

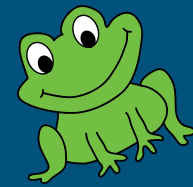


Friday Bulletin

Friday 1st March 2024

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Message from Mr Dachtler

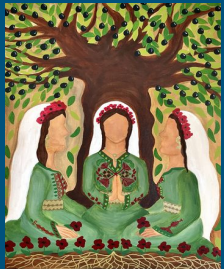


Dear Parents,

I'm sure that there were some sore legs last evening as children leapt for leap year yesterday. Our huge thanks to the FOST team and Miss Malone who set up the event, the funds for which we look forward to pouring back into whole schools projects like the playground development.

Today is World Day of Prayer and it was great to have Canon Michael with us on Wednesday, leading prayerful adoration with individual year groups across the school. Please see full details of our programme for Lent further down this week's bulletin. I'm sure you will join me in wishing our dear Canon Michael a very happy 75th birthday today!

A very happy St David's day to anyone from Wales! St David's miracle and Mark's Gospel from the corrupt goings on in the Temple have much in common. St David literally raised the ground to ensure he was heard whilst preaching, whilst Jesus raised the roof in the temple, ensuring he was heard loudly and clearly by those who had moved away from the law.



As we move (hopefully) into more Spring like weather may we too ensure that our faith and how we live it is loud and clear to all those around us.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Family Coffee Morning

Last week's family coffee morning focussed on attendance, establishing good routines and 'Emotionally Based School Avoidance'.

It really is wonderful to come together to speak about different family experiences and to learn some tips along the way.

[Click here](#) for last week's slides and signposting to further support.

Our next family coffee morning will be on Friday 22nd March with the theme being 'Understanding Autism'.

Everyone is welcome!

Family Coffee Morning



The sessions will have a short presentation which will include different strategies, support and information on how to support your children. The sessions will be fun and informal. There will be lots of time to ask questions and share experiences.

Friday 22nd March 2024

'Understanding Autism'

- What is Autistic Spectrum Disorder/Condition?
- How are pupils with ASD supported?
- Possible Signs and Symptoms
- What to do if I think my child is Autistic?

Time: 8.45am-9.30am

Location: The School Library

Miss Gregory (SENCo) and
Mrs Cain (Jigsaw4u) will be at
the session.

No need to book, just turn up!



World Day of Prayer 1st March 2024

Today is World Day of prayer and to celebrate as a school we are launching our class prayer books. This is an opportunity for children to participate in spontaneous prayer and to write their own prayers in their class prayer books. These books are kept in classrooms on the RE focal area so that children can write and share special intentions with their class. We welcome and encourage children to express worship in whatever form they wish, it may be in writing, drawing and /or photographs and maybe even in a language that is spoken at home. Please feel free to bring in any family prayer or intentions to be put in the class book. Praying with children is a privilege and joy. As parents, you have a very special role to play in developing the prayer life of your child. We hope that we can support you and your child grow together in faith.





Stay and pray.

Monday at 9am in
the School Library.



Come to pray,
Come to learn,
Come to sit quietly and think,
Come to worship,
Come to light a candle for yourself
Or someone you care about,
Simply come...

Lent at St Teresa's 2024

- In school **Sacrament of Reconciliation** opportunity (Yr 4 - 6): **Tuesday 5th March 12:15pm - 1:15pm**
- **Y5 Easter Liturgy** for parents - **Tuesday 26th March** - time TBC
- In school, during lunchtimes, our **Faith Formation Team** will be leading children in some **quiet reflection** as we think about the time Jesus spent in the Garden of Gethsemane and to give children their own chance to “watch and pray.”
- **During Holy week**, the Faith in Action Team want us to all join in ‘*The Big Lent Walk*’ to raise money for Cafod.
- Here is a link to a short video on Lent - [Lent in 3 Minutes](#)

The Playground project



We are committed to making St. Teresa's a school where everyone thrives and that includes having a playground that is safe, sustainable, exciting, and that supports their physical and mental health.

Thanks to your feedback in last year's parent survey, you asked us to focus on improving the school facilities which is why we're making our playground a top priority. You've also helped raise a significant amount of money for the playground over the years which has put us in a really good position to get started.

To help lead on the design and development of the playground, we have now formed a dedicated working group with the following members: our Headteacher, Business Manager, two Governors, the Chair of FOST, and two additional parents with construction and finance expertise.

The group will be responsible for delivering a well thought plan that will include the views from the entire school community – children, parents, and staff, and to ensure that all the funds we've raised over the years are used well.

The group are currently having conversations with staff and pupils to find out what they would like the playground to have and the outcomes of these conversations will be shared with you over the coming weeks.



BOOK TALK

There are times when we all need to look to inspirational people who can guide us. They might remind us to hold strong to our values or make us think about how we can best use our talents. This week's books also remind us that picture books are for everyone.

