



St Mary's CEVA Primary



Academy Newsletter

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"Do Everything in Love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

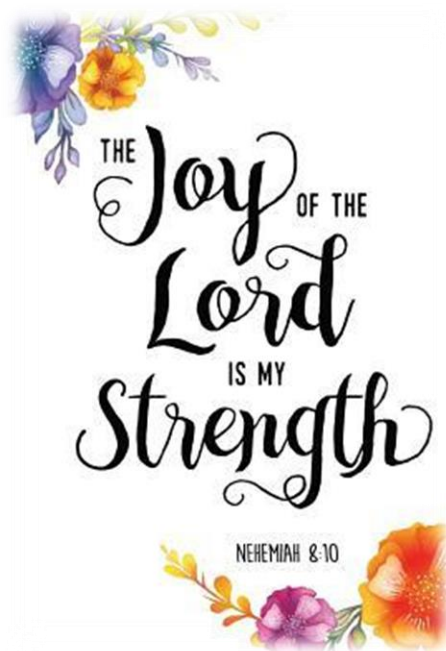


Friday 21st January 2022

This week we have been focusing on the scripture, 'The joy of the Lord is my strength.' We have been thinking about what joy is and how we can bring joy into our own and other people's lives. We looked at the life of Nehemiah who helped to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem and the joy that Jesus brings through his death and resurrection.

Joy was felt across the whole school last week when the 'rock band' arrived. The children and staff loved the high-energy day, which allowed everyone to express their individuality. Children across the school have been enjoying trips off site to explore the local area – and a cup of hot chocolate – this has provided a wonderful, enjoyable focus to their learning.

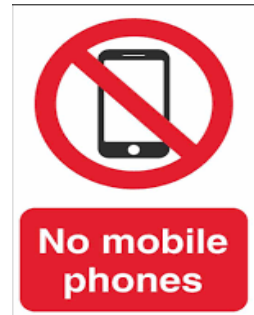
Last week, our staff met with another school to discuss outcomes in writing and this week the leadership team will be looking very closely at the progress children have been making this year. Next week, we are hopeful that we will be able to send you the 'My Amazing Journey' overview so you can see how your child is doing, what their targets are and ideas for supporting their learning.



Unfortunately, this week saw high Covid numbers and we had five members of staff who had to self-isolate. In light of this, we will maintain the wearing of masks to avoid further spread. We ask that if you are able, you still wear a mask onsite.



To safeguard our school community, please may we request that **NO MOBILE PHONES** are to be used anywhere on the school site, on the playground or inside the school.



REMINDER OF SCHOOL COLLECTION TIMES:

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 - 3:15pm

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - 3:20pm

Covid-19 Guidance

If you have a positive case in the household children over five years old are asked to do a LFT test daily and CAN attend school if they have a negative result.

If a child has any covid symptoms, they should go for a PCR test.

Please note: COVID-19 cases are high in Kettering currently, so please ensure you notify us by email of any positive Coronavirus results at any time of the day and weekend via our Covid email address. As per current guidance, we do not need immediate action on a single case to isolate individuals, as we will be notified by NHS Track and Trace.

Email: covid@stmarysprimarykettering.co.uk

With blessings,

Diane Wright MA (Education)
HEADTEACHER



St Mary's Theatre Trip Advisor review



Ahead of performing their own mesmerising Christmas performance at St Mary's Church, The Drama Club gained inspiration from their trip to The Castle Theatre's pantomime.

The children, Mrs Wright, Miss Broughton and Miss Lawrence received a stunning surprise when they were told they had all been upgraded to second row seats! The theatre staff noted early on how beautifully behaved the children were and nearby audience members complimented staff on how the children were a credit to the school.

All were captivated by the fold-down, luxurious, velvet seats, whilst animated eyes darted around the grand, atmospheric theatre hall. As the lights went down, there was a buzz of anticipation... The multi-talented cast, sumptuous set, emotive lighting, stunning special effects and captivating costumes (especially for 'Nurse Nelly') set the tone for a very special show.

