



St Mary's CEVA Primary



Academy Newsletter



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"Do Everything in Love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

Friday 6th May 2022

This week we support our year six children as they complete all their preparations and embark on the National test for year 6 next week. We are so proud of the hard work that they have put into their studies to ensure that they truly shine next week. The outcomes of the assessment will form the basis of their projected targets for GCSE. This is the first step toward designing their long-term academic future. We believe and know that all of our pupils will meet their full potential. Keep supporting your child to be the best that they can be.



We celebrated the outstanding reading achievements of our children across the school. Did you know, just 2- minutes reading per day puts you at the top 2% of the population and is likely to have a very positive impact on your achievements and success in life!

We have been encouraging every person in our school to love themselves by aiming high so that they achieve great things!

Diane Wright MA (Education)
HEADTEACHER



Upcoming trips

West Lodge Farm EYFS 25 th May
Wicksteed Park KH Class date to be confirmed
KSI trip and date to be confirmed
Warning Zone Year 6 on 29 th June
Residential Year 5 and 6 13 th -15 th July

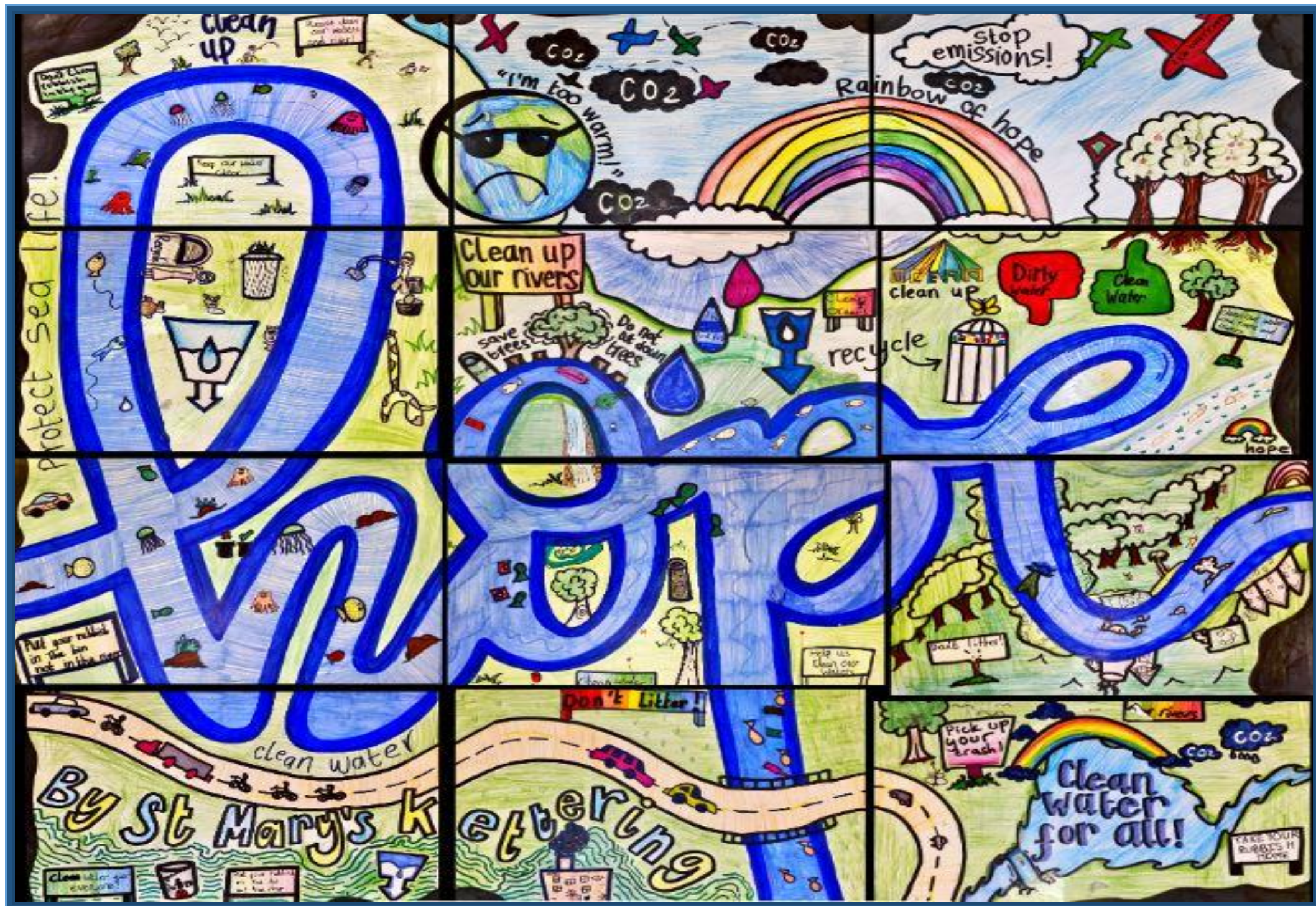
The 'River of Hope' art competition as part of the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

In the spring term, art club created a collaborative piece of art to enter into the competition. The children had to think about the title, sanitation and pollution and what they could all do to create a river of hope in art form.

