



**NEW-LOOK PLAYGROUND MARKINGS
WILL KEEP US ALL ON OUR TOES!**

A transformation has taken place on the playgrounds of St Mary's!

Children returning to school will see a brand new look—with keep-

fit challenges and maths games painted on the play areas to keep both our minds and bodies fit!

Here's Mrs Lewis trying them out!



How would you like to be the Guest Editor of The Chit Chat? We're looking for one, two or three children to help oversee the production of the newsletter, interview a staff member and write the front page. If it's something you would like to do, let your teacher know!



Who is trying to pull the wool over our eyes in this week's Guess Who?

The answer is on p8

Lots of staff and pupils put their best foot forward for the St Mary's Fun Run before half term; including Mrs Stephenson who did her best im-



pression of a flamenco whilst clocking up her 5k for charity!

In this edition we report on how you got involved and how you marked Sports Week.

News from our Correspondents

Central Way

On Friday 22nd May, lots of the children who live in Central Way took part in The St. Mary's School 'socially distanced' Fun Run. We all ran laps up and down the street whilst some of the parents joined in or helped us cross the road safely.

We had measured the course so knew we had to run 13 laps to complete 5km. Some of our neighbours came out to cheer us on and even some little brothers and sisters joined in too. Everyone showed great determination and resilience and cheered each other on when we felt tired. Everyone did their best and we all felt very proud of our achievements. Josh and Ben Rice managed an awesome 30 laps which was over 10k!

We were all rewarded with a nice cool drink or ice lollies and given certificates to mark the occasion and our achievement. It was really good fun to do something together as a community, especially during lockdown, and help raise money for all the charities St. Mary's School is supporting.



Sophia Pitt (5S), Zoe Anderson (4T), Jessica Allen (4T), Joshua Rice (4M), Luke Allen (Whales), Joseph Vincent (Whales), Ben Rice (Dolphins), Evie Anderson (Seahorses), Rose Parfremment-Hopkins (Seahorses), Evie Ling (Starfish).

And in other...

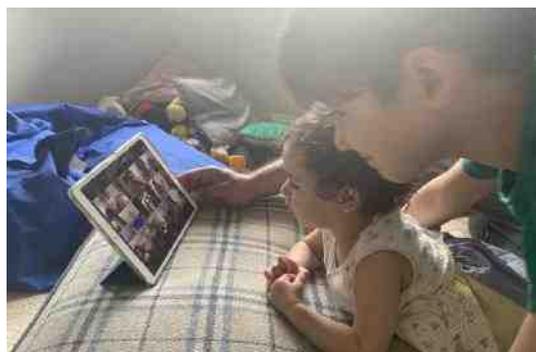
SPORTS NEWS



Year 5 Sports Week



Celebration time for Aidan Ahmedi - Dolphins

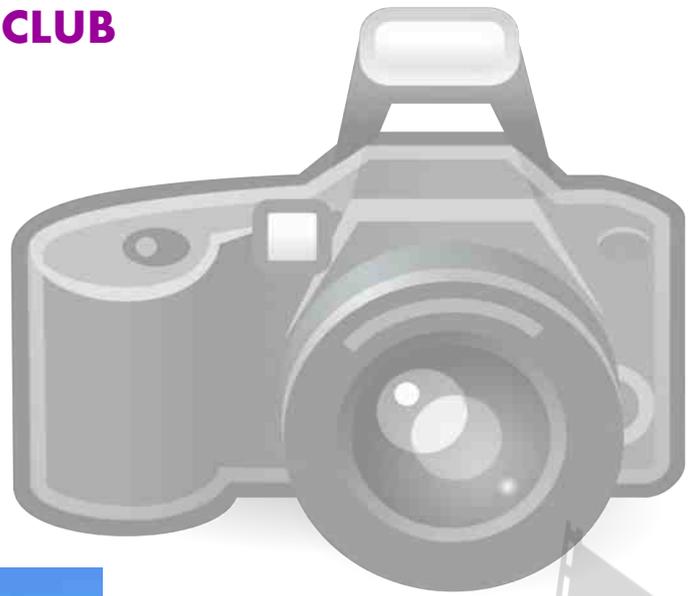


'This week we celebrated the festival of Eid - normally we would have a huge family party so I was a bit sad we couldn't this year. But instead we posted cards and presents to our family (I sent my grandparents an afternoon tea) and then we had a bbq in our garden and ate sweets and opened our own presents. We also did a big family quiz online with 30 of our cousins from all over the world!'

MRS GAUTREY'S PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Our challenge this week was to take a photo with a simple background, so it did not detract from the main focal point of our picture. Another set of great photos – well done everyone!

