Japanese Art Exhibiton (updated 22.5.16)

A huge thank you to all parents and guardians who supported and purchased pieces of art at our Japanese Art Exhibtion. The feedback from all who attended was extremely positive.

First Communion (added 13.5.16)

We would like to wish the very best of luck to all our children who will be making their First Holy Communion tomorrow. A reminder that the First Communion mass will begin at 11am. Children can arrive from 10am in the church hall, where there will be an opportunity for photographs. Please also note that the school car park will be open from 10am till 1pm to help ease parking problems around St. Mary's Church.

Active and Outdoor Learning (added 11.5.16)

It has been a very active week here at St. Mary's. Primary 6 had an excellent time at Chatelherault Country Park yesterday with their outdoor learning experience. Primaries 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 had a taster session of Taekwon-Do thanks to McGowans Blackbelt Academy. Primaries 1 and 7 also had taster sessions of Rugby today thanks to Hamilton Rugby Club. The outdoor activities continue tomorrow and on Monday with outdoor learning sessions being provided by the South Lanarkshire Council development officer for all classes. Photos of all the activities happening here at St. Mary's can be accessed by following us on Twitter or by clicking on the 'Gallery' tab above.

Netball (added 11.5.16)

Congratulations to our Netball team who won first place in their group at the Hamilton Schools Netball Tournament.

Davie Cooper Tournament (updated 9.5.16)

Congratulations to our girls who are the Davie Cooper Champions and a huge well done to our boys who were runners-up.

Hamilton District Primary Schools Swimming Gala (added 6.5.16)

Well done to all our super swimmers who took part in the Hamilton District Primary Schools Swimming Gala. We are very proud of you.

Lunch Menu (added 22.4.16)

Please note that the Summer Lunch Menu begins on Monday the 25th of April. The cost of a school lunch for Primary 4 to Primary 7 is now £1.60. There is still no charge for Primaries 1 to 3. Your child should have a copy of the new menu, however, please see the 'Popular Links' section below and click on 'School Lunch Menu' to access a digital copy.

Mikado Performance (updated 20.4.16)

Please note that all tickets for 'The Mikado' performance at the Theatre Royal in Glasgow on Thursday the 5th of May have been sold.

In school and after school club details (updated 20.4.16)

After school chess starts tomorrow, Tuesday the 19th of April for pupils in primary 3 to 7 at 3pm. The lunchtime tennis club for primary 3 pupils starts this Wednesday the 20th of April at 12.30pm. After school netball starts this Thursday the 21st of April at 3pm and for the next 5 weeks for our primary 7 pupils only. In school hockey starts this Friday the 22nd of April for the following classes:-

Room 8 - 9.20am
Room 5 - 11.00am
Room 6 - 11.30am
Room 7 - 1.00pm
Room 9 - 2.00pm

Swimming lessons for Primary 6 pupils start again on Friday the 22nd of April at 1.30pm. After school hockey starts back this Friday the 22nd of April at 3pm for primary 5 to 7 pupils.
After school football for boys starts next Monday the 25th of April at 3.00pm for primary 6 and 7 boys. After school football for girls starts next Wednesday the 27th of April at 3.00pm for primary 6 and 7 girls.

Room 7 Titanic Showcase (added 31.3.16)

We look forward to welcoming the parents and guardians of our pupils in Room 7 this afternoon for their Titanic Showcase afternoon. This event begins at 1.30pm.

Gallery Updates (added 24.3.16)

The ‘General’ and ‘Celebrating Success’ galleries have been updated with all the photos of last night’s Burns Competition award winners, today’s coffee morning, Easter Bonnet Parade and more Water Aid and Lenten Charity pictures.

Final week of Masterclasses (added 24.3.16)

The final week of Masterclasses takes place on Tuesday afternoon, the 29th of March.

Lanarkshire Burns Competition (updated 24.3.16)

Congratulations to our choir, Christina and Sophie who all won first place in their respective categories at last night’s Burns competition. We are immensely proud of you all.

Eucharistic Service (added 23.3.16)

A big thank you to all pupils, parents and guardians who attended the last Eucharistic Service this morning and to anyone who has attended over the last six weeks. We have had approximately 80 pupils attend every week. Father O’Brien has asked that we pass on his thanks to the pupils for their commitment to their faith over Lent and he looks forward to seeing St. Mary’s and St. Paul’s families over the Easter Triduum.

World Earth Hour (added 18.3.16)

104 families have signed up to World Earth Hour on Saturday night.

Girls Football (added 11.3.16)

Congratulations to our girls football team who are now the Hamilton District girls five-a-side champions. Please click on the ‘Gallery’ tab at the top of this page to see our girls with their trophy and medals. Thanks also to Mr McManus for preparing the girls for this tournament and for all his time in taking both our after school boys and girls football.

