



St. Mary's News

"SHINE AS A LIGHT IN THE WORLD"

Matthew 5:16

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I was so proud of all of the children who joined in at the Christmas Light switch on. Their singing was beautiful and it was wonderful seeing the whole village together. A really big thank you to both the St. Mary's staff and PTA for their time and dedication to the event.

As we continue to head into the Christmas season, some children may be wanting to send out Christmas cards. Unfortunately, due to GDPR guidelines we are unable to provide lists of children in each class. This is to ensure that we maintain our standards in keeping children safe.

Our Christmas performances are being rehearsed by the children meaning our school corridors are being filled with joyful singing. Each family will be given two free tickets per performance. If you are unable to attend please do consider passing any spare tickets to other families. To ensure that the children performing can shine like the stars they are we respectfully ask that no babies/toddlers attend the performances.

Many thanks
Mrs. NR Brennan



Silver Birch – Autumn 2

Year 2 have been learning all about the Rainforest. Our text this half term is The Great Kapok Tree by Lynne Cherry. We have been focusing on reading and performing poems with fluency and expression in Literacy. We have been learning about the location, weather and climate of Rainforests in Geography, through presenting weather forecasts. As well learning about the different layers of the Rainforest and the plants and animals which grow and live in them. In Science we have been investigating what plants need to grow healthily and set up our own scientific test to find out. The Children have really enjoyed exploring Gipps National Park and making tracks around the park using compass directions and co-ordinates. They might like to have a go at home. <https://www.scootle.edu.au/ec/viewing/L352/index.html>





Species	Percentage
Cherry	87.5%
Willow	89.3%
Oak	84.3%
Silver Birch	84.5%
Sycamore	81.9%

or above..

★ Star of the week ★

Class	Pupil
Cherry	Olivia
Willow	Ada
Oak	Holly
Silver Birch	Jacob
Sycamore	Joshua

**A massive well done to all children
for all their hard work this week.
We are proud to call you a part of
our St Mary's Family**



Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit rbl.org.uk



To ST MARYS C of E FIRST SCHOOL

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised £135.06



Big congratulations to Edward and Elliott for winning the world cup footballs.

Thank you to everyone who donated.

DINE

WITH MIQUILL

WEEK TWO

DINE
Main Meal

DINE
Vegetarian

Dessert
Sweet Options

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Bangers & Mash Sausages and creamy mashed potato served with carrots and gravy	Creamy Chicken Wholegrain Pasta Bake Creamy & cheesy chicken pasta served with a green salad	Roast Chicken & Stuffing with Crispy Roasties, Fresh Vegetables & Gravy	Homemade Beef Burger In a floured bap, served with Wedges & Sweetcorn	Fish Fingers Golden Breaded Salmon or Pollock Fish Fingers with Chips & Peas
Shepherdess Pie A vegan mince and lentil filling with a crispy mashed potato topping	Homemade Tomato & Basil Pizza Homemade pizza base & sauce topped with cheese & served with green salad	Winter Casserole with Herby Dumplings with Crispy Roasties, Fresh Vegetables & Gravy	Veggie Hot Dog Quorn Sausage in a floured hot dog roll served with Wedges & Sweetcorn	Cheesy Bean Wrap Cheese & baked beans baked in a soft flour tortilla with Chips & Peas
Filled Jackets and freshly made sandwiches and baguettes are also available				
Chocolate Oat Crunch Chocolate oat cake topped with chocolate icing	Apple Crumble Served with Custard	Carrot Cake A moist cake made with carrots and spices	Lemon Cookie The Best Lemon Cookies around	Jelly & Fruit Orange Flavoured Jelly served with fruit slices

Fresh Bread, Yoghurt and Fruit are available daily

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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

bbfc

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

PEGI



RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:



Universal, suitable for all ages



Parental Guidance required



Suitable for people aged 12 and over



Suitable for people aged 12 and over; anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult



Suitable for people aged 15 and over



Suitable for people aged 18 and over



Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:



PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info