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LETTER FROM THE HEAD

I'd like to say a very big personal thank you to all the staff, governors, parents and children who have given me such fantastic support during my first term of Headship. The pages of this magazine reflect what a fantastic term it has been for all of us and most importantly for the children of St. Mary's. I have enjoyed it immensely and look forward to the rest of the academic year!

As many of you know we were inspected by the Diocese this term. The inspection has given me much food for thought, not only in my capacity as Head Teacher of St. Mary's but as the leader of a Church School.

One Christmas, when we were very young, my Mother was given a hand-made jewellery box by my Father. Inside he had written some words I have never forgotten. Every Christmas my Mother would show us the box and remind us of the words and as an adult I remember them particularly now.

I leave you all this Christmas season with those very words from my Mother's jewellery box and leave you all to ponder the responsibility we all have as members of a Church School Community to ensure that all of our interactions are of a Christian nature and that we make everyday at St. Mary's 'Christmas Day' (minus the reindeer and Father Christmas!)...

*If everyday were Christmas
How different life would be,
If not one day, but all the year,
Were ruled by charity.
Had we the faith in miracles,
A child has Christmas morn,
Each day would be love's manger
And Christ would be re-born.*

*Yet everyday is Christmas
When we have learned to live
By love's law, learned not how to get
But only how to give
And like a child can wonder
And like a child can pray
But have the grown-up wisdom
To give ourselves away.*

Starters / Leavers

Hello

Chloe Corcoran Y1

Hugo Wilson Y2

Algie Holdsworth-Hunt Y3

Pola Mohsen Y4

Good Bye

Mrs Salvesen - from the office

School Council Members



Biba Marks
Year 3



Charles Hume
Year 3



India Wainman
Year 4



Charles Witney
Year 4



James Dashper
Year 5



Nelly Cummings-Konwicka
Year 5



Jack Hawkins
Year 6



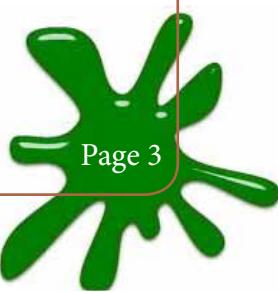
Gillian Gyamfi
Year 6



Thank you

to Carolyn Salvesen for all your hard work and great knowledge of the school. Wishing you well for the future.

Congratulations to
Mrs Pike



Harvest Festival



St. Mary's Harvest Festival started with a bang. People flooded into the church ready for the service to begin. Everyone had been working hard perfecting their actions and words. We were all slightly nervous.

Miss Payne started by welcoming everyone. She reminded us of how different harvest is away from the City. There was a buzz of excitement as she announced the first song, 'For the Harvest', which the school sang together. Next she announced Y1's song - Harvest time is here again.

Y1 did very well, their energetic song made everyone smile. Y2 continued the happy theme with a farmer's song, dressed in colourful Putney wellies! Next YR followed with their song and fabulous actions imitating sunflowers growing.

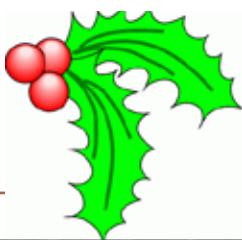


We then heard from Y4 about Link Romania which we were supporting, and shoeboxes full of presents were stacked up behind them. Their thoughtful prayers followed. Y5 interpreted the Loaves and Fishes story from the bible, passing a basket along between them with perfect timing.

Then it was Y3's turn, making eating greens actually sound fun in their great song! Finally Y6 celebrated making bread with lively choreography and infectious energy with their song, 'Do the Dough', which we all found fun.

The congregation sang enthusiastically, ending with a St. Mary's favourite, 'Everybody Praise Him'. The Harvest Festival was a great success thanks to the teachers and everyone else who worked so hard.

