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Letter from the Head



What a fantastic Autumn term it has been, topped off this week with a wonderful nativity at St. Mary's Church, a cracking Christmas lunch and a trip to the cinema in our Christmas jumpers! Plus, the theatre came to us last Friday, when Troupers brought their fantastic new show, 'Shakesperience', to St. Mary's. It was heartily enjoyed by all!

Over the course of the term, Perform, Springs Dance Company, Wimbledon Junior Tennis, Transport for London, the Road Safety Team, the NSPCC, Just Different, Anti-Bullying Workshop, The Livingstone Tanzania Trust, Putney Arts Theatre and Author, Zella, have all been into school to work with the children. On top of that, we have also celebrated Anti-Bullying Week, our Year Fives and Sixes have been to Sayers Croft Residential Centre and we have had Gamelan Workshops in school and numerous class outings to all manner of places from the Florence Nightingale Museum to The Science Museum.

To add to that some of the children have sung in The Scoop, Regenerate Rise and St. Mary's Church, run in numerous cross country events, played more games of football and netball than I can count and taken part in Wandsworth's Student Parliament as well as numerous after school clubs.

As a whole school, we have been lucky to visit St. Mary's Church for both our Nativity and our Harvest Festival this term and many of the classes have enjoyed Godly Play and additional visits to our beautiful church over the last fifteen weeks. Reverend Newby has been into school to lead assemblies and Key Stage Two Holy Communion. Many thanks to both Reverend Newby and the Parish team.

I would also like to thank our fantastic PTA, FoSMs, who have been in constant action organising and executing many 'fun'raising activities for the school such as class cake sales, the Sponsored Walk, Non-Uniform day for the Christmas Fayre and the Christmas Fayre itself, not forgetting treating us all to Troupers' 'Shakesperience' and a premiere of 'Big Hero 6' at the cinema. I am hugely grateful to our enthusiastic and hands on parent body and I would like to say a special thank you to Theresa Hawkins for co-ordinating the teams' amazing efforts.

Our Governors have also been working hard over the term. Split into three committees now, some of the Governors have attended up to five meetings this term as well as informally supporting the school at various events. We are hugely grateful to them all for their challenge and support, in particular I would like to thank Chair, Sally McGeachie, for co-ordinating the governors efforts.

And last, but certainly by no means the least, I would like to say a very big thank you to the amazing staff team here at St. Mary's. Not only have they co-ordinated many of the events and opportunities I have already mentioned, but they have delivered a first class curriculum consistently over the course of the term. I count myself extremely privileged to have observed so many outstanding lessons this term and to work with such a hard-working and dedicated staff team – our school would not be where it is today without them!

And so children, parents, governors and staff – I thank you all for another wonderful term at St. Mary's. I hope you are in front of a warm fire with your feet up enjoying this edition of St. Mary's News!

I wish you and yours a very peaceful and jolly Christmas!

Cheryl Payne – Head Teacher

Starters and Leavers

Leavers (including some from last term)

Frederica Ortaggi YN
Lorenzo Ortaggi YN
Isabella Granati YN
Miguel Andres Serrano-Martins YN
Saorise O'Neill YR
Aoibhinn O'Neill Y1
Indie Wilson Y2
Max Wraith Y3
Rosa Harris Y4
Hugo Wilson Y4

A great big warm welcome to the new starters

Albert Hayward YN
Nabila Sami YN
Alessia Veliu Y1
Arthur Hayward Y2
Poppy Jones Y2
Ptolemy Davies Y2
Victoria Shoylekova Y3
Oliwia Krzosa Y4
Anais Burton Baisley Y4
Mary Tian Y4



A day in the life of Miss Clark

Miss Clark has worked at St Mary's for ten years as a full time LSA (Learning Support Assistant), she is currently working with a new member of staff, Mr Matthews. They work together in and out of the classroom. Some of the time they are based in the classroom and sometimes in the 'Green room,' which is St Mary's dedicated extra support learning room.

