



# St Mary's News

*Love learning. Love each other.*

Another busy half term has come to a close at St Mary's. Lots of exciting events have taken place and the children (and staff) are looking forward to a well earned rest!

We have had visits from different groups including representatives from Bury Hate Crime Awareness who spoke to the older children about this issue. The children then created posters to raise awareness of this topic.

Y5 and Y6 had a visit from a team of scientists who provided a workshop on the theme, 'God and the Big Bang.' Through the day we considered how faith and science can be studied together and were able to ask the experts some very interesting and challenging questions about creation, climate change and our existence.



We would like to invite all parents and carers to a workshop where we will be looking at our plans for Diversity Week. This will include a chance to understand more about our Relationship Education curriculum from EYFS to Year 6 and the changes for September 2020. There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to look at the texts we use and for you to ask any questions about this.

**Tuesday 24th March 5.45pm—6.45pm**

Following from our consultation about school uniform suppliers we will be continuing to use School Trends for anyone who wishes to purchase logoed school uniform. We will be informing them of your concerns regarding the ordering and delivery process. This will continue to be a personal choice as to whether you purchase logo uniform.

Finally our new website has been launched. Please do go and have a look:

**[stmarysprestwich.bury.sch.uk](http://stmarysprestwich.bury.sch.uk)**

Content will continue to be added in this transition stage and current schoolswire website will be disbanded in the future.



## Nursery

Mrs Reger, Miss Clyne and Mrs Lowe.

This half term the children have enjoyed learning about construction, travelling and dinosaurs.

We have read 'The Train Ride' and talked about all the things the little girl could see from the window and imagined other things that she might have seen. We have made dinosaur skeletons from pipe cleaners and foam tubes and made fossils from clay. In RE we have shared the stories of Noah's Ark and Daniel in the lions den.



## Reception



Reception class have been inspired this half term by the visits we have had from parents, carers and the larger community of St Mary's. Children have had valuable first experiences, asking questions, handling equipment and learning about the skills needed to be in the Emergency services or working in the community in one of the role of the people that help us. Qualities like trust, honesty, good listening and how to be a good person have been discussed. A huge thank you to everyone that has given their valuable time to our children.

Mrs Rathor and Miss Day

## Year 1

Mrs Whittaker, Mrs Rowland and Miss Kendrick.



Year one have been working really hard with their Maths this half term. They have been learning about how to split numbers into tens and ones. We have been designing a sledge and hat for teddy to test our materials for Science and in DT we designed a lunch box for a pirate. The children have also enjoyed learning about different explorers.

## Year 2

Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Sharples.

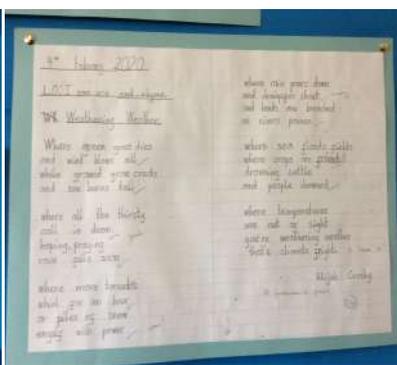
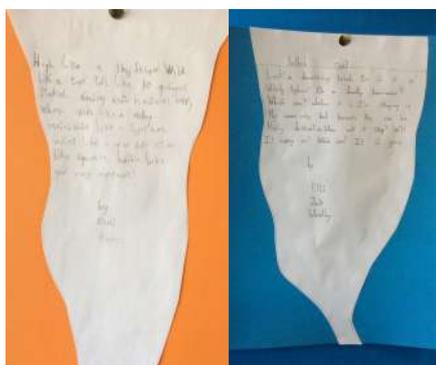
This half term Y2 have really enjoyed learning about China. They have impressed us with the extra home learning many of them have done and their enthusiasm for the subject. We have learnt about the geography of China and also created our own mini terracotta warriors. In English we have enjoyed reading 'The Great Race' and 'The Magic Paintbrush' and the children have produced some excellent writing based on these texts.



## Year 3

Mrs. Casey, Miss Norton and Mrs. Wright

Y3 have enjoyed their 'Extreme Earth' focus this half-term. We have learned a lot about natural disasters in Geography and dance lessons. The children particularly enjoyed creating their tornado art and making a tornado in a bottle recently. We have looked at extreme weather in English lessons and have thought about ways in which we can look after our planet. This knowledge has enabled the children to create some fabulous poetry!



## Year 4

Mrs Hazelwood, Mrs Watson and Mrs Vondrova

This half term, year four have really enjoyed learning all about the Tudors. They have written their own opening chapters of a Tudor novel, based on our English text 'The Hagstone', created a Hans Holbein inspired portrait of themselves in art and discovered the reasons behind the formation of the Church of England (thanks to Henry VIII). The children all performed brilliantly in our class assembly at the start of this month and thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Ordsall Hall, where they stepped back in time and became rich and poor Tudors for the day.