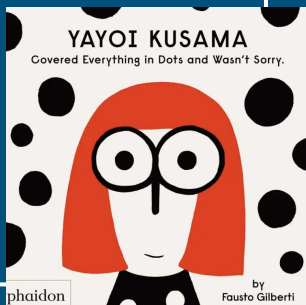


EYFS

Yayoi Kusama Covered Everything in Dots and Wasn't Sorry

A clever, quirky book about one of the world's most beloved contemporary artists – aimed at young readers and written from Kusama's point of view!

Yayoi Kusama covers her paintings in hundreds and hundreds of dots. Her dots come off her canvases to cover dresses, tables, walls, and more!



Key Stage 1

Mary Anning - Little People Big Dreams

Meet Mary Anning, the first paleontologist, and daring fossil hunter. When Mary was little, her family was very poor. She used to help her dad to comb for shells and bones up high on dangerous cliffs. She made the startling discovery of a complete skeleton of an ichthyosaur. Sadly, she wasn't allowed to study along with the men, but she carried on making Her own discoveries. It took a lifetime to receive recognition but we all remember her now as the mother of paleontology.

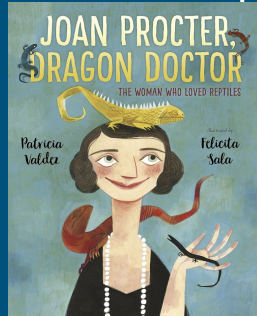


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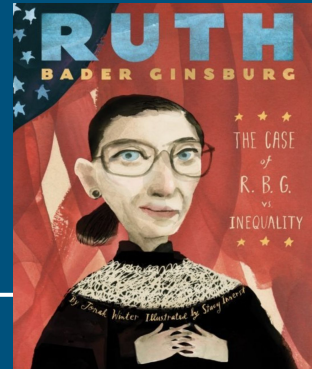
LKS2 - Joan Procter Dragon Doctor

Back in the days of long skirts and afternoon teas, young Joan Procter entertained the most unusual party guests: slithery and scaly ones, who turned over teacups and crawled past the crumpets... While other girls played with dolls, Joan preferred the company of reptiles. She carried her favorite lizard with her everywhere – she even brought a crocodile to school! When Joan grew older, she became the Curator of Reptiles at the Natural History Museum. She went on to design the Reptile House at the London Zoo.



UKS2 Ruth Bader Ginsburg : The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality

To become the first female Jewish Supreme Court Justice, the unsinkable Ruth Bader Ginsburg had to overcome countless injustices. Growing up in Brooklyn in the 1930s and '40s, Ginsburg was discouraged from working by her father, who thought a woman's place was in the home. Structured as a court case in which the reader is presented with evidence of the injustice that Ginsburg faced, Ruth Bader Ginsburg is the true story of how one woman bravely persevered to become the remarkable symbol of justice she is today.



Headlines of the week



Nursery



Zara was the Nursery champion in Leap for Leap day too! well done :)



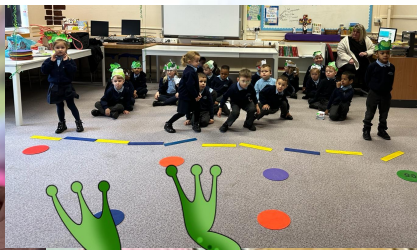
The children have had great fun in our outdoor area, playing in the mud kitchen, building castles in the sand pit, reading in the house and being creative with playdough.



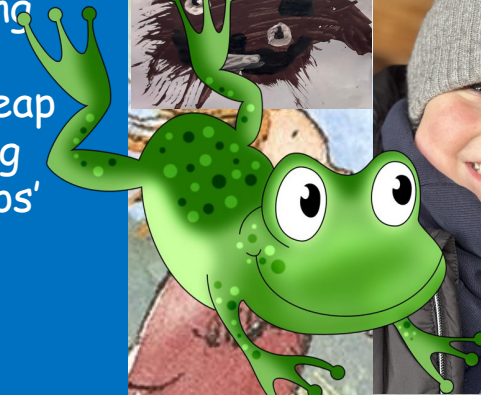
A fantastic week in Mini and Tiny T's. The children have become rhyming experts and developed their skills. Not forgetting their excellent knowledge of 2D shapes, square, circle, rectangle and triangle.



Reception



Another busy week in Reception!
We continue to hunt for the bear! This week exploring time conjunctions in literacy. In maths we have been finding out how long and short items are. We ended the week with our leap for leap day! The children made their own frog headbands and embarked on their 'leaps' to help raise money for our school. In RE we looked at how Mass is celebrated in church.



Year 1



This week we have had so much fun in Year 1! On Monday we went on an 'Under the Sea' adventure where we got to experience diving into the water, hunting for different shells, role playing as sea animals and creating our own sea creatures.

