

St Mary's NEWSLETTER

We choose courage over comfort because we know that 'the Lord our God is with us'.

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Y2 - thinking about the things they are grateful for 12.11.24



Jesus embodies the love and compassion of God for each person, and Christians are called to follow him in this. In our family, love impels us to:

- put others' needs above our own;
- act with humility and without entitlement;
- empower all our community to flourish and succeed;
- provide a haven of compassion and safety, where children and adults know that they are cherished; and
- support those experiencing suffering and sadness - in our community and beyond

"Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another eventful week, I am delighted to share some notable highlights! Firstly, our Y3 pupils have been on an enriching trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, undoubtedly broadening their artistic horizons and sparking creativity. Such experiences are invaluable in nurturing well-rounded young people!

A big thank you as we now have Fundraising Champions for every class! I will be contacting these people early next week to enable us to get our heads together about our fundraising efforts!

- Y6 - Georgie McFadden
- Y5 - Martin Richardson / Serah Nyarkoh
- Y4 - Miss Jenny Mudarra / Louise Whetton
- Y3 - Gemma Fox
- Y2 - Kirsty Fairbairn-Wint
- Y1 - Jill Russo
- YR - Charlotte Catton

We also have had 10 parents volunteer for our upcoming Spinathon! We are now looking for a date to suit all parties!

We celebrate the remarkable achievements of our KS1 athletes last night, whose performance was nothing short of inspiring!

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to HEC Showman for their generous donation of haybales, which will significantly enhance our OPAL project!

Lastly, myself, Mr Gibbons and Mrs Turvey will be running the Derby 10 Miles this Sunday in support of our #CourageOverComfort campaign. Please consider donating to our cause - any amount, big or small, will be much appreciated the link can be found at the end of the newsletter. All are welcome to come along and shout for us along the route! Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Robinson

Y	Attendance
R	1.85
1	94.68
2	95.36
3	96.77
4	90.33
5	94.83
6	97.05
WS	94.41

Upcoming Diary Dates:

- Y2 Trip to 'The Deep' - 20.11.24
- Y3/4 Athletics - 21.11.24
- Y1 - Sculptor in Residence Day - 29.11.24
- KS1 Dodgeball Competition - 3.12.24
- Whole School Panto Trip - 4.12.24
- EYFS Nativity - 10.12.24 2pm & 5pm
- Y3 Trip to Veolia - 11.12.24
- Carols on the Playground - 11.12.24 3.30pm
- Christingle Workshops - 12.12.24
- Christmas Discos - 12.12.24 6pm - 8.30pm
- KS1 Nativity - 16.12.24 2pm & 5pm
- Christmas Service (led by Y4) - 18.12.24
- Christmas Lunch - 19.12.24



Y5 - Creating tie-dyed material to make bandanas 13.11.24

Class Updates

Reception - Mrs Price

In English, we continued to use non-fiction texts to gather information about owls. So far, we have learned about their diet, habitat, and the different types of owls. Our favorite fact is that there are 200 different species of owls. In Maths, we have further explored the numbers 1, 2 and 3 using dominos to find different representations and then we practiced showing these on our fingers. For our topic, we have started our History unit. We began by discussing what a family is and sharing what our own families look like. From this, we realised that all families are unique. We also used the book 'All about Families' to support our understanding of these concepts. For our outdoor learning activity, we made our own bird feeders. We began by discussing the change in seasons and how this affects wildlife. We carefully chopped up fruit and mixed it with oats and lard. Using our hands, we combined these ingredients to form balls. Finally, we found high places to hang the feeders so that the birds could enjoy them.

Y1 - Miss Bower

Y1 have had another lovely week, we have been super busy this week. We enjoyed taking part in some drama with our visitor, we practised making different parts of the scrap heap from our new story "The robot and the bluebird", we will use this to help us with our writing. We have started to retell the story in our English books and we will continue with this next week when we innovate the ending and make it our own. In maths this week we have been continuing with our subtraction questions and the part whole model. We have been using counters to help us with this. Next week we will be looking at this some more. In history we have introduced the prime minister, we spoke about his job and how he was selected for it. The children have decided we should have our own polling station in the classroom to be able to vote for different things without having their voted swayed by their friends. Next week we will continue to look at what happens during a term as prime minister.

Y2 - Mrs Turvey

This week in Y2 we've completed some fantastic writing! We completed a setting description based on under the ocean at the start of the week and then ended the week on completing an independent writing assessment where they described the rainforest. We enjoyed watching a David Attenborough clip to help to describe the movements and sounds of the animals. In Maths we've been using lots of practical methods to practise adding crossing the ten and exchanging ones for a ten. Next week we'll move to look at pictorial methods and adding larger numbers. In Geography we've learnt the names of the oceans, thought about which countries they are near and the animals that live in the oceans. We enjoyed singing the ocean song, next week we'll look at the continents and labelling a map. In art we've drawn zig zag and diagonal lines building on the lines we learnt in Y1. Next week we're looking forward to colour mixing! In PE we've been practising our sprinting techniques, we're fast runners! Next week we're looking forward to going to The Deep after describing some of the animals and looking at lots of pictures and videos!

