



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Diocese of Plymouth

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy and successful week in school. I have been fortunate to go and take part in a 'Peer Review' at another Plymouth CAST school this week. It is a very good process for school improvement and by going to other schools you are able to see different ways of doing things that you can bring back to share.

I am really pleased to share with you that our Mini Vinnies have been appointed and they have had their first meeting. In Liturgy this morning we were able to congratulate them all and share with the children who had been appointed to the different roles. The Leader is Poppy-Mae in Year 5 and the Deputy is Henry, also from Year 5. We are fortunate to have a fabulously large team this year so they intend to take on different projects as a result they have appointed three team leads Andrea, Georgia and Amelia. Our Mini Vinnies are recognisable by their lanyards and we look forward to hearing about their plans and supporting them with their events.



Our school council also met for the first time this week. Mr Lakatos has asked them to collect ideas from their class about what they would like to see improved around our school. Focusing mainly on the outside but can be inside too. You might like to chat to your children at home about this to give them different ideas. They are going to take their ideas to the meeting next Wednesday.

Mr Thomas and some of the Mini Vinnies took all the donations to the Food Bank on Wednesday. The people that run the foodbank were excellent with the children and told them all the systems that are in place to support the running of the bank. The Mini-Vinnies have been invited to help and so we will be having further discussions about how we can get more involved.



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We were also treated to a live flamenco concert on Wednesday. The concert a roaring success! Thank you to all who helped to welcome and organise things in school, in particular Mrs Wilson. The group spoke very warmly about the feel of the school and how well the children joined in.



I am pleased to update you on Year 4 who have now had their 4th clarinet lesson with Julia from SoundStorm. They are confident at putting the clarinet together, playing the notes C, D, E, F & G and have even composed their own short tunes. We will be sharing some videos of their progress on the Year 4 Google Classroom very soon!



I am delighted to share with you that Isabella in Year 6 has successfully auditioned for a part in Christmas Spectacular at the Regent Centre Christchurch with Glad Rag productions. Over 100 children auditioned! She hopes to see lots of friends and family there.

This morning our whole school Liturgy was led by Year 4. They had written their own prayers of the faithful and based the liturgy on 'People'. It got us to focus on the people who belonged to the family of God in scripture. In the reflection, we thought about how we all belong to God's family and we asked ourselves, "What does it mean to be part of the family of God?"



We were able to celebrate the house points at the end of the liturgy today, well done to all who received one or more this week!

Red – 398 Yellow – 419 Green – 361 Blue – 383

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

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