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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

11th October 2024

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,



Another busy week at school, thank you to anyone who has shopped at Asda and selected St Mary's, this will make a difference.

It's been a busy week for PE-orienteering for KS2 at Ruskin Park and basketball at Forge Valley... I'm sure more news about these events will follow next week.

A big welcome, in school, to Mr Oxley who is teaching Year 2 and is off to a great start.

Mrs Burgess x

Dates for your diary



Thursday 17th October - History Dress up day

Monday 21st October - School Photo Day

Tuesday 22nd October - Parent Evening
3.30 - 5.00 p.m.

Wednesday 23rd October - Parent evening
3.30 - 6.00 p.m.

INSET DAYS - school closed: Friday October 25th
and Monday November 4th

Saturday 14th December -
Christmas celebration at St.Mary's Church -
details to follow

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Reception and Year 1



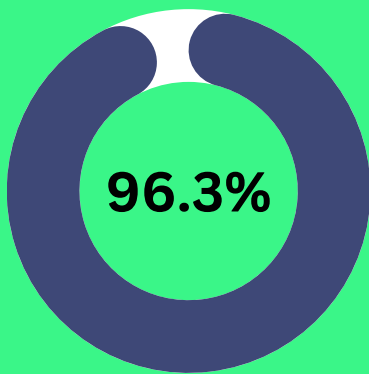
Healthy Teeth

This week, Reception and Nursery enjoyed their visit from the local dental nurse.

They learnt all about the importance of brushing our teeth, healthy and unhealthy foods and visiting the dentist.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

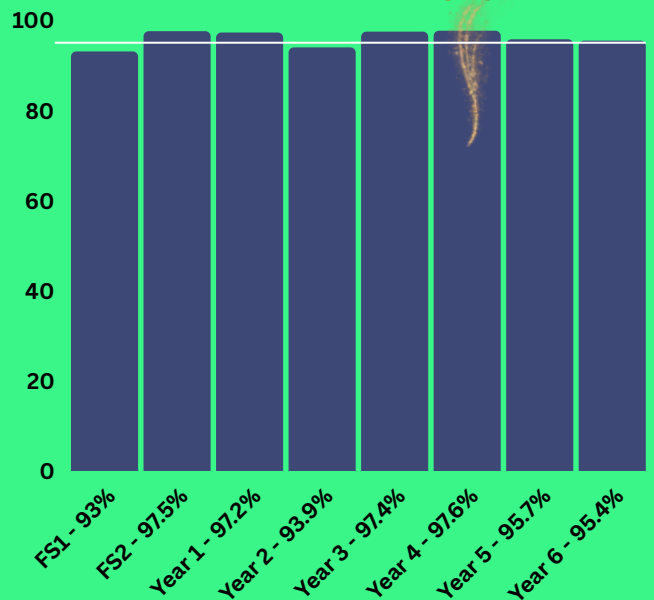


Our whole school reporting attendance for the week (2nd - 9th Oct) is 96.3%.

All classes with 96% and above get an extra 10 minute break.

Year 4 are our class winners with an amazing 97.6%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra 10 minute attendance treat... **WOW! WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE YEAR 4



WORTH A LOOK?

Noodle Ballet classes in Walkley

Our classes are fun,
informal and friendly



Mondays at St Mary's Church - S6 3RX

Ballet tots - walking to age 3 - 9.30-10am

Ballet - age 3-4 - 3.45-4.30pm

Ballet - age 5-7 - 4.30-5.15pm

Ballet - age 8+ - 5.15-6pm



No exams
No uniform
No stress



Visit our website to book your free taster session -
<https://www.noodleperformancearts.com/class-htimetable/>

WE HAVE BEEN PRACTISING!

