

St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

Worship Reflection

A census can provide lots of useful information. It shows a clear picture of our population, helping to ensure governments provide enough services like schools and hospitals for us all.

God our Father,

Lord, we pray for those setting up and administering national data-banks; we give thanks for the good they can do in coordinating information. We remember those who misuse the information they hold and ask that you help them to make honest and ethical choices.

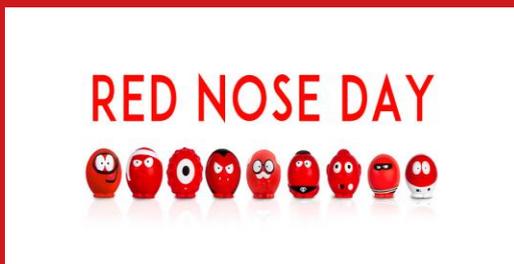
Amen.

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday this week to: Niamh Coleman, Lucas Wooller, Jaiden Bates, Sadie Hiscock & Annabel Roberts.

Red Nose Day

I would like to thank everyone that kindly donated and bought a biscuit for Red Nose Day. We raised an amazing £109.25



The children have been working on acts of kindness this week and making kindness chains. I have been showered by loving gifts of pictures, compliments and notes around school; it has been lovely. Another lovely kind thing that has happened is Mrs Ainscough has given us a generous monetary gift for school. We are going to use it to buy a large history timeline for the school playground. I think the children will love it and as Mrs Ainscough loved teaching history (staff and pupils alike loved watching her charge around the field dressed as a Viking) it seems a fitting tribute to her. We have still not managed to do her farewell Mass and presentation but we have not forgotten and we will do it as soon as we are able.

The kindness of Mrs Ainscough is legendary, she makes everyone feel better. She constantly thinks of others; paying compliments, being there to support through your sad and difficult times and baking the most delicious treats. So I am so glad that Mrs Ainscough is still part of our school community, setting us such a great example to us all.

Mrs Ainscough will be back in school after Easter as a volunteer as, I hope, will all our other volunteers. If you have time, please consider doing this. I will do an induction and a little training so that you feel confident hearing children read and changing books. Our volunteers really make a huge difference to the progress children make in school, which is more important than ever right now. We have eleven volunteers so far and cannot wait to welcome them back into school after Easter.

Don't forget that the virtual balloon race is next week. We will be checking in daily in school to see who is in the lead. Thank you for your support with this and with the Name the Bunny. Together they will raise around £800 which is amazing. Morrisons have now kindly donated a further 100 Easter eggs. We are going to do a randomiser raffle with all the pupils who have bought a name so even if they miss out on the class chocolate hamper they may still win an egg.

Take care of each other
Mrs Gallagher

PTFA Balloon Race

We are having a virtual balloon race. Children get to choose a design for their balloon, name it and put a greeting on it. Balloons cost £3 each. Children will be able to tune in daily to see the progress of their balloon. We will also be tuning in at school to rev up the excitement. The race is in our final week in school Monday 29th March- Thursday 1st April.

<https://www.balloonrace.com/marymags>



Merit Winners

Congratulations this week to:

Year R – Alice Andjelkovich for amazing progress in her reading & Joshua Okafor for brilliant answers in our Science topic.

Year 1 – Sierra Hoban for a fabulous attitude to learning & Liam Clementson for brilliant instructions in his written work

Year 2 – Harry Belshaw for excellent work on shape properties. What a superstar! & Hugo Hamer for great Science investigation work on properties of different materials.

Year 3 – Aurora Melling for being a superstar and producing some fabulous work in History & Ethan Andjelkovich for being a kind and helpful friend.

Year 4– Phoebe Joules for always putting 100% effort into all her work & Olive McMullan for always being kind and helpful to everyone in class.

Year 5 – Lewis Anyon for his passion and enthusiasm for Maths. His love of learning really shines every day & Annabel Roberts for bringing to life the character of Miss Trunchbull in our drama lessons by using excellent tone, body language and facial expressions.

Year 6– Jacob Burns for his superb effort within drama and his fantastic 'Mr Woodworm' impressions & Hannah Dexter for her increased confidence & performing with such charisma.