The children discussed their ideas and a plan was created, which they worked on for several weeks before submitted it at the end of March. We had high-hopes of winning but also had to keep it in perspective, as we knew there would be entries from around the world as the competition was open to all the schools in the Commonwealth.

However, last weekend we received an email to say the children's entry was one of the 200 winning entries. We are so excited, as now the artwork will be made into a silk flag and will take a central part in the Queen's Platinum Pageant as the flags will all be flying along The Mall. (See picture on the next page).

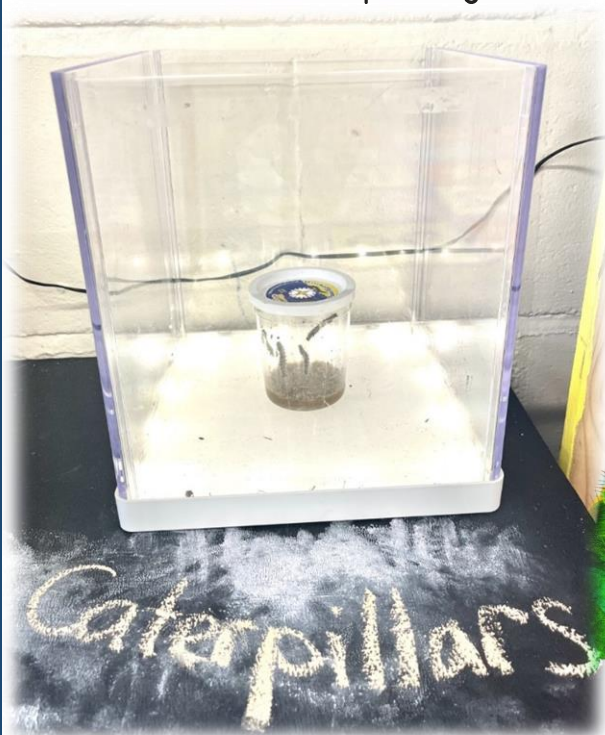
So huge congratulations to: Manvir and Adeline (NH), Nelly (KH), Kiril, Scarlett, Freya and Tosia (KP), Neola and Hiren (AW) and Isabella, Ariel and Annabelle (ZB)





EYFS are super excited to have caterpillars and live duck eggs that we are hoping will hatch! Mr Middleton collected them from a farm last week so they should hatch in the last week of this term! The children are learning about living things and exploring nature so these exciting things are really helping the children to explore how different things are born and how they live.

Elsewhere in the setting, we have a wormery too- it's just not quite as photogenic as the caterpillars and eggs!





To all our budding artists at St Mary's.

As you can see, there are many different representations of the queen by many artists and I invite you to create your own.

You can:

- draw
- paint
- use collage
- print
- use modelling material

The choice is yours.

Label your art with **your name and year group** and bring it into school between **Monday 25th May and Wednesday 27th May**.

There will be prizes for EYFS, KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2.