This week nursery have been practising their fine motor skills and counting to five



Nursery



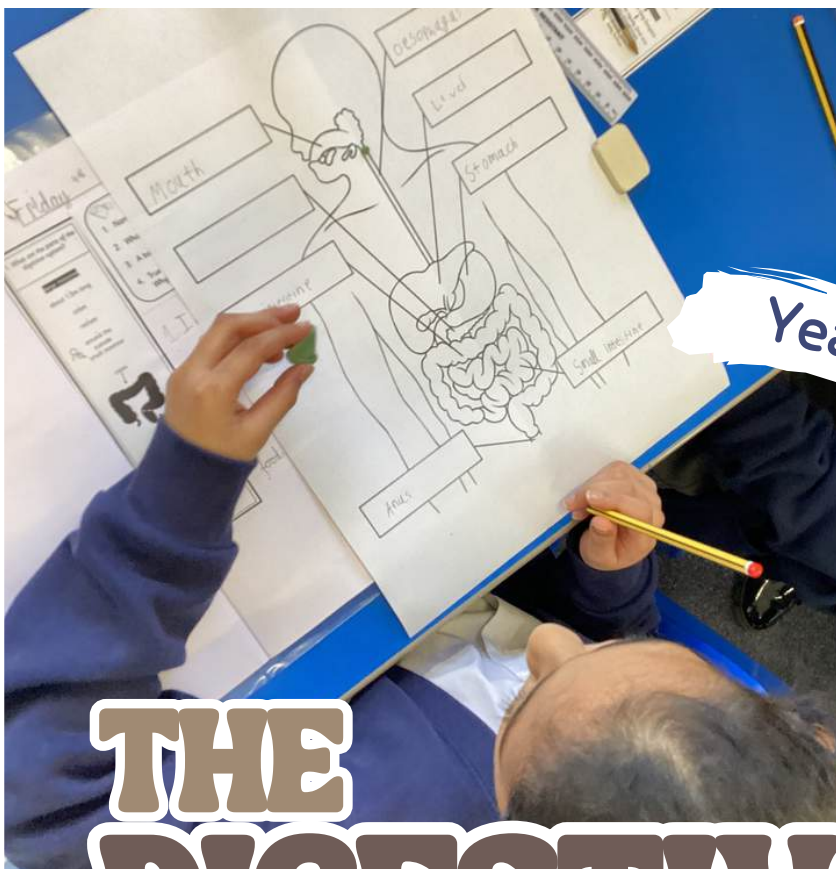
CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION

As part of our RE all about creation, we looked at stewardship and how people are looking after the world. We discussed whose job it was to look after the world and what would happen if people stopped caring for God's creation.

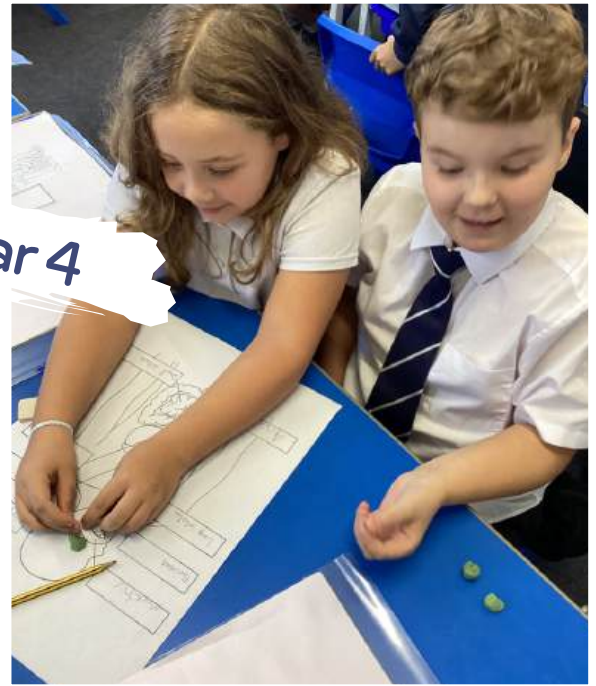
How could we not then look into The Green Church Awards and the winners of the different categories? Each group concentrated on a different winner to see what they are implementing to care for our world.

We also had members of our own eco-club (also Green Church Award winners) tell us about what we are doing in school to be good stewards of creation.





