



Hello and a huge welcome to the first edition of..... drum roll..... St Mary's Chit Chat! And a huge well done to Alice Lett from Dolphins Class for coming up with the winning name!

Firstly, a massive thank you to each and every one of you who have already contributed to the newsletter. Reading your stories and seeing your pictures has made putting this together so much fun and filled our hearts with joy. We hope that you all enjoy reading it as much as we have enjoyed making it.

Thank you to everyone who contributed ideas to the name and the logo. We were really impressed with the variety of ideas and the thought that had clearly gone into each and everyone. Whilst Alice was the overall winner, we'd like to congratulate you all, so well done to Annabel Luscombe 3L, Otto Sleeman 3L, Evelyn Usher 3W, Louis Brereton-Davies 4M, Amber King 4L and Halle Sullivan and Barney Helm in Whales Class.

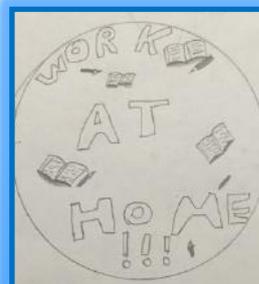
Remember! The Chit Chat is YOUR newsletter, so please keep sending us in your lovely ideas, pictures, stories and jokes. **Happy Reading!**



Annabel Luscombe from 3L



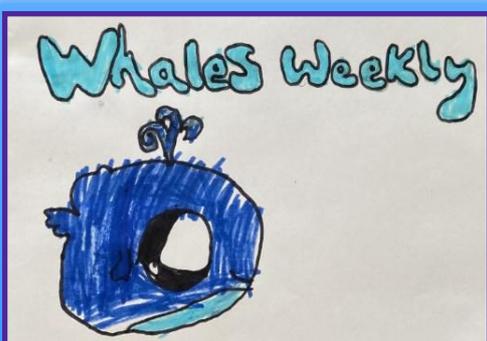
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Halle Sullivan from Whales Class



Louis Brereton-Davies from 4M

News from our Correspondents

Let your teacher know if you would like to be a Correspondent next week!

Lily Bright in Whales Class (Year 2) has written about what she has been doing.

I had an online FaceTime call with Phoebe (my cousin) because it was my Dad's birthday and we did cool stuff. First we made a Lego jewellery stand. We started by building the base. I found it a little tricky, hard and challenging at times but the instructions helped me.



My favourite part is the turquoise colour and silver outline. We then made the cloud which was easier to build. My favourite part was being able to choose the pattern. I called mine 'Circle Circle' because it is made of multi coloured circles, I like that if I want to change the front pattern I can.

We then put the top and bottom together and made bracelets to hang on them.

Something else I enjoyed was later that night, Daddy went outside because he heard a noise. Mummy and I followed him and we found 2 hedgehogs playing in our garden. I think they were playing hide and seek. I love hedgehogs so was really excited to see them.

Keeping active during lockdown – by James Thompson, 4H

While we all are stuck indoors, it is really important to keep on exercising. Joe Wicks the Body Coach is doing twenty minute workouts every day, Monday to Friday at nine o'clock, why not give this a try?

You are allowed to go out for a walk or other exercise outside every day and that is exactly what you should do.



Joe Wicks gets the nation moving every morning

Strictly's Oti

It keeps you healthy and it's also just a nice way to spend time with your family, out in the fresh air. Many dancers such as Oti Mabuse and Anton Du Beke are doing dance classes for people like us who are stuck indoors.

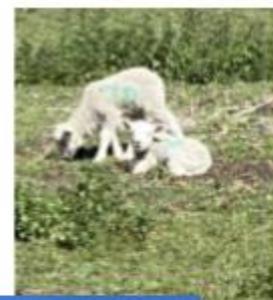
So maybe you could take part in them. If you have siblings, ask them if they would like to join in with your exercises to make it more fun. At the moment they are one of the only people you can play with and you would find active time a lot less fun without them. So stay active, keep happy and enjoy yourself!

LOCKDOWN by JOSH LALLY 4L

When lockdown first happened, I felt a bit worried I would feel a bit claustrophobic being at home all the time. I am missing all my clubs, especially football, tennis and cricket. I am really missing my friends too but I am enjoying speaking to them every day on house party and the xbox.

I thought lockdown was going to be boring, but we have had time to do other things that we don't usually get to do, like having more time in the garden, going on walks with my family (sometimes a bit too long) and going to visit the lambs. I have been helping Mum cook and doing puzzles with her too.

I can't wait to see my friends and everyone in 4L after lockdown, but at the moment, it's alright.



News from our Correspondents

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4M Class Correspondent – William Shackleton

A trip to the Natural History Museum and a Hike to The Moon—it's been a busy few weeks!

This week I went to the Natural History Museum. Well, I didn't actually go for real, I went online with my friends from 4M, Ben Branchflower and Isaac Endersby.



