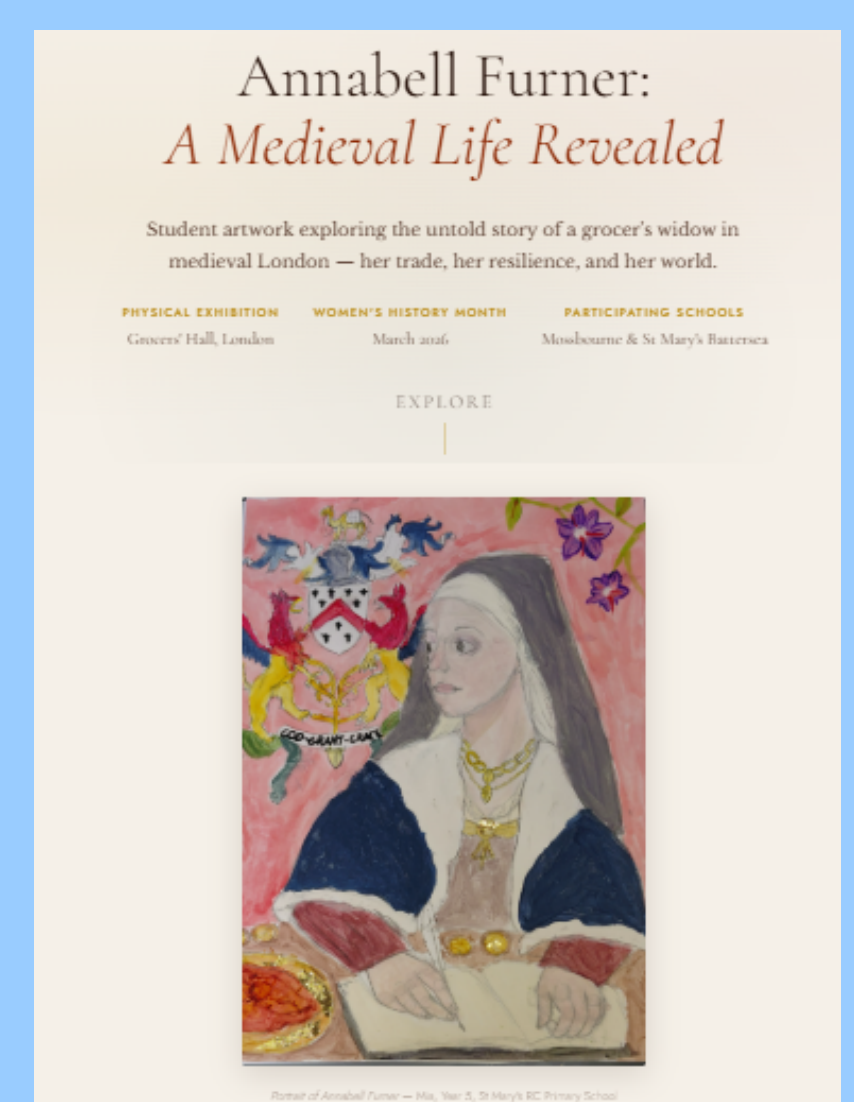
For their second project, the children were able to build on their skills, and demonstrated high levels of historical enquiry as they pieced together the information available on Annabell Furner, a medieval grocer who navigated the complex world of international trade as a woman in a male dominated business. Their work was on show at Grocers' Hall last week alongside a local secondary school. We went to see the exhibition and were given a tour of the hall.

The children were praised for their excellent representations of Annabell, and the references they made in their paintings to her life. Have a look at their wonderful work here:

<https://www.morecurricular.co.uk/communityinterest/exhibitions>

Congratulations to Zema, Cristyanna, Prince, Yeva, Stefano and Mia for representing the school so well.

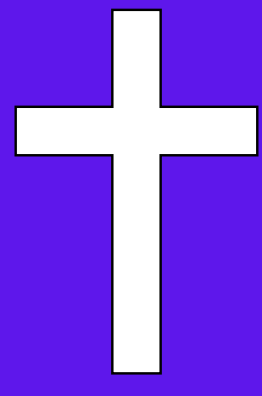
We would like to thank Andrew Cooper for his expert help with the art work and support on the visit to Grocers' Hall, and Miss Maria for joining us on the day.



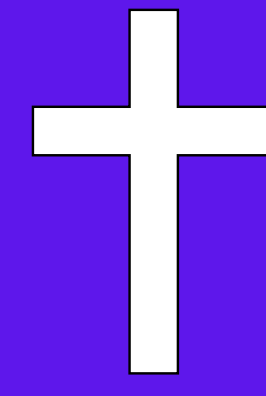
Our Mission Statement

'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



This weeks Wednesday Words are
HEALING



'Prayer is certainly the most wonderful medicine in the world'
St Hyacinth

As part of our Lent activities, our class is taking part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk to raise money for CAFOD. The children will be walking to help support families around the world who need access to essentials like clean water, food, and safe homes.

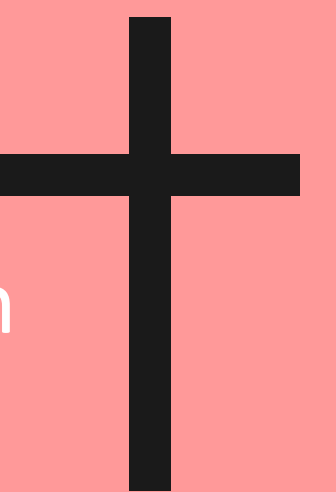
If you are able to support us, we would be very grateful for any donation. Please click the link below to donate and help us reach our fundraising goal.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/stmarysrcbatterseasw8?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020

Thank you very much for your support

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held every Sunday during Lent at the parish of Our lady of Mouth Carmel & St Joesph's Church at 5pm



Maths Family Learning

Please see the table on the right for our upcoming maths family learning dates. We look forward to welcoming you in to school and thank those parents that have attended their child's session so far.

Class	Date	Time
Nursery	Thursday 26th March	2.45pm
Reception	Thursday 5th March	2.45pm
Year 1	Wednesday 25th March	9am
Year 2	Monday 2nd March	9am
Year 3	Wednesday 4th March	9am
Year 4	Thursday 12th February	9am
Year 5	Wednesday 4th March	2.45pm
Year 6	Wednesday 4th March	3.30pm

On Thursday 19th March we will be closing early for Parents Consultations. For Reception - Year 6 school will close at 1pm, however Nursery will remain open all day.

On Friday 27th March Nursery will be closed to all children for their Parents Consultations to take place.


March

March continues the season of Lent, a time when children are encouraged to slow down, reflect, and prepare their hearts for the events of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter.

Across the month, children will listen to Scripture, take time to pray, and reflect on how Jesus guides and strengthens them, during their Lenten journey and throughout their lives. This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout March, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

To view the full version of the Ten Ten newsletter please click this link - <https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/Vjmo5i0YPU8zc/>

Which class has the best attendance and punctuality this week?

Class	Attendance	Lates
Nursery	93%	1
Reception	89%	4
Year 1	91%	5
Year 2	93%	6
Year 3	96%	5
Year 4	93%	3
Year 5	98% 	5
Year 6	94%	2



UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

IF YOUR CHILD HAS OUTGROWN
THEIR UNIFORM BUT IT IS STILL
WEARABLE, THEN YOU CAN SWAP
IT FOR OTHER SCHOOL UNIFORM
ITEMS.

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8.50AM AND FROM 3.20PM**

School uniform Items will be available for sale

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**START: 06.03.26
END: 27.03.26
DAY: FRIDAYS
TIME: 10.00 - 12.00pm**

**No experience
needed!**



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