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Deanery Challenge Day

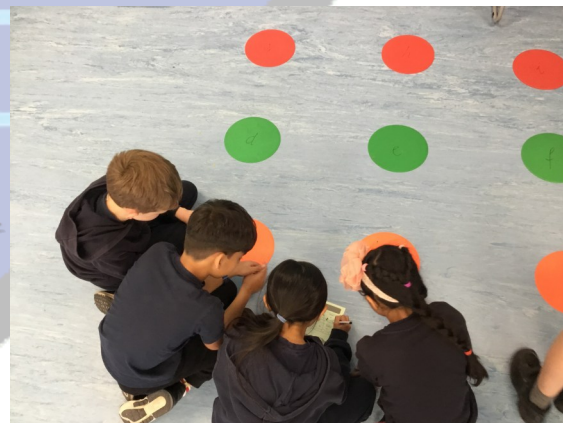
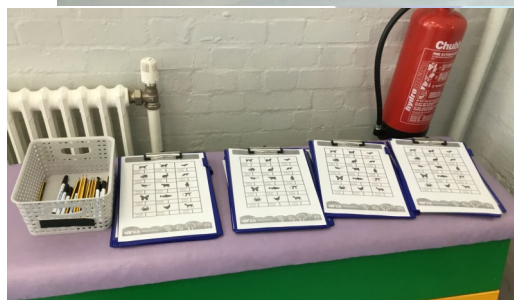
Our second Deanery Orienteering Challenge Day was a wonderful celebration of teamwork, problem solving and shared community spirit. We were delighted to welcome pupils and staff from St Thomas a Becket, Sacred Heart and St Mary Magdalene, who joined us for a full day of outdoor learning on our St Mary Star of the Sea orienteering course.

The sun shone throughout the day, creating perfect conditions for pupils to collaborate, explore the school grounds and put their navigation skills to the test. Using our Enrich Education maps, mixed-school teams worked together to tackle a variety of carefully planned challenges. Each task encouraged clear communication, resilience and cooperation, as pupils supported one another to read maps accurately, make decisions and persevere when faced with difficulties.

What stood out most was the way pupils from all four schools truly lived out the Gospel Values and demonstrated key principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Their kindness, encouragement, patience and determination were evident in every interaction — from helping teammates find their bearings to celebrating each group's achievements. It was a real joy to see children building friendships, working for the common good and growing in confidence throughout the day.

A huge well done to all pupils who took part. Every child showed enthusiasm, perseverance and a willingness to embrace new challenges. We are especially proud of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils, who represented St Mary Star of the Sea with maturity, teamwork and joy, and were a real credit to our school.

Events such as this remind us of the strength and richness of our Deanery community and the importance of learning together. We are very grateful to all staff involved in making the day such a success and look forward to many more shared opportunities in the future.



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Casper Tait - Year 3

Casper recently ran both the Hastings 1/2 marathon kids 2k and the Brighton marathon mini mile run placing well for his age group, and had lots of fun!

Well done Casper!



Mia Dadswell - Year 2

During the Easter holiday, Mia faced her fears and completed the Go Ape Tree Top challenge, going through tree top obstacles and whizzing down zip wires.

Well done Mia!



Dimitrios Markoulidis - Year 5

Dimitrios took part in the Seagulls mini swimming gala at Summerfields Leisure center. He competed in the 25m Butterfly race and came in 1st place.

Well done Dimitrios!



Fabian Rafalski - Year 4

Fabian also competed in the Seagulls gala. He came 2nd place in the 50m backstroke.

Well done Fabian!



Noah Farrise - Year 4

Noah also competed in the same gala with his Squad team. He came 1st place in the 50m backstroke

Well done Noah!



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Noah Farrise - Year 4

Noah took part in the Bexhill United football tournament with his team, Hastings United. They played against Polgate and won.

Well done Noah!



Desire Jerome - Year 3

Desire was awarded a trophy for outstanding defending during a tournament match, from her football team Sparks.

Well done Desire!



Joseph McShane - Year 3

Joseph was awarded this certificate through the 'Respect Program' at his kickboxing club HKA. He was awarded it for always showing great kindness during every training session.

Well done Joseph!



Noah Farrise - Year 4

Noah's football team, Hastings United, played a match against Little Common and won 3 - 0.

Well done Noah!



Marcus Collins - Year 5

Marcus also plays for a team within Hastings United and recently came runner up in their latest tournament, where Marcus scored 2 goals.

Well done Marcus!



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