



HEADLINES 1ST APRIL 2022

St. Mary's Catholic School Newsletter (Issue 26 2021-22)

Prayer + Faith x Action = Impact



Acting Heads of School Update
Mr Johnston & Miss McHugh

Our Spring Term has concluded today united as a school community in Prayer. Every child and staff member participated in the Stations of the Cross, walking the way of the cross in prayer, reflection and a time of stillness as we journey through this Lent. Every child was given a Trust booklet of the Stations of the Cross which we encourage them to pray with you as a family in your home this Holy Week. It is the power of prayer that makes our community such a special place for our children to learn and thrive.

that of putting our faith into action. I hope the photographs and explanations of range of activities really show our students commitment to charity this lent and showing their power of prayer and faith into action at making such a great difference to Caritas Ukraine and Across. We are truly proud and blessed of our school community.

Wishing you and your families, a very Holy, Prayerful and Bless Easter

Miss D McHugh and
Mr T Johnston

*We Pray Lord,
Just as you taught us to serve others,
help us to be true disciples and followers of you by reaching out in service to those in need.
Awaken within us a love that seeks to serve,
a love that finds joy in the happiness of others and a love that endures all the struggles to help those in need this lent.
We ask this through Christ the Lord,
Amen.*

This week's Headlines is a special edition to showcase all the tremendous kindness and generosity of our young people and our families this Lent. The week was one filled with fun and joy but the focus in the heart of our community is



Thank you
You raised a total of
£8,100



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 1st April
End of Spring Term

EASTER BREAK



Return to School
Summer Term
Tuesday 19th April



Charity Week 2022



Charity Week
21st- 25th March 2022



Year 7 Market Stall

Students were allowed to wear their Charity Week Hoodies all week in place of their blazers.

Monday's Events



Tuesday's Events

Year 8 Market Stall





Charity Week 2022

Year 8 Market Stall



Wednesday's Events



Y7 Mass during Charity Week
Faith in action and Prayer as the heartbeat of our community





Charity Week 2022

BAKE SALE



Charity Week Bake Sale

Thursday's Events



The IT Factor





Charity Week 2022



Friday's Events





Charity Week 2022

Staff at St Mary's got their midweek treat while raising funds for our charity: Caritas Ukraine. We have raised £170 pounds by attending a Guided Breathwork Meditation by Dragonflywellness.uk. What a session that was! Relaxed and focused we were ready to emerge ourselves into the rest of the busy week.



Barney is a one lucky bear! Victoria in 7M guess his name and has taken Barney home!

Winner of guess the number of sweets in the jar – Luca 7T
There were 71 sweets in total



Our raffle for upper school students and staff has proven to be a great success! All thanks to our wonderful and generous friends of St Mary's school who have donated some amazing prizes. We had a few lucky winners. Kachi in year 12 and Lucy in year 13 have each won £30 vouchers at One Thai Restaurant in Bishop's Stortford, Mrs Wilkinson is going white water rafting at White Water Centre in Lee Valley, Miss Velani and Mrs McGloin are going to enjoy skin care from Tropics, Joe in year 12 has won a beauty voucher at Mira Mira in Sawbridgeworth, Mrs Tappin is going for a hair cut at The Hair Boutique in Saffron Walden and Mrs Frino will enjoy her nail work at The Beauty Zone. Mr Bonich had a lucky day winning Mediterranean goodies as well as a pair of trainers from Something for all the family while Miss McHugh won a therapy massage! Hannah Thorpe Art donated her art pieces that are going to lucky homes of Mr D'Cruz, Mrs Swyers and Mr Kitchen. Philippa in year 11 is going to learn the skills in cupcake decorating at Sweet Designs by Jennie as well as Going for a tea for two at Manor of Groves! Loads of lovely sweet prizes as well as the movie night box and a 10" cake baked by Mrs D'Cruz will gone down a treat, too! All is such a great cause! Thank you yet again to all our sponsors.



Engineering Trip to Hertfordshire University

On Wednesday 30th March I and a group of a of STEM students with subject areas ranging from Physics, Maths and Design & technology went to the university of Hertfordshire to see a lecture from a Travis Ludlow - The Youngest person to fly around the world in a single engine aircraft explained his story of how he achieved such task in 43 days. At the lecture we were also able to meet the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire, Lionel Wallace.

The lecture was very inspirational, that someone close to our age group was able to complete this amazing accomplishment. Following the lecture we were able to ask questions and meeting Travis. This was an eye opening and motivational experience for all of us as we got valuable sneak peeks into his younger life, what lead up to his aspirations, the doubters, the preparation, and the frightening challenges he had to face along the flight and how he solved them successfully to ultimately achieve his world record.

We also were able to visit the facilities to experience what it's like to be an Aerospace engineer which is a rapidly changing and challenging discipline in which areas such as aerodynamics, flight mechanics and performance, wind energy, propulsion, aerospace structure and materials and space engineering and robotics are being studied and researched.

Along the tour we got to not only see, but also try various facilities such as flight simulators and wind tunnels where the students at the university preform cutting-edge experiments. We got to meet some of the university professors where you could really sense the amount of knowledge and experience, they had in the field by their in-depth explanations and experiments they performed.

