



# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Learning and loving on our journey with Jesus*

## Stewardship, Teamwork, Agape, Respect

Term 5, Week 1 Friday 29th April—St Mary's Catholic School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have returned to school full of stories about their Easter holidays. They have come back rejuvenated and full of a thirst for learning. If you dropped your child at school on Thursday, you may have been met at the school gate by Fr. Ephraim, priest at St Joseph's Catholic School. He hopes to continue to get to know our families throughout the summer term. We hope that everyone enjoys the bank holiday weekend and to our families who are celebrating Eid al-Fitr 'Eid Mubarak', wishing you and your families a blessed Eid.

### Staffing

We welcome Miss Faulkner, who will be teaching Mr Delaney's class once a week to cover his PPA. When required, Miss Faulkner will also be covering other teachers across the school. Mrs Paschia who is a lunchtime controller, has joined the Infant team as a teaching assistant, alongside Ms Hirt who joined us at the end of last term. We hope that they are all happy in their new roles at St Mary's School.

### SEND communication

If you have any SEND correspondence, please use the email address: [SENCO@stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk](mailto:SENCO@stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk)

### Children's Liturgy at St Joseph's Sunday Mass at 11am.

As you know from our previous appeals, from a team of 40 wonderful helpers in March 2020, sadly many have decided to call it a day and we thank them all for their great gift of supporting the children of St. Joseph's over the years. We still do not have enough leaders to run both Liturgy groups, but are able to **start with one group of the younger children (age approx. 3 - 8) in the Bar Area during 11 a.m. Mass from Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May in St. Joseph's.**

**We are so delighted to welcome you back!**

Please **encourage all friends, families, neighbours to bring their children to Mass on Sunday.** For those of you new to the parish, the children will be given registration cards to fill in on their first visit (we have many of them already!). Father will invite the children to the altar for a blessing after the first hymn and we will all process out to the foyer where registration cards will be collected. Parents or siblings are welcome to stay with their children, and we will celebrate the Liturgy of the day with prayers, songs and fun activities. The children will return to church after the Bidding Prayers.

Any new helpers or suggestions are **very welcome** - our children need you!

Contact Tricia on **01628 627265** or [triciaweeksmail@gmail.com](mailto:triciaweeksmail@gmail.com) for further details.