The story of Sleeping Beauty was told perfectly (with action scenes and merry mayhem in between dramatic song and dance routines). Alice Ellen Wright who played Princess Aurora studied at top theatre school Laine's; the children remarked on her beautiful voice, dancing and acting skills.

The children reported that their favourite character was Jingles (played by acclaimed actor and comedian William Frazer), his comic timing and improvising was impeccable. Other highlights included special effects that 'made them jump' and joining in with songs, dances and a music medley from the 60s to today. Along with a very humorous, interactive scene where being at the front became most fun - the children howled with glee as they were hit with Jingles' water soaker!

The Drama Club's votes are in and they gave *Sleeping Beauty*...



'Oh yes they did!'

We would like to share with you all the lovely letter we received from Country View Nursing home. You may remember in December some of our children created some beautiful and thoughtful cards to some elderly residents that possibly don't get the chance to speak to people and may feel very lonely at Christmas time.

Our students did a fantastic job with their cards and as you can see by the letter below, they were gratefully received!

Well done!



Mrs D Wright - Head Teacher
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12th January 2022

To all the wonderful staff and children of St Marys's

When the beautiful cards with such thoughtful messages and creative artwork arrived at Countryview, Christmas had arrived!

Gladys, Robert, Ann, Arnold to name a few remembered that they had not been forgotten but remembered by "wonderful you".

Smiles and feelings of being loved at Christmas were made possible by you. The cards we all read out and are still on display for all to see. We wish and send you a big thank you.

Keep safe, be happy (and do your homework!)

We shall look forward to sending you our own creative cards at Easter.

Best wishes from all of your friends at Countryview Nursing Home

Ruth Webb
Registered Manager



Well done Mawuli (Year 6) on producing a great piece of writing linked to your topic.

Chocolate, the gift that keeps on giving

Chocolate

Chocolate. A sweet, delicious, creamy treat with amazing texture and great popularity. But, how is it made? From cocoa to chocolate, this explanation text will tell you how this well-known, marvellous product came from Africa villages, to grow into fame.

Chocolate is not modern, in fact it's not even from the older days. It comes from the Ancient Maya in Central America, or (more commonly known as) Mexico, over 12,000 years ago! Well, it wasn't chocolate that came from the Maya, it was hot chocolate. Only high ranking people were allowed to drink it, though (nobles, men, women, priests, rulers, etc.). The drink was very made of cocoa beans (they called it cacao beans), chili peppers, water, honey and vanilla. Cacao beans served another purpose as well by being a currency for the Maya.

Did you know that 1 bean could get you an avocado, 20 tomatoes and 100 for a turkey. Talk about economics!



17TH-21ST
JANUARY 2022

Titus

Year 1

Lamar
&
Adnan

Year 1-2

Julia

Year 3-4

Alexea

Year 4-5

STAR OF THE WEEK

Millie

Year 2

Batya

Year 3

Ragnar

EYFS

Niomehy
&
Rylley

Year 5-6

Adeline

Year 6

Coronavirus (COVID-19)



Hands



Face



Space



Fresh air

Anyone in my house develops Coronavirus symptoms:

- New continuous cough
- High temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Anyone in your household has a test for Covid-19

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119

If you are reporting a positive Covid case during school hours please inform us by the usual method of communication on our telephone number 01536 485500 or email office@stmarysprimarykettering.co.uk

Out of school hours evenings/weekends:

Email: covid@stmarysprimarykettering.co.uk

Please notify us by email of any positive results over a weekend or an evening as per current guidance we do not need immediate action on a single case to isolate individuals, as we will be notified by NHS Track and Trace.

In order to ensure that the school remains the safest possible environment for the children and staff, and that the risk of transmission is reduced, we all need to work together to ensure that we follow the latest Government guidance.