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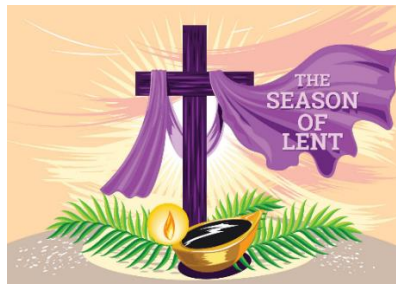
14th March 2025

Dear Families,

A prayer -

Heavenly Father,

During the season of Lent, help us to turn back to you and to make a fresh start. Amen.



This week's Gospel – from Luke

Jesus took Peter, John, and James with him and went up a hill to pray. While he was praying, his face changed its appearance, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly two men were there talking with him. They were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in heavenly glory and talked with Jesus about the way in which he would soon fulfil God's purpose by dying in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were sound asleep, but they woke up and saw Jesus' glory and the two men who were standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, how good it is that we are here! We will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (He did not really know what he was saying.)

While he was still speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow; and the disciples were afraid as the cloud came over them. A voice said from the cloud, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen — listen to him!"

When the voice stopped, there was Jesus all alone. The disciples kept quiet about all this and told no one at that time anything they had seen.



LEARNING THROUGH FAITH, LOVE AND RESPECT

God our Father, help us to see your Son in all people and to treat them as we would wish to be treated ourselves. Help us to listen and to live our lives as you ask us to. Amen.

The Big Lent Walk

Thank you for sponsoring the children doing the Big Lent Walk. So far, we have raised over £200 for CAFOD! A fabulous amount for a great cause! The children are loving walking around the big field at lunch time with their friends in the sunshine, supported by our volunteering staff.



Retreat Day

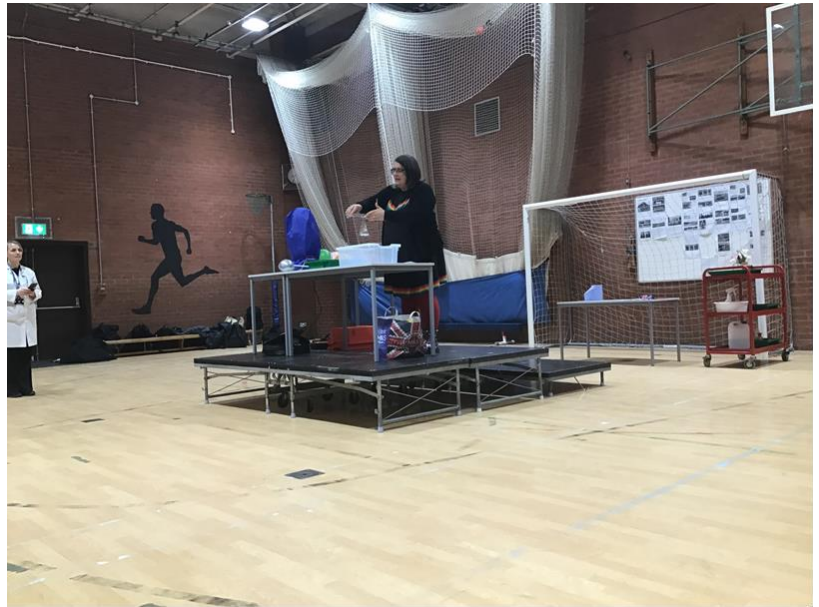
A group of Year 5 children represented Saint Marie's wonderfully at a Retreat Day at St. Teresa's, Upholland, on Wednesday. The group of children met and worked with children from other local Catholic primary schools. Activities were centred around 'The Jubilee Year of Hope' and the children made bug houses, wildflower seed bombs, created environmental art using recycled materials and posters about litter. Thank you children for making us proud!

