

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

*St Mary's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment*

*Designated Child Protection Officer: Ms A Maher*

*Summer Term 1 2010*



Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to the Summer term which is the last term of the school year. The school year is going by very quickly!

I hope that you all had a very restful Easter break.

As you will see from the newsletter, we have many events planned for this term and we look forward to seeing you at them. Remember, all parents and parishioners are invited to all school Masses and Assemblies. Please do not feel that you cannot attend if your child's class is not directly involved.

This year, during May, we will be inviting parents to join us in our Prayer Garden from 2.45-3pm to pray The Angelus with us in honour of Mary, the mother of Jesus, the patron saint of our school. May is the month when we honour Mary. The Angelus (the prayer which was included on our last newsletter) tells of how Mary accepted the will of God. I do hope that as many parents/carers as possible will join us when they receive the invitation which will follow later.

During this term we are being assessed for The Green Flag Award in recognition of all the fantastic environmental work which is being undertaken by all members of our school community through recycling etc. Very few schools have achieved this award. Our assessment is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April and I will let you know the outcome once the team have been. In the meantime, keep recycling.....

Best wishes

**Ms A Maher**  
**Headteacher**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The following children have birthdays during May and June. If your name is not on the list please let us know so that we can check we have the correct date of birth on our records:

Jamie Yr 6	Alfie Yr 1
Zak Yr 6	Christine Yr 5
Lucy-Leigh Yr 2	Korey Yr 4
Christopher REC	Thomas Yr 5
Amy REC	Alanna Yr 4
Oliver Yr 5	Grace Yr 3
Holly Yr 4	Chanai Yr 2
Megan Yr 2	Jack REC
Jennifer Yr 3	Sean Yr 5
Sibo Yr 6	Lisa Yr 3
Lindsay REC	Katie Yr 3
Eleanor Yr 6	Sophie Yr 3
Abby Yr 3	Uwais Yr 2
Niamh Yr 5	Liam Yr 2
Renee Yr 2	Ivan Yr 1
Rose Yr 1	Sherelle REC
Gemma Yr 3	Byron Yr 6
Adam Yr 2	Sepideh Yr 1
Aira REC	

### Attendance Return

**22nd Feb 2010—1st April 2010**

Rec—92.85%	Please help us to continue to improve our attendance by arranging holidays, dentist and non-emergency doctor's appointments when school is closed.
Yr 1—95.30%	
Yr 2—96.06%	
Yr 3—98.20%	
Yr 4—93.97%	
Yr 5—95.89%	
Yr 6—94.51%	Thank you

Well done Year 3. You are this half term's winners.

Our overall attendance was 95.18% which shows a significant improvement.

Our overall absences were:

3.89% authorised

0.93% unauthorised

**Please note that the school day starts at 8.50am and registers close at 9am. Any children arriving after this time have to be marked as an unauthorised absence and unauthorised absences are always tracked very closely by the local authority Education Welfare Officers.**

### Dinner Money Price Increase

School dinners are £1.75 per day/£8.75 per week.

Please give your child their dinner money in a named envelope to pay at the till at lunchtime.

Please do not pay dinner money at the school office unless you are paying outstanding bills. To do so, please put the correct amount in an envelope with your child's name and amount on the front and put it in the white post box next to the window. Any cheques should be made payable to DMBC. Thank you



### Whole School Mass List

Weds 12th May	Prepared by Year 4	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 26th May	Prepared by Foundation Stage/Year 1	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 23rd June	Prepared by Y3 & Y6	
	Sacramental Celebration Mass	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 7th July	Prepared by Year 2	Fr Darley 9.15am
Weds 21st July	Year 6 Leavers Mass and Assembly	Fr Darley 9.15am

### Diary Dates



Tues 27th April	Animal visit to school
Thurs 29th April	Green Flag Assessment Renewable Energy Feasibility study First Holy Communion Meeting 7.00pm Parish Centre
Weds 5th May	Family Life Meeting for Foundation Stage and new parents 7.00pm in school
Fri 7th May	Year 5 Library visit
Tues 11th May	Reception Class visit to Rays Farm
Thurs 13th May	Year 3 INSPIRE Year 2 Library visit Piety for First Holy Communion 3.00pm in school
Fri 14th—Sun 16th May	Residential visit to Astley Burf
Thurs 20th May	Year 5 INSPIRE
Sat 22nd May	First Holy Communion, St Mary's Church 10.00am
Sun 23rd May	Mass of Commitment for Confirmation children 10.30am St. Mary's Church
Thurs 27th May	Sports Day KS1 and KS2 BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

