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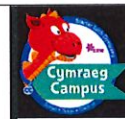
10th January 2020

Pope Francis' Thought for the Day



In worshipping, we too will discover, like the Magi, the meaning of our journey. And like the Magi, we too will experience 'a great joy'.

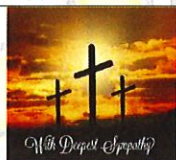
**Welsh Words/Phrases
From the
'Cryw Cymraeg'**



Blwyddyn Newydd Dda – Happy New Year!

Welcome back- Happy New Year/ Blwyddyn Newydd Dda

It has been lovely to return to school after a restful Christmas break to share with you our OUTSTANDING Diocesan Inspection Report



Our Deepest Sympathy-

Sadly, Mr O'Toole's father- Mr Terence Walter Patrick O'Toole passed away just before Christmas. We keep Mr O'Toole and his family in our prayers and offer our love and support at this very difficult time.

We also keep Mrs Mel Price (Former Senior Midday Supervisor) in our prayers following the sad loss of her father over the Christmas holidays as well.

*Eternal rest grant unto them o Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.*



Well Done

To Izzy and Mia who have moved to group 2 in gymnastics.



Mrs Shaw's Good News

We send our love and many congratulations to Mrs Shaw on the birth of baby Verity Grace Somerfield- Shaw who was born on 26th November and weighed 7lb 4oz. Mummy and baby are both doing very well. We keep her family in our prayers and look forward to when they visit us in school.

Dressing up

On Monday 13th January, year 2 children will be dressing up as someone they would like to be when they grow up!

New Year Staff led Mass in the Cathedral

Thank you to Canon Treloer for the lovely beginning of the new year Mass today at the Cathedral. The children sang beautifully and it was a lovely service.

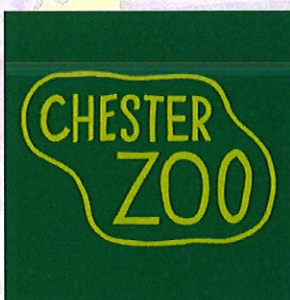


Dangerpoint

Year 5 had a fantastic trip to Dangerpoint in Talacre on Wednesday. The children enjoyed learning about safety in the home, at the beach, road safety and online safety. They particularly enjoyed sitting on a train and identifying the importance of rail track safety. A thoroughly enjoyable experience identifying important life skills. Once again, the behaviour of the children was exemplary. A big thank you to Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Sawyer who volunteered to help us on our trip.

"This trip was breathtaking" by Natan

"I learned lots of interesting facts whilst having fun" by Divya

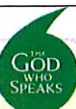


Years 1 and 2 Chester Zoo Visit

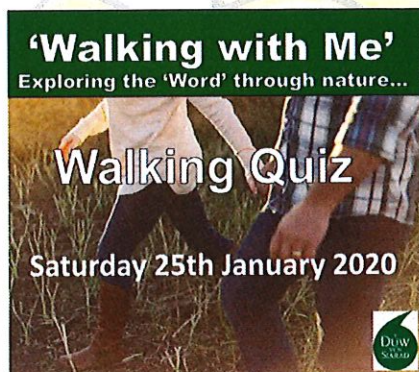
On Wednesday 12th February, the Year 1 and 2 children will be visiting Chester Zoo to develop their understanding of animal conservation and habitats. The children are to wear their school uniform and a warm/waterproof coat. They will need a packed lunch but children who receive free school meals will have their lunch provided. We will be leaving school promptly at 9:15am and returning for 3:00pm.

The cost for the trip is £13.00 and as this price is for a group booking unfortunately there will be no reduction for zoo passes and this is to be paid using the online payment system at www.wrexham.gov.uk/stmarys by Tuesday 28th January.

The God who Speaks



Please see below a flyer and information we have received from Deacon Steve Davies.



Join us for some exercise & fresh air.
Bring a camera (or your phone will suffice),
suitable footwear and your thinking caps.
Family & Friends welcome as are dogs on leads!

Meet at the main carpark at Erddig House from 12–1pm



www.rcdwxm.org.uk



Hopefully many of you would have heard about it already. It would be lovely to see our young people and our schools' staff there - our schools bring so much to the life of our Church; I would be so grateful if you would please advertise the event in your schools in the coming weeks; perhaps making use of the poster.

I appreciate Erddig is out of the way for many of you and/or your pupils - we will put similar events on across the Diocese. In fact please let me know of any suggested for venues. Although the inauguration year of God Who Speaks, we will continue to build on events over the coming years.

Good Practice Visits to St Mary's

Following our recent successful inspections, a number of schools have been in contact to visit St Mary's. To date, we have a deputy headteacher from a local primary school visiting next week to observe an 'innovative school' and a headteacher from a Catholic school in Treforest in South Wales will be visiting after half term to observe how we have implemented the new curriculum. This is very exciting news for the school and we are very pleased and proud to share our work with others.



Recycling Toothbrushes

A parent has contacted us to let us know that St Joseph's are doing the dental waste recycling scheme with TerracycleUK. We will be collecting your dental waste recycling (toothbrushes, toothpaste packaging etc) and the parent will then collect it and take it to St Joseph's. If you have any dental waste recycling, please send it in to school. Thank you.

Monday 6th January - Inset Day

On Monday, the staff worked together to plan a whole school collaborative project based on the theme 'Money, money, money'. As you are aware, the Credit Union savings scheme has been running in St Mary's for over 12 months and we would like to extend this opportunity to all children and staff within the school. We are the only school in our area to be running such an exciting scheme which provides a wonderful opportunity to develop the children's financial literacy which is a key feature within the new curriculum for Wales. **More details to follow.**

THESE ARE THE CONFIRMED TEACHER TRAINING/ INSET DAYS 2018/2019 (No School for children on these days)

INSET DAYS FOR 2019-20

Monday 20th April 2020

Monday 20th July 2020



Twitter

We are now on Twitter. Please follow us **@stmaryswxm** to keep up to date with events, activities and whole school news.

R. J. Arlow