-Leonardo M
Year 12





National Reading Champions Quiz



Well done to our St Mary's team!

This week four students from KS3 took part in an online reading quiz organized by the National Literacy Trust. Team members were chosen because they have completed the most quizzes on AR.

The quiz had eight rounds of ten questions, and categories covering everything from Science Fiction to Pets!

Even though we have never participated before, the students were placed joint 11th in a heat of 25 teams.

Very well done to Dominic K (Y7), Hannah P (Y7), Angus V (Y8) and Rebecca S (Y9)!

And thanks to Rozalia G (Y7) for being the team reserve.

Word Millionaire certificates will be presented in awards assemblies in April

New Carnegie Shadowing Clubs starting after Easter



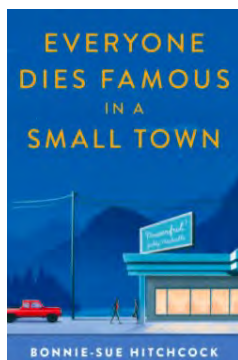
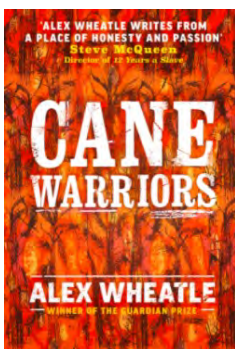
The Carnegie Book Award is presented annually to a children's / young adult author. Two new 'shadowing' groups will start after Easter at St Mary's. Students will read some shortlisted titles, take part in activities and rate the books. There will also be a visit to Herts and Essex School to meet shadowing groups from other Secondary schools in the area.

Students who participate will get the chance to read some fantastic new books before the rest of the school! Please encourage your children to take part, particularly if they in Year 9 and above, as there are some great young adult authors nominated this year.

Groups will meet every week in the library.

Year 9+ group Wednesdays 3.15-4.00

Years 7 and 8 Thursdays 3.15-4.00





PE Extra Curricular Timetable - Half Term 5

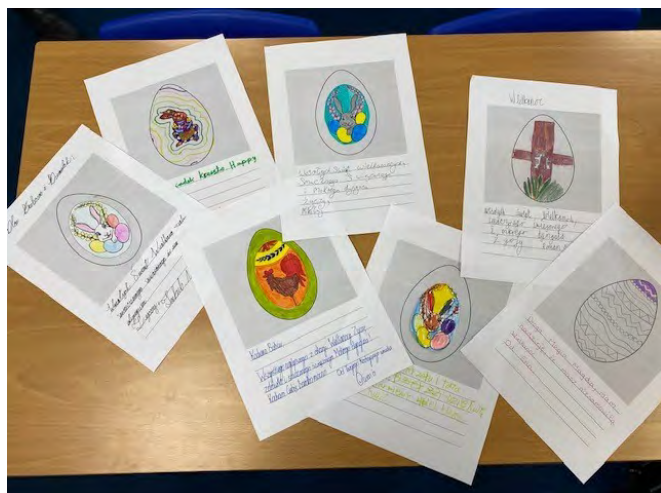
Club	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11
Athletics	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday
Cricket	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Rounders	Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday

All clubs run from 3:15 to 4:15 – Students must organise their own transport home from school



Polish Club: Easter Traditions

This week at Polish Club, we enjoyed talking about Easter traditions in Poland followed by designing and writing Easter cards. We would like to wish everyone in our community happy and peaceful Easter. *Wesołych Świąt Wielkanocnych, smacznego święconego i mokrego dyngusa!*



