



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Newsletter

Friday 14th May 2021

Morning Drop-off

Please arrive within these time slots-

UEYs: 9.00 - 9.05am

Yr1: 8.55 - 9.00am

Yr2: 8.50 - 8.55am

Yr3: 8.45 - 8.50am

Yr4: 8.40 - 8.45am

Yr5: 8.35 - 8.40am

Yr6: 8.30 - 8.35am

Siblings can be dropped off together - earliest time for any of your children

Collection Times

**PLEASE REMEMBER
A FACE MASK**

Each class will go home at the following times:

-3.05pm: Reception (UEYs)

-3.10pm: Years 5 and 6

-3.15pm: Years 3 and 4

-3.20pm: Years 1 and 2

-3.30pm: Nursery

PE Days:

All pupils (Years 1 to 6) require their PE kits in school every day. Please bring PE bags/kits into school every Monday morning.

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you've had a good week.

This term's Parents' Evenings have now all taken place. We hope you found your meeting useful. If you didn't get the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher, you can request a telephone consultation through our school office.

National Nurses Day – Birth Florence Nightingale

On Wednesday, we celebrated International Nurses Day in school.

This day is a global celebration that acknowledges and celebrates the commitment and bravery of nurses around the world.

International Nurses Day is celebrated on the 12th May every year, which is also the anniversary of the birth of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale.

The BBC has some excellent video clips and activities that you may like to share with your child (some of these were shared with our different classes this week):

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zns9nrd/articles/znsct39>

Freshwater Theatre Workshops – Years 1, 5 and 6

The children have enjoyed three more theatre workshops this week.

On Monday, our Year 1 children entered the Magical Toy Museum.

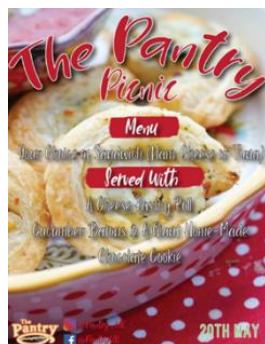
They became toy experts as they entered the museum bringing toys from the past to life using their bodies and voices, before inventing their own original toy. Yesterday, our Year 5 children explored the settlement, life and culture of the Anglo-Saxons, and re-enacted the dramatic legend of the warrior Beowulf. Today, our Year 6 children explored a Viking's journey from Denmark to England and then took part in a gripping retelling of the story of Thor's Hammer.

We've added some photos to the 'History Gallery' on our 'History Page'. You will need to scroll down to the bottom of the page to see the gallery:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/page/?title=History&pid=52>

Ascension Mass

We celebrated Ascension Mass on Thursday. Thank you to all the parents who joined us online through our Church website.



Packed Lunches – Picnic Menu

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal at lunchtime. Parents are able to order a packed lunch from our school caterers.

The Pantry are providing a special **Picnic Menu** on the 20th May.

Please book through the Pantry website:

https://www.thepantrycatering.co.uk/school_meals/login.php

Local History Month

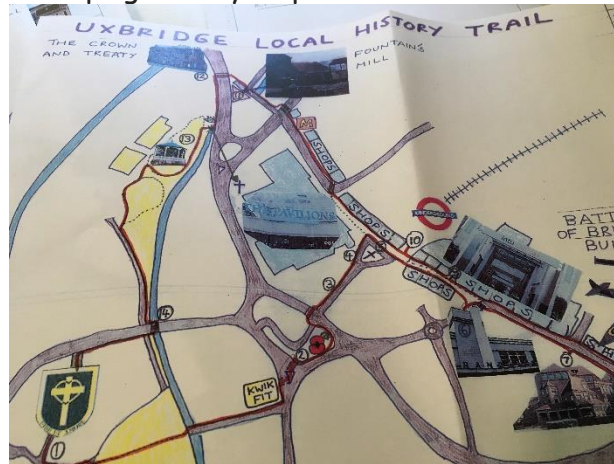
This month is Local History Month.

You can find out more about our local area on the Hillingdon Heritage website:

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/article/1244/Local-history-and-heritage>

Year 2 are currently looking at Local Heroes in Uxbridge - they may like to do some further research using resources from the website above.

Next half term, Year 3 will begin their local history project investigating buildings of interest in Uxbridge. This will end with a campaign to try to preserve one of these buildings.



Jewellery and Watches

Pupils may wear appropriate watches, for which they accept responsibility. A pair of plain stud earrings may be worn (although the school would prefer that earrings are not worn to school).

Earrings and watches must be removed by the pupil prior to PE lessons. **No other jewellery may be worn** and pupils accept responsibility for any jewellery including earrings. The school does not accept responsibility for any watches or jewellery or personal belongings brought to school.

Eligibility for Free School Meals

If your financial circumstances have changed recently, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals or Early Years Pupil Premium.

An application form, asking which financial benefits you receive, is available from the school office or by email: jtaberer@stmarysuxbridge.org.uk

This information will be dealt with in the strictest confidence. You can also check your eligibility for pupil premium assistance by submitting your details to <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

If eligible you are able to download a certificate to provide to us to support your application for Free School Meals. Please also inform us if you are a military services family or if your child has been adopted as the school receive funding to support pastoral care. Again, this information is in the strictest confidence and Miss Shevlin will be happy to speak to you in private.

Music

Songs of the week are:

Lean on me (Billy Withers)

<https://youtu.be/fOZ-MySzAac>

Yancee praise party

<https://youtu.be/v5EC22vjUdg>

Composer of the month

John Williams - Hedwig's theme from Harry Potter

<https://youtu.be/wtHra9tFISY>

Please remind yourself of the Public Health Guidelines below:

Students **MUST NOT** come to school if they, or a member of their household, have **one or more of the main COVID symptoms** or have been tested for COVID.

The three symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

UPCOMING EVENTS

For a complete list of dates - please visit our school website:

<https://www.st-marys.hillingdon.sch.uk/>

Date	Event
Fri 14 th May	YR6 History Workshop - The Vikings
Thu 20 th May	The Pantry - Picnic Menu
Thu 20 th May	YR5 Workshop - National Archives - What is History?
Mon 24 th May	Hay Literature Festival
Fri 28 th May	YR2 Workshop - National Archives - The Great Fire of London
Fri 28 th May	School Finishes (Half-Term Break)
Mon 7 th June	School Re-Opens
Tue 8 th June	YR4 British Museum Virtual Visit
Wed 9 th June	YR3 Uxbridge History Trail
Mon 14 th June	Health Week - Disability in History Week Theme: The Paralympics and Inclusive Sports
Mon 14 th June	Paralympic Workshops and Virtual Assembly
Wed 16 th June	YR3 History Workshop
Wed 16 th June	YR6 Go Ape Tree Top Adventure
Wed 16 th June	YR3 British Museum Workshop
Fri 18 th June	Yr6 Greek Workshop - The British Museum
Tue 22 nd June	Windrush Day
Tue 22 nd June	YR6 Bunker Trip
Tues 22 nd June	YR2 Sports Day
Wed 23 rd June	YR1 Sports Day
Mon 28 th June	YR6 Test Week
Tue 29 th June	LEY'S Sports Day
Tue 29 th June	UEY'S Sports Day
Wed 30 th June	YR3 Sports Day
Tue 6 th July	YR4 Sports Day
Mon 12 th July	Wizard of Oz Show
Mon 12 th July	Battle of the Boyne (N Ireland)
Wed 14 th July	No Pens Wednesday

Fri 16 th July	Pupil Voice Day
Mon 19 th July	Revision Week
Tue 20 th July	YR6 Disco
Wed 21 st July	Leavers' Mass
Thu 22 nd July	Term Ends (Early finish)