**Looking forward to seeing you soon!**



## Infants—Year 1 have been exploring being doctors!

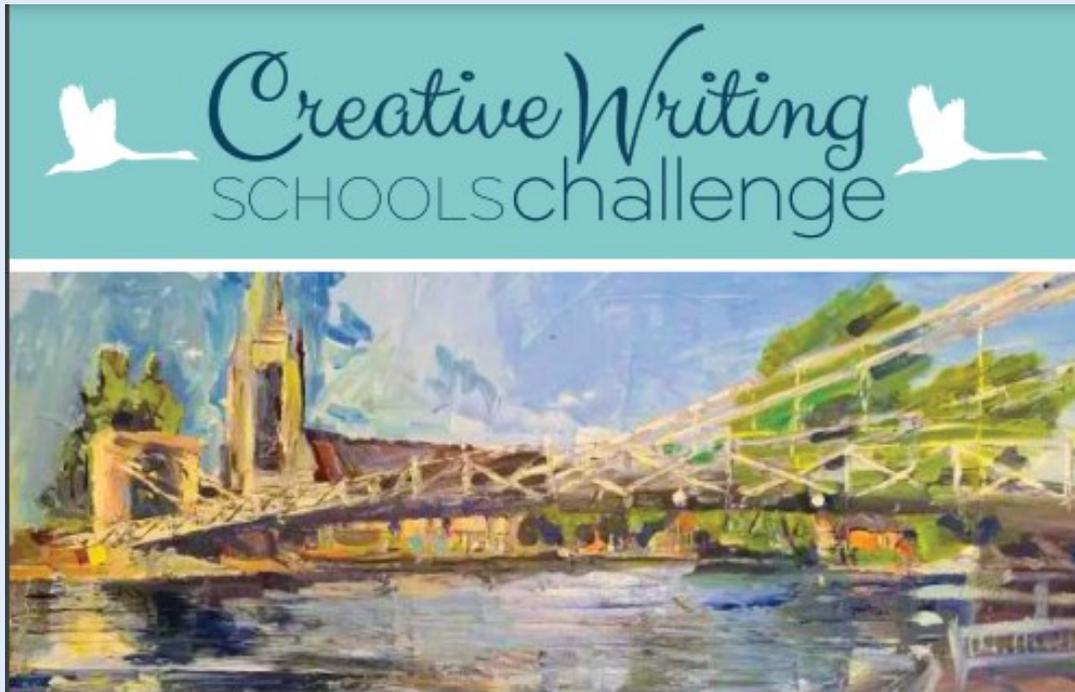


In Year 1 we are being doctors! We listened to our heart beat at rest and after exercise. We noticed the heart rate was faster and louder! One day we might be at the Olympics like Usain Bolt and Wilma Rudolph. We learned about these athletes in English and History! Did you know Bolt is only 3 seconds faster than Wilma was in 1956!

**THANK YOU TO THE FOSM COMMITTEE , ALL PARENT HELPERS AND TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORT THE EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!** It was a lovely afternoon, the weather was kind to us and it was nice to be able to invite our families onto the school site.



Some of you will know the former Headteacher, Mr Jim Campbell, who was also mayor of Marlow and involved in the Marlow Town Regatta & Festival. His daughter has been in contact to invite St Mary's children to take part in a creative writing challenge. I know we have some fantastic, talented young writers in our school and I encourage them to enter this local competition.



## **'What the River means to me'...**

Marlow is overflowing with historic, prize winning Authors, will you be the next?

We are looking for Marlow's next budding young writer, how does the river spark your imagination?

A poem, a verse, a story or a song! To be judged by Marlow's local author & screenwriter - Robert Thorogood, (Death in Paradise, The Marlow Murder Club).

Open to - Age 7 and under, Age 8 to 11, Age 12 to 14 - Local schools & surrounding areas.

The competition will run for 1 month from 03/05 - 27/05. The lucky winner will meet Sir Steve & Lady Redgrave & be presented with a 'one off' painting of the subject of their 'Winning Piece' by our own local Marlow Artist, Richard Grinter - for their school to proudly showcase, alongside the winning masterpiece.

The runners up in positions 2 & 3 will win an exciting photoshoot by the riverside with Robert Thorogood himself, to be published in our local papers and social media channels.

Are there any magical characters lurking amongst the undercurrents of the Thames?

Will you go with the flow upstream to follow in the footsteps of your favourite writer?

Once you've got your entry, email it - or take a photo of it and email to: [schoolswriting@marlowtownregatta.org](mailto:schoolswriting@marlowtownregatta.org)



## Dates for the diary

Saturday 7th May: Holy communion at St Joseph's 12noon.

Week commencing 9th May: Year 6 SATs

Thursday 19th May: May day Liturgy

Week commencing 23rd May: 27th May: Year 6 at PGL

Sunday 29th May: May procession 11am Mass at St Joseph's Church

Wednesday 29th June: Peter and Paul (evening mass to celebrate 150 Years of St Mary's tbc)

Thursday 30th June: Sports Day (reserve date 7th July)

**St Mary's after school club**



**At St Mary's Catholic Pre School  
Monday- Friday school finish - 6pm  
Snack and drink included**

**Please register your interest at  
[preschool@stmaryspreschoolmaidenhead.co.uk](mailto:preschool@stmaryspreschoolmaidenhead.co.uk)  
or call 01628627013**

St Mary's Catholic Pre School is running a new after school club this term. The after school club has availability for children age 4 - 11 years. The club will run Monday to Friday from school pick up to 6pm at a cost of £12.00 per day, this will include a snack or light tea ( such as beans on toast).

The club will be run by our highly qualified and experienced Pre School team. There will be a variety of activities available to children including crafts and games and time in our lovely garden.