### School Closures 2009—2010

<b>Monday 3rd May</b>	Bank Holiday—school closed to pupils
<b>Thursday 6th May</b>	School closed for pupils because of local elections
<b>Friday 28th May</b>	Catholic INSET day - school closed to pupils

### Class Assemblies

Fri 30th April	Year 2 Assembly	9.10am
Fri 14th May	Year 5 Assembly	9.10am
Fri 21st May	Year 1 Assembly	9.10am

All parents are welcome to attend all assemblies.

### After School Clubs

To begin week beginning 26th April

Mon	Football Mr Turner KS1	3.15– 4.15pm
Tue	Library Club Ms Maher KS1 & KS2	<b>8.00am – 8.40am*</b>
Tues	Quiz Club Miss Wright Y3—Y5	3.15– 4.15pm
Weds	Irish Dancing Una Rollinson KS1 & KS2	3.15-4.15pm
	Craft Club Mrs Homer KS1	Lunchtime
Thurs	Library Club Ms O'Beirne KS1 & KS2	<b>8.00—8.40am*</b>
Thurs	Creative Club Miss Nicholson KS1 & KS2	3.15-4.15pm
Thurs	Spanish Mrs Deere Yrs 2 & 3	Lunchtime
Fri	Football Mr Turner KS2	3.15- 4.15pm

\* This club is open to families but unfortunately because of insurance purposes we are unable to offer this to Pre-School children or to provide breakfast.

### BUILDING FUND

Thank you to all those of you who have been sending donations in the little envelopes which are attached to the newsletter.

Since September, you have donated £970 which gives us a buying power of £9700 to spend on buildings costs. As reported in the last newsletter our next project is to further improve facilities for our school community by adding additional rooms for small group teaching and somewhere for parents/ carers to meet for informal coffee mornings, Friends meetings and private meetings with teachers.

As you can imagine, building work is expensive but every donation helps and no donation is too small.

### School Council News

The school council have entered a competition to win a prize for the school. We have had to write about a project which we have done which has helped lots of people.

We have written about our pelican crossing.

Alice Yr 5



### A Big Thank You from Environmental Club

You may have noticed the lovely spring flowers that are growing in our school grounds at the moment. Many of these were donated by parents and grandparents of our pupils. The Environment club would like to say thank you for these wonderful donations.

Any donations of plants (flowering or vegetable) or seeds are always welcome.



### School Nurse Drop In

Our school nurse will be in school on Thursday 29th April and Thursday 20th May between 2.30—3.30pm.

Please call in to see her if you have any concerns that you wish to discuss.

No appointment is necessary.



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## Aluminium Can and Foil Collection

As you are aware, St Mary's is aiming to meet government targets to become a 'greener' school.

In order to do so we have started to recycle paper, card, plastic, aluminium cans and tin foil. You can help us by sending in unwanted aluminium cans and foil as we are able to sell this for a small profit to school funds. This money will then be spent on sustainable development resources in school.

Collection points are outside the school office.



## Rag Bag Textile Collection

Some of you may have noticed the large textile collecting box outside the school office.

We have now forged links with a company in Scotland to collect our textiles. So far, with your help we have raised **£107** for school funds.

You can send your unwanted textiles in at any time. This includes unwanted, clean clothing, bed linen, shoes (tied together), blankets, towels, curtains, handbags and belts. Plastic bags are available from the school office should you require one



The Eco-Warriors have planted some courgettes, mixed salad leaves and tomatoes in our raised beds. We have used the water in the water butts to water our plants.

The Eco-Warriors have been working really hard towards earning the Green Flag at our school. We have planted different plants, recycled, tidied up the field and much more.

Next Thursday the green flag assessor is coming to view our school. Wish us the best of luck, we have truly earned it!

Thank you  
The Eco-Warriors



## Did you know...?

By composting grass, fruit and vegetables, and much more, you can cut down on greenhouse gases.

Unless your clothes are really dirty, they can be washed at 30 degrees instead of 40. This could save 40% of your washing machine's energy consumption.