Miss Clark is a Londoner, born and bred. She was born in Wandsworth and started her working life as a model. She has had a number of different jobs in education, ranging from being a nanny in the South of France to working more locally in a number of schools. She has also taken the time to have four sons – ranging in ages from 17 to 36.

Miss Clark has a busy week – recently she has been involved in 'messy' play, sensory and audio work and topic work. She has recently accompanied a pupil on a couple of workshops and to dance classes. She does not get the chance to pop on a tutu unfortunately!

She really enjoyed the residential trip to Sayers Croft, though admitted she wasn't brave enough to abseil and the night walk she found a bit dark.

She enjoys working at St Mary's, because the children are all delightful with lovely manners. She has a good relationship with all her colleagues, describing them as supportive and fun. She attended a Christian school herself and likes the values of St Mary's.

Her hobbies include socialising, going out for supper with friends and her real passion is interior design. Miss Clark says she should have been Cath Kidston!



Science Club

Science club has made its debut this term and was well-received by budding scientists across KS2. The aim of science club is to develop scientific enquiry skills and cooperation, as well as experiencing some of the more thrilling and awe-inspiring aspects of science. On Thursday evenings, some of the finest young minds of St Mary's gather together at a top secret location to experiment, theorise and generally have fun with 'science stuff'. We have made a mess with non-newtonian fluids, captured a cloud in a bottle, defied gravity, handled water-repelling sand, built electromagnets, reflected lasers, melted metal, developed chemical weapons and worked out which brand of kitchen roll to buy. It has been a productive term indeed. Here are a few words from the members of science club:

- * Science club is so fun. I'd recommend science club to everyone.
- * In science club we do less writing, more doing.
- * I loved the lesson where we made vinegar bombs and we exploded them!

Mr Clive Pearson



Group 64 Theatre for Young People

Y4 have been working alongside Group 64 to help write a play script and create a performance. The children have been participating in class based drama workshops to develop a range of drama skills including freeze framing, acting, use of facial expressions and voices effectively. Using their imagination the children came up with ideas for stories and characters, then contributed elements of their story to collaboratively write a play script called 'The Temple of Treasures Tiny and True.'

"Working with Group 64 has helped me to use more expression when reading aloud." Maeve

"It has helped me to write more imaginatively." Taygen

Once the play script was written the class began rehearsing for the performance. The performance was held at the Putney Arts Theatre and was a wonderful success. All the children enjoyed their theatre experience and it helped them all to develop their self-confidence. In particular, many of the children felt their creative writing had improved. Well done to everyone in Y4 and thanks to all the staff from Group 64.

"I think the drama work has helped me with my imagination and how things connect in my writing." Thomas C YN

Classics Club

You might wonder what the point of going to Classics Club is when nobody speaks Latin any more? Let me tell you!

The club meets at lunch break, three different sessions for Y4-5-6. Mrs Jubb who runs the club explained right at the beginning that although Latin is no longer spoken, it is the basis of many modern languages. Knowing some words in Latin helps with spellings and with working out the meaning of words in English, French, Spanish, and Italian.

Considering Latin is sometimes called a 'dead' language, it is amazing how lively the club is! We translate comics, make models of objects we are learning about, and explore myths and legends. I would really recommend Classics as an interesting and enjoyable club to join and I will really miss it when I leave St Mary's.

Molly Y6

Wandsworth Cross Country

On 8th October, St Mary's pupils attended the Wandsworth Cross Country event at Tooting Bec Common. There were four categories contesting, all over a flat course measuring 1500 metres in length. The weather was due to be wet and stormy but we escaped with intermittent showers and sunshine. The children showed excellent determination all finishing towards the top half in their respective events. This was demonstrated in the overall team results with St Mary's finishing 4th out of the 23 schools competing. It was really nice to see all the pupils cheering each other on, I am sure the extra support helped! Special mentions go to Yves-Alan and Clemmie who finished 4th in the Y5 boys and Y6 girls' race respectively. Both narrowly missed out on a medal with a matter of seconds separating the top positions. Casper was successful in the Y6 boys' race, running strongly from start to finish. He was initially awarded 2nd but after a judging error this was rightfully upgraded to 1st. He will now go on to represent Wandsworth in the London Youth Games. We would like to thank the parents who kindly provided transport to the event and helped to make this an enjoyable event.