Y3 - Miss Wain

This week the children have continued to look at addition and subtraction and adding and subtracting a 3 digit number and a 2 digit number. In English, we have been taking part in an imaginary community workshop and have had our introductory sessions. We have explored our novel through drama and have written our first paragraph. In Computing, the children began designing their own interactive scene and in History we held a class debate after finding out who the Romans were, why they invaded Britain and what they wanted. We stepped into the role of a British tribe and argued for and against whether to fight back- the against side won! In Science the children categorised rocks based on their properties and in RE we looked at the Trinity. We explored what it meant and shared our own opinions. We also had a super day at Yorkshire Sculpture Park in our Walk, Talk and Make session. The children loved exploring the grounds and looking at all of the sculptures.

Y4 - Miss Cave

We've had an exciting week! We kicked off with 'Imaginary Communities' where we created a shared setting for our Novel - Orphans of the Tide. In Maths, we've explored area further and drawn our own shapes to set measurements. In Science, we've thought about how sound travels through solids, liquids and gases. In RE, we began thinking about the symbolism of water in baptism, and how this links to Jesus' own baptism. Next week, we will be moving onto multiplication and division in Maths, For English, we will be writing a missing chapter for our novel. We're looking forward to another fun-filled week!

Y5 - Mr Terry

Year 5 have had an incredibly busy week. We have been completing some fantastic work in our English lessons on our core text, Freedom. We used pictures of the docks in both London and Jamaica to create powerful adjectives that would describe and compare each. These will feed directly into our writing over the next week. Excitingly, our wider curriculum subjects have been very practical. In Science we looked at air resistance and worked with spinners to understand the forces in motion. The children were excellent in using technical vocabulary to explain the processes that were happening. In DT, we have started to prepare our fabric for our unit creating bandanas. We had lots of fun tie-tying the material and the results were as unique as they were beautiful - and the children LOVED IT!

Y6 - Miss Smith

Year 6 have had a lovely week yet and have shown the true value of perseverance. In English they have worked extremely hard to understand the difference between formal and informal language. This is going to support them when they start to write their own letters in the role of two of the characters from our class novel. In Maths they have continued with their topic of long division and have absolutely smashed it! In Science they have learnt about the concept of natural selection by exploring and playing the 'battle of the beaks'. In RE they have worked together to interview a member of the church to understand how they interpret Genesis to understand more about God as the creator. In History they have begun their chronological timelines about the breaking of the Enigma Code in 1941. By creating these, they have considered the impact that each individual event had on the future and our current generation. Next week, they are going to start their topic of binary in computing and will research into the different types of plane propellers in DT.



Y6 - Exploring natural selection in Science 14.11.24



Y3 - Sculptures at YSP 13.11.24

#CourageOverComfort

1. So far, we have raised £216. We're aiming for a huge £10,000 and plan to run events all year.
2. Staff are joining in - you can see some of their planned events below and on the next page.
3. We now have class champions for 2 classes: Y6 and Y2. We still need volunteers for each class - could you help?

Current/Upcoming Fundraisers and sponsored Events

- Mrs Turvey, Mr Gibbons and Miss Robinson - Derby 10 Mile Race
- Full Staff Event - Spinathon (possibly staff vs parents!)

Find out much out more on our website page: [#CourageOverComfort](#)



#CourageOverComfort Challenge Roadmap

Fundraising Timeline

March - April

- Mrs Price - 6 Hour Zumbathon
- Mrs Churchman - 10 Mile Hike - Cleveland Way
- Mrs Harding - Sherwood Pines 10K
- Children - Easter Disco
- Children - Chocolate Hamper Raffle
- Children - Easter Egg Hunt
- Class Competition - Smartie Challenge
- Mrs Pearson - Dronfield 10k

May - June

- Mrs Dickens - 13,000 steps/day in May
- Mr Terry - Bungee Jump
- Mrs Hallam - Diving with Sharks!
- Children - Fun Run
- House Challenge - Penalty Shoot Out
- Children - Fancy Dress Day

Nov - Dec

- Mrs Turvey, Mr Gibbons and Miss Robinson - Derby 10 Mile Race
- Full Staff Event - Spinathon (possibly staff vs parents!)
- Miss Hubble - Bungee Jump
- House Challenge - Hamper Raffle
- Class Challenge - Christmas Jumper Day
- Children - Christmas Disco

July - Aug

- Children and Families - Family Picnic
- Families - Car Boot Sale
- Class Challenge - 1 Million Steps in a Week
- Mrs Rabbani - Couch to 5K
- Mr Ward - Refurbishing a Morris Minor (full year challenge)

Sept-Oct

- Children - Design a T-Shirt for staff challenge events
- Mrs Harrison & Mrs Greatorex - 500,000 Step Month
- Mrs Padley, Mrs Curley & Miss Hubble - Mam Tor Hike
- Miss Wain - 62 Mile Month Walking Challenge
- Miss Caress - Couch to 5K
- Mrs Enever - Vegas 'Triathlon'

Jan - Feb

- Miss Cave and Miss Bower - Swimming 1 mile/day
- Miss Smith - Couch to 5K
- Families - Quiz/Bingo Night
- House Challenge Children - Sponsored Pancake Flipping
- Mrs Enever - Rowing the 'English Channel'

JUNIOR HOCKEY

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SUNDAY MORNINGS SEPT-JUNE

£30 PER YEAR MEMBERSHIP
NO WEEKLY FEES



SUNDAY MORNINGS SEPT-JUNE
10AM - 11.30AM
(MINI'S FINISH 11.00AM)

KINGSWAY PARK
HODGKINSON ROAD
KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD



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