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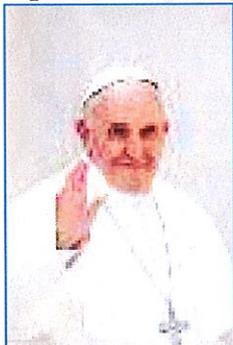


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Pope Francis' Thought for the Day



Let us ask for the grace to open our eyes and hearts to the poor in order to hear their cry and recognise their needs.

Welsh Words/Phrases

Amser cyfri – Counting time
Brysiwch – Hurry up
Golchi dwylo – Wash hands
Dwylo I fyny – Hands up
Dwylo I lawr – Hands down

Sad news

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Price/ Wilson family on the sad death of Mrs Marta Wilson. Mrs Wilson is grandmother to Izzy, Noah and Stasia Price who worked in St Mary's for the EAL service a number of years ago. We send our deepest sympathy, love and prayers.

We also remember the Hannaby family in our prayers on the very sad and sudden death of Mr Edward Hannaby, former pupil of St Mary's and Uncle to Joseph Y6. May they rest in peace.



******Very Important- Healthy Tuck******

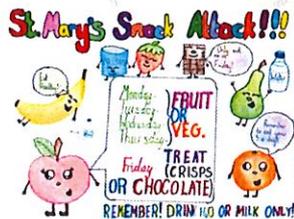
As explained, the school rule requires the children to bring in fruit on a Monday to Thursday and as a special concession, we allow the children to have a 'treat day' on a Friday. Crisps or chocolate bars only please. No sweets please.

It is very important that **all children** comply with this rule. Early Years children in Nursery and Reception are provided with fruit and milk everyday and all children in Years 1 to 6 should bring fruit (Fresh/ dried fruit/ raisins etc and a drink of water or milk only). The Eco team are currently consulting with the children to think of a suitable class reward system to promote this very important aspect of school life.

We seek parental support and understanding with this requirement upon schools.

Thank you in advance. Diolch yn fawr.

Please see the Eco poster below to remind children. You will find it displayed around the school.



Eco Team- Healthy Schools' Award

Today Mrs Gill Davies and 6 Eco reps represented St Mary's at the annual Healthy Schools' Awards Ceremony. You were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Well done pawb a diolch yn fawr.



CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER



Thank you all once again for the tremendous support shown at last week's Children in Need fundraising event. We raised a phenomenal

£666.72

...an amazing **£216.72** more than last year!

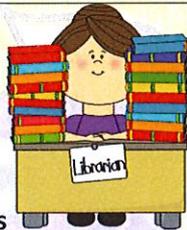
Amazing! Well done everyone!

Sadly, we did not appear on the TV as we had hoped. Better luck next year!



Headteacher's Awards

NAME	REASON
Gabriel – Gwenfro	For showing great enthusiasm for our new topic about mysteries
Jakub – Gwenfro	For being a great talk partner
Leo – Gwenfro	For perseverance in maths, drawing a line graph
Bryan – Dovey	For contributing super answers in science
Estella – Dovey	For being a super talk partner
Oliwia – Dovey	For making a super effort to contribute in all our discussions



Year 5/ 6 Librarian Applications

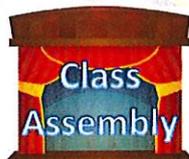
Today is the deadline for receiving applications to be a pupil librarian. Interviews will take place next Thursday from 10am. Mr Droog our Chair of Governors, Mrs Edwards and I will be on the interview panel and all successful applications will be notified about their interview time on Monday. Interview questions will be provided in advance and children will be invited to come smartly dressed for their interview. Very exciting and very good experience for future life skills!

REWARD SLIP DRAW- NEXT WEEK 30th NOVEMBER



The Friends Christmas Bingo

A big thank you to the Friends' Committee for organising another very successful Christmas Bingo event. It was a lovely evening and a great opportunity to get together as the community of St Mary's. Mrs O'Connor (Chair of Friends) and I were delighted to see so many new helpers showing their support for the school. Diolch yn fawr iawn. We look forward to many other events over the coming year to raise funds for the benefit of all our children. We hope to let you know how much we raised in next week's newsletter. Bendigedig!



Y5 DOVEY ASSEMBLY

Year 5 Dovey led a wonderful assembly today on the theme of Growth Mindset. Well done everyone. We look forward to welcoming all families at this afternoon's assembly for parents.



Year 4 Inventors' Day

On Wednesday, year 4 pupils demonstrated super skills in the 'Pitch Final'. Lord Sugar (Mr Droog) and his trusted advisors had an extremely challenging job judging all of the candidates. The overall winner was team Electric Foxes.

'Even though I was a little nervous it was a good opportunity to represent my team' - Ivan



Glyndwr University

On Thursday year 4 had the amazing opportunity to experience new inventions created by students from Glyndwr University. The children played with a robot cat invented to help dementia patients. They experienced a VR roller coaster and a Virtuali-Tee app – a truly immersive way to discover the human body.

'I was amazed by how we could see inside our body' - Lara



CHRISTMAS CONCERT TIMES

Nursery Tuesday 4th December 10 am and 1.45pm

Reception Thursday 6th December 10am

Years 1 & 2 Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th December 1.45pm

Years 3 & 4 Tuesday 11th December 9.45am and 6.30pm and Wednesday 12th December 1.30pm

Years 5 & 6 – Tuesday 11th December 1.30pm and Wednesday 12th December 9.45am and 6.30pm

There are still a limited amount of tickets available for the performances and if you would like additional tickets, please ask at the school office for a slip to order them. Thank you.