On Thursday we were 'hopping mad!' when we took part in the Leap for Leap Day challenge, we loved cheering on all our friends.

In our Science lessons, we learnt about the body parts on a variety of different animals. We then had the chance to create our own 'super creature' that could only have animals' body parts.

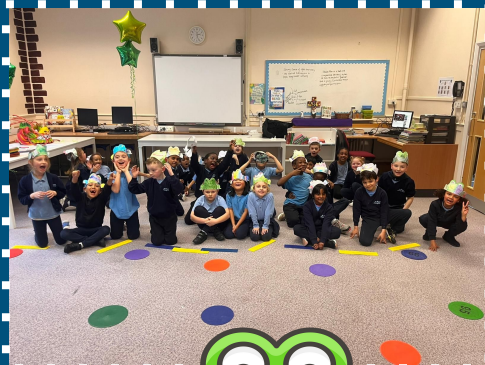


Our NED champions this week:

1KH: Sean is our NED champion this week because he has made fantastic progress in his writing! He has written some amazing sentences about starfish and seahorses that were filled with fantastic vocabulary! You are a superstar Sean!

1LH: Jeftin has had an **AMAZING** week! His positivity shines through in all areas of his learning and he has been working extremely hard particularly in his morning writing where he has been writing some super star sentences! Well done Jeftin :)

Year 2



As part of a period of **reflection** during **Lent** Year 2 attended **Adoration** on Tuesday led kindly, by **Canon Michael**, that allowed us to spend some **special time with Christ**. In RE lessons this week we have been looking at and learning about **how Muslims pray** and finding out about the **religion of Islam**.

During **English lessons** we have started a new text ***The Great Fire*** by **Ann Turnbull** which allows us to look at the events of ***The Great Fire of London*** through the perspective of fictional characters. In **Maths** we have started to make **use of arrays** to understand more about about multiplication and on **Thursday** we really enjoyed our **Leap for Leap Day** event - **Thank you to FOST!**

This week our wonderful **NED champions** are: **Isabella in 2LM** and **Aida in 2CM**. **Well done to you both!** 😊

Year 3



This week in our English lessons, we continued writing effective sentences about earthquakes. We focused on onomatopoeic words and similes. In maths, we looked at fractions on a number line and practised saying numbers to 30 in French. We learnt about different types/shapes of volcanoes and what made a volcano active, dormant or extinct. On Thursday, we had a great time hopping for the Leap for Leap Day challenge. We especially enjoyed wearing our frog headbands for the whole day!

★ NED CHAMPIONS ★

3EW-

Lukas has worked hard to complete his work in the time set. His sentences have also been great to read- keep up the good work Lukas!

3M -

Francesco is our 3M NED Champion this week. His positive attitude and growth mindset has had a huge impact this week as we have explored fractions in maths and used technical language to write about earthquakes. ★ 🏆



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Year 4



On Monday, 4P danced enthusiastically to Lord I Lift Your Name on High in front of the whole school in Gospel Assembly.

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the 'Leap for Leap year' competition on Thursday and managed to leap enthusiastically, whilst wearing the frog hats they created!

We have completed our topic on fractions in maths and are getting ready to start our new topic on decimals next week.

In Science, the children learnt how to make an electrical circuit using a range of components including bulbs, motors and buzzers.

We have been looking at the importance of the Communion Rite in RE and looked at the prayers within, in detail, annotating and discussing meaning.

Well done to our NED champions in Year 4

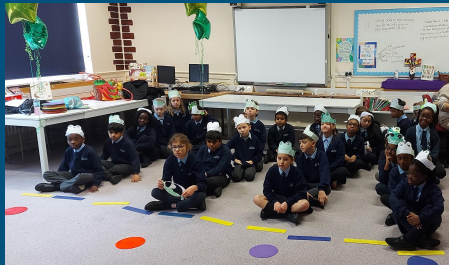
In 4D, Amelia is our well deserved NED champion this week for her superb effort in Maths. Her confidence has grown substantially and she makes a commendable effort in lessons, from putting her hand up to thinking carefully about her written responses. I am so proud of how far she has come and she should be too. Well done!

In 4P, Timothy has had a mature and focused approach to his learning this week and particularly in music. He showed tremendous enthusiasm in our Leap for Leap Day event, jumping further than anyone else.

Year 5



We have had a great week! Yesterday, the children finished writing their letters from the perspective of Banquo. We were blown away by their use of descriptive language. Our fractions, decimals and percentages topic has come to an end, we will be starting perimeter and area after assessment week. On Tuesday, the children attended adoration which was led by Canon Michael. It gave them the time to pray and reflect in the presence of Jesus. We have also visited the church to revise the Stations of the Cross and been busy 'leaping for leap day!'



