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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.

INTEGRITY

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I hope all are well and feeling like Spring is definitely in the air with some lovely sunshine which was most welcome as we waved our P7s off to Lagganlia for their week away....much excitement as you can imagine! As our P7s are away, next Wed 13th March will be our World Book Day celebrations. Please note we do not ask children to dress up for WBD rather we focus on the reading for enjoyment aspect.



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**Latecoming:**

As you know improving attendance and latecoming is an authority wide priority. We continue to see improvements in latecoming—many thanks for this. It means children are able to complete their, 'Super Start' activity, as well as their wellbeing check in before the teacher starts instruction and outlining the day. Please do continue to let us know if you need any support. Please also email Mrs White if your child has an appointment and she can then collect them so they are ready when you arrive. Many thanks.



## Wider Achievement

**February -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 :

P1: Ava G

P2/1: Olivia

P2:Hamish

P3a: Maya

P3b: Leopold

P4a: Cooper S

P4b: James

P5: Lucas S

P5/6: Bertie

P6:Joshua

P7a: Charis

P7b: Artie



### January —Star Writers:

P1:Daniel

P2/1:Richard

P2:Max

P3a:Haniya

P3b:Obed/Helena

P4a:Giorgia

P5:Gabriel

P5/6:Summer

P6:Taylor

P7a:Dio

P7b:Flavia



The winning house for February was St Andrew's who will enjoy an extra break next week. Well done St Andrew's!



It has been lovely to see pupils, particularly our younger pupils still enjoying the chess sets that were funded from the PFC. We have had a number of supply teaching staff and pupil support assistants who have commented on the calm and purposeful environment in our school and how well the children interact and play during break times. Always nice to hear!



As part of their learning about the Victorian period P3b took a walk along East London Street looking at features of Victorian buildings and comparing them to other buildings on the street—they noticed a date on a building was 1872. They learned how to take panoramic photographs which was new skill for many of them, then used their photos to create a map of the local area.

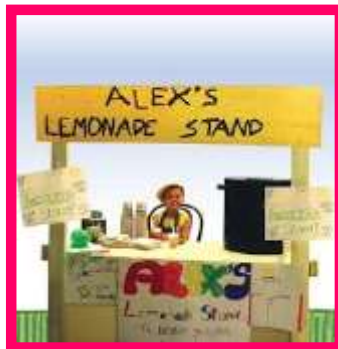
This term our building resilience focuses are Make a Difference and Have a Goal—they both fit really well into our Lenten activity with pupils having a Lenten Goal and also their house raising activity they will be involved in which will help make a difference to those charities they have chosen. We also discuss that everyone makes mistakes and In assembly we have discussed how our children can contribute to making an impact from bringing in money for our SCIAF boxes to keeping their Lenten promises. We discussed these children below too.

## Building Resilience

# Children who have helped to change the world



Ryan Hreljac (age 6) used his pocket money to help build a well in South Africa



Alex Scott (age 4) suffering from cancer, raised a lot of money for cancer research by selling lemonade



Louis Braille, blind by age 5, created a reading and writing system for the blind



Melati and Isabel Wijsen (age 12 and 10), convinced the Bali government to ban plastic bags to help pollution

## Promoting Emotional Health & Well-being

### Building Resilience



Small things can make a meaningful difference



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### Building Resilience

Failure and mistakes are okay because:

1. They are normal and happen to everyone
2. They can give us the chance to reflect on what went wrong
3. They give us the opportunity to try different ways to move forward



## Promoting Emotional Health & Well-being

Please remember to also check the key dates document for upcoming events. Many thanks as always for your continued support. N. Kehoe