



The Friday *Flyer*

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

No. 23 17 March 2023

Dear Parents and Families,

Thank you to everyone who supported last week's PTA Race Night. We had 24 staff and 40 parents in attendance and together, we raised an amazing £1500. All of this will be spent on special educational needs. Particular thanks are due to Mrs Brooke Hennessy and Mrs Norah McDonagh who coordinated the event.

We wish all mums and grandmothers a happy Mother's Day on Sunday.

Mrs Vassallo and Staff



St Mary's is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Designated Safeguarding Leads at St Mary's are Mrs Vassallo, Mrs Durand and Mrs Beirne. They can be contacted at safeguarding@stmaryscp.co.uk

Lenten devotions

Please join us on Friday mornings at 8.30am throughout Lent for a brief period of prayer and devotion.

Thank you to Mrs Champetier-Dennis who led devotions in French this morning.

Keeping Children Safe

Here is an interactive quiz on 'fake news' for all the family to play!

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/fake-news-and-misinformation-advice-hub/find-the-fake/>



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Attendance matters

RAB	96.5	RHH	96.1
1SW	96.3	1DS	95.2
2NG	94.0	2BY	96.2
3YL	97.5	3ES	94.1
4AC	92.1	4JB	96.3
5SR	95.6	5LM	95.9
6EW	96.3	6HW	96.6

Well done to 3YL who lead the way this half term.

Persistent absence

At Parents' Evening, you will receive an updated attendance certificate for your child. The table below gives you an indication of where their attendance rate sits against expectations.

Attendance Ladder

How close are you to reaching the top?



Please call the school office **by 8am** if your child will be absent from school and each day until they are well enough to return. You can a

Cross country

We wish all of our Year 3 and 4 cross country runners the best for the tournament at Crystal Palace Park tomorrow morning. Thank you Mr McNicholas for coordinating it. Follow @BPSCCA for updates.



Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Inspirational Person for next week - Baroness Betty Boothroyd

Last week you decided whom to celebrate as part of International Women's Day. Eddie from Year 2 took the time to tell me whom he had chosen to celebrate as an Inspirational Woman. He chose the late baroness Betty Boothroyd and this is why, in his own words:

"Baroness Betty Boothroyd is inspirational because she was the first female Speaker of the House of Commons. It had taken over 700 years to see a woman in this job. In her personal life she was adventurous; she was a dancer in her youth and took up hang-gliding in her 60s."
Eddie Mitchell 2NG

As Speaker of the House of Commons and as Baroness Betty Boothroyd



Thank you Eddie, and thank you also to the parents who have suggested other inspirational women for us to focus on in the future.

Mrs Durand

Free science event

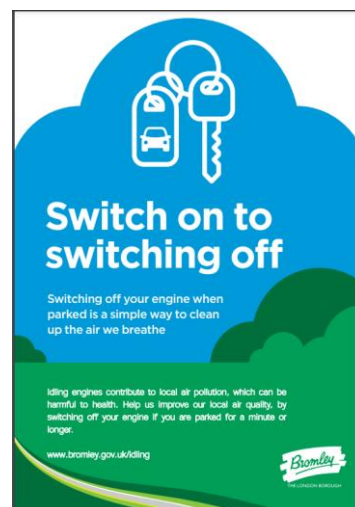
Mr Watt—dad to Rowan and Coralie- led some fantastic assemblies for the children last week as part of Science Week. He is organising a free event in central London during the Easter break and extends an invitation to our families. Here are the details:

[Science of Surgery 2023](#)

Science of Surgery is our annual community celebration event, where we open our doors and invite members of the public in to meet WEISS researchers and learn about the amazing projects

they are working on.

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/interventional-surgical-sciences/events/2023/apr/science-surgery-2023>



Usborne books

One of our parents is an Independent Usborne Partner and she is promoting STEM books and free activities this week on her website which is <https://usborne.com/gb/partner/soniainspirationalchildrenbooks>

She has also shared this link:

https://usborne.com/media/usborne_pdfs/STEM_Activity_Pack_2022.pdf

Parent handbook

An updated copy of the Parent Handbook can be found here:

[Our Parent Handbook](#)

Westgate Road

Please support us with the following:

The unmade section of Westgate Road must not be entered by any motorists other than those dropping or collecting Reception children. This extends to both before- and after-school activity times.

It is imperative that drivers dropping off children at the school do NOT mount the grass verges, and avoid turning round in the entrance to Convent Close. The grass verge separates the road from the pavement, and compromising it endangers the children's safety.

Please do not leave children in cars or leave engines running

Next week at St Mary's

Monday 20 March	ESOL course pm Parents' evening 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Art- Y4&5 3.15pm- 4.30pm: Netball- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Football- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- R, Y1 & 2
Tuesday 21 March	SENCO 1:1 parent meetings 7.50am- 8.40am: Gymnastics- Y1-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Taekwondo- Y3-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Multi-sports- Y1&2
Wednesday 22 March	Hewitts uniform sale after school (amphitheatre) 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Irish dancing- Y3-6 CANCELLED 4.15pm- 5.15pm: Irish dancing- Y1&2 CANCELLED 3.15pm- 4.20pm: Hockey- Y4-6 FINAL SESSION
Thursday 23 March	Parents' evening 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Science- Y1-6 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Spotlights- Y1&2 4.45pm to 6.15pm Spotlights- Years 3-6
Friday 24 March	Lenten devotions 8.30am- all welcome Year 1 Mass Year 3 forest school SENCO 1:1 parent meetings 3.15pm- 4.15pm: Karate- Y2-6

All policies are available from the school on request