Our NED champions this week:

5G - Olivia has had a fantastic week, especially in Maths and English! She had been working really hard at getting to grips with decimals and percentages and I have been very pleased with her effort and progress. Most of all, though, I was absolutely blown away this week by Olivia's independent writing of a letter from Banquo to his son, Fleance. Amazing!

5C - Deepthi is our NED champion! She wrote a phenomenal letter from the perspective of Banquo, using incredible figurative language that painted a vivid setting description and character description of the witches! Deepthi has also shown a great understanding of our decimals and percentages topic in maths.

Year 6

This week, we've been exploring the features of a diary as we gear up for our upcoming big writing assignment next week. In addition, we had a blast during our leapfrog adventures, leaping as much as we could to raise funds, and it was an enjoyable experience for all involved.

Congratulations to our NED champions...

6W - Daniel
6F - Jessiah



Noticeboard



Reminders

Polite reminder - The playground toilets are for use by children **only**, if you are in need please go to the front office where there is an adult toilet.

Please see the next slides for all the exciting upcoming FOST events during the Spring Term!

Parents of children in Reception and Year 6 should have now received an email from SchoolCloud to book a meeting with their child's teacher. If you have any difficulties booking please email Miss Harrison - beth.harrison@st-teresas.merton.sch.uk

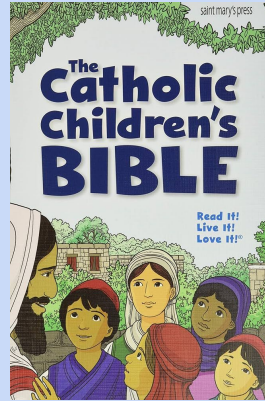
Upcoming key dates

- 5th March - Yr 6 Parent/Guardian Consultations
- 6th March - Reception Parent/Guardian Consultations
- 7th March - World Book Day
- 22nd March - Family Coffee Morning

Useful links

- [Contacting the school](#)
- [Term times](#)
- [Reporting absence](#)
- [School menu](#) (New for Autumn Term)
- [Religious Education](#) Spring Curriculum

Wonderful Word club!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wonderful Word Club has been happening in school since Autumn one term.

Please encourage your children to join us and build a deeper knowledge of scripture or you may indeed like to do this together at home.

Come and discover the wonderful Word of God. Journey with us through the hot deserts of Israel, across the deep, Red Sea into Egypt, up into the cooler mountains around Sinai. Come and meet Jesus and His ancestors in the scriptures!

Take some time to open your mind and let God's words sink deep inside. We'll wonder, question, pray and together discover what God is asking us to do. **Every Wednesday 12:30-12:55pm.**

FOST

Spring 2024
event schedule...



Friday 2nd
February
Valentine's

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in the school hall
Click below to purchase tickets

1 3:30-5:15

2 5:30-7:15



Thursday
29th February
'Leap for Leap Day'

during school time
Click below for information



Friday 22nd
March
Easter Film
Night

in the school hall








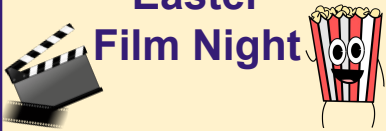

Times and ticket
information coming soon.



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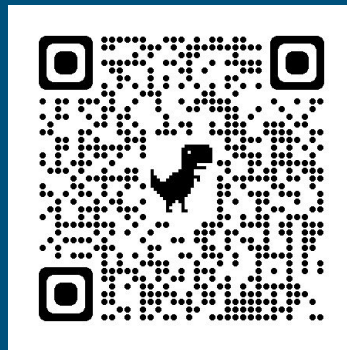


What?	Where?	When?	How?
 Valentine's Day	 School Hall	 Friday 2nd Feb EYFS/KS1 8:30-5:15 KS2 8:30-7:15	<p>Thank you for your support with this event parents and families. Over £1100 was raised which will greatly help to support future school projects and improvements. </p>
 Leap for Leap Day	 In school	<p>Leap for Leap Day was a huge success yesterday - thank you to all parents and families for sponsoring your children so generously. Over £2000 has been counted so far and money is still coming in, wow! Thank you and well done to all involved. </p>	
 Easter Film Night	 School Hall	Friday 22nd March TBC	<p>As promised, we are rescheduling our film night. <u>Times and ticket information coming soon.</u></p>

School Library Wishlist



Our children at St Teresa's love to read, and by buying a book from our wish list, you will help to continually improve the range of books we can offer in the school library. Each book will be labelled with the name of the family who donated it, so please remember to add your child's name and class to the gift message so we know who donated the books. Click on the link [here](#) or scan the QR code opposite to buy and donate a book. Please choose the St Teresa's delivery option when you check out.





For parents | Letters and Sounds

The resources on this page will help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home.

