

St Mary's News

Friday 31st March 2017

Happy Easter

Congratulations to everyone who took part in the Easter Bonnet Parade this year. Alison from the Education Department agreed to judge the winners – congratulations to Winnie, Stephen, Natalie and Evan. They each received a prize.



St Mary's Easter Egg Hunt

On 31st March, all of St Mary's took part in an Easter egg hunt in the school's woodland area. The activity was organised for all pupils from Meldon class up to Burrator class and it was a huge success. The children had to find eggs with letters and questions on them. When they were finished the children were given a chocolate Easter Egg for all of their hard work. Everyone was pleased with what they received!

By Serephina and Hannah

Easter Storytelling session

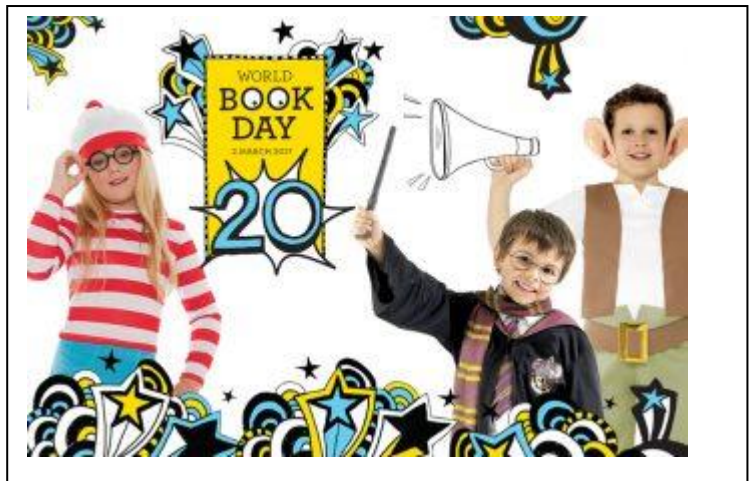
Pupils from Meldon class took part in a storytelling session in the Guest Hall, with Anna from the Abbey Education department. Everyone was given a toy donkey to remind them about the Easter story.



World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March, the children in our school got to dress up as their favourite book characters. In the morning we had an assembly and showed everyone our costumes. Instead of doing our normal work, we did some fun activities including designing a front cover and a blurb for our own made up books. We were also given our own book tokens.

By Venitia



Fernworthy Roman Day

On Tuesday 28th March, Fernworthy Class had a Roman Day. In the morning we made honey cakes, masks, bracelets and head dresses. It was lots of fun! After lunch we sang Roman songs and songs about Celts too. Finally we sang about Roman dinners, just before we ate our own Roman banquet. We have all really enjoyed learning about the Romans.

By Nicole, Poppy and Imogen.

Devon Air Ambulance Visit

St Mary's invited the Devon Air Ambulance to come into school and talk to us about the work that they do. We heard from Mr Taylor (Darcie, Shane and Harvey's dad) as his older son had been helped by the Air Ambulance Service after a motorbike accident. The school council are arranging a fundraiser for this charity early next term.

Devon Air Ambulance Trust

Registered Charity No: 1077998



Comic Relief 2017

This year we sold red noses and dressed in mufti or something red to raise money for Comic Relief on Friday 23rd March. Thank you for all of your efforts, we managed to raise just under £100 for this charity.



COMIC RELIEF

Year 6 Catholic Schools' Football Tournament

Year 6 boys went to a football tournament in Brixham. There were 10 matches in total, each running for ten minutes. We played a variety of different teams including girls and boys. We got off to a great start with an 8-0 win during our first match. Daniel scored three goals, Tobias scored three, and Evan and Ellis both scored a goal each during this match.

Unfortunately we lost two games, but this did not hamper our spirits because during the last game we won 4-0 which luckily placed us third in the whole tournament out of ten teams. We worked together very well as a team; we supported other team's successes even when we lost. We were complimented on our sportsmanship and team playing skills by other people.

We enjoyed the tournament very much and it helped us to develop our football skills as well as making other friends with people from other schools.

It was a particularly lucky day for Daniel and Tobias as they were invited to trials with Southampton FC because of their amazing attitudes as well as their football talent. Trials are to be held in Torquay over the following four weeks.

By Daniel and Tobias

Meldon and Venford's visit to Pennywell Farm

Venford and Meldon classes went to visit Pennywell Farm. We went on a tractor ride and saw some Shetland ponies. We also had chance for a little playtime and all had a go at feeding the baby lambs with a bottle of milk. In the pets corner I had chance to hold a grey and white rabbit and a brown and white guinea pig.

By Honey-Rose

Pennywell

Year 3/4 Catholic Schools's Football Tournament

On Wednesday 15th March, eight pupils from Fernworthy class went to St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School in Brixham for a football tournament. We really enjoyed the day and won three of our games. Overall we came 3rd.

By Aidan



Ivybridge Gymnastics Sessions

Venford and Meldon class were lucky to have Ellie the gym coach from Ivybridge College to teach us some gymnastics skills. She came every Thursday morning and we were very excited to go on to the apparatus. We enjoyed using the crash mats for our landings. We all learnt lots of great moves including balances and cartwheels! We loved having Ellie and we hope she comes back soon.

By Esme Kerswell

Marine Biology Day

On Thursday 16th March four children went to the Marine Biology day in Plymouth. We carried out marine biology activities and had a lot of fun. I particularly enjoyed the fish guts experiment where we investigated what fish ate by cutting them open. I also learnt that in fact coconuts kill more people in a year than sharks. It was a brilliant day that we all enjoyed!

By George

During the Marine Biology Day we spent some time in the National Marine Biological library which has 15,000 books in it. It took three floors to store all of the books. We carried out an activity using beans to think about methods of fishing. Then we had to go to the library and find a book about natural history. Finally we produced our own acrostic poem about Jellyfish.

By Charley

Woodland area oven

Many thanks to the Gardening Department at the Abbey, who have designed and created an outdoor oven for us to use in our Outdoor Education sessions. It has been made from virtually all recycled materials.

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.



Bournemouth Orchestra- Elements Concert

On 16th March Fernworthy and Burrator Classes attended the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at Exeter University. We were invited to sing a song called the 'Four Elements' accompanied by the orchestra itself; it was really hard at times to keep up and also to be heard, but eventually, because of all the weeks of practice, we managed to be heard and still sound beautiful. After we had sung the song, Four Elements, we listened to some more music and then made different sound patterns by clapping our hands or stamping our feet while keeping in rhythm with the orchestra. Eventually it was time to go, but we all really enjoyed it.

By Scarlett