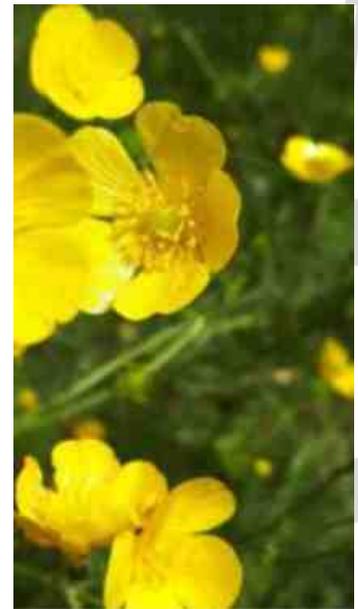
Photography club will continue this half term and is still open for anyone to join.



Sophie Lavabre 6MG



Harry Hickling 3R



Ashley Cumming 5S



Holly Elrick 5S



Hannah Prater 6MG



Freddie Rowe 3L



WARNING



Extremely cute picture alert!



Archie and Poppy Scott-Taggart (5S and 5G) have taken delivery of two cute little fluffballs over half term — meet Monty and Milo the mischievous kittens.

Answers: Wasp, Tortoiseshell Butterfly and a Dock Bug
Did you get them right?

Leo Campbell of Whales class went bug-spotting during the holidays. Here's what he discovered:

One of my favourites is this meadow grasshopper.



This is how I found it: I heard a noise. I suddenly realised it was a grasshopper. I got the others. We crept slowly towards the noise. We saw it, but we did not catch it. But I was still confident. I was with the phone, crouching in the grass and then I saw it. It was not doing its warning call but it was still there. I realised this was my chance. I quickly took a picture and if that wasn't interesting enough, I got the grasshopper in the photo!!!

I showed mummy and daddy and they were amazed. I was too. I really liked bug hunting!

- A meadow grasshopper
- Buff tailed bumblebees
- A wasp
- A tortoiseshell butterfly
- A dock bug
- Honey Bees
- A funny-looking-insect
- A long, red beetle
- A tiny little fly
- Quite a big fly
- A peacock butterfly
- A large red damselfly
- A beautiful demoiselle damselfly

We've got a whole NEST of buff tailed bumblebees right in our wall!!! They have white tails and our ones have little, shiny bumps on their heads! Here's a photo I took:



Guess the bug!
Name Leo's 3 discoveries below



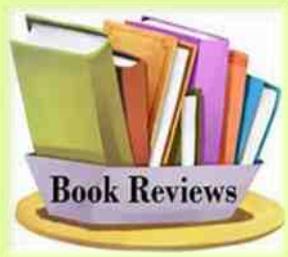
JOKE CORNER



Thank you to Alex Campbell in Starfish!



Why did the Fly, fly?
Because the Spider, spied her!!



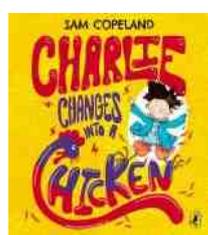
Would you like to review a book, film or game? Send us your write-up and a pic to Newsletter@stmarysprimary.org
Don't forget to include your name and your class!



Miss Greenwood recommends...

Charlie Changes into a Chicken by Sam Copeland

In this funny and surprising story, Charlie (aged 9) suddenly finds his body whizzing and fizzing and turning into different animals. He worries about lots of things and this becomes his biggest worry of all! His secret is soon out and his friends become determined to help him deal with his problem before he turns into an animal during the school play! Lots of laughs for Years 2-4.



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!



Delicious

Martha Sula (5C) has been making the most of her half term by creating some delicious treats including making her own pasta! And, as the family won't be going camping in France this year, they decided to bring the

campsite to their back garden!

Good idea!



5G Correspondent Sophie Selwood has inspired this edition's Recipe Corner!

“Over half term I have been keeping busy by baking a Rainbow Cake. It's the first time I've made one and it was five layers tall, each with a different colour - Red, Orange, Yellow, Green and Blue. It took me three and a half hours from start to finish.

First I followed a classic Victoria Sandwich [recipe](#) and then I divided the mixture into five separate bowls before adding a different food colouring into each.. When you put in the colours it made a swirl, the blue was my favourite colour.

Once I had made all the colours, I poured them into different pans and put them in the oven to bake. While they were cooling, I made some vanilla buttercream to put between the layers of my cake and all around the outside of it too.

Next (this was my favourite part!) it was time to put sprinkles on! I put on some unicorn confetti all over the cake. After it was time to eat some - YAY! - we all had a slice and everyone said it was delicious :)

I had so much fun, I can't wait to do more baking soon!



**MORE!
MORE!
MORE!**

Boredom **BUSTERS**

TECHNICOLOUR DREAM TENT!!

During lockdown, Harry and Lucie Lewis (3W and 4T) have been camping.

“This year we got a new addition to our tent which is a wood burning stove. We have been helping daddy light the fire with our flint and steel, we cooked sausages and eggs for breakfast and make hot chocolate on it in the evenings. While we were drinking it we got to watch lots of fun movies.

