



# St Mary's RC Primary School

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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.

### Dates for diaries:

Sun 6th Nov: P3 'Signing of the Cross' service. 9am. St Mary's Cathedral.

Thurs 10th & Fri 11th Nov: Parent Consultations—in school. As per last year parents will be directed to classes to meet with their child's teacher.

Sat 3rd Dec: PFC Christmas Fair 10am—1pm. All Welcome.

Wed 7th Dec: Theatre Performance in school for all classes: 'Aladdin' - AM.

Wed 7th Dec: P1 & P2 Nativity Play. St Mary's Cathedral 7pm. More info. nearer the time.

Tues 20th Dec: Carol service. St Mary's Cathedral 11am.

***End of Term: Tues 20th Dec. 12 noon finish***

### School Nomination:

We were delighted to hear that we have been shortlisted for the Sustainable School Award at the Edinburgh Evening News Local Hero Awards! Ms Murphy and Mrs Carr who lead on this work will represent the school at an awards ceremony on the 7th December.



The children help around their school grounds with gardening and thoroughly enjoy initiatives such as the planting potatoes project.





## Wider Achievement

**Star Writers:** well done to Max P1a, Asa P1b, Ayla P2a, Maja P2b, Jasmine P3a, Jared P3b, Alfie P4, Harry P4/5, Elena P5, Caitlin & Otto P6a, Aaron P6b, Klaudia P7a and Gaby P7b. Star writer pencils and stickers on their way to you!

**Star of the Month:** for, 'going over and above', showing that extra effort with others or in class, or for doing things without having to be asked, well done to; Saiesh, P1a, Amelia P1b, James P2a, Luke K P2b, Cooper S P3a, Ben P3b, Flora P4, Beau P4/5, Taylor P5, Richard P6a, Mia P6b, Finlay P7a and Neel P7b. We will be meeting next week for a catch up and a healthy snack!

**Well done** to the winning house of the month for October which was St Anne's—it was a close race this month! They will enjoy an extra break next week.

**McMillan Cup:** we have reintroduced our McMillan Cup Award. This is a cup awarded to a pupil or pupils who do something outstanding either school related or something in their community. It is named after a former Depute Head teacher, Mrs Janice McMillan, who worked at St Mary's for many years through a terminal illness until she was no longer physically able to continue. Our first recipient is Amelie in P4. She has watched family volunteer to help refugees, doing collections and fundraising and she always gets involved. She has done a few clear outs of her own toys to donate to children from Ukraine (her little brother's toys too!). Anything she grows out of, she will put it aside and helps sort and categorise all the items. Well done Amelie!



**Well done** to our P7s who received fabulous comments from prospective P1 parents who visited the school on Wednesday for the Council's P1 Open Day. They impressed with their enthusiasm and how well they were able to talk about their school.

Our Spanish Reps, supported by Miss Hancock, met this week — their role is to learn new phrases to then teach the rest of their class. Please do ask your child if they can say, 'Prayer Time' in Spanish!



### P7s Bridge 8 Hub Trip



P7s loved their trip to the Bridge 8 Hub earlier this month learning some key team work and canoeing skills in preparation for their residential trip later this session.



**Library:**

Thanks to PFC Funds Mrs Haniff was able to purchase new stock—£1400 worth of books at half price from Scotia Book Supplies in Kilsyth. We were able to purchase £500 worth of new titles and about £200 to replace our most loved reads. We were able to purchase fiction, non fiction, diversity and wish list requests.

**Show Racism the Red Card:** thank you to all who were able to send their child to school wearing something red last week. We discussed with the children that of course the important thing is knowing about this important issue and having conversations and discussions.



As part of their IDL project about healthy eating P3s have been looking at the amount of sugar in different foods and they will be sharing their information and research with other classes too!



P6b had a lovely morning yesterday for their re-scheduled Earth Calling trip.

*As always, thank you for your continued support. N. Kehoe*