

St Mary's New Mills Catholic Life and Mission



NEWSLETTER

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End of Year Reflection

As get to the end of another school year we are going to pause for moment and reflect on the year we have just completed. Think about all your successes, any times of challenge and those time when you think you have been unsuccessful.

Think about the times when you have laughed, times you have achieved something that you didn't think you could do, the times when you might have struggled and any times you have cried. We need to offer these up all to God and most importantly give thanks for guiding and watching over us this year. We pray that he keeps us all safe over the summer.

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1

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Mini Vinnies



Class 3 have continued their excellent year by turning their focus to the local community and those struggling due to the financial crisis and cost of living change. We have continued to focus on the Community pantry who were very pleased with all the amazing the donations from across the school. Well done Mini Vinnies for an amazing year, there will be much more to come in the new school year. Watch this space.

Islam Mission Day

During the last week of term the children welcomed visitors from the Muslim Learner Services to learn all about Islam and the different elements. They also had a chance to learn about the different ways to pray. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and would like to thank our visitors.



"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may go to heaven." *St Rose of Lima*

Our Father Mission Morning

As part of the final two weeks of term the children had the chance to have a closer look at the only prayer that comes directly from the teachings of Jesus, *The Our Father*. The morning started with a short and simple opening Celebration of the Word, led by Dan where he looked at the importance of what Jesus taught his disciples. The 4 classes then all had an activity to help unpack the prayer more deeply.

Class 1- Looked at each line and coloured in some beautiful pictures, thinking about what each line means.

Class 2- Looked at each line and created prayer wheel for the Our Father.

Class 3- Attempted to learn the Our Father in British Sign Language

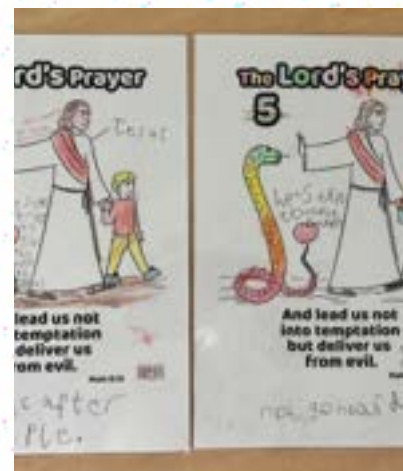
Class 4 - Explored what each line of the Our Father means and then wrote their own versions as a song.



The Lord's Prayer
2
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven



The Lord's Prayer
4
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors



"All I want to know is Christ and the power flowing from His Resurrection!" St. Francis of Assisi

VOLUNTEERS CELEBRATION

The rain didn't dampen our spirit's on the 22nd as we all processed down to church to honour and crown Our Lady and present flowers at the foot of the statue of Mary in the St Mary's Grotto. Thank you for all the kind donations of flowers.



PUPIL PARLIAMENT

A couple of weeks ago Mrs Chapman took Juliet to Fenny Bentley to take part in the trust Pupil Parliament. They joined up with pupils from schools across the St Ralph Sherwin Trust. They were looking at how we can link the aims and goals of the Pupil Parliament to Bishop Patrick's termly themes of Encounter, Discipleship and Missionary Discipleship alongside the mission statement of the Trust "grow in faith, serve with and transform our world. Juliet came up with some excellent ideas to contribute to the discussions around the new name of the Pupil Parliament which is Ambassadors for Hope. It was a great chance for the children to meet with children from across the trust from both primary and secondary schools and share their ideas for how we can grow together as one body in Christ. The day was facilitated by Jamie our Lead Lay Chaplain and Mrs Chapman.



"As Lent is the time for greater love listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and believe' " *St Teresa of Calcutta*



YEAR 6 SATS

Congratulations to all the year 6 children who have now received their SATs results. Everyone at St Mary's is so proud of you all you.



CHAPLAINCY INTERVIEWS

Last week the current Senior Chaplains interviewed the potential new Senior Chaplains. Mrs Chapman, Dan and all the Senior Chaplains were amazed by how much interest there was from the year 5s and were blown away by some of the answers given. We are pleased to announce that all applicants were successful meaning we will have two teams and the teams will work on a two weekly cycle. We are also having a rebrand of the Senior Chaplains, from September they will be known as Mary's Missionaries.

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." *St Pope John Paul II*



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

At the end of the year it always a bittersweet moment. We are all really excited for our summer holidays but it also means that we have to say goodbye to our amazing Year 6s. I just wanted to take the opportunity to wish everyone the very best of luck in the next chapter of their pilgrimage of life and say that although you are leaving St Mary's you are always part of the St Mary's Family.

Goodbye and God bless
Dan

YOU ARE
Awesome

you are
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END OF YEAR MASS

All the children participated beautifully in the end of year, leavers Mass as we bid a fond farewell to Year 6.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Have an a amazing Summer and look forward to seeing you all in September!

"May He make us children of God, He who for our sakes wished to become a Child of man." *St. Augustine Hippo*

