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**Pope Francis' Thought for the Day**



Praying means knocking at the door of a friend. God is our friend.

**Welsh Words/Phrases**

Amser mynd adre – Going home time  
Amser dewis – Choosing time  
Amser darllen – Reading time  
Amser tuck – Tuck time  
Amser cinio – Dinner time



### Well Done

To Jasmine and Nathaniel who have achieved the Wave 4 award in the Learn to Swim Wales Framework. Aria has won a trophy for coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in a hip hop dance. She went to Poland to compete in a dance competition and came 8<sup>th</sup> out of 21. Amelia has received 3 badges in Brownies – Feel Good Stage 1, Fruit and Veg and Rainbows be well. Zi Ying has received a badge for passing her Wave 2 in swimming. Sophie has passed her Wave 1 in swimming.

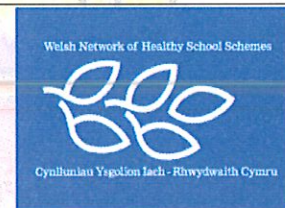
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### Poppy Display to commemorate 100 years since the First World War

A very big thank you to Miss Siobhan Davies, the Eco team and all children/ families who attended the poppy workshops. The display overlooking Island Green is absolutely beautiful; very fitting tribute to all those who served during the First World War and to the many people who lost their lives. Mrs Jones and Mr O'Toole held a special infant and junior Collective Worships this week and today in whole school assembly, we all observed a 2 minute silence. Da iawn pawb. Very reflective and respectful children.

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### **\*\*\*Very Important- Healthy Tuck\*\*\***

This week the Eco team conducted a 'Secret Mission' to find out if all children are keeping the school rules regarding healthy tuck which is a requirement of the national and local Healthy Schools' agenda. Sadly and very disappointingly, a large number of children are bringing crisps, chocolate bars and even sweets into school for morning break.

The school rule, in line with the strict Healthy Schools award guidance, 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.

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.

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## **CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 16<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**



### **PJ/ SPOTTY DRESS UP DAY IN AID OF CHILDREN IN NEED**

Once again, we will be holding a Super Spotty Bake Sale.

Please donate cakes/ biscuits to raise money for a very worthy cause.

Please bring in some loose change/ coins to decorate your class SPOTTY PUDSEY and any money to buy cakes/ biscuits. (Max £2)

Many thanks for your support.



*We will be emailing the BBC about our fundraising efforts.*



*Please watch and you may see our school name on TV!! Fingers crossed!!*

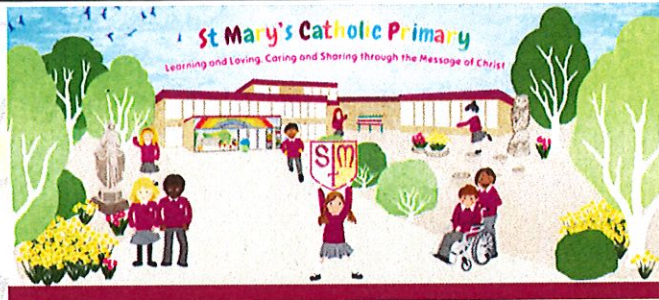
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#### **ParentMail**

CallParents, our previous provider, has been taken over by ParentMail. This is a new system to the school and we are still getting used to it. Hopefully you will now have received an email from ParentMail asking you to register with them and download the App. If you have any problems with this, please contact Mrs Pugh or Mrs Davies in the school office who will try to assist. There is a function on the App which enables to you report a child's absence, so please use this if you are able to. Please bear with us whilst we all get used to this new system!

## **Please note\*\*\*New Website \*\*\***



## **On-line Google School calendar available**

TEMPEST  
PHOTOGRAPHY

### **School Photographs**

If you would like to order your child's photograph, please return your order to the school office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. After this date unfortunately you will have to return the order to Tempest direct at an extra cost.

### **Y5 Museum**

This week, year 5 visited Wrexham Museum to find out about many of the past industries of Wrexham. The children found about about coal mining and learned about the Gresford mining disaster. They also learned about Wrexham lager and how it has made its way back to being brewed again but on a smaller scale.

The steel industry was thoroughly discussed while the children walked through the museum. They were able to see many artefacts belonging to the steel era. The children enjoyed dressing up as miners, viewing very old maps of Wrexham and handling old mining equipment.

This was a super learning experience. Diolch un fawr iawn!

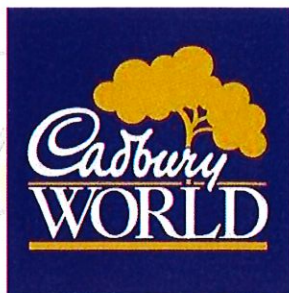


### **Schools' Netball Tournament**

Yesterday our netball team took part in a tournament held at Ysgol Rhosnesni. We played against Tanyfron, Madras, Acton, All Saints, Borrass and St Giles at the Rhosnesni Cluster Netball.

St Mary's vs Tanyfron 1 – 0  
St Mary's vs Madras 2 – 1  
St Mary's vs Acton 2 – 2  
St Mary's vs All Saints 6 – 4  
St Mary's vs Borrass 0 – 0  
St Mary's vs St Giles 3 – 5

A big thank you to Miss Wright and Miss Mezite.



### **Y3 Cadbury's World trip**

Taff and Clywedog will be going to visit Cadburys World on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. They will be leaving school at 8.45am and returning at approximately 4.30pm.

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### **Dinner money**

There is a major change in the Wrexham Council's policy regarding debt on school meal accounts, implemented with effect from 05/11/18.

Wrexham School Meals are unfortunately no longer able to continue allowing parents and guardians of primary school pupils to run up debts on meal accounts, and from 05/11/18 you must ensure that all school meals are paid for in advance. This is the same system currently in place for high school pupils in Wrexham.

Any existing debts must be cleared by that date, and they will not serve any meals to pupils whose accounts are in debt, you will need to provide a packed lunch.

If you have any queries, or require assistance in agreeing a payment plan for existing debts, please telephone 01978 315645.

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### **Christmas Card Competition**

Congratulations to Alise who won this year's Christmas Card competition. We send the card to our Governors and past staff. Lilia's competition entry was also very good so the office staff are using it as part of their Reserved signs for the Christmas Concerts. Congratulations to Aria as well whose entry was commended. Well done!

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**Year 6 School Journey Information Evening – July 5-9<sup>th</sup> 2019**

Thank you to all parents and children who attended last night's School Journey information session. It was wonderful to see so many families! The letter will be issued as soon as the final cost has been confirmed.

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**Forthcoming School Council and Eco Meetings**

Eco – 9<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> February

School Council - 16<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> February

Joint meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> December

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

**( No School for children on these days)**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

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**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.

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