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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

5th July 2024

**“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”**

Ezra 10:4



Dear Parents and Carers,

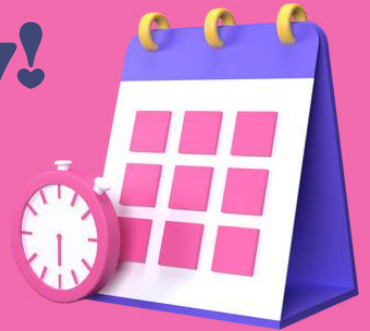
This week we had transition day and the teachers were really impressed with their new classes. All of the children were amazing!

Madame Roux and Mrs Tweddle are organising a pre loved uniform event (see details on last page). Please donate/buy some uniform on the 16th. All proceeds will go towards our collection for a new screen in the hall.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Burgess x

**Some dates  
for your  
diary!**



8-10th July - **SEND Reviews**

9th July - **Scooter Skills - Year 2**

16th July - **2pm - Year 6 Performance**

16th July - **Pre-Loved Uniform Sale**

17th July - **9.30am - Year 6 Performance**

19th July - **Flamborough trip for Y2**

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

23rd July - **Y6 Leavers' Assembly**

# Ripe for the picking!

Eco-club picked the redcurrants from the Foundation garden this afternoon.

We'll be having redcurrant jelly next Wednesday.

Eco Club



## Special Visitors

On Wednesday, we were joined by two special visitors: Gareth Wroe came in to talk to the children and talk all about who helps us, how Jesus helped others in the Bible and what that means for us today; and we had the Musical Director from Sheffield Cathedral who came to listen to our amazing singing.

Whole School



# The fantastic Mrs Fox is leaving us!

Here are just a few of  
her special memories.



As some of you know already, at the end of this term, the lovely Mrs. Janet Fox, leaves us to start her retirement. Mrs. Fox has worked at St. Mary's for an amazing 41 years. She has summed up her very special memories for us:

I started working at St. Mary's in 1982 as a temporary lunch time supervisor. I ended up in the role for 37 years! I have enjoyed it so much - knowing that many of the children I took care of - I am now looking after their own children.

I am often stopped in the street and asked, " Miss, do you remember me you were my dinner lady?"

My own three children came to this school and all did well and went on to win trophies for their effort. I went on to do cleaning for a while before I was asked to be the deputy coordinator of the after-school club in 2005 which we, as a team, built it up to become better and better. The icing on the cake was when we achieved 'Outstanding' in 2017 by Ofsted. We were the first After-school club in Sheffield to be awarded this.

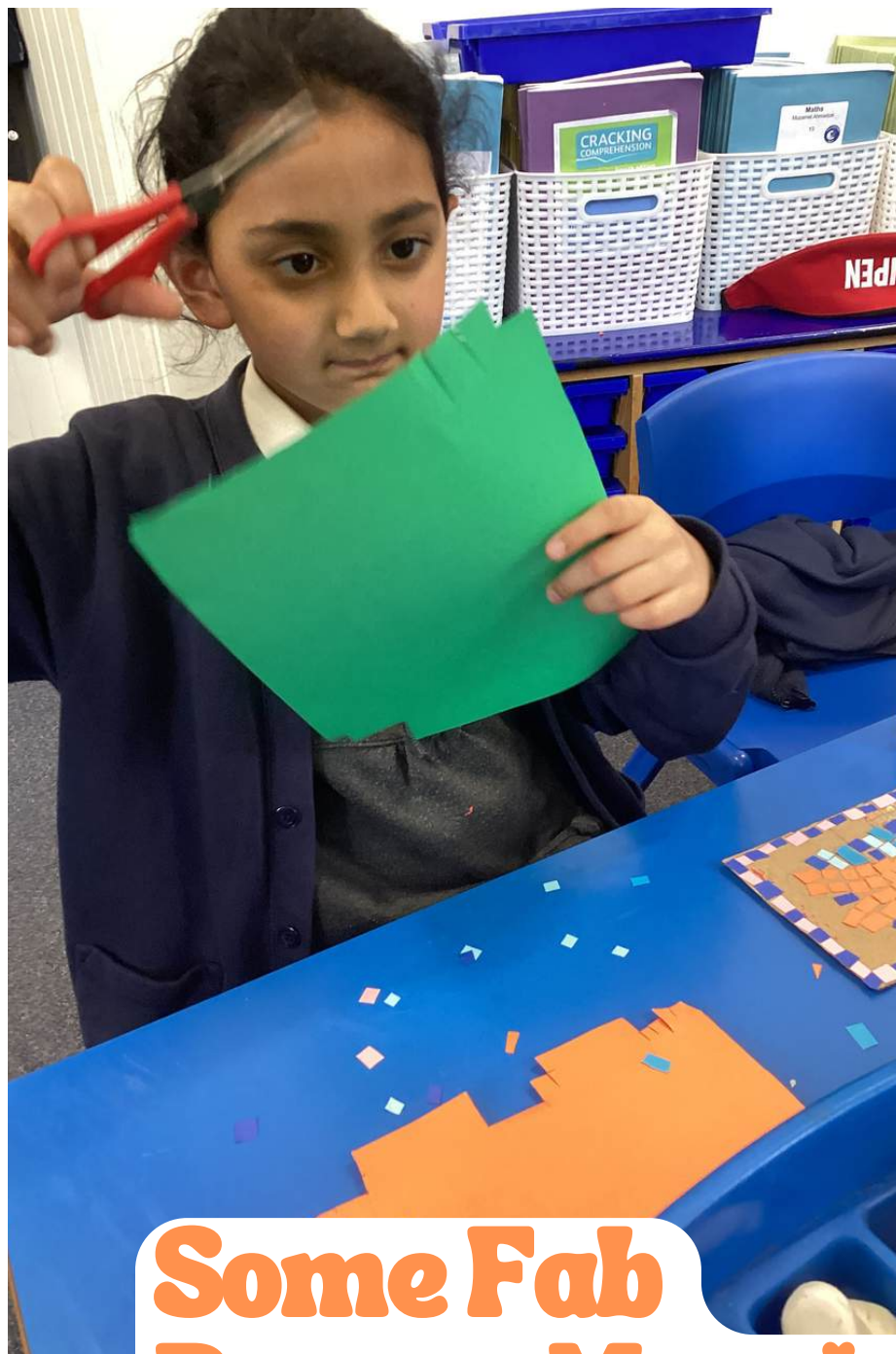
I have been at St. Mary's for so long I have been built good relationships with both children and parents and it feels like my school family.

