

Mary Dean's CE Primary School and Nursery



Dear Parents/Carers

Wow! What a busy term! School visits, sporting events, coffee mornings, fundraising activities and school inspection! A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the children this term. The Inspection report will be published next term.

Jeremiah's journey

We are again collecting Selection boxes for Jeremiah's Journey this year.

This wonderful charity has a 'Caring at Christmas' event which is on 30th November this year. It is an event for newly bereaved families to help navigate the first Christmas following the death of a loved one and the charity will give the selection boxes to the children and young people during this.

Your donations are always so gratefully received, they can be given to your class teacher or school reception. We may even get a surprise visit from Jeremiah, the big bear, when he comes to collect them!

Jeremiah's Journey has helped us, as a school, so much in the past with their amazing bereavement support and this is a small way in which we can repay them. Thank you!

Mrs Blake - Family Support Advisor



Save the Date!

- *Monday 11th Nov-Mrs Barnes-Smith's Mice class worship
- *Wednesday 13th Nov-Bags 2 school collection by PTFA (please bring on the day)
- *Friday 18th Nov-Miss Pugh's Robins class worship
- *Thursday 28th Nov-Mrs Mills' Otters class Worship
- *Thursday 28th November-Elfridges and craft afternoon (PTFA)
- *Friday 29th Nov-Mrs Dove's Hedgehogs class worship
- *Thursday 5th December-bottle tombola mufti (PTFA)
- *Friday 6th Dec-Mrs Boroczky's Kingfishers class worship
- *Friday 6th December-Christmas fair-PTFA

Rivers of Hope Art Project

In the summer our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils were lucky enough to take part in the Thames Festival Trust Education Project, 'Rivers of Hope' in conjunction with Plymouth University. The children visited our local River, the Tamar, under the guidance of Ione Maria Rojas from Plymouth University and took inspiration from nature to create some wonderful pieces of art using natural dyes. I am so pleased and proud to announce that this artwork has been made into bunting which will be used to showcase the Tamar Valley River Festival 2024 which is being held in Calstock on Saturday 26th October, to which all are welcome. There is also a 'virtual gallery' where the artwork can also be seen displayed and the link to this is <https://thamesfestivaltrust.org/education-programme/river-of-hope/devon-cornwall/>

Please take a look and celebrate the wonderful art that is happening in our school!

Mrs Dove, Art lead



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Secondary Ready

A reminder to parents/carers of Year 6 pupils; the deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October. Please see link below.

<http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions>

Coffee Morning

Mrs Higginson, SENDCO and Mrs Blake, Family Support Advisor, would like to thank all the parents who attended the SEND coffee morning last week.

We discussed many different topics and are looking forward to seeing you all again and indeed any other parents, guardians or relatives that would like to join us.

We will advise you of future dates and events as they are planned.

Mrs Blake, FSA

Sporting Events

Boccia

Rupert, Oscar and Alfie were fantastic ambassadors for our school in the Boccia event at Sir John Hunt on Monday afternoon. They showed excellent focus, resilience and enthusiasm throughout the festival and won lots of games. Well done, boys!



Cross Country

A great event! Children cheered each other on and supported each other throughout the competition. They did Mary Dean's proud with their behaviour and attitudes as well as their successes with Lyla coming 2nd place and Olivia coming 3rd in the Year 3/4 race. Brilliant!



Wishing you a happy and restful half term break and thanking you for your continued support.

Donna Wilson
Head Teacher



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