

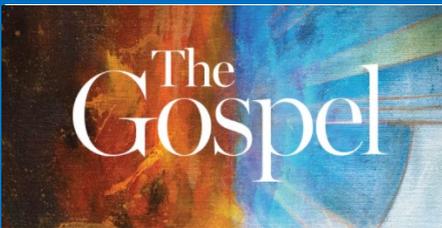


# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning and loving on our journey with Jesus*

## Stewardship, Teamwork, Agape, Respect

Term 2, Week 3 21st November 2021—St Mary's Catholic School Newsletter



### John 18: 33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

*Reflection: In these times of fake news and alternatives facts, it is so refreshing to hear Jesus solemnly proclaim that he was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. The basic truth is that God is love and loves the world he created so much that he sent his own Son to save it. I ask myself how important truth is for me, and to what extent am I committed to find it and live by it. I ask for the grace to seek and listen to his voice.*

St Mary's Catholic Primary school website address is: <https://www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk/>

### Front cover photograph:

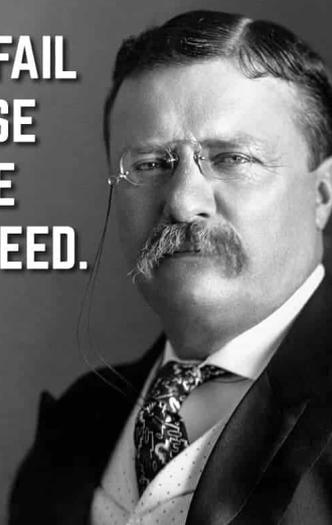
The children on the front cover and below took part in cross country running and planned their run so well that they won. Huge congratulations to all those who took part .



### Quote of the week:

**IT IS HARD TO FAIL  
BUT IT IS WORSE  
NEVER TO HAVE  
TRIED TO SUCCEED.**

- THEODORE ROOSEVELT



### Celebrations Assembly

Congratulations to the following children from for achieving the Star of the week on Friday 19th November 2021:

#### **The children were:**

Infant 1— Lucja Infant 2— Konrad

Infant 3— Zaina LJ1— Lily-Jo

LJ2— Isabella LJ3— Amina

UJ1— Leo UJ2— Margarida

UJ3— Toni Office: Reece

Headteacher— Valentina

**Times table Rock Star:** Stefan

### Diary dates:

25th November—Lower Juniors at church—10.00am

26th November— Mufti day—see FOSM flier.

2nd December— Upper juniors at church—10.00am

Reconciliation Services—TBA

14th December—Junior Advent Carol service at St Josephs Church—1.30pm

16th December—End of term Mass in school

17th December—End of term—Finish 1pm

### COVID message

I have had some parents who are concerned that not all are wearing masks when dropping off and picking up their children. I know that we want to return to normal but unfortunately numbers of COVID positive cases are not yet declining. Please do the following when you drop off and pick up. Enter the school from Brookdean Close and circle round leaving through the Cookham Road exit. We ask you drop and go so as not to cause crowding in the car park.

The local authority recently advised schools to take precautions to keep everyone safe and numbers down. The difficult decisions our senior leadership team have made are to keep our school open and avoid us implementing our outbreak management plan. If COVID positive cases rise in school, this could lead us to close classes, phases or the school which would be terrible for all. We have to report to the local authority our numbers of cases each week. They will advise if we need to implement this action.

As a staff body we are disappointed that we couldn't hold face to face meetings, have our Christmas Fair and now not invite parents into school for the EYFS and Infant Nativity. We are aware that other schools make different decisions based on their individual contexts so please don't compare us to other school decisions as every school is different.

As soon as we can return to normal we certainly will as the earliest convenience and with the safety and well being of all in mind. Thank you for your continued pa-

Scarlett Parsons & Arianna Mastrogiannis - both took part in the Next Generation Dance Competition. Arianna won a gold and silver and Scarlett won a gold!



## Next Generation Dance Competition Scarlett November 2021



Next Generation Dance Competition  
Arianna - November 2021



We are so proud of the extraordinary talents our children have as shown by Arianna and Scarlett

If you have any photos of your children's out of school achievements that you would like to share with us for the Newsletter please send them in with written permission that we can use them for school publicity.

All our children have talents and gifts some are not always recognised. If your children have shown acts of kindness, patience, shown compassion, helped with shopping, tidied their bedrooms, helped family when ill as well as rewards they receive in clubs and tournaments, these are all worth celebrating. Let us know with a picture and caption. I am sure you will know many other ways we can celebrate our children's greatness. Many thanks!!