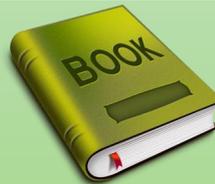
It was quite easy, all we did was we typed up their website, <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit/virtual-museum.html> and then we were in. It was really fun. We walked through the corridors and zoomed in on the animals and dinosaurs. My favourite room was the Mammals room. We also looked at the wildlife photography exhibition. It was awesome. All the photographs were amazing! So we could enjoy it together I hosted a Zoom chat and then shared my screen so we were all looking at the same thing together. We all took a packed lunch so it felt really realistic.



Last week I ran a mile for charity by running 55 laps of my garden. I know some other people in our class did this as well. It was run by Tim Peake and Bear Grills as part of 'The Big Day In' for Comic Relief and Children In Need and lots the cubs and scouts in the United Kingdom took part. Our challenge was to hike to the moon 240,000 miles away. It was a very hot day the day I did it so I needed a big drink at the end. I raised £110 and in total the cubs and scouts raised £307,000.



CLUBS



Club	Leader	Day and Time
Photography (Years 2 – 6)	Mrs Gautrey	
Choir (Years 2 – 6)	Mrs Lewis	Fridays 12.30pm
Book Club (Year 5)	Mrs Greenwood	Wednesdays 11.00am
Book Club (Year 6)	Mrs Greenwood	Wednesdays 11.30am
Girl's Football (Years 5 and 6)	Mr Collins	Thursdays 2.00pm
Boy's Football (Years 5 and 6)	Mr Heyburn	Tuesdays 2.00pm
Boy's Football (Years 2,3 and 4)	Mr Heyburn	New posts on Tuesdays
Girl's Football (Years 2,3 and 4)	Mr Collins	
Guitar (Year 3 to 6)	Mrs Quinn	
Craft Club	Ms Stevenson	

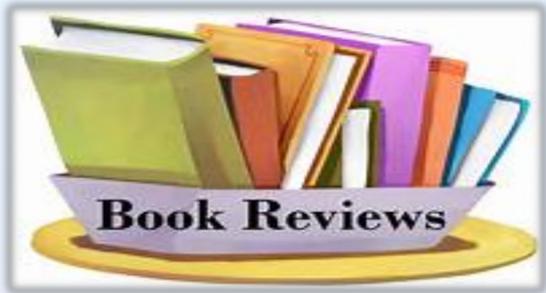
Guitar Club is a DOJO club and a new challenge is posted on Tuesday at 3.30pm. It can be accessed at any time and email recordings can be sent back to Mrs Quinn. It's not in real time. If you would like to be invited to join, ask your parents to email: at s.quinn@stmarysprimary.org

If you are feeling Crafty and want to learn some new skills, look out for our new **Craft Club** on Google Classroom. We will post a new craft each week for you to try. There will be written instructions; a list of materials needed (which hopefully you can find at home or perhaps on your daily walk) and a video demonstration if necessary. Hope you enjoy trying some of the crafts and when you have completed something, please do submit a picture or comment on how you got on.

We will be available for you to ask any questions about the craft or for more inspiration!



Coming soon: Nature Club, Cookery Club and Year 4 Book Club



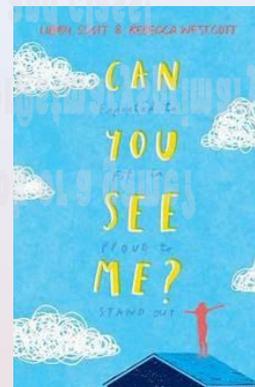
Would you like to review a film, a book or a game?

Send us your write-up and a pic to Newsletter@stmarysprimary.org

Don't forget to include your name and class!

Can You See Me? - Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott (Yrs 5-6)

Written from the perspective of Tally, an 11 year old girl with Autism, this was a brilliant read. Tally is starting secondary school and starting to write a journal with the aim of one day helping others understand her a bit better. Whilst this book will be particularly relevant to those in Year 6 who are looking ahead to the same change as Tally, it really is a book for everyone. It's a book about understanding yourself, adapting to changes, friendship and hope. Lots of hope...



Congratulations!

...to Emily Iliffe who has passed her Grade One Piano with Merit!



Mason Wilson from 3L has completed his camping badge at home this week for cubs. They were due to go on a real camping experience this weekend! But had the chance to complete at home instead. This is Mason's tent - he slept in here all night!



Emily Seed who cycled 6km with her dad and is very proud of herself! Well done!

Joseph Vincent, from Whales class, set himself the challenge last week of cycling 26 miles over seven days to raise money for WaterAid and NHS Charities.

He did amazingly, never giving up and even did a 5 mile ride on day 7 to reach the distance. He wanted to raise £52, but totally smashed it and has raised £475! He wants to say a huge thank you to all his friends and family who've supported him.



What type of ship never sinks?

Friendship!

Zachary Von Sembach 3R

Knock Knock.

Who's there? Boo.

Boo Who? Don't start to cry!

Alex Campbell, Starfish

JOKE CORNER

Boredom BUSTERS

Don't let boredom take over at home! Here's some inspiring ideas from St Mary's children....whether it's high-tec, or getting out the mixing bowl for some baking...there's always something to do!



AIDAN IS BRINGING WILDLIFE TO LIFE!

No your eyes are not deceiving you! Aidan (Dolphins Year 2) is sitting next to a lion...OK, it's a digital one! His boredom busting tip: If you type an animal into Google on a phone or iPad and click 'view in 3D' - you can see lots of animals and what they would look like in real life. It is lots of fun!



