



Friday 24th November 2023

As the nights draw in and a few Christmas lights sparkle in homes and shops, we start to think about the hope that the birth of Jesus brings.



This week, whilst at the Headteacher's conference we were called to think about everyone in our school family and how we can support one another to achieve our full potential in every way. Part of this is about extended our learning as much as possible.

We are extremely pleased to share with you, that the scores checked for the MTC. The Multiplication tables check is a statutory check at the end of Year 4 focused on times tables up to x 12.

The children at St Mary's work incredibly hard to learn their times tables starting in Year 2.

Since 2023, when the check began we have exceeded national results showing the dedication for learning. Below are the results from 2022 (our current Year 5 students)

Headline Facts and Figures- 2022/23

Average attainment score 23 (22.73)

Percentage of eligible pupils scored 25 marks (45.9%) 46%

Bring on 2023, good luck Year 4!! Let's do this!!

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

On Monday this week key stage 1 children visited Leicester Central Mosque. The Imam explained the religion of Islam to us. We saw many areas of the Mosque, including the prayer areas for both men and women and the wudu area which none of us had ever seen before. The Imam also explained why Mosques have a dome (to help the Imam's voice echo around the prayer room.) We asked lots of questions which the Imam answered for us.

After our visit to the Mosque we visited Victoria park where we had a picnic lunch outside, it was a bit chilly!! We made some new friends in the park (the squirrels were very interested in our lunch!) We then visited the cenotaph which we compared to the cenotaph in Kettering and discussed why it was so much bigger in Leicester. We also talked about the wars and remembrance.

After this we had a bit of time to play in the park and after a very long day some of us needed a nice rest!!!

If you would like to find out more about our trip to the Mosque, click this link :

<https://video.link/w/vl65609262e9999>

KS2 went on a fantastic trip to Rushden Lakes to watch 'Early Man' they so enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to their trip to the Lighthouse theatre to watch "The Wizard of Oz" one of my very favourite stories.

With best wishes,

Diane Wright MA (Education)
Headteacher





Diary Dates

- 29th November Mr Savage's class Worship
- 30th November Mrs Brown's class Worship Year 1
- 4th December Mrs Hollingshurst's class Worship
- 5th December Mrs Heaney's class Worship
- 6th December Mrs Z Brown class Worship (Year 3)
- 7th December Christmas Disco
EYFS- 5:00pm-5:45pm
Year 1 & 2- 6:00pm-6:45pm
Year 3,4,5 & 6- 7:00pm-7:45pm
- 8th December Key stage 1 Christingle Service at the church 2:30pm
- 11th December Christmas Mufti Day- Bring chocolate for a Tombola
- 12th December Mr Metcalfe's class Worship
- 13th December Miss Welch class Worship
- 13th December - School Nurse coming to administer Flu Vaccine to all eligible
- 14th December KS1 Christmas Nativity at 2pm
- 15th December Christmas Nativity at 9am and 2pm-
- 15th December KS2 Trip to the Lighthouse Theatre to see Panto
- 18th December Dolce Christmas lunch and chocolate Tombola held after school
- 18th December KS2 Carol concert at the church at 6pm
- 20th December Church service 2pm (last day of school)



Why not help with some of the activities that we have coming up?

We have the Christmas Disco on 7th December on the following times:

EYFS: 5:00pm-5:45pm

Year 1 and 2- 6:00pm-6:45pm

Year 3,4,5 and 6- 7:00pm-7:45pm

If you have some spare time and would like to help out with future activities and events with the PFA, please contact the school office and we will arrange everything with you, we would love to have you on board!

What is the purpose of a PFA?

The main focus of the PFA is to raise money in an inclusive, fun and sociable way, to provide the school with extra funding to spend on equipment, resources and experiences that will enhance the children's' learning.



St Mary's Primary School



Star of the Week

20th - 24th November 2023

EYFS

ALEX, OSCAR & RIDAM



YEAR 3

LYDIA-ROSE



YEAR 1/2

AARON



YEAR 1

NICOLE



YEAR 2

ANJELO



YEAR 5/6

ELIZA



YEAR 3/4

ADRIAN



YEAR 4/5

RUBY-MAE



YEAR 6

JULIA

