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## The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

14th June 2024

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another super week in school. In readiness for our transition day next month, here are the new class arrangements for September so you can start to talk about new classes with your children ahead of September and start preparing them for this change.



FS1 - Mrs Grand and Miss Waggott

FS2 - Miss Hancock and Mrs Aspin and Mr Michael Dempsey

Year 1 - Miss Emes and Mrs Caroline Maxwell-Arthur

Year 2 - Miss Wilcock and Mrs Waller

Year 3 - Mrs Grant and (Mrs Wright - shared between Y3 and 4)

Year 4 - Miss Holmes and (Mrs Wright - as above)

Year 5 - Mrs Mellow and (Mrs Greig - shared between 5 and 6)

Year 6 - Mrs Binney and (Mrs Greig - as above)

Miss Monaghan - SEND/phonics Teaching Assistant and Mrs Tweedle supports school in a learning mentor role.

Have a great weekend, Mrs Burgess x

## Some dates for your diary!



17th - 28th June  
Wheel and Walk Challenge

18th June - Year 1-  
Yorkshire Natural History Museum

21st June - Class Photos

25th June - FS1 and FS2 -  
Trip to Cannon Hall Farm

26th June - Year 5  
Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

27th June - Transition Day

28th June - Sports Day

2nd July - Year 2 - Fab Finish

3rd July - Year 1 - Fab Finish

8-10th July - SEND Reviews

16th July - 2pm - Year 6 Performance

17th July - 9.30am - Year 6 Performance

22nd July - 9.15am - Y6 Leavers' Church Service

23rd July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly



# Fun & learning you can count on.

Nursery

Nursery children have been working really hard this week on their re-telling of stories and they have been doing some incredible counting of safari animals.



## St Mary's 10-day Challenge

From **17th to 28th June** we'd like every child at St Mary's to choose to walk, wheel or cycle to school in the Mayor's 'Walk and Wheel Challenge'.

The **Walk and Wheel Challenge** is part of Mayor Oliver Coppard's Year of Active Travel – his mission to get people moving more and moving differently for a healthier, happier, safer and greener South Yorkshire.



### THE MAYOR'S WALK & WHEEL CHALLENGE

17 - 28 June 2024

As part of the Mayor's Year of Active Travel, we are hosting a 10-day school challenge to encourage Active Travel, supporting our mission to transform South Yorkshire into a cleaner, greener, healthier community.





Year 6

# St Mary's Eco-Group wins £100 for our school

In the Autumn term, the eco-group took part in a competition run by the Terracycle charity, who asked participants of the programme to share their recycling stories. We have been selected amongst the winning entries and have won £100 for school! The money will go towards a compost bin for the school garden.

Since we started the programme, we have recycled over 55kg of bread-bags, which is the equivalent of over 10,000 plastic bags! **Every kilo of waste sent earns £1 for school.**



Please continue to bring in bread-bags and writing instruments.

We can also recycle non-disposable plastic bottles and Tupperware boxes.

## Three little thoughts...

Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you



Take time to notice things that you find beautiful



Get outside and find the joy in being active



# Music Lab

EXPERIMENTS

Year 2



In Year 2, we have had a lovely time this week experimenting with **beat** and **pulse** using Chrome Music Lab.

We thoroughly enjoyed this and even made our own digital music!

Fancy some musical fun at home? Chrome Music Lab is free to use. Why not take a look for yourselves and create your own little musical experiments.

Visit <https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com>

**CLICK HERE**

## Hoodwinked

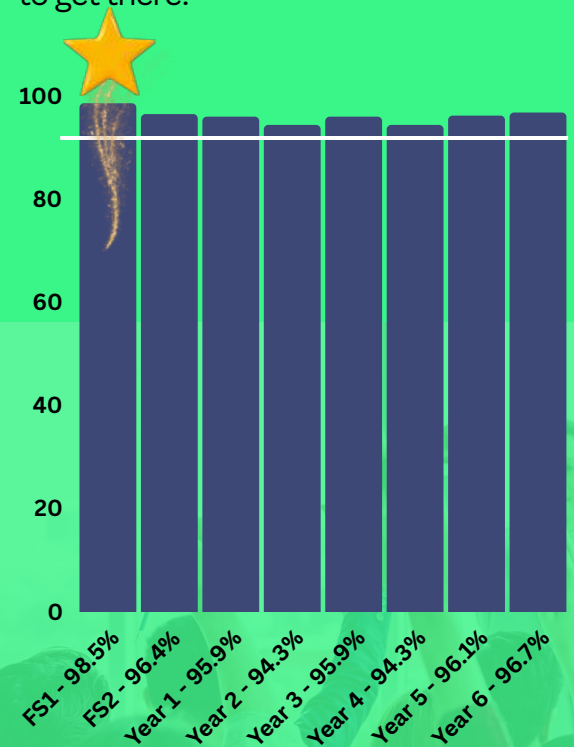
Don't forget, our Year 6 performance is on 16th July at 2pm or 17th July at 9.30am



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Our whole school attendance for this week is 95.1% which is above the national picture of 93.3%. However, our aim is to 'RISE' above this target and get our children attending school as much as possible to access even more great learning opportunities. Our own DSAT target is 96%. We are so close, let's aim to get there!



Well done FS1. At 98.5% you are leading the school for attendance. But looking at the data, all our classes are ahead of the national average!

Any classes achieving 96% or above attendance get an extra 10 minutes play. So that's great news for FS1, FS2 and Year 5.

# They like to move it, move it!

This week, Y1 thoroughly enjoyed their gymnastics lesson with the coach.

