

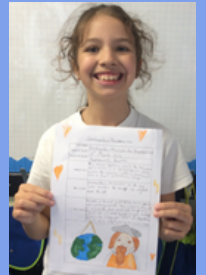
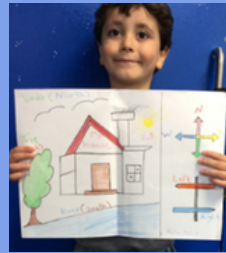
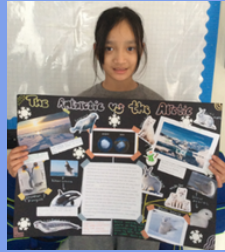


## November and December 2023

### Geography Half Term Projects

We are so impressed with the children's efforts on their half term projects on Spatial Sense.

It was amazing to see all the Geography projects displayed at our exhibition on Friday!



### Free choice play

The children love to learn through play. This week Reception children all chose to work together to create 'McDonalds' with their construction blocks. They worked as a team to build the frame. Some children created the McDonalds sign, made a cash register and ordering pad. They took turns in role playing; cashier, customer, note-taker.



### EYFS



### Maths

In Maths this week, Early Years have been learning about 1 more and 1 less. Children have enjoyed singing and re-enacting Nursery Rhymes, such as; 'One elephant went out to play' and '5 little speckled frogs' and '5 little ducks went out to play'

## YEAR 1

In Year 1, we have been learning about the part whole model by and splitting numbers up into parts with objects and materials.



In Art, we explored mixing colours to represent traditional cave paintings and learning about pigments and creating natural paints with materials.

"We mixed colours to make darker colours" - Omari



## YEAR 2

Year 2 had to complete their half term project about Spatial Sense for Geography.

Eldana - I did a map from my home all the way to London Zoo. On the way I past west way and Hyde park



Year 2 have really been enjoying their music lessons on a Thursday afternoon which they were able to talk about.

Devin- We were finding the pulse with percussion instruments.

Cameron - We tried fitting our rhythm over the top of the pulse.

## YEAR 3

This week, year 3 have started a new writing unit based on the story 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'. We read the story as a class and then the children worked in groups of 3 to hot seat the characters. Within their groups, one child was the wolf, one was the interviewer and the other was one of the three little pigs. They took it in turns being the interviewer and asked questions to each character. The children worked so hard and provided some really well thought out and insightful questions and answers.



## YEAR 4

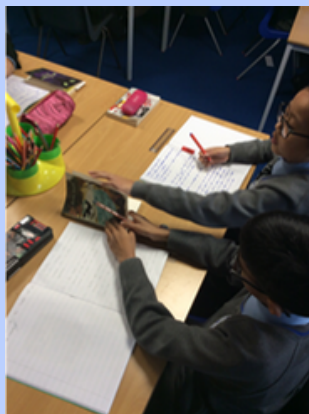
In Year 4 we have been learning about computing systems and their networks. This weeks lesson focused on describing content and noticing the features, for example: images, videos, text, logo/title on a webpage.



For the second half of the lesson, we went into our IT suite in the Hobbley room. Children were asked to make content on the Google Chrome Music Lab maker website. Each child created their own music and listened to it through their headphones. There were some amazing pieces of music!

## YEAR 5

In Shared Reading, Year 5's have started reading their new class book 'Midnight Fox' by Betsy Byars. We have been reading the book everyday for 15 minutes and answering comprehension questions on the text we have read.



First day back and the Year 5's started their new half term with an active hour in PE with Coach Sakr, focusing on ball games and practicing as well as building on their ball skills.

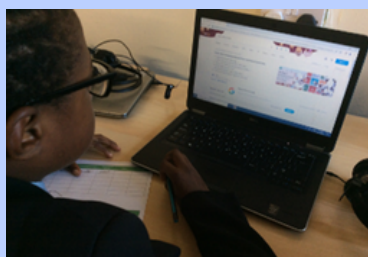


## YEAR 6

The Year 6 children are learning about Textiles in their DT lessons. For their activity, they had to research the advantages and disadvantages of natural and synthetic fibres.

Ariella - Synthetic fibres are man made. An example of this is polyester.

Blien - Natural fibres come from natural resources like wool from a sheep.



## IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 6th November: Y3 and Y4 trip to the Gurdwara at 10am

Tuesday 7th November: Y1 and Y2 trip to the Gurdwara at 10am

Thursday 9th November: Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 trip to the cinema at 10am

Friday 10th November: Reception, Y1 and Y2 trip to the cinema at 10am

Friday 10th November: Y5 and Y6 trip to the Gurdwara

Tuesday 14th November: Individual photos and class photos to be taken

Wednesday 15th November: International Evening from 5pm-7pm

Friday 17th November: Y5 Cake sale from 3:15pm

Monday 20th November: Parent's Meetings from 2pm-6:30pm

Friday 24th November: Y6 Cake sale from 3:15pm

Wednesday 29th November: Prosecco and painting for parents from 5:30pm-7pm

Friday 1st December: Y2 Cake sale from 3:15pm

Thursday 7th December: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 10:30am

Monday 11th December: Y1 and Y2 morning trip with Urbanwise

Tuesday 12th December: Carol Concert for Y3 - Y6 from 6pm-7pm and Holy Trinity Church

Friday 15th December: Christmas Fair from 3:30pm-6pm

Wednesday 17th January: Y2 morning trip with Urbanwise

Monday 29th January: Y3 morning trip with Urbanwise

Monday 5th February: Y4 morning trip with Urbanwise

Friday 9th February: Valentine's disco from 3pm-4:30pm

Wednesday 15th May: Y6 trip with Urbanwise



## REMINDER: PE KITS FOR KS2

A gentle reminder that children in KS2 should come into school wearing their school uniform and will change into their PE kits before lunch. Thank you!



### STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception: Amayah

Y1: Caiden

Y2: Alexandra

Y3: Aleen

Y4: Ariana

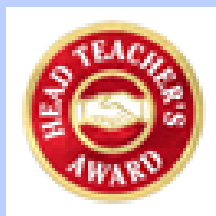
Y5: Kebby

Y6: Wanxin



### HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Congratulations to:  
Bella in Y3!



### ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance Y2 97.8

Punctuality Y5 99.3%

### HOUSE POINTS AND GREEN STICKERS

1st place E 87

2nd place JF 86

3rd place TM 47

4th place A 26



Green stickers  
Y4 & Y5

### AWARDS

Well done to:  
Lieleawit in Y5 for earning  
her pen license!



Well done to:  
Hunter in Y1 for reaching Bronze  
Venice-Rose in Y3 for reaching Silver



### IT Suite

At St Mary's, we want to improve the IT provision we have on offer for our pupils. A functioning IT suite would enable our teachers to teach high quality computing lessons in a designated, well-resourced, functional space. Currently, we have put in place a temporary solution using tables and chairs. However we would like to ask the Friends of St Mary's to support us in building a permanent IT suite through either helping with fundraising ideas or giving your time to help paint or decorate. We are aiming to raise £5000 for this project.



## Parent Meetings

Parent meetings will be taking place in the school hall on Monday 20th November from 2:00pm until 6:30pm. You will be able to book a time online to meet with the class teacher to discuss your child's progress and targets. You will receive a letter next week telling you how to book your ten minute slot.



## All Saints Day

This week the children attended mass for All Saint's Day. It was a wonderful, reverent mass and the children.



Cleo - We sung the hymn 'Oh when the saints go marching' to remember the saints. Our school went and other members of the church were there too. The children also read some prayers.

## Early Years Advisor

St Mary's were pleased to welcome in Brenda Spencer this week into our early years setting. Brenda is a fantastic advisor with a wealth of experience and expertise in the Early Years, she toured our setting and met our teachers and students. Our early years provision is underpinned by:

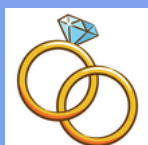
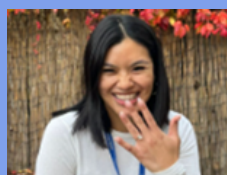


- meaningful first hand experiences
- opportunities to explore and play using all the senses
- high quality provision inside and outside
- opportunities to work at length and depth
- an environment which enables children to develop independence and to initiate their own learning

We really look forward to continuing to work with Brenda to support us in offering the very best for our students.

## Congratulations!

We are so pleased for Miss Cortinas on her recent engagement. We wish you and your fiancé a life time of happiness.



## Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

*With every blessing,  
Miss Black and the staff  
of St Mary's*