

# Newsletter

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School  
Ysgol Catholig Santes Fair

*This weekend we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Easter.*

Friday 19th April '24.

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Our Faith...

In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells a story. He calls himself the good shepherd, who cares for his sheep. This story shows us that Jesus knows and cares for all people.

## Our Faith in Action...



In our Prayer and Liturgy this week, we have been thinking about the virtues: **eloquent** and **truthful**.

We want our children to understand and articulate their emotions, beliefs, and questions and to be truthful in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world.



## Our News...



Thank you to the FRIENDS of St Mary's who have already started making plans for refreshments and raffle prizes for Sports Day.

Our supportive and welcoming group of FRIENDS are looking for new members to join. All are welcome – even if you cannot commit to attend all meetings or all events. If you would like to join the Friends of St Mary's to support future fundraising events, please get in touch with me via Dojo or email ([head@stmarycps.birdgend.cymu](mailto:head@stmarycps.birdgend.cymu)) and I can give you further information. Many thanks.

It has been brought to my attention that a number of pupils are accessing social media platforms such as Snapchat. Issues, fallings out and upset that often occur on such platforms, even though accessed at home, often spill into school. Dealing with issues that have taken place on these platforms can take up a lot of valuable teaching time. Many of the platforms being accessed have age restrictions of 13+. I strongly advise parents to take note of this and to regularly check the apps being accessed.



Please find further information here: [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/)

A reminder that mobile phones and smart watches are not to be brought into school unless there is a real need for your child to have a 'phone with them. For example, if we have had permission for your child to walk home independently. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.



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Year 4/5 have made a big **splash** and have enjoyed **swimming sessions**. Their teachers are very proud of their attitude and efforts. Da iawn pawb! Miss Morgans' class will begin their swimming sessions on Monday.

Thank you for the large number of books sold at the Book Fair. Sales from the Book Fair have raised £678 for the school to spend on new books for school. Diolch yn fawr.



*"Fill your house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and all the nooks." – Dr. Seuss*



**!! PLEASE NOTE !!**

A reminder that **Sports Day** will take place on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July** (Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July will be the backup date if the weather is inclement on 11<sup>th</sup>).

A reminder that our next **INSET** day is **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** and our final INSET day of the year is **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**.



Year 2/3 had a wonderful time at Caerleon earlier this week learning all about Roman soldiers. They even had a go at creating a **testudo** (tortoise formation)!

*St. Mary's*  
**GOT  
TALENT**

**Thursday 9th May**  
Doors open - 5.30pm | Showtime - 6pm  
St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Tickets are on sale from Monday, priced at **£3 each**. We are initially offering 2 tickets per child to begin with. If we are able to offer additional tickets, we will let you know. Please send your money into school and we will get the tickets to you as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Wishing you a lovely weekend.**

**Mrs Azzopardi**

**Welsh Phrase of the Week.**

