



St Mary's Catholic Primary School
'Love God, Love Others, Love Ourselves'

Upcoming dates

18th October – Coffee
Morning – Mental Health.

20th October 2023
Curriculum Day – school
closed

23rd-27th October
Half Term

1st and 2nd of November
Parents Evening

3rd November
Y6 RE Assembly & Parent Lunch

6th – 10th November
School photographs
More info to follow

10th November
Y6 Laying Flowers
Chingford Mount Cemetery

10th November
Y4 RE Assembly & Parent Lunch

10th November
FOSM – Junior Disco

Rosary Month.

We have had a busy fortnight and I am delighted to have so much to celebrate this week. A huge congratulations to our St. Mary's Chess Team who played brilliantly and showed excellent sportsmanship. Our football team received positive complements for their representation of the school when they left site on Tuesday to compete and we have had such a fantastic turn out for choir auditions that our one-day audition slot turned into three days!

Our year 2 children competed in a cross-country running event and were very successful in all categories.

Our Mental-Health Champions had their first shift on the playground this week and the younger children were particularly grateful for their support.

We are putting a spotlight on children's house teams this half term and it is great to see the pupils and staff wearing their house badges with such pride.

It is excellent to see the children immerse themselves so fully in life at school.

And finally, October is Rosary Month. You can purchase a little rosary from school to mark this occasion.

Well done everyone!

Mrs. Sharkey
Deputy Headteacher

A Spotlight on Year 5

Year 5 have had a great start to the school year. We have been working extremely hard and many children have been rewarded with gold stars and Class Dojo points. In English, we have been reading 'The Boy in the Girl's Bathroom' by Louis Sachar and have written some fabulous diary entries and recounts – we are using higher level adjectives to enhance our writing as well as thinking about the reader and maintaining their engagement. During maths lessons, we have been learning about place value and how to solve addition and subtraction problems. The numbers we are working with are getting increasingly larger and we are working on our written and mental methods.



In science we have been learning about Earth and space and have completed some excellent experiments. These focused on explaining the Earth's movement in space and night and day. We used touches to represent the sun and talked about how day and night on each hemisphere.



During PE we have been taking part in invasion games. This develops motor skills, movement patterns, and strategic knowledge commonly associated with team sports.

It has been a very positive start to the school year and we are very much looking forward to continuing our learning journey in year 5.