Jessica Cropley Y6



A van full of shoe boxes from church





Gemma Clark Teaching Assistant

I grew up in Putney and attended All Saints' Primary School. I went on to Shene School (now Richmond Park Academy), followed by Richmond College where I studied Sports Science. I lived in Putney until about ten years ago. I now live in Wandsworth with my partner, Sam and son, Brandon. I have worked at St Mary's for eight years now and I hope there will be many more great years to come.

What do you like best about St Mary's?
The staff at St Mary's are amazing, but I would have to say the children. There is

not a day goes by that a child does not make me laugh. I love their honesty.

What makes you happy?

Being around my friends and family, and watching my son develop into a lovely young man.

What is your favourite holiday destination?

Greece. I have visited Greece several times. It is a beautiful country, lovely surroundings and great people.

What were your favourite subjects at school?

Art, Geography and IT. I loved to be creative and to learn about the world.

What are your favourite books?

I'm a huge fan of the Harry Potter series. It's a great, magical story that draws you in and makes you want to be there at Hogwarts too!

What bad habits would you change?

This isn't really a habit as such, but I would definitely like to worry a lot less. I spend far too much time worrying about things.

How do you like to relax?

That would have to be a hot bath and then curl up on the sofa with a good book or watch a good movie.

What things upset you?

People being unkind and unfair towards others. I strongly believe in the saying 'treat others how you would like to be treated.'

What's the most important lesson life has taught you?

'All good things come to those who wait!' Sometimes you just have to be patient.

How would I like to be remembered?

Someone who people can rely on.

FoSMS for School News Autumn 2012



It has been a busy and fun-filled term for FoSMS and we have the pleasure of some new faces on the committee. Following the departure of Mr Evans last year, we welcomed our new headmistress, Miss Payne, to the role of Chairman. We said goodbye to our FoSMS Treasurer, Jenny Rettke-Grover, at the AGM and our best wishes went with her as she headed off to fundraising committees new. We gave a warm welcome to Charlotte Grose as she took up the treasurer's reins and we all look forward to working closely with Cheryl and Charlotte over the coming FoSMS year.

We had our first ever Sponsored Walk in Richmond Park and raised an amazing £2026! The children got to see the fabulous wildlife of our beautiful royal park up close, including some rather awe-inspiring, majestic stags.

As always, the Christmas Fayre went with a swing and jingle of bells. We had some very special visitors this year in the form of Santa and his reindeer in the playground. All the children got to say hello and find out about these wonderful and special animals. Best of all, everyone got a little something from Santa! Thanks to everyone who helped out at the Fayre and to all those who visited and survived to tell the tale.

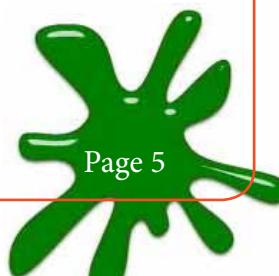
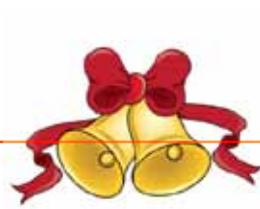
It was certainly a term of "firsts" as we also held the first ever whole school Christmas Party at Thames Rowing Club. It was a great night full of sparkle and glamour and let's hope we can do it all again next year.

Looking forward, we have the Family Disco coming up at the beginning of February – look out for tickets in the new year.

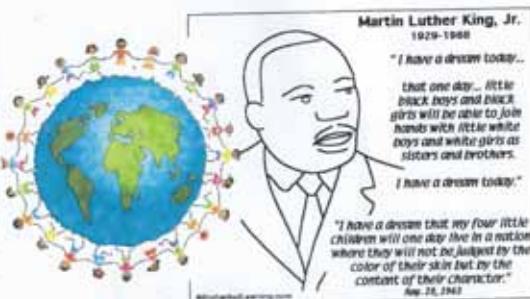
Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to the fundraising efforts this term. All your help is so appreciated! If anyone would like to get involved in events or has a great fundraising idea, do please speak to one of us in the playground or come along to a FoSMS meeting. All contributions are greatly welcomed and it's always great to see new faces and representatives from throughout the school at the meetings.