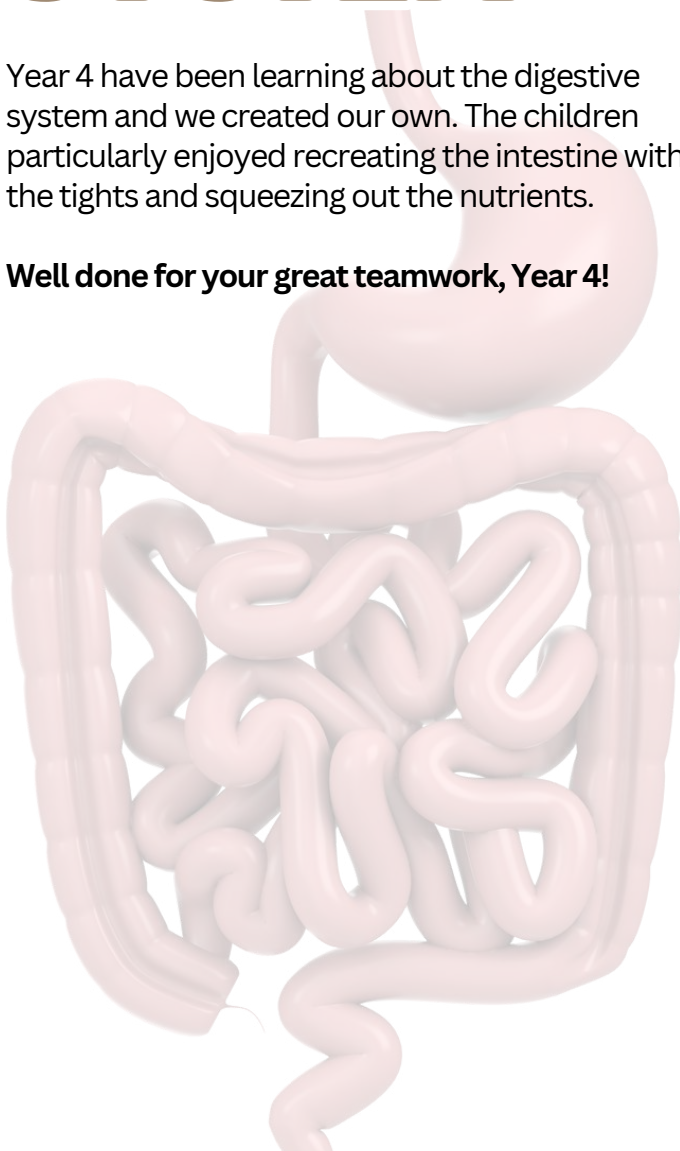
Year 4



THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEM

Year 4 have been learning about the digestive system and we created our own. The children particularly enjoyed recreating the intestine with the tights and squeezing out the nutrients.

Well done for your great teamwork, Year 4!



THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM

In Y2'S RE lesson's we have been learning about The Five Pillars of Islam.

This week we have focused on the last pillar of Hajj. Hajj means a special pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

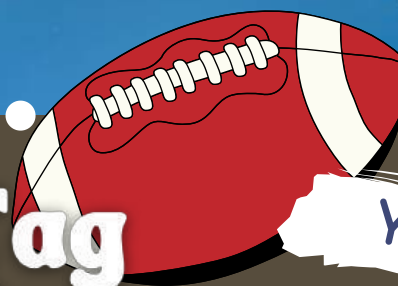
Our children are so proud of their work as they have been working especially hard on their handwriting.

Well done Y2!



Year 2

Year 5's Last Tag Rugby session!



Year 5

This week, we had our last session of tag rugby. Y5 have absolutely loved learning how to play this half-term and they were able to apply so many skills in their matches this lesson. **Great work, Y5**

SHARING SOME LOVELY COMMENTS

In a recent survey, we asked staff how they felt about working here at St. Mary's. Here are just a few of their lovely comments about all of our amazing families...

“

The inclusive and family feel of the whole school community including the parents and families.

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Great, supportive colleagues. I love the community we serve, the families are fabulous

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Lovely parents and carers...

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Rocks ROCK!

Last week, Y3 were testing rocks to find out if they were limestone or contained chalk.

They did this by adding vinegar to a rock selection and observed if there were any reactions.

It was a very smelly activity, but we did have some results!