Summer Term Clubs 2022

ST MARYS' CLUBS		CHANGES/NEW CLUBS in orange. Lunch clubs in white	APRIL/MAY
MONDAYS			
CLUB	VENUE	SUPERVISOR	YEARS
BENCHBALL	SPORTSHALL	D SWYERS	YEAR 7, 9, 11
DRAMA	HUME	MISS HAYLES	7 TO 9
DT CATCH UP	DT	MR HUNT	10 & 11
ORCHESTRA	M1	MS MATTHEWS	ALL
MATHS CATCH-UP	K1/K5/J2	MATHS STAFF	11
ATHLETICS	FIELD	PE dept	7 TO 11
Year 11 History Catch up	E4	MR DOLMAN	Y11
TUESDAYS			
CLUB	VENUE	Supervisor	YEARS
GCSE ART Coursework	C7	MISS NAIRN	10 & 11
GCSE Science Revision	Hblock	SCIENCE DEPT	11
Choir	M1	MRS SALTER KAY	all
KS3 FUN ! (See posters for details)	K1	MRS KNIGHT	Year 7 to 9
Polish Club	K5	MRS NESTEROVSKA/MRS BREWIN	Year 7 to 9
Sports fixtures	field/away	PE DEPT	all
Invitation only Homework Club	B1 and B3	MRS HENDERSON/MRS WILSON	8 and 9
GCSE Maths Catch-up	K block	MS VELANI/MR ANTWI	11
GCSE RE Revision	K Block	RE DEPT	11
Japanese Culture Club	D3	MRS RIDDLER	Years 7-9
BASKETBALL	SPORTSHALL	PE DEPT	7 & 8
WEDNESDAY			
CLUB	VENUE	Supervisor	YEARS
CANDLE MAKING CLUB	Art dept	MRS KNIGHT	7 & 8
GCSE HISTORY revision	E4	HIST DEPT	11
A LEVEL HIST/POLITICS CLINIC	E5	MR DOLMAN	13
GCSE GEOGRAPHY CATCH UP	D2	MRS HUGHES	11
GCSE SCIENCE DROP IN	H2	MR NICOL	11
GCSE BUSINESS CATCH UP	C1	MR MCELHINNEY	11
NT Connections DRAMA CLUB	HUME	MR MCHUGH	9 and 10
DT CLUB: FORMULA 1/Eco-design	A BLOCK	MR HUNT	9
GCSE MUSIC CATCH UP	M1	MISS MATTHEWS	10 and 11
INDIAN CULTURE CLUB	K5	MS VELANI	all
CRICKET	FIELD	PE DEPT	7 TO 11
CARNEGIE BOOK SHADOWING	LIBRARY	MRS FRINO	Y9/10
THURSDAY			
CLUB	VENUE	Supervisor	YEARS
CARNEGIE BOOK SHADOWING	Library	MRS FRINO	7 AND 8
Manga Club	Library	MRS FRINO	7 AND 8
Arts and Crafts	C2	MRS LEE	7 to 9
Invitation only HW Club	B1 and B3	MRS HENDERSON/MRS WILSON	8 and 9
FRIDAY			
CLUB	VENUE	Supervisor	YEARS
BENCHBALL	SPORTSHALL	D SWYERS	8,10,12,
Library Books and Biscuits	Library	MRS FRINO	All
Rounders	field	PE DEPT	7 to 11
Rock and Pop Bands	Music Block	MISS MATTHEWS	All
VARYING DATES			
DUKE OF EDINBURGH	E5	MR DOLMAN	Y12



Hertfordshire CC: Covid Update



As we step into spring, we're encouraging residents to be kind and stay healthy by following simple steps to live life safely with COVID-19, stop the spread and protect others. For up-to-date information go to <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/covidliving>

The simple steps people are encouraged to follow are:

- o Be kind – respect people wearing masks or keeping their distance from you. They may well be very vulnerable to infection
- o Be informed – know your level of risk and get good, trusted advice on managing it
- o Be vaccinated or boosted – ensure you and those around you are vaccinated when invited
- o Be safe – manage your risk when socially mixing (hands, face, space, fresh air)
- o Be prepared – if you get Covid, stay at home and get early treatment should you need it
- o Be supported – as well as your family and friends, HertsHelp can offer support

Stay at home if you have symptoms

Guidance remains that if you have symptoms of COVID-19, (**a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste**), you should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, regardless of a positive test result. [Get advice about staying at home and avoiding contact with others](#)

There is support available locally to help people who need to self-isolate, call HertsHelp on 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net

Please don't send children and young people back to school following the Easter holidays if they have any symptoms or feel unwell. There continues to be a high number of outbreaks across Hertfordshire's childcare and education settings – they need our support to help protect our communities and have the least disruption to children's learning and development as possible.

COVID-19 vaccination

Vaccination continues to offer the best protection for ourselves and others around us from becoming seriously ill from COVID-19. There are lots of walk-in options available locally for first, second doses and boosters, you can find your nearest vaccination centre and also book an appointment at: <https://covid.healthierfuture.org.uk/>



We are hiring!



Teacher of Science

Full-time Teacher required from September 2022

Are you an ambitious and enthusiastic teacher of Science, ready to join a thriving secondary school with a strong track record of success in Science, up to and including A Level.

You can view the job details by clicking [here](#)

Closing date: Monday 28th March 10.00 am. Interviews week commencing 28th March.



Teacher & Learning Coordinator (Head of Year)

Full-time position required from September 2022

You can view the job details by clicking [here](#)

Closing date: Monday 25th April 10.00am.



Estates Assistant (Caretaker)

Full-time position, Year Round

You can view the job details by clicking [here](#)

Closing date: Monday 25th April 10.00am.



Food & Nutrition Teacher

Part Time (0.6 FTE) required from September 2022

You can view the job details by clicking [here](#)

Closing date: Monday 25th April 10.00 am.



Headteacher

You will by now have received the letter to parents and carers regarding Mr Celano's role working full time as Chief Executive Officer for St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy Trust and consequently our Headteacher recruitment.

You can view the formal advertisement by clicking [here](#)

Closing date: Monday 2nd May 2022, 9.00 am.

Please contact Rebecca Faulkner r.faulkner@stfrancistrust.net to arrange a visit, submit an application, or for further information.



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Class Teacher—Lower Key Stage 2

Full-time Teacher required from September 2022

You can view the job details by clicking [here](#)



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Learning Support Assistant—EYFS

Full-time LSA required from September 2022

You can view the job details by clicking [here](#)



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Class Teacher—PPA Cover

The role is for 2-3 days a week on a **maternity cover fixed term contract**. required from September 2022

You can view the job details by clicking [here](#)