Have a Great and Merry Christmas and exciting New Year

Jenny Traynor
FOSMS Vice Chair



Class Work



MY DREAM FOR A BETTER WORLD

My dream for a better world would be to save almost-extinct animals in the world. It would also be for people to try and make peace in wars that kill many innocent people. The animals I would like to save the most are kiwis and orangutangs in the wild. This is because in 2015, there may be no more orangutangs living in the wild, and kiwis may be extinct. The wars in the world take away the peace and generosity of the world. But to stop a war would be a miracle.

✓
lovely idea!
Audrey

How could you
begin to make a
difference?



Audrey Y6

MY GREAT EXPECTATIONS!

In Year 6 I have lots of hopes and wishes. I really want to do well and enjoy myself, as it is my final year in Primary School. I am going to really try to never give up. I will concentrate more in French and focus in all the lessons. I also want to do well in SATS and get into a good Secondary school, so I will get a good education. In the future I would love to design things and write books. I want to be a good role model to younger children in the school.

I'm in Year 6 now, so my school expects a lot more of me. The school wants me to be a good role model and look after younger children in the school. They hope that I will do my best in lessons and never give up. I am also expected to challenge myself and believe that my work is good. I am going to try my best to live up to all of these expectations and have a good time in Year 6.

by Jessica

Jessica Y6



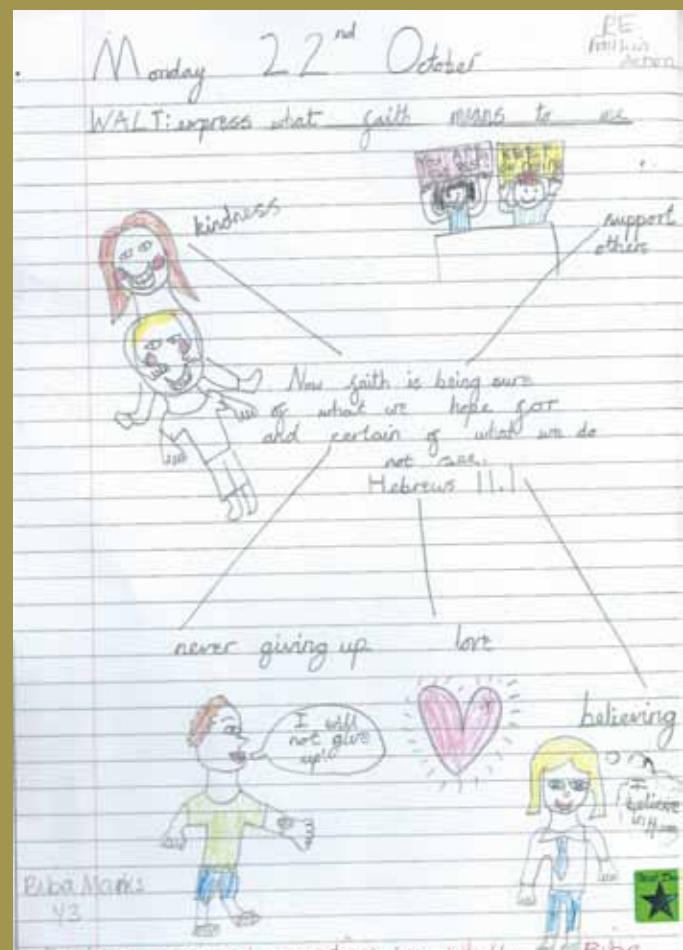
Ruthie's visit from London Fire Brigade

Ruthie

road up not
to play with
canaries

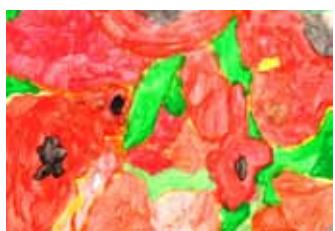
maya

YR



St Mary's started the new school year with a fabulous new art room and a brand new art curriculum to go with it! I have concentrated on teaching specific artistic skills – the first half term focussed on DRAWING and the children have produced some amazing work using everything from chalk, charcoal and graphite sticks – this half term focussed on PAINTING and COLOUR and the children have made wonderful pieces using artists such as Georgia O'Keefe, Michael Craig-Martin, Julian Opie and Magritte as inspiration'

Mrs Powell M.A.



