



NEWSLETTER

LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Ruby Class (Yr R)-Mielo

Munoz-Moody

Emerald Class (Yr 1)-Eliza
Parkinson

Topaz Class- (Yr 2)-Sam
Dinwoodie

Amber Class- (Yr 3)-Eva

Capone

Sapphire Class- (Yr 4)-

Brandon Baker

Garnet Class-(Yr 5)-Amelia
Fuller

Diamond Class-(Yr 6)-Rosey
Blake

Best Manners Award-Sam
Harris & Natalia Wojcik
'Oscar'- Y6 will be nominating a
pupil from outside their own
class next week.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Year 4 Sapphire Class were due to lead our Class Assembly Worship last week in celebration of their learning this term about Water. Unfortunately, the snow closure prevented this from taking place and so we have moved the date to Wednesday 28th March just before we break up for Easter. All Sapphire Class parents were sent a ParentMail message last week with this information.

The next Class Assembly Worship will be next Wednesday 14th March at 9.15am and will be led by Y3 Amber Class, Year 2 Topaz Class on Wednesday 21st March and finally Ruby Class will lead on Wednesday 25th April. Parents are very welcome to join us.

ONLINE SAFETY

Just before half term Year 6 pupils and their parents were given a very useful and informative workshop by Mrs Jen Tobin who is Deputy Headteacher at Kent College Pembury and also on our school governing body.

During the morning parents and pupils were able to engage in some valuable conversations and also enlighten each other with regard to their knowledge and experience of online safety and in particular the benefits and dangers of social media.

We are sending some links and online materials today to all parents, as children are accessing social media and online games at much earlier ages than ever before.

Whilst lots of parents have very thorough parental controls and valuable shared conversations with their children at home-it is essential that children know how to keep themselves safe and know what is appropriate for their age when they visit friends or family. Younger children are also accessing materials via their own mobile phones or those belonging to older siblings and friends.

We also include below a link to an initiative called Digital Sunset, designed by some Sevenoaks parents to help other parents in respect of wellbeing and sleep related to 'devices':

<https://www.nicolamorgan.com/life-online/digital-sunset-great-idea-wellbeing-sleep/>

ST PATRICKS DAY

Next Saturday, 17th March is St Patricks Day. St Patrick is the Patron Saint of Ireland. Pupils who wear association uniforms such as Brownies, Cubs etc-may wear their uniforms to school next Friday 16th March.

CHIKOMBOLA NEWS

We received news this week from our link school- Chikombola in Malawi.

The football team has been visiting other villages and playing some competitions in the football kit provided by our fundraising.

The school also has a piggery, part of their ECO Schools project. Sadly, last term there was a bad plague that saw 7 pigs dying. However, the school sold two other pigs and was able to purchase much needed necessities such as chalk and stationary. The project gives pigs to families within the community to keep. When the pig has a litter, the family keeps the sow and one male piglet. In turn the rest of the litter is given back to the school to raise more litters or sell to provide school funding. Below is a classroom and blackboard which is currently being refurbished.



THE GREAT FIRE OF LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S!



Today pupils in Emerald and Topaz Class had a very exciting history lesson! They have been learning about 'The Great Fire of London' and had made some super replicas of Tudor style houses. In a lesson designed to demonstrate to the children the very difficult concept of how the fire started, took hold and spread, going on to destroy a huge part of London-the model houses were set alight in the school car park. Safety was of course paramount and staff cleared one end of the car park and the fire was attended by two 21st Century Firefighters. Our thanks go to Dan (Olivia's Daddy) and Nick (Mrs Connors husband) who made sure that the re-enactment was fully under control but were not needed to put the fire out. Charlie in Year 2 said 'Look-the fire has just stopped!'. This comment was quickly responded to with cries of.....' that's the fire break...that's how it stopped in London...because there was a space and there weren't any houses left'. A really exciting lesson which brought history alive.

Today you will also receive:

Every Family Flyers for:

- Finch House cakes; Bushcraft; Barracudas Activity Camps; Premier Sport

Year 1 & 2 ~ Great Fire of London Experience Letter

Year 4, 5 & 6 via Parentmail ~ Secondary School Open Days and Events 2018

Every Family Via ParentMail:

- Online Safety Materials
- PTA Easter Disco Booking Form

HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY



Constance Smith (1878-1938)

Constance was inspired in 1913 by reading a newspaper report about a lady called Anna Jarvis in America. Anna led a campaign to have a day especially for mothers. Her own mother had died on May 9th and so in 1914 with the support of President Woodrow Wilson 'Mother's Day' in America was begun. It is today still celebrated on the second Sunday in May.



Anna Jarvis

Traditionally in England girls who worked away from home 'in service' went home to worship at their home or 'Mother Church' on Laetare Sunday which falls on the 4th Sunday of Lent.



As girls made the long walk home they would pick flowers to take to their church and to their mothers.



Some would have also embroidered cloths or 'kerchiefs' for their mothers. This tradition together with a campaign by Constance Smith led to the tradition of Mothering Sunday being celebrated in England.

