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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.

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This week P3-P7 classes have presented the stations of the cross in the cathedral with Fr Robert helping the children reflect on each station and how it may be relevant today. Our P1-P2 classes came together in school to talk through the events leading up to Easter Sunday with Fr Robert. We were very proud of how the children behaved and presented the stations in this very important week in our church calendar.

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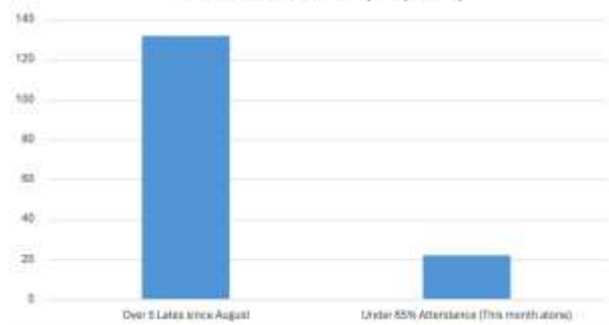
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Latecoming:

As you know improving attendance and latecoming is an authority wide priority. Our school day starts at 0845. We continue to see improvements in latecoming however we still have some cases where 6 or more pupils arrive late each day for the same classes and learning is impacted. Please let us know how we can help.

Lates and Attendance Report (March)



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Wider Achievement

March -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 :

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| P1: Anna K | P2/1: Amelie | P2:Henry |
| P3a: Basil | P3b: Jamie/ Myla | P4a: Honey |
| P4b: Mahnoor | P5: Milo | P5/6: Evan |
| P6: Nikol/Esme | P7a: Eshaal | P7b: Aaron |



January —Star Writers:

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| P1:Emelie | P2/1:Annabelle | P2:Jeulia |
| P3a:Emma S | P3b: Rafael/Tommy | P4a:Giorgia B |
| P5:Lonia | P5/6:Iris | |
| P6: Attalia | P7a:Otto | P7b:Mia |



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



Well done to all our P6/P7 pupils who have taken part in recent cross-country meets particularly Monday's efforts on a very wet day! They were shining examples of our school value of resilience! Special mention to Hugo for coming in 8th in one race and a medal and to Olivia for coming 7th and Mia 12th! Well done also to those pupils who attended the swimming gala—the team came 4th in the backstroke and Lila got a medal in the diving!! Fantastic news all round.



McMillan Cup: a huge well done to Eve Pescodd for being awarded our McMillan Cup this term for going that extra mile and displaying our school values and aims.

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Lenten Fundraising

A huge thanks to you all for contributing to our Lenten Fundraising and to our House and Vice Captains for organising the obstacle course, pyjama day, fun hair day and sponge throw. Great fun and a great way to raise money for the chosen charities. If you have still to send money in for your child please send in when you can.





Two of our Laudato Si eco reps presented an assembly about climate change and what we can all do to however small to try to affect change. Well done Elena and Oliver!

Our Tech Donation Box has arrived! It is located on our ground floor beside the HT Office.

Objectives of Partnership between CEC and Edinburgh Remakery:

- To create a route for tech donations within our designated community and space via Tech Donation Boxes.
- To create a partnership with Social Value and environmental outcomes - Partnership with purpose.
- To allow young people to engage with the circular economy and learn simple methods to reduce their waste.
- To allow students to support their local communities, as a portion of all the devices that are donated through our Tech Donation Boxes, go on to support our Tech Gifting Project and are given for free to people in need across Edinburgh.
- To help raise awareness of the issues surrounding e-waste and how community partnerships can work together to combat it.
- To provide Edinburgh Remakery with donations to refurbish for resell and donate to people suffering from digital isolation and poverty.

If you have anything you want to go into the box please come in. Many thanks!



Only tech items can be placed inside the Tech Donation Box.

The Tech Items include Tablets, Smartphones, Routers, Gaming consoles, Cameras, Laptops and Cables.

Tech Items do not include Toasters, Monitors, PCs, Ovens, Printers, Irons, Hair dryers or straighteners.



The decking improvements are underway! Huge thanks to our PFC for helping fund and to Richard and helpers for helping too!

Thank you also to those who are helping at the School Spring Clean on Sat 20th April— hopefully by then it will be feeling a bit more Spring like!

Here are some of our P2s with a Spring Poem they wrote together and our P3s have created a lovely Spring Display too!



As we come to the end of this term we say our goodbyes to Mrs Gatti in the kitchen and to Mr Nico. We are hugely grateful for all they have done for our community and wish them all the very best!

My thanks as always to all the staff and Fr Robert and to all our parent helpers this term in particular —we couldn't have attended half the events we have without your help—it is hugely appreciated!! It will be a busy term when we return and so I wish you all a relaxing, happy and holy Easter when it comes. N. Kehoe