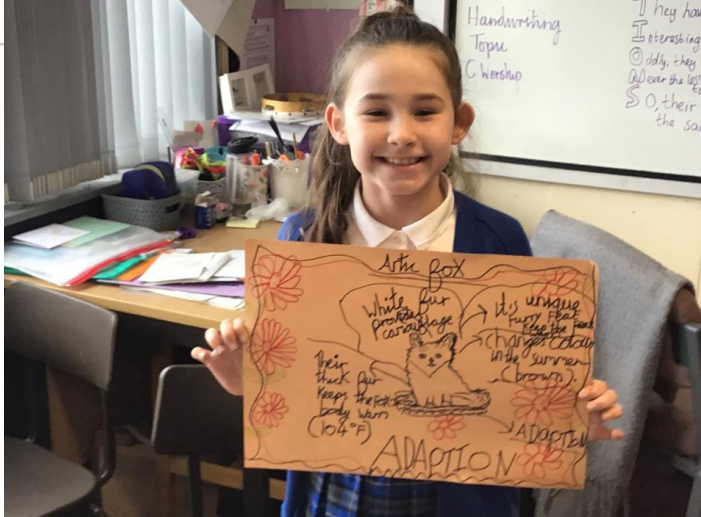


British Science Week



There was a fantastic range of activities and visitors to school this week to celebrate British Science Week. Year 5 had a special visit to Standish High School for a Science Workshop.





Saint Marie's Easter Bingo!

Family Easter Bingo will be on Tuesday 1st April at 6pm.

All families are welcome. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.** Tickets are on sale via Parent Pay and will cost £3 per person which includes your bingo cards. Mr Steve will be our Bingo Caller!

There will be a tuck shop of goodies so that you can buy drinks and treats during the evening.

We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs as prizes for the Bingo. Could any donations please be brought to the school office. Many thanks for your generosity!



Attendance Matters at Saint Marie's

Class	Attendance %
Reception	95.8
Year 1	94.9
Year 2	96.8
Year 3	95.1
Year 4	94.4
Year 5	95.6
Year 6	94.3

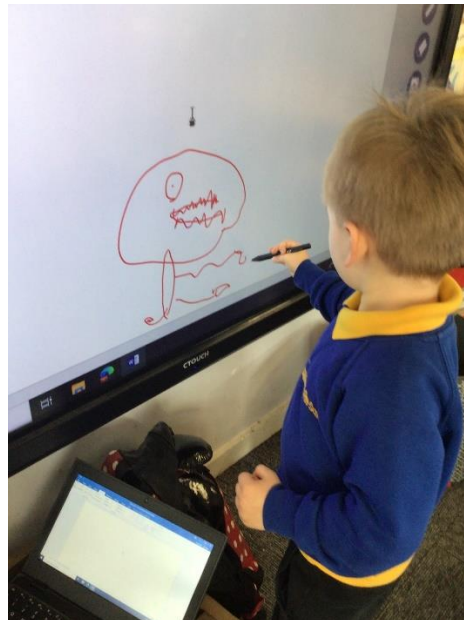
Our school target is 96.5%. Please be mindful of not booking holidays in term time. Every day off school has a negative impact.

Other news this week at Saint Marie's

Stay and Play – have been enjoying “Tummy Time”.



Pre- School – have enjoyed playing Pictionary on the interactive whiteboard.



Reception – have been in the garden looking at 'Gods Wonderful World', and have been looking at how things have changed linked to science week. They all closed their eyes and listened for the different sounds!



Year 1 - have been practising bat and ball skills in their P.E lesson.



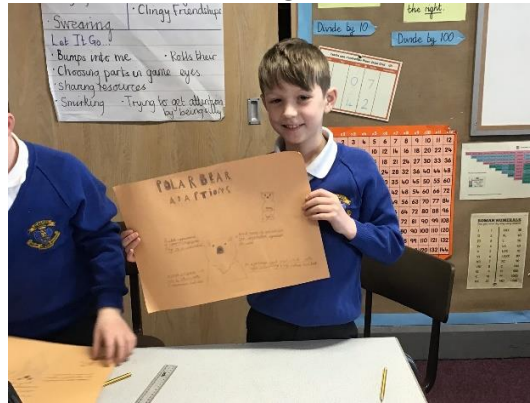
Year 2 – enjoyed lots of different activities in science week and a visit from a real doctor!



Year 3 - Mrs Sollers came into class as part of Science Week. The children carried out an experiment linked to the theme 'Change and Adapt'.



Year 4 – have been looking at how animals change and adapt to their environments to survive.



Year 5 - enjoyed programming the microbits to make their own electronic version of the rock, paper, scissors game.



Year 6 – The children researched and built their own Maya Pyramids.