Year 6



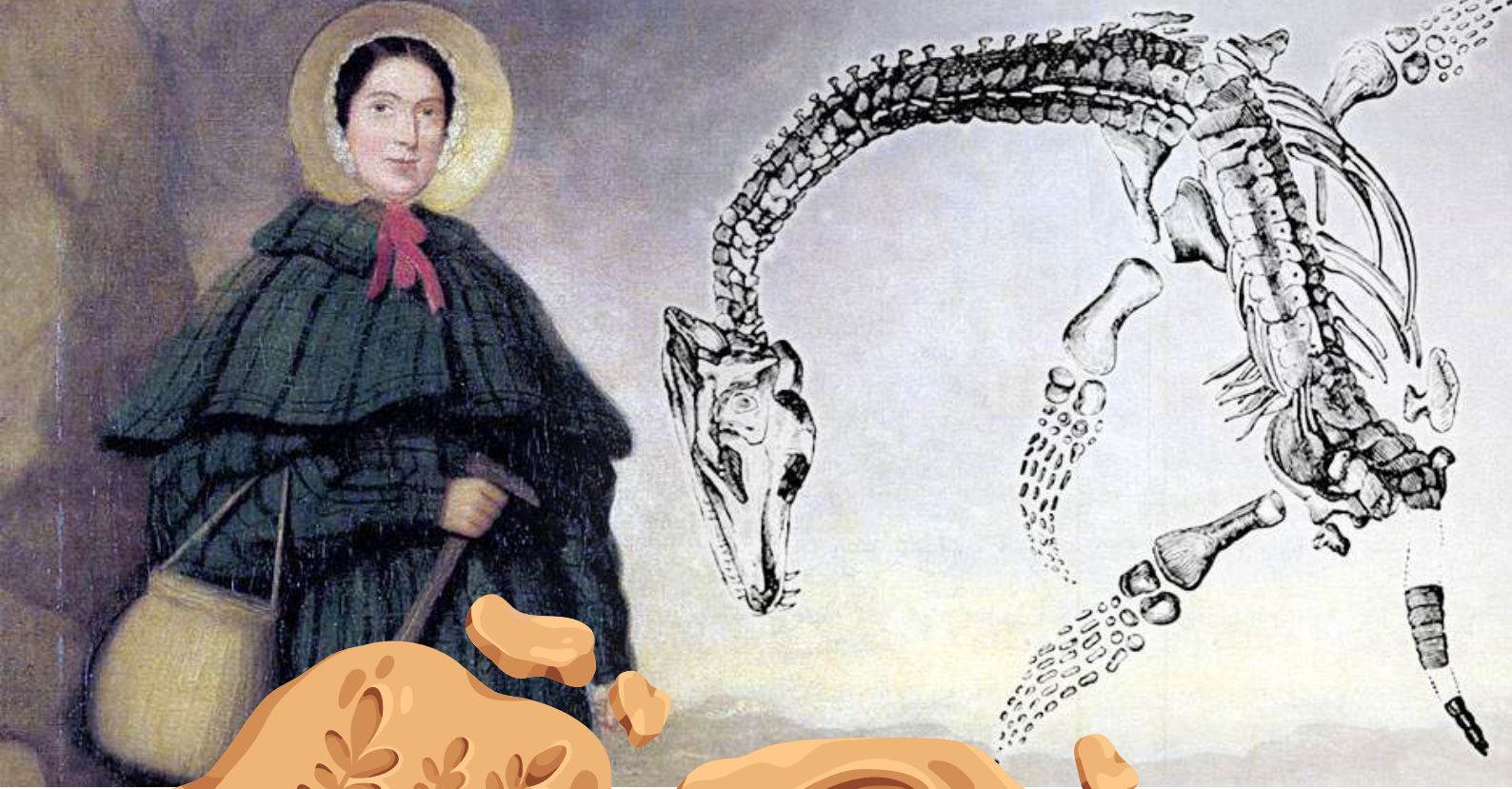
ASDA

Asda will donate £££'s to school

Asda's new Cashpot for Schools sees Asda donate 0.5% of the value of its customers shopping to a primary school of their choice – every time they shop using Asda Rewards This is only open until 30th November 2024 so please remember to choose St. Mary's.

INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS!





LEARNING ABOUT

Mary Anning and Fossils

Year 1

Y1 have had a wonderful time discussing Mary Anning.

We have been observing fossils and discussed how they were made.

We then made our own!



DON'T FORGET!

H*i*STORY

**Experience Day
is on Thursday 17th October**

**Our History Experience Day is nearly here,
so get your costumes ready!... Thursday 17th October!**

**DON'T
FORGET**

Each class will have a history focus and we would love your children to dress up as someone from this time period. This will make it more memorable and enjoyable for us all. **Staff will all be dressing up too!**

This is what you are learning about on your 'History Day':



Y1 - Fossils and a lady called, Mary Anning



Y3 - The Stone Age



Y5 - The Egyptians



Y2 - Castles



Y4 - The Vikings



Y6 - The Victorians