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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:

Tuesday 7th February: Sacrament of Reconciliation 7pm (in church for 6:45pm)

Thursday 9th February: PFC meeting 7-8:30pm (please note change in time)

Friday 10th February: mid-term break. **All resume Mon 20th Feb**

Mon 20th February: Fair Trade Fortnight. Parent meeting 1 for First Holy Communion 6:30pm (TEAMS link will be emailed)

Tues 21st February: Shrove Tuesday

Wed 22nd Feb: Ash Wednesday. 10am Mass in cathedral

Sun 26th February: Enrolment Mass for those making Sacrament of First Holy Communion 9am

Mon 6th-Fri 10th March: P7 Camp

Mon 13th March: Neurodiversity Week: community event in Drummond High School—more details below

Sat 25th March: Earth Hour

Fri 31st March: Easter Holiday. **All resume Mon 17th April**

Make a note in your diary to join us at Drummond High School from 18:45-20:30 on Tuesday 14th March as part of Neurodiversity Celebration Week.

Our panel of well known speakers from across politics and the entertainment industry will share their journey with you and tell you why we should all be celebrating neurodiversity in our daily lives.

This FREE event is open to whole school communities in our local area, not just families of neurodivergent pupils. Catering and entertainment will be provided.

Look out for further information and a link to obtain a FREE ticket after the February break.



Pupils have enjoyed learning all about celebrations for Chinese New Year and for Burns' Day. Well done to Maria in P6 who presented at assembly and taught us how to say some phrases for Chinese New Year and to P3 and P6 classes who presented some Burns' poetry and Scots poems as well as some singing! Thanks to Sam and Jasmine for the fortune cookies too! P6s took some shortbread to the convent near our school and for some pupils it was the first taste of haggis, neeps and tatties which was far tastier than the gruel Mrs Carr made with some classes. Well done all!



The P6s are really enjoying their role of being reading buddies to P2s this term too.





Wider Achievement

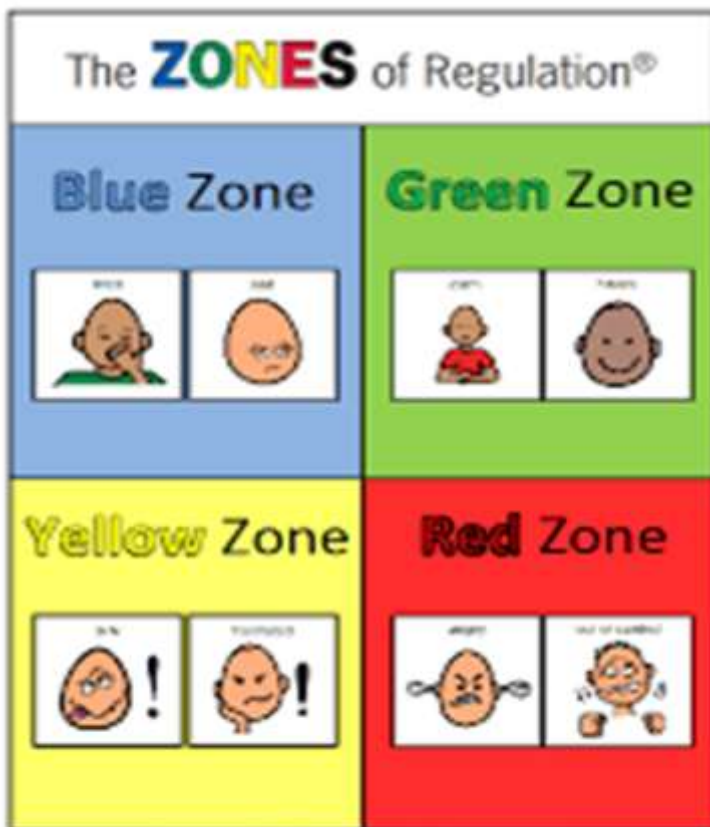
Star Writers: well done to Sophie P1a, Nadia P1b, Rafe P2a, Senan P2b, Hailey P3a Alex A P3b, Louis P4, Alice P4/5 Oliwia P5, Sophie P6a, Hatty P6b, Freyja P7a and Isla P7b. Star writer pencils and stickers on their way to you!

A huge well done also to Charis and Caitlin in P6a who received their book tokens for being finalists in the CEC Green Pencil Writing Award!

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; Sebastian P1a, Zeenat P1b, Hugo P2a, Jasmine P2b, Corran P3a, Fabian P3b, Alfie P4, Lewis P4/5, Joshua P5, Cillian P6a, Archie P6b, Anjana P7a and Girma P7b. We met on Friday for a catch up and a healthy snack!

Well done to the winning house of the month for January which was St Margaret's— they will enjoy an extra break this week.

McMillan Cup: For Outstanding Effort Annabelle in P6a is this month's recipient. Annabelle has been awarded for her outstanding effort in helping others through her involvement with her family with the charity, 'Soul Food'. Annabelle helps out on Thursday evenings serving meals and helping provide a welcoming environment for those in need. Well done Annabelle!



Our January assemblies have focused on looking at each zone in the, 'Zones of Regulation' programme. It aims to help children:

- become more aware of their emotions and impulses
- become more independent in controlling their emotions and impulses
- to be aware of and manage their sensory needs and improves their ability to problem solve conflicts.

We have, 'check -in' displays in each class and resources and strategies that children use to get back to the, 'green zone' to be alert and ready to learn.



Laudato Si' Schools: Our eco group presented at last week's assembly.

- Pope Francis wants everyone to participate in looking after our world.
- He wrote a special letter called Laudato Si' asking us to care for our planet and for all the people and animals that live in it.
- We have chosen 3 topics to work on this year: litter, improving our school grounds and learning more about food and the environment.

As part of our eco work we have to choose a global goal.



We have chosen goal 12

We are learning how to make more eco-friendly choices when we buy things.

We also want to see less food waste over lunch times.



The P3s Healthy Tuck Shop last term raised £85 which will go towards to the Emergency Disaster Fund for Ukraine. Many thanks to our local Co-op Store for donating produce for this event.

We are delighted to be using the gardens at Hopetoun Crescent with P6a visiting recently as part of the RSPB Big Bird Watch.



Mr Nico: Pupil Support Officer

At St. Mary's we are committed to equity and ensuring opportunities for all our young people. So, if school attendance or arriving on time for 0845 is a struggle for your family, please reach out so we can work together and find ways that we can support you.

Lastly, we understand that getting into school isn't always easy and that this can often be stressful for families. Therefore, we would also like to signpost:

ParentLine Scotland

At some time, all parents find that parenting can be difficult or stressful. ParentLine Scotland is the free, confidential, telephone helpline for anyone caring for a child in Scotland. You can call about any problem, however big or small.

Phone: 0808 800 2222

Online at: <http://www.children1st.org.uk/parentline>

Many thanks, Mr Nico.

Wishing all a lovely February break. Many thanks as always for your continued support. N. Kehoe