



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Governors,

Herons Assembly

It was a delight to welcome the family members who gathered together with the whole school in the hall to be both entertained and informed by the Herons wonderful assembly all about our bodies. There was even a very special performance (and encore!) from 'The Rolling Bones' band! Going on a special school trip around our body, we were reminded how amazing and wonderful our bodies are and the astounding things they enable us to do each and every day. We were also reminded of the important message that God gave us the wonderful gifts of our bodies, making us all special and unique.

"But in fact, God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 1 Corinthians 12

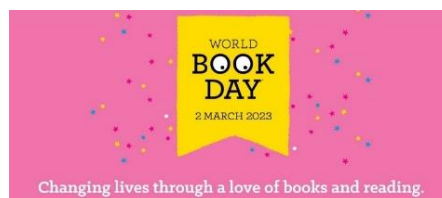
Thank you Herons! We look forward to our next class assembly which will be Kingfishers on Wednesday 29th March who will be beginning our Easter journey with Jesus to the Cross.

Kingfishers Prayer Service

Thank you to the Kingfishers for leading their parents and carers in Collective Worship on Friday 10th March. Kingfishers shared how Lent is a special time in the Church's year when Christians think about Jesus and grow in love by following his example.

World Book Day

We are delighted to announce the winners of our World Book Day costume competition. We thank all pupils and parents for taking part and we hope you had lots of fun coming up with your costume ideas! Each winner received the gift of fantastic high-quality reading books and an additional book token to spend.



Ducklings	Max	Swifts	Miller
Robins	Jesse	Kestrels	Sienna
Goldfinches	Oliver	Hérons	Tayla-Rae
Kingfishers	Abbie	Swans	Amelia W

Book Fair

Thank you all for visiting our Book Fair, which was held in our school hall in the week beginning 6th March. Research shows that children are five times more likely to finish a book if they have chosen it themselves. Every book bought raised funds for the school to spend on new books. We are thrilled to tell you that we raised an amazing £546.04, which we will use to buy new books for our whole class 'Book Talk' lessons.



Catholic Children's Society Lenten Appeal

At the beginning of March, each child was given a purple money box from the Catholic Children's Society. This year's appeal is inspired by Pope Francis's call to 'build bridges, not walls' and find ways to connect and help others in their time of need. Every penny raised by St Mary of the Angels will support the Catholic Children's Society's work with local disadvantaged children and families. The money raised by the Catholic Children's society supports our new school music therapist, who supports a small number of children in our school. **Please return your boxes to the school office by Wednesday 29th March.** To find out more about the Catholic Children's Society, please click [here](https://www.cathchild.org.uk/vision-mission-values/) or visit <https://www.cathchild.org.uk/vision-mission-values/>

St. Mary of the Angels visits London Zoo!

Over the last two weeks, a number of classes have been able to visit London Zoo, thanks to our new partnership with ZSL's Education Access Scheme. Kestrels visited London Zoo in collaboration with Wigmore Hall, where they took part in rainforest-themed activities to kick start their topic 'Under the Canopy'. The children observed the habitat of rainforest organisms which included, monkeys, sloths and fruit bats. During their exploration, Kestrels were thinking about their senses and their favourite organisms. This prepared the children for their Wigmore Hall music workshops where they have been creating melodies, lyrics and body percussion rhythms. It has been a fantastic opportunity to use their creativity and to bring their imagination alive!



Goldfinches also visited London Zoo this week and wrote about their favourite part of the zoo trip.

Faustine: "Yesterday we went to London Zoo. When we arrived there it was amazing, first we went to the orange zone and we saw camels and penguins. After that we went to eat, after that we went to the blue zone. We saw a crocodile and we saw snakes."

Melissa: "My favourite part was when we looked at the little monkeys."

A reminder that the £500 annual cost of the scheme was funded from funds raised by the Christmas Movie Night so thank you again for your support.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to all who made an appointment to speak to their child's class teacher this March. If you were unable to keep your appointment, please contact the school office and we will arrange a mutually convenient time for a phone consultation.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a second-hand uniform sale in our school hall. The dates are as follows:

Monday 27th March: 3.15-3.45pm

Tuesday 28th March: 8.45-9.15am

Easter Bonnet Parade

A reminder that our Foundation Stage Easter Bonnet Parade takes place on Thursday 30th March at 2.30pm in the Key Stage 1 playground. Ducklings and Robins parents/carers and family members are warmly invited to attend. Please note, if on the day the weather isn't suitable for an outdoor parade we will invite parents and carers into the school for an indoor parade.

Easter Holidays/Start of Term 5

School closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 31st March at 1.30pm and reopens on Monday 17th April for the start of Term 5. Children should return to school wearing their summer uniform.

Sports Day

A reminder of this year's Sports Day dates, taking place at Paddington Recreation Ground from 9am-12pm. More details will follow nearer the time.

Key Stage 2: Thursday 18th May.

Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1: Thursday 25th May

Wraparound Care: Let's Leap FREE Taster Session



Let's Leap has created a promotional code, 'FREETASTE', for parents to book a **free session** at our new after-school care on **Tuesday 28th March**.

Parents/carers can register using the link below to access the online booking system

<https://lets-leap.childcare-online-booking.co.uk/index.php>

Parents can book any of the following sessions below for **FREE**:

Session 1: 3:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Session 2: 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm (children collected after a school run club)

Full Session: 3:15 pm - 6:00 pm

Let's Leap will cap the attendees to 30 children, so please register and complete your booking early to secure your child's spot. This promotional code is only valid when booking a session on **Tuesday 28th March**.

If you have questions regarding the free taster day, please contact Let's Leap directly; they are happy to help.

Email: milo@letsleap.co.uk

Telephone: 02037976386

Staff News

We were delighted to welcome Miss Cox back from maternity leave this week. Miss Cox received a very warm welcome from the children and staff and will be working mainly in Foundation and Key Stage 1 in the summer term as well as planning our forthcoming sports days.

No doubt you will have noticed Mrs Waine has been absent from the school gates on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Waine has given permission for us to share that she is on long term sickness absence but very much hopes to return to school shortly after the Easter break. In her absence, we (Mrs Wilson and Miss Percival), are sharing the SENCO role with advice and support from Mrs Waine. We know that you will all join us in wishing her all the best and we look forward to having her back with her school family very soon.

Prayer

Jesus,

Be the centre.

As I start my journey through Lent,

I welcome you into my heart.

Be my guide as I GIVE to others.

Be my strength as I ACT by making good choices.

Be my friend as I PRAY and get to know you more.

Amen



Mrs. Wilson
Headteacher

Miss Percival
Assistant Headteacher

Miss Hulands
Assistant Headteacher