



St Mary's CEVA Primary



Academy Newsletter



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"Do Everything in Love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

Friday 10th February 2023

It has been incredibly helpful hosting the Parent Forums so far this year. The feedback on what is going well, and what you would like improving, has been really useful in making decisions about the priorities of the school.



Through listening to parents, we have been able to adjust homework expectations in some year groups, continue with the huge range of clubs we are offering and also arrange more 'Reading Cafes'. Parents also reported that they would like more opportunities to come into school to share in their child's learning; we will be putting some more dates in the diary...watch this space!

Our recent parent questionnaire was incredibly positive - thank you! There were a few parents who clearly felt dissatisfied with some aspects of school - if this is you...please come and speak to us so we can put things right...we really do not want anyone in our school community to be unhappy with things that we could sort out...please let us know.

As always - we are here and happy to listen! Please phone, email or pop in - or come to our next Parent Forums, the next dates are as follows:

- 22nd March at 1:45pm
- 23rd May at 3:30pm
- 12th July at 5.30pm

Hannah Starkey

Deputy Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



Children are very positive about the impact that Bedrock has on helping them learn new words which helps with their reading and writing. Many children use their knowledge organisers which are filled with the words they have learnt to up level their writing. We are so proud of the extent to which children have made progress in their learning.

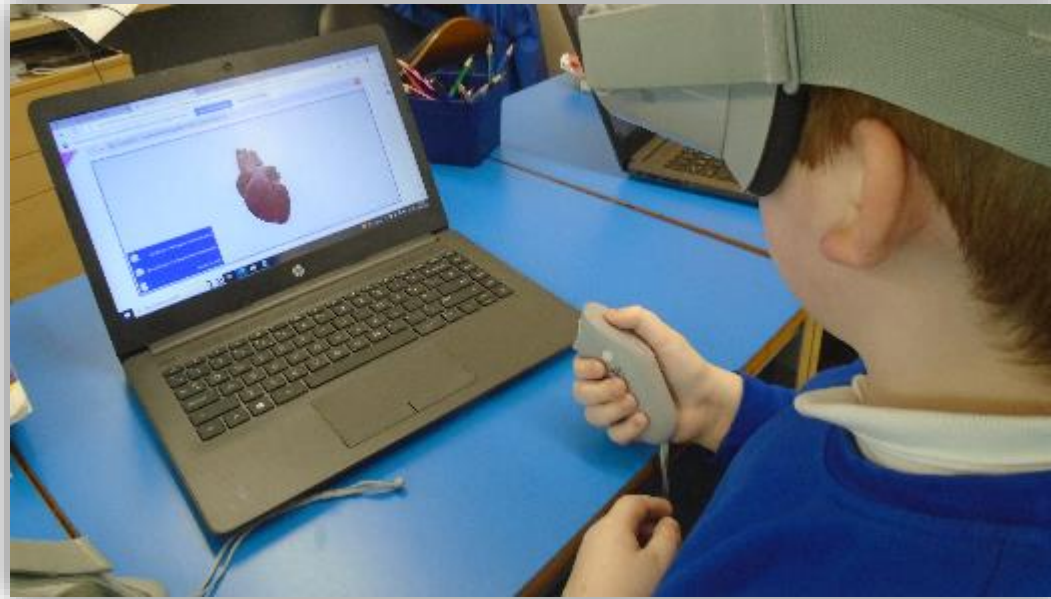
Watch this video to learn more about Bedrock.

[Bedrock in action: St. Mary's Primary School on Vimeo.](#)



Year 6 had great fun using VR Headsets to travel through the circulatory system and the heart.

We travelled as blood cells through the system and passed through valves into the different chambers.



Adonai- I really liked using the VR headsets, it was a great experience because of how it takes you all through the heart.

Alessya- The VR headsets were so cool and very interesting when we were able to look inside the heart.

Year 6 Virtual Reality



Exciting Worship!

On Monday, the whole school had a very special treat as our worship was led by our very own Worship Warrior team. The Worship Warriors meet every Monday, and together they plan lots of things for worship. Sometimes they write prayers, sometimes they plan and prepare worship for the rest of us to watch.

Together with Mrs Fritz, Mr Burdett and Mrs Hooper, they planned, prepared and delivered a special worship based on Psalm 23. We found out it was written by David, the small shepherd who, with God's help, beat Goliath, later became a great king and wrote many of the psalms in the Bible. The team acted beautifully to remind us of who David was, they even enlisted Mr Savage's help to act as Goliath! We really engaged with the psalm. We read it together, we watched a clip with illustrations, the worship warriors broke it down to explain each part and then we had time to reflect by listening to a quiet song about it.

It was really moving and our visiting governor, Mr Hunter and our Diocesan School Consultant, Mrs Rattenberry, both said they were very impressed by acting skills, beautifully written prayers and some very bold costume choices (some of the sheep costumes came from EYFS!!!).

Well done Worship Warriors! We're all looking forward to your next worship. – Mrs Z Brown



Spring Term 2 Dates for the Diary



Tuesday 21 st February	Year 1 and 2 "WOW Day"
Wednesday 22 nd February	"Thinking Day" - children are invited to come to school wearing their scouts, brownies, beavers or rainbows uniform
Thursday 23 rd February	Mrs Hollingshurst and Mr Savage's reading café 9:10am - 9:45am
Friday 24 th February	Mrs A Brown and Mr Middleton's reading café 9:10am - 9:45am
Friday 10 th March	CPAS Residential weekend
Thursday 16 th March	"Special Lady" stall
Wednesday 22 nd March	Day of Rugby- come to school wearing green, black or gold – bring a chocolate
Wednesday 22 nd March	Parent Forum 1:45pm - 2:15pm
Thursday 23 rd March	Class photographs- Braiswick Photographic
Monday 27 th March	Easter egg tombola
Friday 31 st March	Year 1 and 2 Easter Bonnet Parade



6TH-10TH FEBRUARY 2023
STAR OF THE WEEK

Wojciech

Year 1

Kersia

Year 1-2

Samir

Year 3-4

Livia

Year 4-5



Zinania

Year 2

Charlene

Year 3

Simona

EYFS

Denas

Year 5-6

Adonai

Year 6