NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM
WEEK 3

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ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR VISION: GOOD GROUND GROWS WELL

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UPDATE FROM MRS HALE

The children have been taking part in the democratic process this week as we confirmed the new pupil leadership roles across Years 1–5. Our school council representatives, library monitors, school ambassadors who help lead worship, and our enthusiastic eco warriors have all now been appointed and are already showing great pride in their new responsibilities. We look forward to seeing the impact they will have across the year.

Year 6 have also had an exciting week with their elections, including the important roles of head boy and head girl. The candidates spoke confidently and thoughtfully and we will be announcing the results next week.

Our library has also had a boost, with a fantastic range of new books available for pupils to enjoy. We encourage families to chat with children about what they are choosing and enjoying.

Finally, we are currently advertising an assistant caretaker position. Details are included below and can also be found on the school website for anyone interested in joining our lovely school.

Mrs Hale



Jumping about in Year 1



Forest School fun



Thank you so much for giving to our school community!

amazon wishlist

Parking

Please avoid parking across driveways or at junctions, as this causes inconvenience for our neighbours and is a risk to our children. We also kindly ask that families do not drive through the school gates when dropping off or collecting children. Doing so blocks staff vehicles in and out and poses a significant safety risk in an area where children may be walking through the car park.

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS!

1	Field Maple	95%
2	Grey Willow	95%
3	Elm	94%

How we have grown this week!



Sapling

We read the story Whatever Next! and explored our local area during phonics. In maths, we enjoyed exploring and building with shapes and objects. In R.E., we talked about who we are in our school and what makes us special.

Ash

Ash Class welcomed autumn by making leaf soup. The children explored mathematical concepts as they collected, sorted and counted leaves. We played games in phonics to strengthen the children's understanding of initial sounds.

Beech

The children have been learning new sounds this week, including 'ie' and 'igh'. In maths, we have been exploring the concept of one less and developing our understanding through practical activities. In PE, we have enjoyed playing games using different body movements, including mimicking a range of animals and actions.

Chestnut

In DT, the children have been experimenting with paper to make their 'Chairs for a Bear' strong and sturdy. In music, we have been improving our 'call and response' techniques with body percussion and instruments.

Damson

In maths, we have been practising estimating numbers on a number line. In literacy, we have been planning our independent writing about falling into the Stone Age, thinking about what we might see, hear and feel in the story.

Elm Class

Elm class enjoyed eating fair trade chocolate after writing and drawing about the journey of a cocoa bean. We have been learning about Roman numerals and found 89 a challenging number! We have been learning about vocations and linking this to Moses.

Field Maple

This week, we have started writing our setting and character description on Lady Macbeth. In Guided Reading, we started discussing the author of our book and predicting what we think will happen in the story. We have also planned a parachute experiment in Science.

Grey Willow

Grey Willow Class have been practising operations in maths. In PSHE, we have been exploring positive thinking and sharing ideas about how we can save energy. The children are also very excited about taking on their new pupil roles.

Thought for the week

> *I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. Psalm 145:1*

This week's verse reminds us to take time to notice and celebrate the goodness of God. It can be easy to focus on the things that have gone wrong, the things we wish were different, or the things we are still waiting for. But this Psalm encourages us to stop and think about all that we can be thankful for.

Praising God doesn't only happen when we sing or pray. We can praise God through the way we live each day: by showing kindness, helping someone who needs us, encouraging a friend, caring for our world and being thankful for the people around us.

As we go through this week, let's try to begin each day by thinking of one thing we are grateful for. When we notice the good things around us, however small they might seem, we can remember that God is with us as we continue to be Rooted in love, Grow together and Flourish in all that we do.

Something to pray

Dear God,

Thank you for all the wonderful things you give us each day.
Help us to notice your goodness and to be thankful for the people and blessings around us.

May we praise you not only with our words, but through our kindness, our choices and the way we treat others.

Help us to be rooted in your love, to grow together and to flourish each day.

Amen.

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Premises Support – PartTime 15 hours a week

Salary: Scale 4
Work pattern: 7.30am to 10.30am every morning
Working hours: 15hrs a week, 52 weeks per year

We are looking for a proactive Premises Support to join our team as soon as possible. St Mary's is a small Church of England School in Norwood Green, we are made up of a partnership of 4 schools across 3 boroughs. We would like to appoint an enthusiastic person to join our friendly staff team.

As part of the role, some additional hours are required to be worked outside of the advertised core hours (Alarm call outs, Facilities Lettings, Workmen accessing site). This time will be taken as Time in Lieu or may be paid as overtime with prior arrangement.

We would encourage to make a site visit, please contact Mrs Hale the Head of School.

CLOSING DATE: Monday 5th October
Interviews will be this week or before depending on the applications received

Please apply as soon as possible as we may close the vacancy early if we receive suitable applicants.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share thiscommitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory references.

Click here to apply!

Hounslow School of Life Saving

Affiliated to the:

The Royal Life Saving Society UK

WHO ARE WE? - The Hounslow School of Life Saving was formed in 1963 to teach Lifesaving in the Hounslow Area. We now teach Lifesaving, Water Safety and Rescue Skills. All our teachers and helpers are volunteers – no one is paid for the work they do! We are affiliated to THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY UK.

WHEN & WHERE DO WE MEET? - TUESDAY evenings at HESTON POOL, New Heston Road, Heston, TW5 0LW near Hounslow, Middlesex. Two sessions run through the evening starting at 7.15pm for the "RLSS Rookie Lifeguard Programme" & 8.00pm for the "National Lifesaving Academy Awards" session.

DO YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SWIM? – Yes, at least up to Swim School Level 4 – We welcome swimmers who have reached this level or higher. Everyone who wants to join takes a swim test and are welcome to attend two trial lessons before joining.

WHAT WILL YOU HAVE TO PAY? - Swim Fees of £60.00 are paid in January, April and September, which includes the annual membership fee.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO BRING? - Yourself, your costume and towel. All other equipment will be provided as necessary during the class.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO LEARN? - There is no short answer to this question. You will have the opportunity to improve your swimming strokes; you will learn about water safety for yourself and how to help other people near water. You will learn basic first aid and resuscitation, and how to use all sorts of lifesaving equipment.

WILL YOU HAVE FUN? - YES!! – We operate the Rookie Lifeguard Programme and work towards the RLSS National Lifesaving Academy Awards. We aim for the Bronze Certificate, Bronze Star and the Bronze Medallion. You can learn all sorts of new and exciting skills, and hopefully go on, eventually, to be a fully qualified Lifeguard! You can also use your training towards Scouting & Girl Guiding awards, and your Duke of Edinburgh Award too.

INTERESTED?

Then come along to Heston Pool any Tuesday evening, during School Term times
or contact the Secretary:

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We look forward to hearing from you