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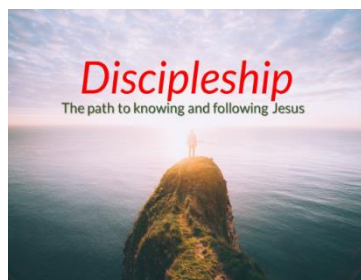
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



What a busy week it has been for Year 6! Whilst some of our oldest children in school were busy at Bikeability, others led this week's whole-school worship. Having shared Sunday's Gospel, our children focussed on the theme of discipleship. We considered themes of friendship, fraternity and our SANCTA values, as each of us has an important role to play in society. An animation based on the Pope's encyclical 'Fratelli tutti' encouraged us to think how each one of us has the responsibility to spread the Good News through our words and deeds.

WEDNESDAY WORD

[Here is the link](#) to this week's Wednesday Word.

GOING FORTH MASS – 10:00am 30th June in St Mary's church



On Friday 30th June, as a school family, we will celebrate with the Year 3 children who made their First Holy Communion last month. We will gather together, along with Fr Emmanuel and the parishioners of St Mary's for holy Mass led by the children of Year 3 in church at 10:00am. Parents, particularly of children in Year 3, are very welcome to attend. After Mass the children will have a communion celebration in school. Further details for Year 3 parents are in the Year 3 newsletter.

SPORTS DAYS

We are really looking forward to our Sports Days next week which are sure to be fantastic events. Parents are invited to watch the children in **Reception to Year 6** from 1:00pm (1:15pm start) on **Tuesday 27th June 2023**. If your child has a t-shirt in their house group colour, they may bring it in to wear. **Nursery** are holding their Sports Day on **Wednesday 28th June** from 9:30am. Please see the Nursery newsletter for further details. *Please monitor your emails on the morning of the sports days in the event that we have to postpone due to inclement weather.*



BIKEABILITY



Year 6 have enjoyed an active week practising their cycling proficiency. Skills such as setting off, cruising, slowing down, braking and stopping were tested. Children were able to practise their skills on the playground and on local roads. Come rain or shine, our Year 6 pupils learnt some excellent life skills, including how to pass stationary vehicles parked on a road, how to negotiate the road, quiet junctions and crossroads. Well done Year 6!

TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCY



We have a vacancy a Level 3 Teaching Assistant to work at our fantastic school starting in September 2023. Further details of the post are available [here](#). If you are interested or know somebody who might be and would appreciate an informal conversation regarding the role, please speak with Mr Nish or Miss Poole. The closing date is 9:00am on Monday 3rd July.



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MJM NORTHERN RAIL FOOTBALL CUP



Last Thursday, 17 children from Years 5 and 6 participated in a mixed 7-a-side football tournament at Woodley Sports Village. The tournament was organised and sponsored by the company of one of our parents, Mr Mulryan in collaboration with Northern Rail as part of their commitment to social values and community engagement. The children (and staff and parents) had a thoroughly enjoyable time and it was uplifting to see children from across the schools in Marple and Marple Bridge playing so well together and displaying great sportsmanship and resilience whilst enjoying the 'beautiful game'. The tournament was exceptionally well organised and there was such a wonderful

atmosphere celebrating teamwork, collaboration and community spirit. The entire event was filled with smiling faces (maybe the odd frown when football didn't go their way), enthusiasm, laughter and fun! A huge thanks to Mr Mulryan and UK Sport Coaching for organising the event and also to Mr Hendrick who along with Mr Mulryan came into school to lead a training session to help the teams gel ahead of the tournament. We are already looking forward to the 2024 MJM Northern Rail Cup!

MARPLE CARNIVAL CONGRATULATIONS

Well done to Mrs McCubbin and the Carnival Team who joined other schools, associations and community groups in the 2023 Marple Carnival last Saturday. The theme was 'Around the World' and our chosen country was Ireland. There was a tremendous turnout from the St Mary's school family who looked fabulous in the Irish colours and costumes representing Irish culture and heritage. It was great to see everyone in carnival spirit and although we weren't the overall winners we certainly had the happiest faces. ☺ If there was a prize for love, fun, colour and effort, we would have won hands down. Sláinte!