Putney Primary School Sport Associations Cross Country

On Saturday 18th October, 32 St Mary's pupils and parents were up bright and early to attend the PPSSA Cross Country at Richard Evans Fields. This was the biggest turn out of all the schools and is testament to the excellent work being done in the school running clubs. The event was split into two categories; a team race for the eight fastest runners in Y5 and 6, shortly followed by a fun run for the other budding athletes. All pupils showed high levels of stamina and this strength in depth helped St Mary's to retain the team trophy won last year.

Mr George Ellis



The netball team

The netball team has done extremely well this term. They were joint 2nd up until the last day when unfortunately the games didn't go their way and they came joint 4th overall in the recent tournament. All members of the team demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and I'm very proud of them!

Mrs Bryony Barron



Football League winners

We had a brilliant squad. We had an amazing keeper Jaydon, we also had deadly defenders Alex and Tobias. Storming strikers Kevin, Hal and Yves-Alain and amazing all-rounders Jack, Algie and Andrew.

In the group stages we did really well. We won 3 out of 4 matches, which was enough to progress to the knockout stages the next week. We lost one match but we still won our group overall. Yves-Alain, Hal, Kevin and Alex all scored at least once in these initial stages.

In the quarter finals, we beat Our Lady Queen of Heaven 2-1. Then in the semi-finals we were against Hotham, which went to a penalty shootout. Alex, Yves-Alain and Kevin all missed but we were still in because Jaydon saved all 3 of their penalties. Hal then scored for us with a belter and the match was won.

We played the final against Granard. Our amazing defenders Alex and Tobias were fantastic so Jaydon wasn't bothered by their strikers.

It was a good team performance and overall we won 2-0 with Kevin scoring both brilliant goals. Thank you to all our parents who came to support us.

Alex, Yves-Alain & Kevin Y5



Y1



Y1 has started the year fantastically. The children have enjoyed exploring materials, working with numbers and looking at ways to make our writing exciting for the reader. We have some very inquisitive children this year. We also welcome a new member to the class 'Mr Owl' and we kicked off our topic work for this term 'Let's Celebrate' by holding a birthday party.

Y2



We have been cramming so many exciting things into our first term in Y2: our topics on People of the Past, Our Local Church and Super Humans, visits to the Florence Nightingale Museum and St Mary's Church. We also had a visit from Ailsa to tell us about her job as vicar, from Mrs Jain to tell us about Diwali and to paint traditional lamps and from Mrs Southworth who brought a stethoscope so we could listen to our heartbeats and measure pulses.

People of the Past

"Our class had a wonderful 'Famous People of the Past' party. We came to school dressed as a famous person from the past. It started when we sat on benches and took turns to speak about our characters. Then we had a party with popcorn and fruit and a lot of dancing." Scarlett

"At the party I came as Alfred the Great. I was born when Britain was called Britannia and I defeated the Vikings. When we had the party, my table asked for three bowls of popcorn!" Billy

"My favourite person was Mary Seacole because she went onto the battle pitch where girls weren't allowed." Imogen

Our Local Church

"We visited St Mary's church and drew sketches of our favourite things. We found out how the bell rings and why the lectern is in the shape of an eagle. We also went into the chapel." Beatrice Y2

Super Humans

"We learnt about how much water is in our body and how oxygen is important because it takes blood round and round our body." Arwenna Y2

Y5 have enjoyed a fantastic start to the year, and have shown each other great support and encouragement in their learning both in and out of the classroom. We have studied the epic tale of Odysseus's blighted voyage home after the Trojan War and are currently engrossed in our current class text, 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. We had a chance to extend our knowledge of ancient western civilisations through our topic 'The Great, The Bold and The Brave' producing an exceptional range and quality of work in our topic books. In science we launched our topic with an amazing sound and light disco featuring strobe lighting, lasers, a smoke machine and pumping music. This was a great chance for the children to explore unusual sound and lighting effects as well as some even more unusual dance moves. In between all this fabulous learning, we have been developing our cup-stacking skills, each completing fifty stacks as part of our NSPCC workout challenge. At time of writing we are looking forward immensely to our trip to Sayer's Croft as well as the upcoming Christmas performance...