They practised moving in different ways, balancing and creating a sequence.



Year 1

# Spellings in the Sand!

FS2



Children in FS2 worked hard on their spellings in the sand!

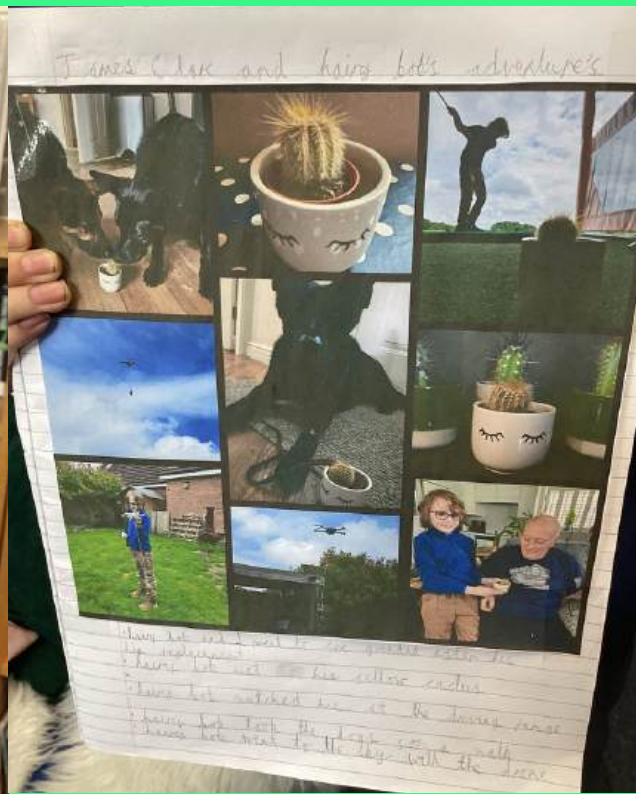
*Well done!*  
FS2!



PIC COLLAGE

# Hairy Bob takes flight!

Year 5



Every weekend, a Y5 child takes home Hairy Bob, our friendly class cactus.

Last weekend was a HUGE weekend for Bob as he conquered his fear of heights by flying on a drone!

Big shout out to James for hosting Bob this weekend and helping him to overcome his fear.

## Thoughts for the weekend

“Whatever you do, do it with all your heart”

Colossians 3:23

Just because you can't always see it, it doesn't mean something isn't happening

Two submarines racing



Nursery

# Baskets, balancing and fruit tasting



Here are some pictures showing what nursery have been up this week. We have been reading the story 'Handa's Surprise' so we have been tasting different fruits, trying to balance a basket on our heads like Handa carried and making our own baskets!



MULTIPLICATION TABLE CHECK...

# We smashed it!

Year 4



This week, children in Y4 took the statutory Multiplication Table Check in school.

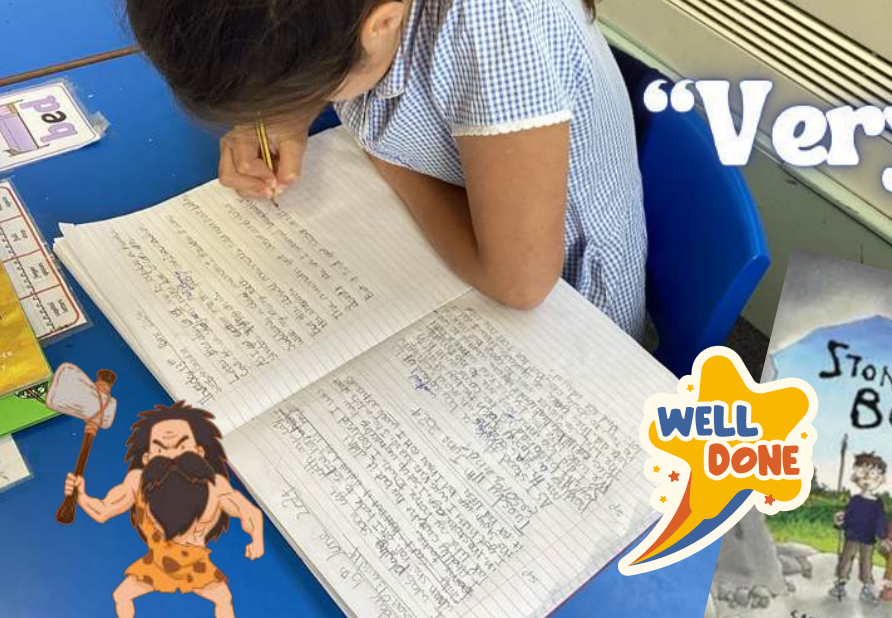
They all tried really hard and did fantastically well answering times table questions.

The children kept their cool and smashed it!

We are so proud of them!

# "Very impressed"

Year 3



WELL DONE



Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
Session 13 and 14  
After we had enter the cave Dobe took me to a cave nearby his camp. Dobe held my hand and we walked inside together. I noticed something at first it made a knocking noise and then it made a whistling sound. Would I get it? Not by noticed.  
Suddenly it charged at us and it looked out to be a big, hairy, bison. I screamed RUN! at Dobe. We ran desperately.

GREAT JOB

Year 3 have been working really hard this week! They have been writing a historical narrative, based on the 'The Stone Age Boy' story.

I have been very impressed by their fantastic vocabulary choices and beautiful handwriting.

# Helping others...

Year 6



Y6 have been having fun working with other classes this week: they have worked in Y5 supporting with arithmetic; they have worked with Y5 completing investigations and developing their mathematical thinking; and have been having a fantastic time reading with children in our Reception class every day.