ST MARY'S READING STARS MAY 2022

Mrs Z Brown

Alex P
Emilia S
Eliza K



Mr P Savage

Lukas
Isabella
Stephen



**Mrs C
Hollingshurst**

Amelia
Timothy
Daniel K



Mrs A Brown

Matilda
Lenny
Archie



EYFS

Kayden
Liliana G
Kyle



Miss A Welch

Leah
Denas
Ruth



Miss K Perkins

Jayden
Freya
Simrah



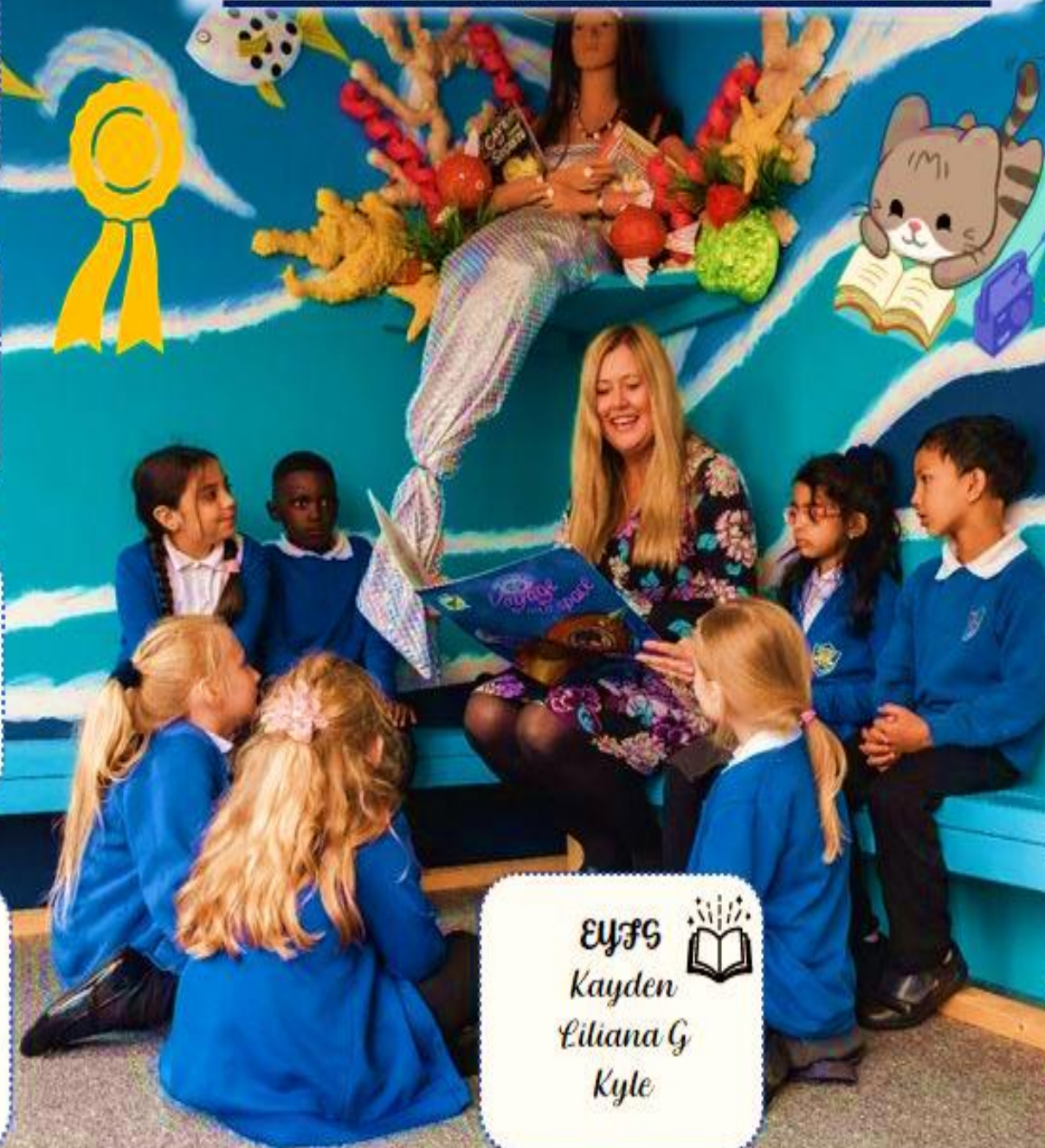
Ms Harle

Anchi
Max B
Alessya



Mrs Heaney

Precious
Max
Adeline



Maths

We have been working really hard across the school to improve our number sense and fluency. We aim that children have a really good understanding of how numbers work and can also recall number facts and times tables.

In Reception and KS1, we unpick counting, which is much trickier than first appears. We learn how numbers are made of other numbers and compare them. We also do lots of subsidising, which is all about identifying how many there are in small groups of objects without counting them. Research has shown that this is a key indicator of future mathematical success. We often use ten frames and play lots of games to help embed our knowledge and skills. Children learn facts such as the pairs of numbers that make 10 and that 7 is made of 5 and 2 more.

In KS2, we build on the children's knowledge and understanding of early number. We to work to ensure that children know addition and subtraction facts up to 20, e.g. $9 + 8 = 17$, $13 - 5 = 8$, and can apply this knowledge when working with larger numbers, e.g. $29 + 8 = 37$, $63 - 5 = 58$. We also work on knowledge of times table and division facts. We encourage children to use TTRockstars, as this websites can make a huge difference to the children's confidence.

Maths Tips for Parents

www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk/

The National Numeracy Family Maths Toolkit has lots of ideas for helping to involve children in maths at home. Take a look!

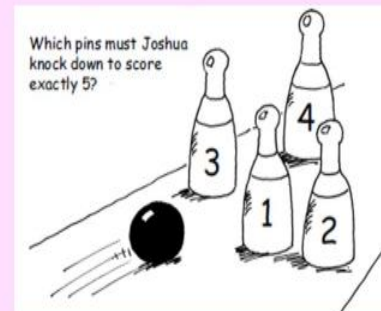
Have you seen Number blocks? This is amazing for children from Pre-school to KS1.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/numberblocks>

CBeebies also has a really useful guide for parents of young children.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-with-maths>

EYFS & KS1 Family Challenge



Four Pin Bowling

Can you find two different ways:

- A. to score 5
- B. to score 6
- C. to score 7

KS2 Family Challenge



How Old is Granny?

Tom asked his Granny how old she was. Rather than giving him a straight answer, she replied:

"I have 6 children, and there are 4 years between each one and the next. I had my first child (your Uncle Peter) when I was 19. Now the youngest one (your Auntie Jane) is 19 herself. That's all I'm telling you!"

How old is Tom's Granny?