The best thing about it was getting up very, very early in the morning!!!

We played Uno and we also didn't shower.

To communicate we had walky-talkies in case something happened we also had torches.

We watched the space station go past our tent and crew dragon followed 20 minutes later.

We also roasted marshmallows on our fire pit.”

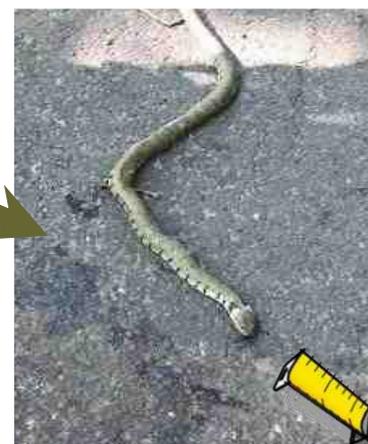


WOW!

What a find!

Frankie Hobday (Whales) went on lots of walks at Half Term and found a very long grass snake at Itchingwood Common.

He also worked hard in the garden and planted lots of colourful flowers!

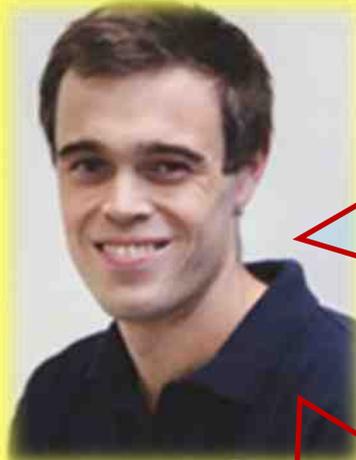


Mr Heyburn is...

In the Spotlight

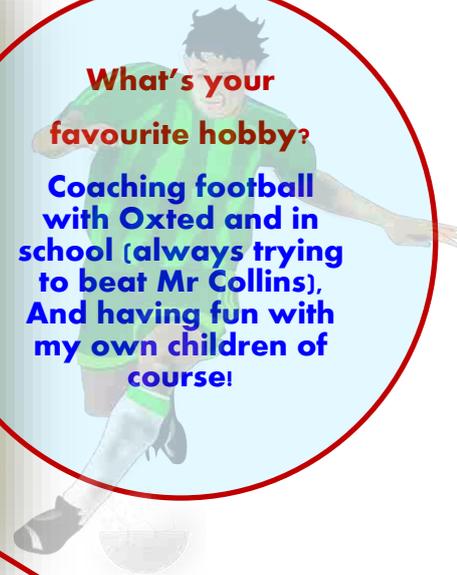
If you had a super-power what would it be?

Flying! Everything would be so much quicker to get anywhere and imagine the views! I wonder if I could fly above football stadiums and watch the game from in the sky!?



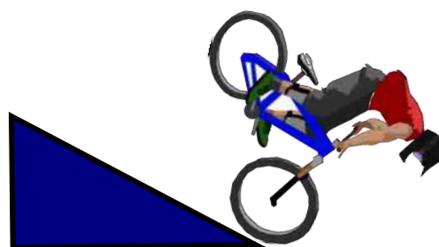
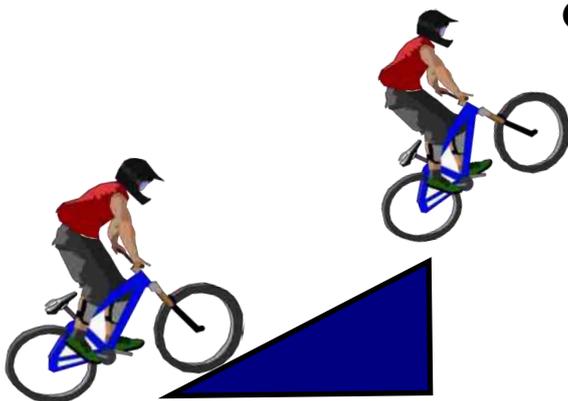
What's your favourite hobby?

Coaching football with Oxted and in school (always trying to beat Mr Collins), And having fun with my own children of course!



Craziest thing you've ever done?

When I went mountain biking with friends from school, we went to a set of bike jumps. After using a few, we went for bigger ones, but after picking up speed, I decided I wasn't going fast enough so put the brakes on... too late! I still continued up the jump, but hit the jump the other side and the bike flipped over sending me straight over the top. Ouch! I really shouldn't have slowed down!



This is going to hurt!!



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What would you do with a million pounds?

Buy a massive house in the country and a new car too – a Porsche probably.

A Chelsea season ticket is also a must!



DECISION TIME

Fish and Chips or Sausage and Mash

YouTube or Netflix

Rock or Pop

Milk Chocolate or Dark Chocolate

Curry or Chinese

Snow or Sun

Country or City



Next time Mrs Wallace is taking her turn in the spotlight. So here's your chance to ask her anything you like!! Send your questions to Newsletter@stmarysprimary.org