



St Mary's, Swanage Newsletter



Attendance - 93.29%

Comic Relief

Our school community came to school bedecked in all shades of red on Friday in support of Comic Relief and brought in donations. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a good amount for this worthy cause! (We'll share the exact amount when it has been counted. The staff at St. Mary's decided to do "something funny for money" to entertain our wonderful pupils and make them laugh; as a surprise, they learnt the 'APT' dance routine and performed this in lieu of an assembly. We think the children enjoyed this as there was quite a bit of laughing along with claps and cheers at the end. Children then joined in with the dance. Staff are waiting for the call from Strictly Come Dancing to come any day now!



Class News

Reception

Reception had a lovely week as always. We have been looking at the story '*Jack and the Beanstalk*' and have all planted our own beanstalks or sunflowers which we will be taking good care of to make sure they grow. In RE, we learnt all about Palm Sunday and made our own beautiful palm leaves. In Maths, we have been continuing to look at our friends of 10 and are growing in confidence at knowing which numbers go together to make 10. Well done, Reception!



Year 1

Year 1 has had another great week. We have started our new maths topic: numbers to 50, which has included counting in 10's. In RE, we have been focusing on the Last Supper. The children had the opportunity to be Jesus and wash feet, they saw the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the wine (in our case, blackcurrant). They then wrote some amazing stories, retelling this story. In English, we looked at writing our own fire poems and I was very impressed with the poems they came up with!



Year 2

Year 2 has kept up their unbroken streak of working hard! This week they have demonstrated great dedication and focus when completing their work; they have made Mrs Norman and me feel very proud of them. In RE, we looked in detail at the Last Supper as an important day in Holy Week, and we sequenced pictures and text to retell the story. In English, we have read more of our class text, *The Cat Who Wanted to Go Home*, and have enjoyed finding out more about how Suzy the cat is trying to get back to her family in France. In Maths, we have continued working on the 2 times table, halving and doubling and are rather excited at starting TTRockstars homework this week! In Geography, we have finished looking at hot and cold places by thinking about what we would pack for a holiday to either a hot or cold place. Keep up the great work, Team 2.6!

Year 3

Year 3 has continued reading their class text about Poppy Pym and have discovered some strange events; could it be the curse??? They completed their non-chronological reports about that included many facts that they had learnt in their History lessons. In Maths, they have are starting to look at division and multiplication facts using their times table knowledge. In PE, they have practised their hockey skills, whilst also thinking about safety. Could you please ensure that your child has a gum shield? It has been another great week for Year 3! They have worked very hard, and the Year 3 team is very proud of them!

Year 4

Year 4 has had a good week. In English, they have continued their class text, we have reached the final chapter, 'Beowulf and The Death-Dragon of the Deep'. This week, we have been using metaphors, similes, kennings and adjectives to write a character description of the dragon. In History, we have been learning about Anglo-Saxon religion and gods. In Science, we have been applying our knowledge of classification keys, using

	them to identify non-vertebrates around the school. In PE, we have been practising handball and applied our skills in matches. Keep up the good work, Year 4!
Year 5	Year 5 has had a productive week where we have worked hard to complete our artwork on rivers. They have been very creative with sugar paper and card. We got to put our computing skills to the test by making some slides on rivers of the world, recapping their extensive knowledge. In PE, hockey went well with many pupils being able to use their learnt skills in a game situation.
Year 6	Year 6 has had a great week. In English, we have been creating playscripts to show dialogue between characters from 'Children of the Quicksands'. They were able to use their inference skills to think about how the characters might have been feeling: well done! In Science, we looked at how humans have evolved over time, analysing changes in our skeletons and physical appearance and why those changes might have happened. In Geography, we continued with our topic of Africa but focused on the region of Mpigi and our partner school 'Nakirebe Primary School'. They finished the week with some drama, by impersonating 'Newsround' reporters and writing their own scripts for a report on Comic Relief!

The Sports Report

Congratulations to the year 6 netball team who have qualified for the County Finals of netball. We played 5 and won 5 and did not concede a goal during the whole tournament.



St Mary's Stars

- R – Leonor & Buster
- 1 – Thomas & Jasper
- 2 – Cooper & Zara
- 3 – Adelaide & Rowan
- 4 – Parker & Noah
- 5 – Freddie & Hollie

6 – Oisín & Jonah