Hamilton Cross Country Championship Success (added 11.3.16)

St. Mary’s were extremely successful at today’s Hamilton Cross Country Championship. Congratulations to Aidan who won gold in the Primary 7 boys race. Our Primary 7 boys also won the team gold award, our Primary 7 girls won the team bronze award and our Primary 6 boys also won the team bronze award. Well done to all the boys and girls who have taken part in training with Mr Russell over the past few weeks and who ran so brilliantly today. A big thank you to Mr Russell for giving up his time to take such a valuable after school club. Thanks also go to Mrs Tappenden, Mr Vornic and Mr McDermott for assisting Mr Russell in the running of this club. Please click on the ‘Gallery’ tab at the top of this page to see our medal winners.

First Reconciliation (added 8.3.16)

The Reconciliation Service for our Primary 3 pupils begins tonight at 6.30pm. We would ask that all children are seated in the church in good time before the beginning of the service.

Eucharistic Service (added 8.3.16)

The Eucharistic Service will take place every Wednesday morning at 8.30am. Staff will be in attendance to escort pupils to school at the end of this service.

Primary 7 Residential Trip to Kingswood (updated 7.3.16)

All Primary 7 pupils have received further important information with regards to their residential trip, including a
list of activities that will take place and the contact phone numbers for parents. We would ask all parents concerned to read these and return any information required to the school as soon as possible. A number of medical forms are still outstanding and we would ask that these are sent to the school as a matter of urgency.

**Gallery update (added 4.3.16)**

It has been another extremely busy week at St. Mary's. Please select the 'Gallery' tab at the top of this page to see all of the exciting things that have been this week, including: The Fairtrade Breakfast, Tuck Shop and Assembly
The Netball Tournament
Masterclass Week Three
The Children's Cafe
World Book Day

Please see the 'Classes' tab at the top of this page for any photo updates for your child's class.

**World Book Day/Children's Cafe (added 3.3.16)**

To celebrate 'World Book Day', pupils are invited to attend school tomorrow dressed as a character from their favourite book and we would encourage them to bring their favourite book to school as well.

As part of the 'World Book Day' celebrations, Primary 7 will be hosting a children's cafe. We would greatly appreciate if you could give your child a small amount of money in order that they can purchase a few items at the cafe.

Please follow us on Twitter throughout the day for regular updates of our celebrations.

Due to the pupils being dressed for 'World Book Day' we have regrettably had to cancel both in school and after school hockey tomorrow.

Please also see the important information below with regards to the Eucharistic Service which will take place tomorrow at 8.30am at St. Mary's Parish Church.

**Eucharistic Service (added 1.3.16)**

Please note that the Eucharistic service will be held on Friday morning at 8.30am instead of the usual Wednesday morning service. We have spoken to Father O'Brien who appreciates that the children will be coming to school that day in their 'World Book Day' costumes and he is more than happy for the children to attend the service in their costumes. Father O'Brien even suggested that he may join with us in dressing up as a 'World Book Day' character. Due to the Children's Cafe being held on Friday, Primary 7 may be required to be in school early in order to help set up the cafe and therefore their non-attendance at the Eucharistic Service has been taken into consideration.

**Fairtrade Breakfast (updated 1.3.16)**

A big thank you to all pupils, parents, guardians and helpers who made this morning's Fairtrade breakfast a huge success. We raised nearly £380. Please choose the 'Gallery' tab at the top of this page to see photos of this morning's event. For further information on our Fairtrade Group, please click here.

**After school cross country (added 23.2.16)**

After school cross country will take place at the Palace Grounds at Strathclyde Park tomorrow. As this is our first week training outdoors, it is extremely important that Mr Russell and your child are aware of the arrangements for being picked up. Pupils can either be picked up from the Palace Grounds anytime after four o'clock. Any children not being picked up at the Palace Grounds will be escorted back to school and will be ready to be picked up at 4.30pm.

**Eucharistic Service (updated 23.2.16)**

A reminder to all pupils, parents and guardians that the Eucharistic Service will start at 8.30am tomorrow morning. Despite the terrible weather last week, we had over 80 children in attendance. We are hoping that more children will join us this week. Once again, staff will be in attendance to escort the children to school after the service.

**January Newsletter (added 26.1.16)**

The January newsletter can be found here or downloaded as a pdf file in the 'Newsletters' section below. Please click the 'Select Language' drop down menu at the top right hand corner on the newsletter page should your require to read the newsletter in another language.
Primary 1 Enrolment (added 11.1.16)

Parents who wish to enrol their child to begin Primary 1 in August 2016 should contact the office as soon as possible to arrange an appointment to meet with one of our management team. Parents should bring with them their child's full birth certificate, their child's baptismal certificate (if applicable) and two proof of residency documents (council tax, utility bill, bank statement). The proof of residency documents must be dated within the last six months.

Singing Superstars (added 23.12.15)

Our fabulous choir entertained shoppers at Sainsbury's and Morrisons to raise money for The Stroke Association, a charity close to our hearts at this time. They managed to raise a fabulous £270. Well done to all of the boys and girls involved and a huge thank you to all who came along to support them. A photo of our visit to Morrisons can be viewed here.