AN UNDERSEA ADVENTURE

Rufus Wilcox is almost at the finish line with this wonderful sea creature jigsaw puzzle. It has a whopping 1000 pieces. A great way to spend your spare time!

TOBI'S TASTY SCONES!

A bit of butter, a blob of jam and a smothering of cream....scones make a tasty treat! Why not try making them: <https://childrens-binary.files.bbci.co.uk/childrens-binarystore/cbeebies/presenters-scones-2.pdf>



Tobias Agozzino from 4T tucks in

4L's AMELIE JARRETT-CHASE SHARES HER DELICIOUS CUPCAKE RECIPE



TOM AND ELLA OFFER SOME "FELT TIPS"

Inspired by some of the home learning tasks, Tom Feltham of 4T and his sister Ella of Seahorses have been keeping themselves occupied by creating their own draw along YouTube channel.

Tom is doing all the filming and editing himself so it's not quite a Hollywood production but he's very enthusiastic about it!



During the lockdown they are trying to release a video a day, and we've shared the link among 4T and Seahorses classes already and know some of their friends are joining in. Some of the younger children might like to see it too. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpzzQqSYqmNCIz9iXVPbDQ>

CUPCAKES



This is how to make the most perfect cupcakes so follow this recipe. It's quite easy to do. The recipe and instructions are below.

- Ingredients**
- 110g of butter
 - 110g of Caster sugar
 - 2 eggs (lightly beaten)
 - 1 tsp Vanilla extract
 - 110 Self-raising flour
 - 1-2 tbsps of milk
- for the icing**
- 150g of icing sugar
 - 1-2 tbsps of water
 - food colouring (optional)
 - Cake decorations



- Making the cakes**
1. Preheat the oven to 180C.
 2. Cream the butter and sugar together in a bowl. Beat in the eggs and add the vanilla extract.
 3. Fold in the flour, add a bit of milk until the mixture is soft. Then fill half of the paper cases.
 4. Bake in the oven for 8 to 10 minutes and leave to cool.
 5. for the icing Stir a little water into the icing sugar - to make a smooth mixture.
 6. Drizzle the icing over the cakes and sprinkle with decorations.

Next week: Look out for Leo Campbell from 3L's Victoria Sponge cake recipe!!!



We love this logo , which has been designed by Connie Farrell



I have been drawing some flowers on my Mummies computer. I copied the flowers from the photos I took on my tablet.



Alice Lett from Year 2 has been getting very creative. She's been photographing flowers and recreating them on the computer!

William and Jack Denyer have a resident hedgehog in their garden: We've bought a wildlife camera to try and capture him at night. Attached is a photo that we took last night. Sorry it's a bit blurry.



We also had a mummy goose and 5 baby goslings down our road yesterday – we helped her get to the nearest pond. It took about 2 hours and lots of enticing with a bread trail.



Ben Cox from 3L has been discovering the wonders of nature: During my time in Lockdown, I have set up my own Instagram page. It's called **Moorcroft_wildlife_watch**

Every week on my walk with Mabel, my dog, I record the wildlife and nature spotted near my home. I've also built a pond and bought a hedgehog house to encourage the frogs and hedgehogs to come and visit. Here are some pictures of what I have found:



Mrs Lewis is...

In the Spotlight

If you had a superpower what would it be?

I would like to be able to teleport anywhere in the world at the blink of an eye (but not every time I blink obviously that would get VERY confusing!) – then I could go and meet lots of interesting people, and see amazing places around the world and still be home in time for tea.



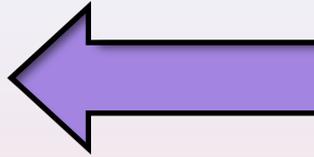
What's your favourite hobby?
Making music

Craziest thing you've ever done?

When I was little I lived in a house in Liverpool with my mum and dad and my brother. We had quite a big garden and my Dad was really into growing vegetables. He let us have one little corner of the garden to grow things for ourselves. One hot summer's day, I decided it would be interesting to see if I could dig to Australia. I had heard that people in Australia were 'upside down' because they were on the other side of the world, and I wanted to see if I would hit their heads first or their feet. I was digging ALL DAY and thought I had made my hole VERY deep. I was telling everyone about my plan and was very determined – and got quite cross when the grown-ups were laughing! Unfortunately, despite my best efforts, I didn't find any Australians. Eventually I gave up and planted some flowers instead!



From the Family Album



This is me on the beach in Wales in 1971 when I was 6. Not sure what my mum thought about all that sand over my clothes!

What would you do with a million pounds?

Get a big house and fill it with instruments and music and then anyone who wanted to could come and play and make music together whenever they liked. There would be free lessons for anyone who wanted to learn. I would build big stage in the garden and we would have big festivals like Party in the Playground and people would come from miles around to join in the fun.

DECISION TIME

Fish and Chips or Sausage and Mash

YouTube or Netflix

Rock or Pop

Curry or Chinese

Snow or Sun

Milk Chocolate or Dark Chocolate

Country or City

