**MARCH 6TH 2023** 

### ST MARY'S NEWS

#### Dear Parent,

Last week in collective worship, the children learnt about Lent; that Christians prepare for Easter, often by giving something up. The children were fascinated to learn that one of our teachers gave up computer games as a teenager and hasn't played them since. They were even more shocked that some people choose to give up chocolate for 40 days! However we also discussed that some people choose to 'take something up' instead; a commitment to do something different for the benefit of themselves or others. Inspired by this, our well-being ambassadors have created 40 Acts of kindness for classes to try over the coming weeks. On Friday, I had the pleasure of chatting to the year 6 class who shared some of the ideas they had tried this week. These included cheering on their friends at sporting competitions, encouraging each other to keep trying with challenging tasks and thanking staff in the hall at lunchtimes.

We hope the children will enjoy trying out each idea across the coming weeks and experience the joy of giving and receiving kindness. Unexpectedly, I was the recipient of two acts of kindness this week. On both occasions I was taken aback by the thoughtfulness of others towards me. When we step out and go the extra mile to show someone we care about them, appreciate them or want to encourage them, we may not know the impact that our actions have. Often, they mean far more than we realise. We have included some of the 40 ideas on page 2, in case you would like to take part at home.

The children had lots of fun taking part in world book day last week too. We have a new and very keen newspaper club who will be issuing their first edition later this week so you will find out more about World book day in their report!





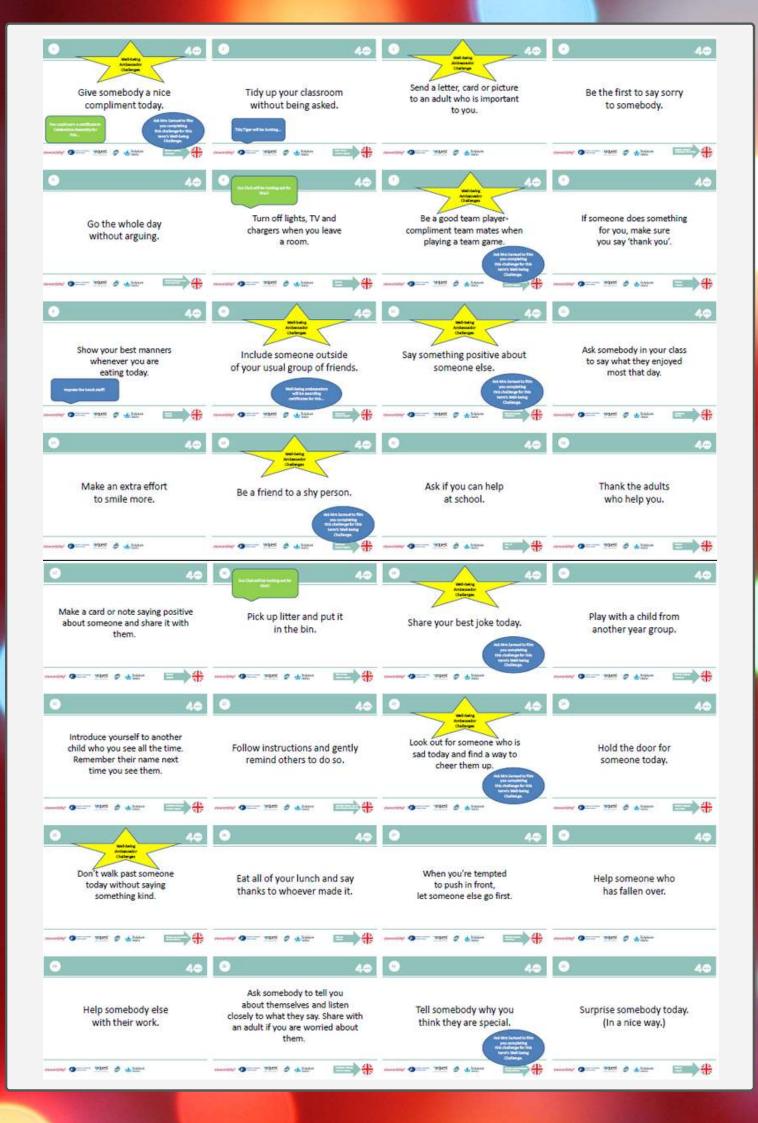
A well deserved congratulations to our relay team who came second in the cross country races last week!

Kate Batorska



Thank you to everyone who supported the school disco - which raised £467!

A very big thank you to our PTA who make these events possible. They are always looking for new members so if you feel you could lend a hand at events or support the planning of events do contact the school office who can put you in touch with the team.



#### **Drinks**

Where possible we encourage pupils to drink water rather than juice or squash. We discussed this in eco club the other day and the children suggested that fruit pieces could be used to flavour water.



#### **Allergies**

The school has recently updated its policy on allergies. You can read the updated policy <u>here</u>. If your child develops an allergy please let us know so that relevant medical paperwork and risk assessments can be completed.



'Be inspired by Rosie Reverie, and think big with Little People, Big Dreams stories - hear these captivating stories, and find out all about how Kate and Anupama work in science.

These fantastic STEM Ambassadors will be inspirational, and for curious children with curious minds, there will be a chance to ask them both some questions.

The event is aimed at children aged 6+, but all ages welcome.' Book your tickets now Meet the Scientists - Curious Stories for Curious Minds STEM Ambassadors Tickets, Wed 15 Mar 2023 at 16:15 | Eventbrite



## BRIDPORT & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



#### Spring Show 18th March 2023

#### Children's Classes

There are two classes specifically for children:

Class 54 - An Easter decorated hard boiled egg

#### Class 55 - A crown for the King made from recycled materials

Entries can be made by individuals, groups, classes and schools.

Entries will be judged in two groups - age 5 to 8 and 9 to 11.

Entry fee 30p per entry.

Children's exhibits are also welcomed in all of the other open classes.

The full show schedule is available at: bridportgardeningclub.co.uk/

Here are some images to spark your own ideas.



All entries must be on display at the United Church Hall, East Street from 6.00 - 7.30 on 17th March or from 8.30 - 10.30 on the morning of the show. For more information call 07870 414222 or email bridgortgcshow@icloud.com

# FAMILY

Suitable for ages 4+ with open access and FREE ENTRY

## SCIENCE

Sunday 12th March, 11am-1pm | 2pm-4pm Dorset Museum, Dorchester



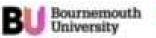


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