The PTFA have organised a fundraiser. Children can make special Mothers' Day goodie bags with the PTFA at lunchtimes leading up to Mothers' Day. These are priced at £2.50 and will be available to purchase on Parent Pay. The goodie bags include a special plant and will be ready to bring home ready for the special day.

Staff News

We have 'Emotionally Friendly School' status at Saint Marie's as we offer outstanding provision in the area of mental health among other aspects of well-being.

Mrs O'Neill has just completed her course as Senior Mental Health Lead. Well done! You are a caring friend to all of us.



Also this week, St. Marie's has been awarded 'Thinking Schools Accreditation'. This is to celebrate all the work that has been done over a period of time on metacognitive development and effective strategies for teaching and learning. Some comments from the report -

'Developments in achievement (academic and personal development) are impressive and show alignment with embedding Thinking Schools elements.'

'Personal development is an exceptional dimension at St. Marie's'

'St. Marie's curriculum is clearly mapped and underpinned by research that embraces the science of learning.'

'St. Marie's is relentless in pursuing high standards of achievement'

'Underpinning this provision is a fully inclusive pastoral care provision embracing children, families, staff and community. This has the school's values firmly at its core.'

'St. Marie's is a responsive, adaptive and highly ambitious educational community that leaves no stone unturned in its pursuit of holistic educational development. It places the individual needs of children at the heart of everything it does.'

This is a wonderful achievement. A big thank you to the Staff and Governor Drive Team and for all the work to gain this special accreditation.



Dates for your diary - any highlighted dates show new information that has been added since last week's newsletter.

Monday 17 th March	Holy Communion meeting for Year 4 at school 5.15pm – 6pm
Tuesday 18 th March	Year 4 give a drumming performance to parents in the school hall 9am
Friday 21 st March	Year 4 go to Mass at church. Families welcome. 9.30am start
Monday 24 th March	Year 4 go on their residential visit to the Anderton Centre
Tuesday 25 th March	Reception educational visit to Liverpool- 'Imagine That' role play experience
Friday 28 th March	Special Mothers' Day Assemblies for families presented by – Year 1/Year 2 at 2.30pm Pre School/Reception at 9.30am in the school hall
Friday 28 th March	Year 5 go to Mass at church. Families welcome. 9.30am start
Tuesday 1 st April	PTFA Easter Bingo for families 6pm School hall

Tuesday 1 st April	Year 5 Lenten Collective Worship for families 9am in school
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter Reflection by Year 3 and 4 in the school hall 9.10am Families welcome to watch
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 6 Lenten Collective Worship for families 9am in the school hall
Friday 4 th April	Year 6 go to Mass at church. Families welcome. 9.30am start
Friday 4 th April	Hot Dog Friday run by PTFA Break up for Easter 3.15pm

Mass during Lent

Throughout Lent, each of our Key Stage 2 classes will go to Mass at St. Marie's Church. If any parents would like to walk with us from school, please notify your child's class teacher. Families are also welcome to meet us at church. Mass begins at 9.30am on these Fridays.

Special Sunday Mass

Please save the date – **Sunday 22nd June.**

Mass at St. Marie's Church on this date will be a family Mass involving our school community. All children and families and staff are warmly invited. The children will be involved in the Mass. The Year 4 children who will have made their First Holy Communion earlier in the month are invited to wear their special clothes again. More details to follow. Please save the date – 11am start. All year groups are invited.





This week's Golden Book children:

Pre-School – **Cian** for concentrating during “colouring club” and trying his best to stay within the lines – what a brilliant piece of work!

Reception – **Monty** for making great progress in phonics and for being a great Elton John!

Year 1 – **George** for great science knowledge.

Macey for keeping up with work whilst poorly at home – we are very proud of you.

Year 2 – **Jorgia** for doing everything with a smile and enthusiasm.

Year 3 – **Jessie** for always being the first one who is ready to learn.

Year 4 – **Pearl** for being a constant role model to all.

Elijah for being spotted by Mrs Lord for fantastic drumming skills.

Year 5 – **Jaxson** for improving his handwriting and working towards his targets.

Year 6 – **Harriet** for lovely writing ideas!

Francesca for being a great talking partner in class.



Well done children!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

With very best wishes

Mrs Jackson