As the saying goes 'Asta La Vista' I'll be back... Mrs. Janet Fox

I'm sure you will join me in a big thank you for everything Mrs. Fox has done for us here at St. Mary's over the many, many years and we genuinely hope she finds time to visit us and keep in touch.

From September, Mr. Webb and Mrs. Tweddle will help in Breakfast and After-school club along with the fantastic staff already in there... Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Jacobs and Miss Fox who know the ropes already, thanks to Mrs. Fox. They will continue providing a fabulous service for your children.





# Some Fab Roman Mosaics

**For their Fab Finish, Year 3 created some amazing Roman mosaics.**

They produced very creative and intricate designs and demonstrated great resilience throughout.

They were very proud of their final pieces!

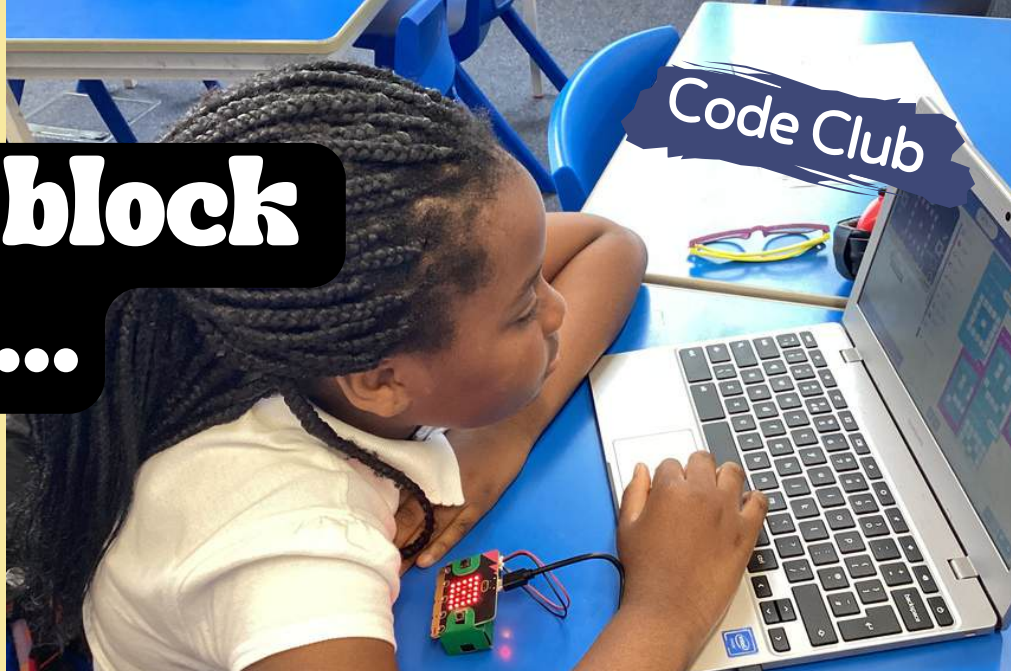


# Building block by block...

At Code Club this week, young coders were using BBC micro:bits to create interactive badges. Using block coding to write JavaScript.