Christmas Fun activities-

Please see emails/ letters home and Christmas activities flyer. Many thanks.



Forthcoming School Council and Eco Meetings

Eco – 1st February

School Council - 16th November and 8th February

Joint meeting – 7th December

THESE ARE THE CONFIRMED TEACHER TRAINING/ INSET DAYS 2018/2019

(No School for children on these days)

Monday 7th January 2019

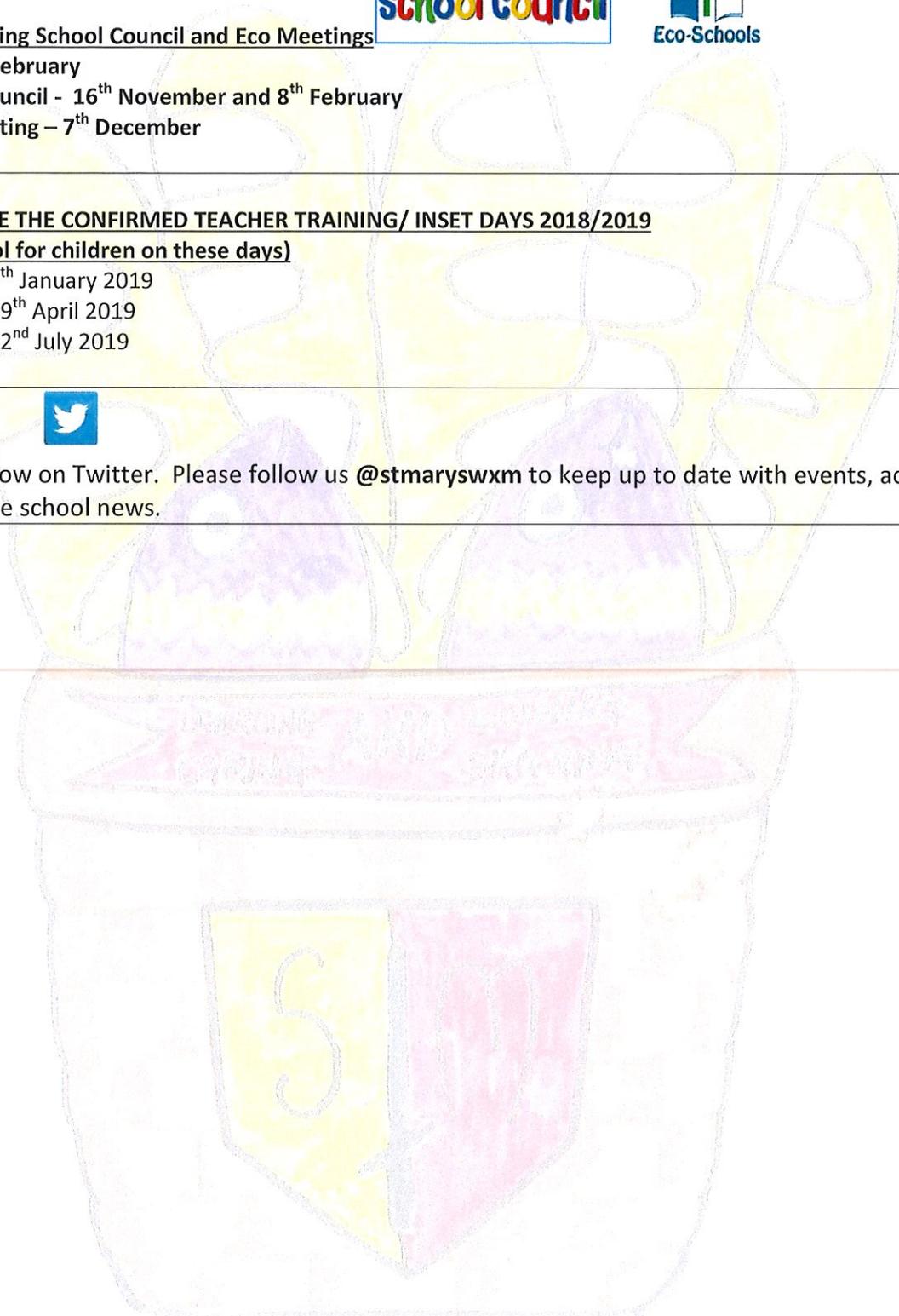
Monday 29th April 2019

Monday 22nd July 2019



Twitter

We are now on Twitter. Please follow us [@stmaryswxm](https://twitter.com/stmaryswxm) to keep up to date with events, activities and whole school news.





Awesome Attendance!



Week Beginning Monday 12th November 2018

The Foundation Phase Attendance Award this week has been presented to:

Robins Class



99.2%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



Week Beginning Monday 12th 2018

The Key Stage 2 Attendance Award this week has been presented to:

Gwenfro Class



99.6%

Llongyfarchiadau – Congratulations!



Foundation Phase Classes		
Stork	86.1%	
Swan	92.2%	
Penguins	83%	
Parrots	84%	
Owls	96.8%	😊
Wrens	98.3%	😊
Sparrows	94.6%	
Robins	99.2%	😊

Key Stage 2 Classes		
Clywedog	98.4%	😊
Taff	99.2%	😊
Alyn	98.1%	😊
Conwy	99.2%	😊
Dovey	99.2%	😊
Gwaun	99.3%	😊
Gwenfro	99.6%	😊
Dyfrdwy	98.6%	😊

Well done to those classes who have achieved or exceeded our school target of 96%! 😊

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