



St Mary's CEVA Primary



Academy Newsletter

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"Do Everything in Love" 1 Corinthians 16:14



Friday 28th January 2022

The last few weeks have been particularly tricky at school. The high levels of Covid have had a dramatic impact on our staff, children and families. I am so proud of all the staff in school who have poured so much into supporting one another to overcome the challenges that we face. We had visitors in recently from Nene Education Trust including the Director of Learning, they remarked on what a wonderful radiant school this was; a shining beacon in the locality where the school vision 'Do everything in love' could be felt across the whole school. Thank you everyone for all you do to make our school the incredible place that it is.

The children from year 3 to year 6 are learning all about our town under a topic called; there's no place like home. Topics include local history, map work looking at how Kettering has changed over time, the shoe industry, abolition of slavery and Wicksteed Park.

In the younger years, they are focusing on Great Britain and the four countries within, there is so much to enjoy and celebrate in our differences and similarities.

Mrs Brown's class (year 1) enjoyed making pizza's this week and finding out where food comes from. (Jamie Oliver's Pizza recipe and a field to fork video below)



We hope that you have a wonderful weekend, get out enjoy the fresh air, perhaps take a trip to Wicksteed or have a go with Jamie's pizza recipe so the children can tell us all about what they did next week, see link below for the video so your family at home can have some fun and enjoy!

<https://video.link/w/pn0Xc>

See link below for the "Field to Fork" video

<https://video.link/w/3q0Xc>

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.

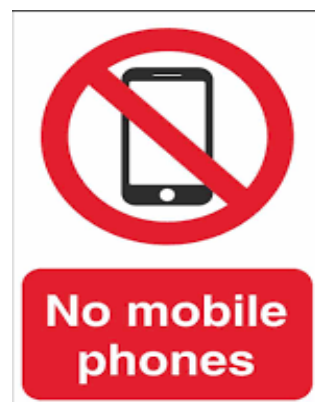
On Thursday 27th January, the Government announced that it is no longer compulsory to wear masks in public places. Our school would like to kindly ask parents/carers or any visitors to carry on wearing face coverings in and around our school site.

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



Ms Starkey decided to jazz up our January by booking an extra special whole school treat...



EDUCATE | ENTERTAIN | EMPOWER

Rock Kidz is run by professional rock musicians who perform PSHE (personal, social, and health education), interactive workshops.

This wellbeing workshop highlighted our school vision, “Do Everything in Love” perfectly, particularly focusing on loving who you are. The children sang along to an original Rock Kidz song that focused on appreciating how unique we all are, with lyrics including: ‘Be yourself, everyone else is taken’.

Here’s what some year 6 children thought...

The class all agreed that dressing up as rock stars for the day was pretty cool. They liked that staff had dressed up too and Mr Savage’s Freddie Mercury outfit made them laugh the most!



Roberto thought the monkey warm up session and games inspired challenges drew them all in really quickly. Jacob and Nojus both thought the chicken impression was hilarious. Adeline and many others commented on how funny the two workshop leaders (Cam and Si were). This light-hearted approach was really effective and led to the children listening intently to the wellbeing messages that followed.

Jayden adored the energy of the session; seeing the leaders in front of them, performing in professional rock videos (displayed behind them as they performed along) was captivating. When asked about his show highlight, Caysson replied that it had to be the ‘jumping around!’ Poppy liked the song actions and most enjoyed dancing, singing and generally rocking out to original Rock Kidz tracks and a version of ‘This is me’ from The Greatest Showman.

Lots of the children agreed with Mrs Towell that YASBA (You’re awesome, so be awesome) was an inspiring message which is still being shared by the children around school, to cheer each other on.

The verdict was in – would the children change anything about the session if they could? Sofia declared that the session was perfect and Fabian exclaimed, “I loved the battle against the teachers the most!”

Below is a brilliant piece of writing from one of Ms Harle's Year 5 students, Alice M.

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27th January 2022

Dear Mr Hollabone,

Woodlands in the United Kingdom are structured in Four layers: Canopy, Understory, Herb Layer and Ground Layer. However, these layers may not exist due to people digging into the landscape to structure things that are using electricity and killing the trees or removing their roots in the process. The world will fall to pieces and be nothing more than history as our future generations slowly fade away to a hope and a dream if deforestation takes over earth like it is now. I assure you we will all suffocate. Are you sure you want your family to perish by suffocation?

Firstly, let me tell you about how 41% of woodland creatures have lost their homes since the 1970s. It is us causing this devastating loss of animals' homes and the sudden decrease of oxygen on Earth, it must be stopped to increase the oxygen instead. History will be all we know - and the last thing we know - when we take the ascendance to heaven, by the complete lack of oxygen, suffocating us along with our unbearable, unforgettable behaviours towards the gift of Earth God gave us. Does life not matter to you, do you have no interest in it?

Gracie
Mae

Year 1

Paisley
Mae

Year 1-2



17TH-21ST
JANUARY 2022

Hiren

Year 3-4

Robert

Year 4-5

STAR OF THE WEEK

Rebecca

Year 2

Dominyka
& Ozzy

Year 3

Whole
class

EYFS

Anastasia

Year 5-6

Mawuli

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.