

Message From Mrs Coldham (Head of School)

It has been lovely to see some of the sun and get the children outside enjoying our lovely school grounds. Our pupils have been working fantastically well and engaging in many exciting activities. You can see some of the fantastic work that we have doing on the reverse of this newsletter and on our twitter page. If you do not already follow us, please do so, as we have so much to share with you! Remember to follow [@stmaryqom](https://twitter.com/stmaryqom)

Wear It Bright

This year, our Wear it Bright Day has been enhanced by our Be Spirited Day. The children have come to school in such an array of colours today and spent the day immersed in learning about St Joseph.

Ask your child what they have learned about St Joseph!



Sports Day 2021

We will be holding Sports Day (weather permitting) on 2nd July 2021. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we will not be able to invite parents/carers in to watch. We will endeavour to take as many photos and videos as possible to keep you involved.



Y6 Residential 2022

Year 5 parents have received a letter about the Y6 residential for next year. We are really hoping that we will be able to restart all of our experiences next year and the residential is the first one to be booked! Please ensure that you have paid the deposit to ensure your child's place on this most amazing experience!



Catholic Life

ST Anthony's Parish Church would like to invite children who live within our parish boundaries (or who attend mass here) and will be at least 8 years or older by 31st August 2023 to be prepared for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2022. The programme will commence this October at St Anthony's Church. For those wishing to register an interest for their child or children, there will be registration forms available from the church porch. Alternatively, forms can be requested by emailing annefcotgan@gmail.com. We will be holding an open evening for further formation on 14th September at 6:00pm.



School Safety

Please ensure that children arrive at school wearing sun cream on potentially sunny days. We also advise that children bring an appropriate hat to wear when outside and a bottle of water.

COVID RESTRICTIONS: A gentle reminder that restrictions have not been lifted and parents should remain socially distanced from other parents. Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.

MOBILE PHONES: To help safeguard our children, we politely remind you that parents/carers should not be using mobile phones whilst on the school site.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance this week:

96%

Class winners:

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Dates For Your Diary

	Summer		Term
7th June	School reopens	8th July	Year 6 Production
7th June	Year 5 Growing Up talks	8th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
9th June	KS1 Dance Workshop	9th July	Year 6 Reflection Day
18th June	Be Spirited Day/Wear it Bright - non uniform day (£1 donation)	12th July	Transition Week for Year 6
23rd June	FS2 Height and Weight check	21st July	School Closes for Summer holidays
25th June	Year 6 Height and Weight check		
2nd July	Sports Day		
5th July	Sports Day - back up		
7th July	Year 6 Production		



AROUND THE PHASES

Friday 18th June 2021



EYFS

As part of our 'Be Spirited' day we have been finding out about St Joseph. The children have enjoyed painting Joseph and discussing what he was like as a person. As Joseph was a carpenter, the children took part in a building competition.



We have kick started our Japan topic over the last two weeks. We loved having a go at karate yesterday and enjoyed exploring Mount Fuji last week. We have also been busy studying the artist Yayoi Kusama and exploring patterns.

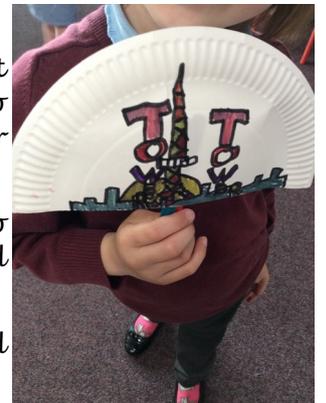
In Talk for Writer we have been studying the story Elmer the Patchwork Elephant.

Phase 1

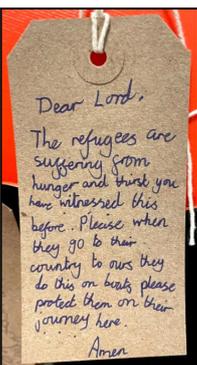
We have had a very exciting time in Phase 1 recently. Last week, each class took part in a dance workshop based on the countries of Greece, Africa or Brazil. This linked to our work on the Olympics. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about their chosen country and being taught moves to traditional music.

Last Friday, we launched our Japan topic. The children asked lots of questions to deepen their knowledge and enjoyed completing a range of activities. These included painting cherry blossom, making fans and designing their own kimonos.

Year 2 took part in their first virtual Stay and Pray this week. A link has been shared with parents. Year 1 will be recording their Stay and Pray shortly.



Phase 2



Phase 2 have had a jam-packed first two weeks back. We had our final drama and dance session with Chris where the children thoroughly enjoyed making kites and learning a dance routine to Mary Poppins 'Let's go fly a kite' - they may be able to teach you this at home.

In Science, we launched our topic 'Plants.' The children listened to Now Press Play (an immersive audio resource that engages children through emotion, imagination and movement).

They took a journey to Jamaica to learn about pollination and rare plants. The children also planted radish seeds in order to investigate if adding fertiliser effect plant growth.



Finally, the children enjoyed our school 'Be Spirited' day. They learnt about St Joseph and how he is portrayed in the Bible.

Phase 3

We have had a wonderful first two weeks of Summer Term 2. Last week, we launched our new geography topic by holding a Japan day. During the day, we made and tasted sushi, had a professional karate lesson and created fact files. A great day was had by all!

Year 6 launched our Stay and Pray sessions with a very reverent worship last week. Year 5 have recorded theirs this week with the link being sent to parents. Well done Year 5 for a wonderful liturgy which celebrated the story of Jesus healing the blind man.

Finally, Year 6 are extremely busy rehearsing their leavers production. We will be in touch soon with further details surrounding our performance of 'The Pirates Of The Curry Bean'.