Art work for all classes and children including; Ella Y5, Jake Y4, Tommy Y2, Libbie Y2, Cassie Y1, Kaya Y5, Harris Y6, Sebastian Y1 and Holly Y4.





We have been making Ancient Egyptian burial chambers and here are some photos of a selection of canopic jars and amulets. The sarcophaguses and mummies are by Abbie White and Olivia Brett (Olivia's mummy has a smiley face)!

Tina Thomas

Y3



We have had a great start to the school year, with the children happy and ready to learn. We have been studying transport/journeys before half term and toys, this part of the term. We have been on some trips, including Wandsworth museum and the bus garage where we had the chance to go in a bus wash and travel around Putney.

YR

We have had visitors from the Police, Guide dogs and Fire service. Our role play area has changed from a bus stop to a toy hospital and we have enjoyed pretending to be Mary and Angel Gabriel.



Miss Leane Brady



Scarlett-Lily/Angel Gabriel: "Mary you will have a baby."

Annie/Mary "Wow"

Ruby/Joseph "Oh my days"



Isabella/Angel Gabriel: "Mary you will have a baby."

Ale/Mary "I'm shocked, I don't want a baby"

Sam/Joseph "I don't want a baby"





India Y4

8.11.12

Vajak saw a huge monster charging towards him. He held on tightly to the tarmac as the roaring creature sprinted faster and closer to him. Vajak shouted at it "please, please stop!!!" The terrifying monster rumbled closer to him. As it sprinted closer to Vajak, he quickly ducked and the monster zoomed right over him. Vajak breathed fast, loudly. His heart was beating fast, it sounded like the thudding of a hammer on a rock. He wasn't crushed by the dark and hideous monster! Vajak felt happy to be still alive.

Wow - a powerful piece of writing 😊

Suddenly it was silent... No more sound from the monster. All he could hear was the wind rushing through the trees. Vajak let go of the tarmac and walked quietly to the safe side. He wondered where those dogs had gone. His only mission was to find one dog to talk to. Could be? NOT 00000000... He had lost the (or whatever they were). Vajak felt disappointed because he never got to talk to the dogs. He failed his mission but he will not give up.

Excellent work - very descriptive and full of emotion.

Elias Y4

Thursday 20th September, 2012

Symbols Around Me 16

WALT: respond to symbolism in the world around me. *good understanding*

Jesus on the cross ✓ **Jesus on the cross represents that Jesus sacrificed his life for ours.** ✓

The empty cross

The empty cross represents that Jesus didn't stay on the cross. He's alive! ✓

The Dove

The Dove represents peace and the Holy Spirit. ✓

Fish

The fish represents the greek words father (God), Son (Jesus) and saviour. ✓

Church spire

A church spire represents that people go to heaven. ✓

Saskia Y4



Trip to Hampton Court

Y4



Zak YN



Juan-Leonardo YN

YN



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On Monday 26th of November, Y5 went on a two day trip to Sayers Croft....everyone was buzzing, we couldn't wait to get on to the coach. When we arrived we went into our dormitories and we made our beds; the boys took quite a long time. Then we had lunch, I had sausage turnover (it wasn't the best in the world). Afterwards we made clay models and watched an animal show (the man would be a great comedian). We did a blindfold course, a maze and supper – we headed off for a night walk, we walked through the woods listening for nocturnal animals. To end the evening we went to the camp circle to find Mrs Caseley standing proudly by her crackling wood fire. Mr Pearson played some fantastic guitar tunes and we all sang to the music. We headed to our dorms and went in to a deep sleep after 20 minutes of whispering. The next morning we had two activities – pond dipping and a rope course before we hopped on the coach, for a noisy journey home. All-in-all it was fantastic and I can't wait to come back next year.

