ST. MARY'S NEWSLETTER

Croeso! Welcome!

Friday 20th November '26

Our Faith...



On Sunday, the Catholic Church will celebrate the great *Feast of Christ the King.* In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that we should care for others, especially those who are poor, lonely or in need. He reminds us that when we show kindness and help others, we are also serving Him. This Gospel encourages us to live with compassion, generosity and love every day.

Our Faith in Action...

SCHOOL MASS ~ SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER



Our next *School Mass* will mark the start of the Advent season. We warmly encourage families to attend – St Mary's Catholic Church at 11am. It is a wonderful way to begin this special season of preparation and anticipation leading up to Christmas.



Children in Year 5 planned and led a Prayer and Liturgy on the theme of Friendship. They read the story of Jesus healing the blind man and learned how his trust and faith in Jesus helped him to be healed.

Look at our Learning...



Children in the Atelier love music lessons with Mrs Wallace. They have thoroughly enjoyed exploring their **Autumn** tuff tray.





Prophecy and Promise

Eloquent AND Truthful



Pod Heulog have been learning about shapes and they made super **ROCKETS**.

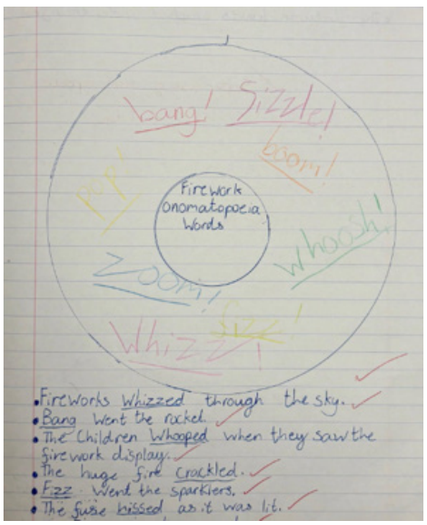
Y3/4 looked very closely at beautiful **poppies** before sketching them.

Beautiful **poppy** artwork in Y6 (pic below).





I was impressed by Year 5's posters depicting the story of **Zacchaeus**, which they created as part of their RSE lesson.





Y4/5 have been learning about **Onomatopoeia** words.

Did you know? Onomatopoeia is a word that imitates or suggests the sound it describes e.g. FIZZ, BANG, ZIP, SPLASH.

We continue on our Writing Journey...

As you are aware, children have completed their Writing Spotlights for September (Diary Entries) and October (Instructional Writing). This month, they have been busy crafting fantastic pieces of *descriptive writing*. Throughout the process, they have been developing and refining their use of descriptive language and grammar skills, including adjectives and similes. I am looking forward to reading their completed final drafts and seeing the progress they have made as writers.





This week's certificates were awarded to children who *revise* their learning. These children look over their work carefully and make amendments and edits to improve their final piece. Da iawn pawb.



Christmas Hamper Donations Needed

Help Us Make Our Christmas Raffles Extra Special!

The Friends of St Mary's are kindly asking for *donations* to help create fantastic Christmas hampers for the raffles at our Christmas Concerts.

Items such as toiletries, chocolates, games, Christmas gifts, candles would be gratefully received. If you would like to donate any items, please send them into the school Office. Thank you.

Please note that the Friends do not require donations of alcohol.

Thank you for your continued support.







Our *Winter Disco* was a great success last night. Thank you to the Friends of St Mary's for organising the event.

The children had an enjoyable time dancing and socialising with their friends and the event raised money for our school. THANK YOU.



The next event organised by the Friends is our ***Christmas Fair.***

Please come along and join us for what promises to be a festive and enjoyable afternoon. Your support is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!



Tickets are now on sale!

www.ticketsource.com/smcps

Password: SMCPS

Keep scrolling for dates for your diary...





Dates for your Diary...

Date	Event	Details
Tuesday 24th Nov	Christmas Fair	See poster for further information. 3.30pm - 5pm School Hall
Monday 30th Nov	Tree of Light Service	6pm - 6.30pm St. Mary's Church
Wednesday 2nd December	Christmas Lunch	All children will be booked a lunch unless you opted out. Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers/accessories (with uniform).
Monday 7th Dec	The Forgotten Reindeer | Atelier to Year 2	Teepee Theatre return to present their new show to our Atelier to Year 2 pupils.
Thursday 10th Dec	Year 3 - 6 | Cinema Trip	For further information check Dojo Calendar or click here: https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/8KbnupUypJ
Thursday 10th Dec	Nativities	Atelier @ 10am Years 1 + 2 @ 1.30pm
Friday 11th Dec	Nativities	Years 1 + 2 @ 10am Atelier @ 1.30pm
Friday 11th Dec	Christmas in Harmony with Bridgend Male Choir	7pm - 8.30pm St. Mary's Church Tickets £5 each. Send your money into school should you wish to purchase a ticket.
Monday 14th Dec	Festival of Carols	6.30pm - 7.30pm St. Mary's Church
Tuesday 15th Dec	Nativity	Years 3 + 4 @ 10am
Wednesday 16th Dec	Nativity	Years 3 + 4 @ 1.30pm
Thursday 17th Dec	Year 1 + 2 Trip	Fonmon Castle - letters sent home.
Thursday 17th Dec	Nativity Service	St. Mary's Catholic Church | Years 5 + 6 | 6pm - 7pm Families are welcome to use Heronsbridge School for parking.
Friday 18th Dec	Last day of the Autumn Term | Toy Day	Last day of term. Children are welcome to bring in a toy or game to enjoy. Please ensure that any items brought to school are not valuable or precious, and that electronic devices are left at home.
Monday 21st Dec - Friday 1st Jan	Christmas Break	School closed.
Monday 4th Jan	INSET Day	School closed for Staff Training.
Tuesday 5th Jan	Spring Term 1 Begins	Children return to school for the start of the Spring Term.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Azzopardi

As a Catholic Family, we will do our best; to live and learn as Christ taught us.

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