Y5



YR



YR has started the year off fantastically. They have settled in quickly and have showed a large amount of enthusiasm for learning. Our topics this term have been transport and patterns. We kicked off our pattern topic by coming dressed to school in 'special clothes' and we learnt that patterns are all around us from clothing, shapes and animals. Our role play area has been turned into a jungle and that's helped us to realise how many patterns exist in the jungle. We have created patterns and had a great time consolidating our knowledge by visiting the pattern pod at the Science museum.

YN



Nursery have settled well into school, learning the routines of the day, finding their way around and making new friends. Our fresh cooked lunches have been well received and our outside playground has been put to good use despite the increasingly wet and cold weather.

We have talked about our different families, pets and homes and we have made portraits of our families. These are now up on the walls of the nursery classroom together with the exciting firework pictures we made after half term.

At the moment we are exploring well-known stories and have enjoyed re-telling the tale of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' complete with a surprise visit from Goldilocks herself. Porridge has been made and tasted and oats have been used to encourage (very!) messy play during free-flow activities. Much of this work has allowed us to explore the ideas of friendship, sharing and using kind hands in our play together which forms a firm foundation for the rest of the children's years at school.

After so much hard work and concentration, nursery enjoyed the run up to Christmas with glitter, songs and merriment before we took to the stage as stars in the Christmas show.

Y6 are a very cohesive class who are working together in a positive and productive way. The class has settled in to Y6 routines with enthusiasm and maturity. Everyone loves the extra responsibilities involved in being top of the school, especially those benches in assembly!

It has been a great term full of a variety of events including; Secondary Transfer applications, House Captain announcements, Wimbledon Tennis Junior Initiative, NSPCC Workout (scootering in our onesies!) and the eagerly anticipated school Journey to Sayers Croft – to name but a few!

In preparation for Secondary School we had a fantastic visit from the Transport for London Team who taught the children how to safely and cheaply travel more independently around London. Invaluable lessons were learnt!

Another highlight in the classroom was the day Y6 turned into a Science Laboratory full of mad scientists, the culmination of all our hard work in our topic– Full Power Electricity! Great fun and great learning!

Y6



Y3



Y3 have made a great start to this year. We very much enjoyed learning about Scavengers and Settlers and exploring the differences between the very first people, Stone Age people, Iron Age people and modern man. We especially enjoyed finding out about Otzi, a Stone Age hunter. Y3 worked to decipher clues about how Otzi lived.

We have also loved learning about how humans work. It has been very interesting discovering how the body works to help us live and survive. It has been fascinating trying to answer all our questions about the job of the heart and skeleton, how we see and hear, how certain substances can harm our bodies and how we can stay healthy.

Y3 have made a fantastic start learning to play the flute. We have worked hard to learn all about where to place our fingers to play certain notes and particularly loved learning to play Jingle Bells.

We also had great fun taking part in a Balinese Gamelan Music workshop and learned all about how to play various instruments. We learned to play a tune together and found learning about Gamelan music very interesting.

We also had fun reading with both YN and YR this term and very much look forward to doing so again.