Thank you to Mr Pearson, Mrs Brady, Mrs Livingstone and Mrs Caseley.
Zach, Rugba, Ewan and Freddie Y5

With 56 acres of woodland, Sayers Croft was the best trip any school can have.



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Freezing cold but St Mary's children remained full of excitement and enthusiasm.



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Although cold, St Mary's stayed bold.



Quite scary at points but fun to learn new things.



Amazing activities and opportunities to enjoy ourselves and show off all our dance moves at the disco.



Y1



Eddie Y1



Noah Y1

This term Year One has been learning about Light & Dark in Science. We have been learning about the uses of light, the difference between light sources and reflectors and nocturnal animals. As part of our Science we designed reflective outfits for Cinderella and Buzz Lightyear so that they would reflect when a torch was shone on them (work samples). We tested them in the Nursery shed as it is very

We are also learning about the importance of light in Christianity and have been looking at symbols of Christmas during advent. We have been looking at other religious festivals that use light as part of their celebrations such as Hanukkah and Diwali. We used simple templates to design Rangoli patterns.



*Y2 Visitor
Tomas' dad came to talk to us about his visits to Ecuador and what it is like to live there. We wanted to know what he might eat, wear and see. Mr Escobar showed us photographs of the volcano, the Amazon river, the jungle and the big city. Thank you Mr Escobar for coming to our class and teaching us about Ecuador.*

Y2



NETBALL WITH A DIFFERENCE!

This year St Mary's won the PPSSA league title by winning 12 straight matches. As I thought about the victory I reflected on the changes which I've experienced over the past 25 years or so of managing Putney schools' netball teams.

Initially of course netball was a game played exclusively by girls and it was only in the mid nineties that a once a year "mixed" rally was introduced. Nowadays in the Putney league a maximum of two boys are allowed on the court, out of 5 players in High Five Netball. That's another change-historically Primary school netball is a 7 a-side game with each player retaining the same position throughout a 15 mins each way match. Only one substitute allowed at half time or in the case of injury. Games are now much shorter [5 mins each way] and involve 5 players who rotate at half time and full time. This is probably fairer but I remember fondly the way a huge advantage could be gained by playing the tallest girl as GS [Goal Shooter]. Get the ball to her and she popped it in the net! Everyone now has to be able to shoot, defend, dodge and pass so more skilful players emerge.

A netball teacher's lot wasn't always a happy one...I recall when matches were played on Saturday mornings. You never knew who was going to turn up if it was chilly or they fancied a lie-in! After school matches were eventually the norm but we had to travel to the opposition school to play. This involved piling 7 girls into my Volvo Estate [things were different in those days!] Even when centrally located courts [Dover House Road] were used I still took all the players up AND dropped them individually back to their homes afterwards! Darkness might fall and 6pm come and go before I could head homewards. So thank goodness for the new system where parents are responsible for travel arrangements. Often they stay and support the team too, which is great. Overall I enjoy the inclusion of boys, they liven up the games; but longer matches were better as they gave more of a chance to adapt to the opposition. It has been a real joy and a privilege to run netball teams and some of my happiest teaching memories have been with

a ref's whistle in my hand! One thing I have never got used to, however is the COLD...but now I understand Hotham has an indoor court...

Players this season were:- Gabriella , Anna , Gillian, Jada, Jessica, Skye, Zoe , Audrey, Elliot and Alex.

Angela Cox

Football Report



We've had 6 successful weeks up at Dover House Road this term with nearly 30 different children being involved from Years 4, 5 and 6. Congratulations to the Year 5/6 team who have managed to qualify for the Division One league rotation for next term and will hopefully progress to the finals on 14th March 2013. A really good team spirit has built up around them and they are a credit to St Mary's both on and off the pitch. Well done.

