



Spiritual Reflection

Most of us have at least a few precious photographs in our homes—or perhaps on our phones! They keep the most important people and events of our lives in our minds, so that they're not just distant memories but a part of who we are today. The Rosary is much like our precious photos or other mementos: it's a simple, tangible way of keeping the most important person in our life—Jesus—front and centre. But because the Rosary is a prayer, not just an object, it actually connects us to Jesus and helps us to deepen our relationship with Him.

Blessed Pope John Paul II wrote that the Rosary is a way of "remembering Christ with Mary," who knows Him as only a mother can. St Luke tells us that Mary continually meditated on the mysteries in her Son's life and "pondered all these things in her heart." We do something similar when we recall important memories and share them with others, gradually developing a different perspective on past events as we mature and see them in a different light. Think of how differently most people see their parents once they have children of their own! By reflecting on the events of Jesus' life in the Rosary, we can also grow in our understanding of them.

1 million children pray the Rosary

The children took part in the worldwide initiative for one million children to pray the Rosary on Thursday 18th October. The children became a living Rosary with biodegradable balloons to represent the Rosary. All the children throughout school took part in this very reverently and sent prayers for peace. Some concerns have been raised as to the environmental impact of this so next year we will look for an equally child centred approach but one that will not impact upon our environment.

Peat Rigg

A fantastic residential was had by Year 6 last week. Their behaviour, team work, resilience and enthusiasm was fantastic and the week was a joy for every adult and child who took part in it. The team at Peat Rigg commented on the behaviour of the Year 6's as being outstanding. We are very proud of them and look forward to seeing and hearing all about their experience at the year 6 class assembly on Thursday 25th October at 9.15. A massive thanks to Miss Wood, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Shaw who spent a week away from their families to ensure a highly successful residential for Year 6.

Attendance

This week Year 5 have had the best attendance with a fantastic 99.4%. Well done!

Parent's Evening

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Parent's Evening on Tuesday and Thursday next week. Following your parent's evening appointment, we would like to ask you to complete a survey on the iPads so we can continue to look at ways to improve communication with all stakeholders.

Year 3's Stone Age Journey

A fantastic first class assembly of the year. We had poetry, singing, art and amazing facts all about the Stone Age. Well done Year 3, a super start to the year and thank you to the great number of parents and carers who could join us.

Staffing news

Miss Jones will be leaving the St Mary's office on Monday 12th November. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and her positive, friendly demeanour which will be missed but we wish her well for the future.

Flu Immunisation

This will take place on Friday 9th November for children in years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. This will be in the form of a nasal spray. For those parents that didn't return the authorisation forms please contact your GP for further information.

Diary Dates

Monday 22nd October

- Year 1 & 2 Rosary club at lunchtime
- Mindful colouring at lunchtime
- Choir 15:20 – 16:20
- Singing 15:30 – 16:00

Tuesday 23rd October

- Parents evening 5 – 7.30pm
- Y3 & 4 Football 15:20 – 16:15

Wednesday 24th October

- Reception stay and play – 2.15pm
- Book club at lunchtime
- Ipad club will be cancelled next week
- Dance club 15:15 – 16:15

Thursday 25th October

- Year 6 class assembly – 9.15am
- Parents evening 4 – 6.30pm
- Y5 & 6 Football 15:20 – 16:20
- Netball club 15:20 – 16:20

Friday 26th October

- Training day

Monday 5th November

- School opens

Friday 9th November

- Flu Immunisation for YR, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
- Whole school Mass – 11.00

Headteacher's Award

Awarded for outstanding piece of work or behaviour, dedication, positive attitude, caring etc.

Y1 Evie I & Finn W

Y2 Amelia D & Sienna S

Y3 Whole Class

Y4 Frank D & Elsie S

Y5 Samson F & Freya C

Y6 Whole Class

This week in pictures