## Year 5

Mr Percival and Mrs. Coxon

Year 5 have made a superb start to learning in Year 5. They have thoroughly enjoyed sharing the Beowulf text as part of Anglo Saxon unit of work and produced some fantastic explanations on how to slay monsters. Look out for it on display soon. Their knowledge and critique of seasonal foods has also been equally impressive. The classroom has never smelled so good! Have a restful and well earned half term. Mr Percival and Mrs Coxon.



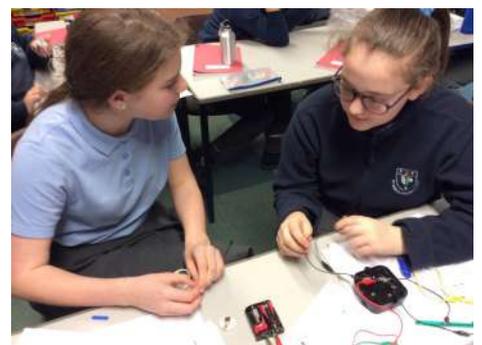
## Year 6

Mrs Cook and Mrs Rowland

Y6 have been working hard this term and have really enjoyed studying Macbeth in English. The class were fabulous at getting to grips with Shakespeare's language and have written some incredible pieces of their own based on the play.

In science they have been learning all about electricity and have created different circuits including series and parallel.

In art they have been studying the British artist David Hockney. They have experimented with colour and colour wheels and have created their own Hockney-inspired landscape painting. This has also linked in with our geography unit on rivers.



## E-safety

Many thanks for all the parents and carers who took the time to complete and return the e-safety questionnaire. Please continue to talk to your children about keeping safe online and ensuring that they know simple rules to follow.



## Collective Worship

We have been looking at the 'I am' statements of Jesus this half term and once again the children have given incredibly thoughtful and insightful answers to the questions we have asked such as. 'Why did Jesus say I am the Light of the World.' We visited church to celebrate Christingle and Candlemas and had a very reflective service which had been prepared by the Ethos Group. Our focus next half term will be thinking about Lent and we will be using materials from the Church of England about our responsibility to our planet.

## Music

Young Voices was our key focus this half term in choir and we had a fabulous evening on Friday 31st January at the Manchester Arena. Once again Tony Hadley was the special guest star (but sadly no selfie for Mrs Beck!). The children sang their hearts out and shared their fabulous dance moves. Next term we will be preparing for a special performance of 'Hansel and Gretel' at the Met Theatre.



## Important dates for your diary

Please note that some of these dates differ those sent out on the Year at a Glance, due to timetable changes.

2020

<b>13 Feb</b>	<b>School Closes at 3.30pm for half term break</b>
13 Feb	EYFS / KS1 Disco – 6 – 7pm (This event is not for Junior pupils. Please assist each other in providing childcare for Junior pupils during this time) KS2 Disco – 7 – 8pm (This event is not for Infant pupils. Please assist each other in providing childcare for infant pupils during this time)
<b>24 Feb</b>	<b>School reopens to pupils</b>
25 Feb	4pm—5-a-side football @ Philips Sports Centre
01 Mar	Yr 2 in church – 10.30am
02 Mar	Yr 4 visit to Bury link school
04 Mar	Consultation Evening—RSE—6pm
05 Mar	World Book Day YR eye tests
09 Mar	British Science Week
09 Mar	Y4 swimming begins
11 Mar	Parents' Evening 3.45 – 6.30pm
12 Mar	Parents' Evening 3.45 – 6.30pm
18 Mar	Yr R Open Afternoon – 2.30pm
20 Mar	World Poetry Day
21 Mar	Cross Country @ Heaton Park
24 Mar	Relationship and Diversity Parent workshop 5.45pm—6.45pm
25 Mar	Yr 3 Open Afternoon – 2.30pm
26 Mar	Yr 5 Class Assembly – 3pm
29 Mar	Yr 6 in church – 10.30am
31 Mar	Yr N Join your child in learning 9.15am or 2.15pm
<b>01 Apr</b>	Easter Service in church – 2pm
<b>03 Apr</b>	<b>School Closes at 2.30pm</b>
<b>20 Apr</b>	<b>School reopens to pupils</b>
23 April	St George's Day—Pupils who are in a uniformed organisation may wear their organisation tops to school (school trousers / skirts and shoes still to be worn)
30 Apr	Yr N Class Assembly – 3pm
<b>03 May</b>	Yr 1 in Church – 10.30am
07 May	VE Tea Party
<b>08 May</b>	<b>School closed – Bank Holiday</b>
11 May	Y6 SATs week
20 May	Yr R September 2020 – New Parents meeting – 6pm
21 May	Yr 4 Open afternoon – 2.30pm
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<b>22 May</b>	Sports Day – EYFS & KS1—am                      KS2 – pm <b>School Closes at 3.30pm for half term break</b>

**Our Eucharist service is held every Thursday in school at 9.10am.**

**You are welcome to join us in worship.**