The Year 5 Cup took place over 2 weeks and the team, having dominated play during the match, were extremely unlucky to lose the Final of the Plate competition on a penalty shootout. Well done to those who were brave enough to stand up and take their penalty.

Year 4 were introduced to the delights of Dover House Road for a series of friendly matches in the final week and once their excitement had calmed down they showed that the future of St Mary's football is in safe hands. By the final game they had started to play as a team and there are some useful footballers to come through in this year group.

I know the children really look forward to their football on Thursday afternoons and I would like to thank all parents who support our participation.

Mr Walker

When Saturday 20th October came we were all bursting with excitement. This was our time to shine! We all arrived feeling nervous and excited.



We put on our numbers and started our warm up. When the time arrived, we felt more and more nervous. The moment we were all waiting for... the start of the cross country. On your marks, get set, GO! The course was just 2 km, however it was through the

trees and up and down steep hills. We all did amazingly! Overall, we won the team event, with Harris and Elliot coming first and second for Y6 boys, Ciara was pipped at the post into 2nd for Y6 girls, Rebecca 1st for Y5 girls and James 2nd in Y5 boys race. Our fun runners also did brilliantly as Oscar, Jack and Alex came 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Thank you Mrs Livingstone and all the supportive parents.

Ciara Kennedy and Audrey Coates Y6

Running Report



Sponsored Walk

In early October, 200 people assembled at Sheen Gate, Richmond Park for our first ever St Mary's Sponsored Walk. The walk was designed to take us away from cars and cyclists, through less trodden paths and woodlands, surprising even some of the most experienced running Mums. We saw an abundance of wildlife and passed close to the deer who were on top rutting form, bellowing loudly through the autumn air. It did rain half way through and some of us had come unprepared and were therefore soaked, luckily there were enough cakes to go round at the end. Thanks to all the marshals for standing alone in bracken for hours and for distributing a vast tub of sweets for the children. Big thanks to all those children and their families who came along on the day and raised more than £2000 for FOSMS. A special mention for Adam Litchfield (YN) who won the prize for raising the most money for his school.

See you next year!

Jo Keiren-White



Maths Contest



A team of four Y6 pupils took part in the National Young Mathematicians Award 2012. This was a competition designed to celebrate talented mathematicians from across the UK and was organised in conjunction with NRICH at the University of Cambridge. Jack, Zoë, Harris and Jessica made up the team representing St. Mary's and worked brilliantly together on solving a multi-layered, high-level problem to successfully get them through to the second round. The team were fantastic at the next challenge and equally excelled by solving the problem correctly. Unfortunately, the team did not make it through to the Grand Final. Nevertheless, a huge congratulations is needed as our St. Mary's team made the top 13 out of the 300 schools that took part, an exceptional achievement!

Mr Lett

School Band



Rock on!

It was that time of year again, with another excellent music concert enjoyed by pupils, teachers and parents alike. The class performances produced a crescendo of noise beginning with gentle recorder pieces and building up to the raucous sound of the majestic trumpets. Mixed in was some enthusiastic singing (X-factor here we come?!) Big thanks to the soloists: Ewan, Ciara and Esia on sax; Rebekah, Skye and Rugba on flute; and Maya, Nelly, Louise and Gillian on clarinet. The band really rounded things off with a rousing 'Jingle Bells' to get everyone in the festive spirit.

Ewan White Y5

School Choir

We headed to Putney library to collect our lanterns and we waited to meet up with Hotham school. As we walked to Putney church, we joined with Hotham, chanting. As the crowds gathered to watch the lights being turned on, we waved our glow sticks and entertained the commuters and shoppers with carols.

Sienna Sonachan Y4



WE WANT YOU!

