

# St Mary and St Peter Catholic Primary School



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Through nurturing trust and strong relationships, our learning adventure will see each and every one of us thrive in God's love.



## Upcoming Mass Dates for the Summer Term

Whole School Mass Friday 3rd May 2024 at 10am

Whole School Mass led by the Bishop 24th May 2024 at 9:15am



## Mini Vinnies

To celebrate Community Garden Week 2024, the Mini Vinnies have been busy litter picking and planting seeds in the spiritual garden.



## School Values

**Believe, Love, Respect** and **Trust**.

With Christ at the centre of all we do we Believe and Trust in Him to help us to show Love and Respect to all.



## School Vision

We believe that even with God's love we can sometimes experience challenges. Just like our patron saints, Mary and Peter, they experienced difficult times in their life that took strength and perseverance to overcome. At our school, we value this challenge and encourage children to experience it, knowing that together with our support and love, they will experience a successful outcome be it in an academic subject or through social experiences. We are all exploring our own talents and each day we

**'Set Sail for Success'**



## Catholic Social Teaching

Reception class have also been embracing the theme of Stewardship in their lessons this week, planting up the wildlife area around the school pond and growing beans.



## Football Match against Herman

On Wednesday evening, the Year 5 / 6 football team played against Ormiston Herman Academy. There was great team spirit and good sportsmanship shown. The team are really starting to work together on the pitch and in training, which helped them to achieve a brilliant 7 - 3 win. A big thankyou to Mr Burrell and Mr Lambert for giving up their time to support the training and to the teammates not playing this week who stayed to encourage their team on.





### Year 3 Writing

Year 3 have blown us away this week with their amazing writing skills based around Wangari's Trees Of Peace by Jeanette Winter. As a young girl growing up in Kenya, Wangari was surrounded by trees. But years later when she returns home, she is shocked to see whole forests being cut down, and she knows that soon all the trees will be destroyed. So Wangari decides to do something—and starts by planting nine seedlings in her own backyard. The children created thoughtful and insightful diary entries to show Wangari's reaction to returning to their home.



### Year 6 Science



This week, in year 6, we conducted an experiment to see whether physical activity affects our heart rate. For the experiment, we measured our resting beats per minute (bpm) and the ending bpm after the activity. We found out that physical activity increases our heart rate and, depending on the sport, the intensity of the exercise affects our pulse as well. (Abbey, Head Girl)

### **Bikeability**

A reminder to any of our current Year 4 families about the opportunity for your child to participate in Bikeability when they begin Year 5 in September.

### **Why Bikeability?**

Bikeability cycle training equips children with vital life skills. Pupils not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing.

After Bikeability, children are better at responding to risk and report increased confidence. As a result, more children cycle to school which in turn improves mental health and wellbeing. This allows children to get more out of the classroom, improving their attention span and engagement. Healthier habits lead to increased attendance and improved academic results.

Please make sure that permission has been passed to the office if you would like your child to participate.



**Key Dates:**

**Friday 3rd May Whole School Mass 10am - Parents welcome**

**Monday 6th May Bank Holiday - School Closed**

**Monday 13th-16th May Y6 SATS week**

**Tuesday 21st May Creative writing day - whole school**

**Friday 24th May Mass with the Bishop**

**Monday 27th May Half Term**