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Dear Parents

As we continue to celebrate the Month of Mary, this week began with our Rosary club with Mrs Morbin on Tuesday morning in the Long Room. This was very well attended with around 15 students from all age groups joining to pray the Rosary together. A reminder that this will run every Tuesday in May and parents are welcome to join us too from 8.30am-8.45am.

Also on Tuesday, classes Zoomed in to join Archbishop John Wilson for a Diocesan-wide Rosary which included schools from across Southwark joining together in prayer. Archbishop Wilson also reflected on the importance of prayer to all of our lives and discussed his journey to becoming an Archbishop. Classes have also been writing their own prayers to Mary which have made a beautiful display on our Prayer Tree in the Long Room.

On Tuesday our liturgy celebrated the Ascension of the Lord which takes place 40 days after Easter Sunday (May 9th) and on Thursday our Year 5 students attended Mass at John the Baptist to celebrate with parishioners.

Thank you to those of you who have been busy fundraising ahead of our Sport for Champions visit. A reminder that all donations need to be paid in online via our crowd funder link and sponsor forms returned to the school office by Monday May 20th please. Our students are very excited to have the opportunity to meet and hear from Basketball star Pierre Henry-Fontaine.

Next Friday is our Eco-Day where students are invited to wear 'earth' colours (brown/blue/orange/green/red/yellow) in return for a donation to WaterAid (no football kits please).

Hopefully the sun will stay shining this weekend.

Mrs M Reece

Acting Headteacher

THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Our beautiful prayer tree has been adorned with heartfelt student prayers to Mary as we celebrate the month of Our Lady in May.

"All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would... distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need."



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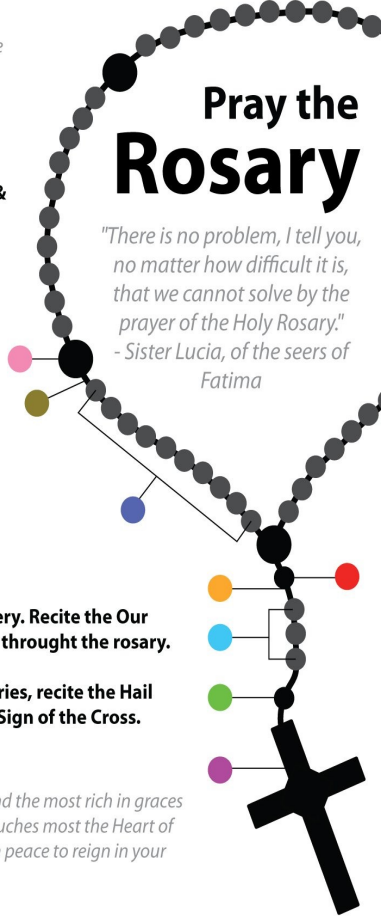
May—The Month of Mary

*"No prayer is more meritorious for the soul and more glorious for Jesus and Mary than a well recited Rosary."
- Saint Louis de Montfort*

- 1 **Make the Sign of the Cross & recite the Apostles' Creed.**
- 2 **Recite the Our Father.**
- 3 **Recite three Hail Marys.**
- 4 **Recite the Glory Be.**
- 5 **Announce the first mystery and recite the Our Father.**
- 6 **Recite ten Hail Marys.**
- 7 **Recite the Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.**
- 8 **Announce the second mystery. Recite the Our Father and repeat the steps through the rosary.**
- 9 **After completing the mysteries, recite the Hail Holy Queen & end with the Sign of the Cross.**

Pray the Rosary

*"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."
- Sister Lucia, of the seers of Fatima*



*"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."
- Pope Saint Pius X*

The Month of Mary Rosary/Prayer Club

Tuesday mornings in May

8.30am-8.45am in the Long Room

Mrs Morbin will be running a short session each Tuesday morning in May offering students the opportunity to pray the Rosary together. Parents are welcome to join us too for one or all of the sessions



Diocesan Rosary via Zoom

On Tuesday we joined schools across the Diocese to pray the Rosary together led by Archbishop John Wilson.



Mark 16:15-16

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Nursery

This week Nursery have been exploring the world of Dinosaurs. Activities have included:

- Watching a short clip about fossils and how they are made
- Using clay to create their own fossils
- Using extended vocabulary and learning new words such as carnivore and herbivore
- Nursery have also been reinforcing their maths skills - matching number and quantity



Reception

This week, Reception Class have been enjoying the fairy tale story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Inspired by the story, we created some amazing mixed media castles and later enjoyed sharing our beautiful work with the class. We took advantage of the lovely weather and enjoyed acting out some open-air performances of the story in the garden!

In Maths this week, we have been learning about 'equivalency' - identifying which sets of objects contain more than, fewer than, or the same.

On Friday, we were delighted to welcome Mr Fuentes to Reception Class. We are looking forward to him teaching Spanish in Reception until the end of term.



Year 1

In Science Year 1 have planted Sweet Pea seeds and Freesia bulbs this week. The class will be making observations of their growing plants until the end of the Summer term in their personalised Plant Diaries.



Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about the Ascension of the Lord and have created a 3D representation of the event for our classroom display.



Eco School

We are looking forward to our Eco Day next Friday May 17th.

Students are invited to come to school wearing green/yellow/blue/orange/brown or red (no football kits please) in return for a donation to WaterAid.

It would be lovely if students could bring a pot of herbs and an empty pot for seed planting on the day.



Year 2

In Art Year Two made their own butterfly prints by carving their own designs onto polystyrene, choosing their inks and running them through a press.



Dates for your Diary

Swimming— Years 1 and 2 on May 13th, June 3rd, June 17th, July 1st.

May 9th—The Ascension of the Lord

May 16th - Year 4 Mass at John the Baptist

May 17th—Eco Day

May 19th—Pentecost

May 23rd - Year 3 Mass at John the Baptist

June 4th—Sport for Champions Visit

June 5th - Year 1 & 2 Mass at John the Baptist

June 6th—Year 2 visit to Painshill Park

June 7th—LAMDA Exams

June 10/11th—Year 5 Aqua Sports

June 12th—Sports' Day

June 13th—Whole school photo

June 14th—Year 3 Trip—Morden Hall

June 24th—Summer Play and Prize Giving (Years 3-6) from 2pm

June 27th—EYFS/KS1 Plays

June 28th—Moving up Morning

July 5th- End of term—school closes 12:15.

Stars of the week



Year 4

This week, to celebrate and honour blessed Mary, Year 4 invested time reflecting upon Mary's character and her unwavering faith and trust in God. They wrote incredible blogs honouring and revering her above all woman and looked at her impact upon diverse faiths and cultures.



Year 5

Year 5 have been exploring Space in Science and made their own fact file posters on their chosen planet.



Year 6

Several children in Year 6 have been inspired to show their learning in different ways through their Geography homework this week. They have created computer simulations of coastal erosion, including the formation of headlands and bays and arches, stacks and stumps and then presented them to the class.