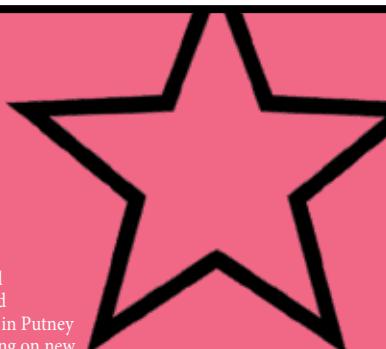


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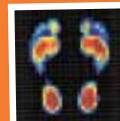
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Miss Brady - YR

I have always lived in Putney. I went to St Mary's as a child and then on to Graveney. I got 12 GCSEs and 3 A' levels in RE, Media and English. During this time I also trained in karate and was lucky enough to compete internationally in Japan for the English squad.

At 15, I got my first job at a local bakers and helped teach karate to the younger children. I have always wanted to be a teacher so enrolled at Roehampton University to study for a BA in Primary Education; during this time I trained in a range of schools and once qualified I worked as a supply teacher before joining St Mary's.

What do you like best about St Mary's?
Knowing that each day will be different.

What makes you happy?
Having fun, seeing my family and friends, doing as many different experiences as I can.

Where was your best holiday?
I have been lucky enough to have visited lots of places with fantastic people so it's really tricky to narrow it down but I had a great girly holiday in Malta and visited Thailand with my family. What a beautiful place!

What subjects did you like best at school?
I was lucky to have some great teachers who made learning fun and interesting - just as it should be. If I had to decide on a favourite subject it would be a toss up between English, Science and RE.

Which of your habits would you like to change?

I don't want to change any habits as all them make me who I am. However, some people would maybe say that I'm stubborn(!) I don't really watch films that much and if I go to the cinema I'm usually asleep as soon as the lights turn off. However, a 'chick flick' with Julia Roberts is always a winner, even if it means I shed a tear (well, lots of tears!)

Who is your favourite actor?
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How do you like to relax?
A nice hot bubble bath, candles lit, listening to music, or reading a book, with a glass of wine on the side.

What things upset you?
People upsetting or hurting my family and friends, rudeness and arrogance.

What is your extravagance?
Spoiling myself and loved ones to nice treats such as visiting the theatre, concerts and nice evenings out. New clothes with earrings to match.

What pet do you have or would you like?
I have a pet cat called Molly; I would like a puppy but think I am too busy to look after a dog.

What are your favourite pastimes?
I love spending time in Richmond Park; I like to pretend it's my garden whether it means picnics and sunbathing or nice long



walks. I love meeting up and going out with my friends.

What human trait do you most dislike?
Dishonesty.

Describe a favourite meal.
A tricky choice, I love a home cooked roast dinner and if I was going out - a good hot, spicy curry or a Chinese.

Which famous person do you most admire?
I admire anyone who is willing to fight hard for what they believe.

What's the most important lesson life has taught you, so far?
Don't give up!

How would you like to be remembered?
Kind hearted, hard working and extremely determined.

Art Exhibition

In May 2012, the inaugural St Mary's Art Award was greeted with great enthusiasm and a huge amount of support and encouragement from parents, teachers and pupils alike. This year's theme was the Olympics and the children rose to the challenge, creating wonderful masterpieces. Sarah Myerscough Fine Art was the gallery and a stunningly, rich and inventive installation enlivened the West End for three days. In fact, had the parents not bought all the paintings, local art collectors would have! There were numerous prize winners but the overall winner this year, selected by the internationally acclaimed artist Nick Archer, was Rugba Attah. The private view was really busy and all money raised from painting sales went to FOSMS - a big thank you to Jenny Traynor for her perseverance in the playground. The initiative was a great success and an exciting creative addition to our childrens' primary school experience. We look forward to next year and to finding more art stars of the future. We hope for your continued support and fingers crossed we can find a sponsor to increase the benefit to FOSMS.

Sarah Myerscough (Sebastian Y1)



Dads' Football

On a chilly evening in November, a large contingent of St Mary's Dads headed to Rocks Lane for the inter-year football competition. Y4 were toppled from the top spot by a dynamic team from Y1. A triumph of youth over experience? Anyone who has an interest in a friendly, weekly knock about should get in touch with Jeroen Padt (Anna Y6).



All players