They tested their creations before downloading the software onto individual microchip computers.

Happy or sad, the badges worked a treat!



Year 5

# A mammoth art creation

Y1 enjoyed their fab finish. They used the skills they had been learning in art to create a collage of a mammoth.





Nursery

# Finding their rhythm

Nursery have been practising their drumming skills and making music with different instruments this week.

Well Done Nursery!



## Three little thoughts...

Get outside and move to help clear your head



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today



Eat healthy food that nourishes you today



Year 3

# A Fab Fishy Finisher

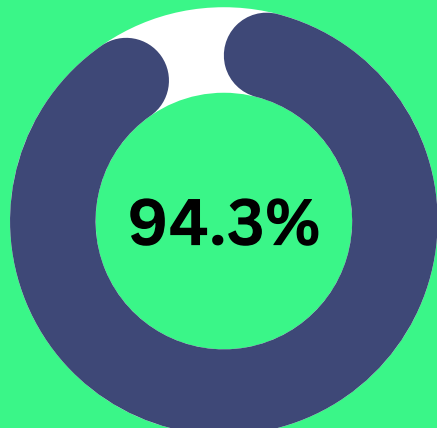
Y2 thoroughly enjoyed their Fab Finisher this week.

They designed Aboriginal art patterns onto their sculptures of fish. This was to link the artwork surrounding heritage and culture of the 'Big Fish' in Ireland, to the meaning of Aboriginal art.

Thank you to everyone who came!

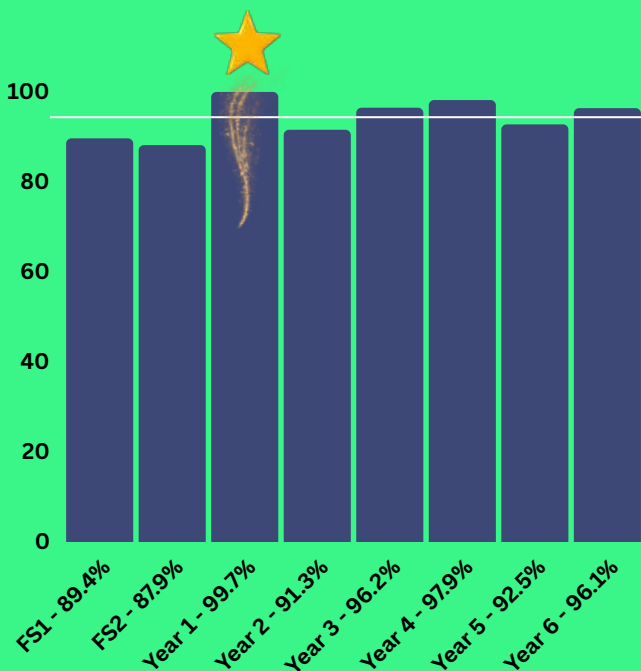


## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Our whole school attendance for this week is 94.35% which has massively improved from last weeks 90.5%. **Thank you!**

Our target is still 96% and, this week, 4 classes were 96% and above - they all win an extra play time - well-done . Well done to: Y1, Y3, Y4 & Y6



### WELL DONE YEAR 1

At an amazing 99.7% you are leading the school for attendance. If any class achieves 100%, there will be a special prize for everyone in that class!



### PLEASE DON'T BE LATE

Please make sure your child gets here on time so they don't miss valuable learning time.

# Reception Jumping Gymnastics



Reception learnt all about different types of jumps in PE this week.

# Power, control and technique

Year 6



This week, Y6 have been learning how to develop their power, control and technique when throwing for distance.



# PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE



Madame Roux will be holding a second-hand uniform sale on Tuesday 16th July after-school. Parents/carers can donate any old school uniform by Friday 12th July. We've got plenty of clothes for younger children but not so much for upper KS2.

P.E. kit reminder: Black shorts/bottoms and white T-shirt. Sensible trainers or black pumps and a navy/black tracksuit bottoms/top. P.E. Bags can be bought in school.

Please remember, as you buy any new uniform for September, our uniform policy is: white shirt and black tie, black/grey trousers or shorts, black or grey skirt/dress, blue gingham dress, v neck sweatshirt with school logo, cardigan with school logo, blazer with school logo (optional) or jackets with the school logo are also available to purchase, plus sensible black shoes.

More links can be found about the uniform, and where to buy, from our website.



## WE'VE 'SCOOTED' INTO THE TOP TEN!

Well done to Madame Roux and the active travel scheme...

We're in the top 10 Sheffield schools for active travel (72% of active journeys), which is a great achievement! We'll get some photos of Y2 scooter skills on Tuesday. Always remember you can get in some good exercise as you scoot your way to school.



## JUST A REMINDER LIBRARY BOOKS



Just a reminder: **please return all library books by Friday 12th July.** Children can put any books in the returns box if it's not their library day.