

St Mary's News



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New editors!

Welcome to this half term's edition of the St Mary's News. We are really looking forward to working as your new school newspaper editors this year. We hope that you enjoy reading about what the pupils at St Mary's have been up to over the past few weeks!

Hannah M and Polly



Opening of the new post office

Pupils were invited to attend the opening of the new post office in Buckfast, since it moved into new premises into the old Axminster carpet shop recently. Eight Year 6 pupils went to the opening and the Abbot from Buckfast Abbey blessed the post office. Lorraine, the person who runs the post office, made a short speech just before the ribbon was cut.

By Joseph and Denham

BEFORE



AFTER



Arsenal sports

This year we have a sports coach working with all of the children on Wednesdays each week. Chris, from Arsenal sports, runs PE lessons for each class, plus a sports club at lunchtime and break time. This term he is running an after school football club and at the moment it is so popular that we have a waiting list for children who would like to join! If you have any ideas about which sport you would like to do after school next term please let me or one of the other school councillors know, as we will be deciding next month.



By Mahlia

Please send any ideas or suggestions for St Mary's News to the School Office or email the information to:

admin@st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk

Dogs Trust

On Monday 12th October a lady came in to talk to us about the work that the Dogs Trust carries out and what they do to help dogs. She spoke to us about how we can look after our dogs and told us some of the surprising reasons for people bringing their dogs to the Dogs Trust, such as: "He doesn't match the colour of my sofa," or, "he's not a puppy anymore."

We all really enjoyed the visit, but I think the thing we all enjoyed the most was acting out what to do in certain situations that involve dogs. For example, if a dog comes up to you and tries to bite you or hurt you, you should curl up into a ball, like a hedgehog, so they can't reach your face or eyes.

By Eleanor L



Jump Rope for Heart

This half term, as part of our PE sessions pupils have been improving their skipping skills, to help prepare for the Jump Rope event which happened a couple of weeks ago. Jump rope for heart is the British Heart Foundation's (BHF's) popular skipping event designed to encourage young people to be more active whilst having fun. There were a number of records created in the school, including the highest number of skips which was achieved by Mahlia with 104 skips. In second place was



Hannah M and third place Eleanor L.

By Tianna and Evan

Jewellery competition

John Doble, jewellery designer and two journalists from the Herald Express came into our school to tell us about a new competition that the newspaper is running. To enter the competition you have to design some jewellery and send it into the Herald Express. The winning entry gets the chance to bring their piece of jewellery to life as they get £1000 to pay for the precious stones and materials. You also get the chance to go and tell them how you want your finished design to look.

By Hannah M

African Storytelling Day

On 6th October an African storyteller, Abimbola (Abi) Alao, came into school and shared some games, music and interesting stories about life in Africa. One of our favourite games was called aeo. It is the oldest game invented and even today it's still a classic. Burrator spent a long time playing the games and trying to win!

Abi also told us a wondrous story about what the world would be like without friendship and what makes friendship so special. She told some other amazing tales as well and used drums to accompany her stories.

The reason she came to St Mary's was thanks to Fernworthy class who liked her so much at the Abbey storytelling festival, that we decided to book her to come into school to help with our African topic.

It was quite a busy day for both Fernworthy and for Burrator but everyone really enjoyed Abi's visit to the school. **By Ellie B-D**



Fernworthy Residential

On Thursday 15th October, Fernworthy class set off for their residential adventure. We arrived at Two Bridges and saw a dry stone wall. Dry stone walls are very fragile, but well built.

Later on we came to Wistman's Wood; it was a spooky forest with lots of petrified trees. It was very rocky around the wood and the moss on top of the rocks was as soft as a pillow!

Eventually we reached the bunkhouse. At first, I felt a little bit nervous but once I got inside I felt right at home. There was a fire, comfy chair and even games to play – that's the life!

The following day we did some orienteering finding orange flags in the circle. For lunch we had tomato soup and then headed back to school!

By Finley



Year 1 and 2 pupils from Fernworthy class went to Tesco supermarket in Newton Abbot to find out a bit more about how our food is made. Here are two people's recount of the day...

Yesterday we went to Tesco on the bus. First we went into the bakery with Paul and Anna. Next we went into a very cold freezer, it had ice cream inside. Finally we had lunch; we had great fun at Tesco's!

By Natalie

Yesterday we went to Tesco on a bus. I enjoyed going to the bakery. Next we went on a colour hunt around Tesco. I had a great day and I hope that we can go again.

By George R

Fire safety talk

Last Monday Kath, from the Fire Service, came in to talk to us about fire safety. We learnt about 'stop, drop and roll' in case our clothes ever catch fire. Although it is really unlikely that this would ever happen, it is really important that you know what to do, especially with Halloween and Bonfire Night coming up. We also learnt that we should make a fire escape plan at home with our families.

By Polly



Farmwise Exhibition at Westpoint, Exeter

The whole of Key Stage Two (Fernworthy and Burrator class) went to West Point Arena in Exeter to take part in the Farm Wise Event which was an interactive exhibition to teach pupils about farming. In the stadium there were different sections: nature, cows, sheep, bird, cooking etc. In each of the sections there were displays and animals. Adults on the different stands gave demonstrations, including how to milk a cow and sheering sheep. The best bit, and also the cutest, was when we held the chicks in the incubator. Along with the other machinery, we also got to see a huge combine harvester close up. It was so big that it had to be dismantled to get it inside the arena!

By Toby R and Scarlett



Harvest Celebrations

On Wednesday we had our Harvest Mass in Buckfast Abbey. Each class made different food to sell including biscuits, fruit pies, bread and soup. We also had donations for the local food bank. All the money we raised (over £100) we will donate to CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development).

We hoped you enjoyed the harvest and enjoyed the refreshments!

By Ethan



Redecoration

St. Mary's corridors are currently being redecorated. Over the past couple of years, the walls have started to look dirty due to children leaning on them and putting their hands and feet on the walls. The rest of the work will be carried out over half term and we really look forward to having lovely clean corridors after the holidays. Remember to look after them!

By Thomas P

More jokes...There are three pigs in a sty; they were trying to decide who was the smelliest. One was called Me-me-me, one was called Me-me and the final one was called Me. Eventually they decided that Me-me-me wasn't the smelliest, neither was Me-me so who was the smelliest?

Answer – Me!

Jokes section

The school councillors wanted to have a jokes section in the school newspaper. This half term, the jokes have been provided by Tobias and Daniel:

Why didn't the skeleton go to the ball?

Because he had 'no body' to go with!

Why did the cow need to cross the road?

To get to the mooovies.