



# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS TRUST

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## ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Newsletter 6

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents,

It has been another week of extreme weather, and the children in school have been very sensible in the way that they have dealt with sudden downpours and wet days inside. Please remember the people of Florida in your prayers this weekend following the destruction caused by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. It is a timely reminder to all of us of the fragility of life on our planet and how we must all strive to be good custodians of our common home, as Pope Francis made clear in his letter *Laudato Si*.

### Holy Mass

Our rota of different classes attending Mass continued this week and it was the turn of Class 4D. Our Year 4 classes are pairing up with the children from Year 1, who will be their prayer partners when they join the Junior School.

### Individual School Photographs

It was wonderful to see the children looking so smart on Wednesday. All children who were present had their photographs taken by Tempest Photographers. We will receive proofs soon and share them with families.

### STEM Competition

Thank-you to all the children who have sent in entries to our STEM competition on the theme of **Space**. We have seen many amazing rockets and lots of very thoughtful models of the solar system. The winners – who created such imaginative models – are Euodia in 3A and Adya in 6P. We plan to photograph some the pieces for Instagram.

### World Mental Health Day

On Thursday it was World Mental Health Day. On this day our focus is thinking about how everyone feels and what we can do to help each other. We welcomed Joe Otterman from Croydon MHST who presented an assembly to the children. There was a lot to think about and it has helped our children to be brave and speak up if they feel that they are finding things hard.

### Assemblies and Liturgies

There was no Class Liturgy this week because of World Mental Health Day. Forthcoming assemblies and liturgies to which parents are welcome are listed below.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Class 4D

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Class 4T

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Class 6P

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All assemblies and liturgies begin at 9.30am to give the children time to prepare.

### **Nativity Play**

This year our Year 4 children will present a Nativity Story on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. parents of children in Year 4 are welcome to join us for this special part of our year.

### **Achievement Certificates**

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to all the children in Year 3, Mark in 4D, Ohanna in 4T, Elissa in 5B, Jasmine in 5C, Osanna in 6G and in Elroy 6P. The Head of School's award goes to Beatriz in 4T. The swimmer of the week is Anushik in 4T. The kindness award goes to Williams in 5C.

Have a peaceful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew McDonald

Head of School

#### **Health Advice for parents**

##### **Coronavirus**

*The World Health Organisation now considers the covid pandemic to not be a global health emergency. For advice and support if you suspect someone has covid, please visit:*

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

***When using a test, check that it is a recent one that is set up to detect new strains of the virus.***

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