RECEPTION SEA LIFE CENTRE VISIT



Reception had their class trip to Manchester's Sea Life Centre on Wednesday. They toured the venue spotting clownfish, moray eels and rock lobsters and their absolute favourite the blacktip reef sharks! They learnt more about the conservation of Green Sea Turtles and how the Turtle Rescue team at the Sea Life centre help to rescue and rehabilitate them. The children learnt about the importance of protecting our oceans from litter and plastic which can harm the animals that live there. This fits perfectly with our whole school writing

focus based on the book 'Dear Greenpeace' and Pope Francis' letter 'Laudato Si'. The visit has certainly given the children first hand experience to spark their writing. The children behaved beautifully throughout - both at the venue and on the coach. Everybody had a lovely time. All of the children were keen to share facts about the visit with me and I could fill the whole newsletter with them all. However, Mila summed up the joy and importance of the visit by saying: 'it's our job to look after the turtles and fish and care for our world.' Well done Reception! A massive thank you for the parent volunteers who accompanied the children; the visit wouldn't have been possible without you and our amazing EYFS staff.

NEW EYFS PARENTS' MEETING

On Wednesday 28th June from 6:00pm-7:00pm there will be a welcome meeting for parents/carers of children starting either Nursery or Reception in September 2023. This will give parents, particularly parents/carers new to St Mary's, an opportunity to meet the Early Years staff, find out a little more about St Mary's and help you to prepare for your child's transition to Nursery or Reception. Representatives of both our hardworking Local Governing Board and PTA will also be attending to introduce themselves and letting you know how you can get involved in events. We look forward to welcoming all new parents next Wednesday evening.



PTA NEWS

New to you Book Fair – Thank you for supporting the book fair this morning and for your generous donations. The children had a great time selecting their 'new' books in the outdoor classroom and are looking forward to enjoying some quality reading for pleasure time with their choices.

Summer Disco – We are holding one disco only on Friday 30th June from 4:30-5:30pm as it's the summer and we know people have cricket etc. We also have less volunteers to help. We have 100 tickets available via the [PTA website](#) priced at £3 each. Please come and support this event - raising money for new play equipment on the field. New volunteers welcome! Please send Claire Tognarelli a text: 07857940044. **Colour Run** – A fantastically fun mix of running, powder paint, water guns, music and sunshine to see out the year. This will take place on **Friday 14th July** from 3:30pm on the school field. Further details will be available soon on the [PTA website](#).



CLASS PHOTOS

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Are now available. Please see the email from Mrs Towell sent to you on the 21st June with a personalised link to view your child's class photo and details of how to purchase it should you wish.

MRS MAJOR ON LEAVE

From Tuesday 20th until Friday 30th June Mrs Major will be on leave as her son Cameron has been selected to play for the England lacrosse team at the World Championships in San Diego. As a very proud mum she is quite rightly accompanying her son on this magnificent sporting achievement and cheering on the England team. What a great accolade for a past pupil of St Mary's! During this time Mrs Major won't have access to her emails so if you want to contact the office, please contact Mrs Towell on: htowell@mmb.srscmat.co.uk. We wish Cameron and the England team every success and let's hope 'it's coming home' at the end of the month!



THE MONTH (OR SO) AHEAD...KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
	<i>Please note the dates and times detailed below are provisional and may be changed if necessary.</i>
26 June	Y5 Collective Worship (2:30pm in the hall). All welcome!
27 June	Sports Day – parents are invited from 1pm – 3pm.
28 June	Nursery Sports Day and picnic 9:30am – 1pm. Parents welcome!
28 June	New EYFS parents intake meeting (6:00 – 7:00pm) in the hall.
30 June	Y3 Going Forth Mass (First Holy Communicants) at 10:00am in St Mary's Church. Parents of Y3 are welcome to attend!
30 June	PTA Summer Disco (4:30pm – 5:30pm) in the hall. Tickets via the PTA website .
3 July	Y2 Collective Worship (2:30pm in the hall). All welcome!
5 July	Y5 Performance with the Halle Orchestra (Bridgewater Hall).
6 July	Transition and move up day.
7-8 July	PTA Family Camp.
10 July	Y1 Collective Worship (2:30pm in the hall). All welcome!
14 July	PTA Colour Run (3:30pm).
17 July	End of Year Reports to parents/carers.
19 July	Y3 visit to the Roman Lakes and Mellor Mill.
19 July	Open Evening to discuss reports and meet your child's new teacher (3:45pm – 5:45pm).
20 July	Y5/6 End of Year Production (1:30pm and 6pm). All welcome!
24 July	Y6 Leavers' disco (6pm-8pm). Y6 parents welcome to stay for nibbles.
25 July	Leavers' Assembly (10:00am in the hall). All welcome!
26 July	End of Year Mass (10:00am in church). All welcome!
26 July	School closes for the Summer break.
5 September	School reopens following the summer break. (New Nursery and Reception parents, please see the new starter letters for details of dates and times.)

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Mr John Nish and Miss Alice Poole.