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'Forward Together In Christ; we can, we will , together

#Growth #Resilience #Community

Mission Statement: At St Mary's we are dedicated to educating our young people in an inclusive, stimulating and challenging environment preparing them for life-long learning.

Ethos & Values: We will provide this in a secure, happy and welcoming environment where Christian and Catholic values are cherished and where staff, pupils and parents work in partnership to achieve common goals.

Some dates for diaries:

Thursday 2nd June & Friday 3rd June: Holiday. All resume Monday 6th June

Saturday 4th June: Sacrament of First Holy Communion 12 noon. St Mary's Cathedral

P7 Transition Days: 14th, 15th & 16th June

PFC Summer Fair: Tuesday 21st June. P1-P3 families 3:30-5:30pm P4-P7 6-8pm. More info. to come

Week beg 27th June—pupil talent show, pupil 'meet the teacher'

Thursday 30th June: whole school thanksgiving mass for P7s 10am—St Mary's Cathedral

End of session: Friday 1st July—**12 noon finish for all**

The Pupil Council met last week and brought comments/feedback from their classes reflecting on this past year and looking to the next. Feedback: what's good about St Mary's? kind teachers, nurture, listening to problems, table top activities, 'must do jobs', library, social enterprise activities, clubs, large playing spaces, clubs. Things to improve: 'Maybe the PFC could get us more benches in the playground', 'more playground resources', 'an art club' 'a lift in school, 'resume the chess club'. Re PEF—'staff helping pupils in smaller groups is a good idea'.

Many thanks to all who have responded to the parent survey about parent consultations next session and also on pupil equity funding and school improvement. If you have not yet had time please see link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=af6sSGo3tUKfacnke7-5xIbaGtBs8zFIsBGR5eXAcO5UNjhaUzVSM5V1NaWjYzRktNNkdQU1NNRi4u>

We have also been asked to share this link for our families within Edinburgh. [Support for families – The City of Edinburgh Council](#)



Wider Achievement

Stars of the Month: each month pupils are nominated for giving that extra effort relating to their work, being a good friend, being a good member of their community, an act of charity—anything where they are displaying that extra effort and school values. Well done this month to Basil P1a, Arlo P1b, Hargun P2a, Ava P2b, Flora P3, Alex P3/4, Luca M P4, Gabriela P5a, Jordi P5b, Jamie P6a, Jacob P6b, Artem P7a, Lorena P7b.

Star Writers: Well done to Haniya and Annabelle P1a, Maja P1b, James P2a, Effy P2b, Gabriel P3, Eshita & Summer P3/4, Georgia P P4, Harry P5a, Kiefer P5b, Ava P6a, Lucas P6b, Abraham & Jess P7a and Isla P7b!



Sports Day

Well done to St Margaret's—overall house winner of Sports Day! This was a great day and of course we were just delighted with the fantastic weather. Huge thanks to Miss Downie and our two P.E. students Mr Coyle and Mr McGill for organising. Mr Coyle and Mr McGill have now returned to college with our best wishes for their future.



Well done Bertie in achieving a merit in his grade 3 trumpet exam!



And a very special well done to one of our parents, Daisy Naranan, who was awarded an MBE for services to Inclusive Urban Planning—what a fantastic achievement!



Well done to Ciara on her successful passing of a grading for her green/blue belt in Taekwon-do, to Struan for coming 11th out of 250 children in the recent Edinburgh races and to Ava for her team's Gaelic football win!



We were really pleased to welcome in person again, some staff from St Peter's RC primary on Friday to share practice in digital technologies. Our P1-P4 staff visited St Peter's to share practice in P1 play pedagogy and to share our PM writing resource.

From Emma & Caitlin's win in an earlier competition related to their class novel, the school received a fantastic Literacy Toolkit for our library and use in classes with suggestions on how to further improve our reading for enjoyment culture already well established in St Mary's.

Our P7 classes were involved recently in a project, 'Toy like me' with Queen Margaret University looking at the role of representation of disability in toys on children's attitudes.



Many of our pupils were invited to design a poster in association with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, showing ways we can reduce air pollution. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about the causes of air pollution, its health effects and what can be done to prevent it, such as choosing less polluting and more active ways to travel to school. The winning posters by Isobel and Alex will be made into banners and displayed on our school fence for all to see in time for Clean Air Day on Thursday 16th June. Well done!



Well done to Emma, Florence, Ishaq, Sofia, Dora, Ava, Sophie, Isla, Agnes, Suhana and Lily for your winning entries in our school Spanish Poster competition. Their posters of different Spanish phrases will be displayed around the school.

Please see event below for any families who are interested in attending. We have been delighted to welcome some new Ukrainian families to our school community recently. If you would like to be a parent 'buddy' to any of our new families who come to St Mary's please get in touch. It would be lovely to pass on a contact for any new families and this was discussed at our parent equalities group as something that we used to have in place and that it would be good to re-establish!



Trio Ecosaise

Jennifer Brown - clarinet
Harriet Davidson - cello
Claire Haslin - piano

4pm, Sunday 12 June 2022

Greyfriars Kirk, Greyfriars Place,
Edinburgh, EH1 2QQ

An hour long programme including trios by
Johannes Brahms and Gwyneth Walker

All proceeds to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal
Entry by donation via www.collectionpot.com/pot/1971649/
(or with cash donation on the day)

www.trioecosaise.com



Many thanks as always for your continued support. N. Kehoe