Y4 has made a fantastic start to the academic year. The children have enjoyed reading their Power of Reading text Varjak Paw and have written some great descriptions. In maths the children are beginning to show better mental arithmetic skills and have applied their skills in everything from addition and fractions to time and subtraction. In RE the class have been looking at 'signs and symbols' and went on a very informative school trip to Southwark Cathedral. The children took part in a symbols trail and made great representations of Christian symbols in clay. These were then painted and glazed and looked fabulous. The Y4 topic was called 'Temples, Tombs and Treasures' and this really captured the children's imagination. They enjoyed being explorers and learning about the Aztec civilisation through the completion of a range of tasks. This included exploring the 'dark tomb', making a mosaic model of an Aztec artefact, learning about the Aztec number system and making versions of an Aztec emperor's headdress.



Y4

Sayers Croft



We arrived safely at Sayers Croft and then went to our dormitory and made our beds and unpacked. We did some orienteering and then had lunch - it was pizza! We spent time on some group challenges in the hall before we had a chill out time in our dormitories. We then were working in partners on a compass challenge in the woods and the rain. After supper we had a great night walk with Kate. We finished our day with a cup of hot chocolate.

Pola



We spent the whole morning in the river getting wet and muddy. We learned about the flow of water in a meander and how to check pollution levels in rivers by the type of animals you find. Then we went on a really long walk in the countryside, everyone loved it! The day ended with a brilliant campfire and lots of singing in the rain!

Charles



Rainy but amazing!
Joe



I loved seeing everyone in their onesies at bedtime.
Hannah

Events

Harvest Service at St Mary's Church

This year our Harvest theme was 'Harvest in War Time,' to coincide with the centenary of the start of World War 1. We were treated to a variety of music, songs, paintings and poems on the theme. Y4 told us all about the children's harvest camps during the war and Y6 highlighted the rationing that took place.

Our harvest collection consisted of food and toiletry donations to support the Wandsworth Food Bank. Y5 spoke eloquently about this worthwhile charity and in total we raised 226kg of supplies. During a later Assembly Miss Payne commented that this was equivalent to the weight of a fully grown African Lion! Supplies run low as Christmas approaches so Y5 decided to continue the collection. The family group that collected the most items, travelled to Southfields to help out at the food bank for the afternoon.

If you would like to donate to the Y5 collection please send your items to the office.

Mrs Wendy Livingstone



Buddy's Big Workout

The first week back after half term, Delyth Evans Wright from the NSPCC visited St Mary's. The children learnt about the work of this charity and also that the NSPCC believe that all children have the right not to be hurt, the right to be heard and the right to get help if they need it. Children were encouraged to have fun taking part in 'My Big Workout' and raise money to help end cruelty to children.

Each class from Reception to year 6 decided on their fundraising event:

YR and Y3 took part in a non-stop obstacle course

Y2 and Y6 opted for a non-stop scooter challenge with year 6 doing so in onesies!

Y1 opted for an exhausting skipping workout with Y4 a non-stop 30 minute dance marathon.

Y5 completed the week in fine motor style with their sports stacking event.

All the children had great fun and raised over £3,000 to support this worthwhile charity.

Well done to all that took part.

Y6 Trip To Thames Explorer

Our trip to the Thames Explorer was an enormous success once again for the children. We were rewarded with warm sunshine and were delighted to learn through practical experience that the River Thames is cleaner now than at any time in the last hundred years. As a class we found more eels than anyone else this year. Most children even picked them up to put them in their buckets!



Western Riverside Waste Authority and Recycling Centre

Y4 had fun on the school trip to Western Riverside Waste Authority and Recycling Centre. We travelled by river bus along the River Thames, which was a cool way to get there. We had lots of fun and made our own recycled paper. We learnt how to recycle the right things and what to do with the other rubbish. We found out where the black rubbish bags get taken. Afterwards we visited Wandsworth Park and had a picnic. We really liked the trip - 5 out of 5 stars!

Rufus Y4



Southwark Cathedral

Y4 enjoyed a brilliant day out to visit Southwark Cathedral as part of our work on signs and symbols. The cathedral was beautiful. We had a great time and learnt lots! Our hosts told us lots of interesting facts and asked lots of hard questions. We had so much fun making the clay tiles. India and Tomas were lucky enough to be chosen to dress up as a bishop and sit on the cathedra. I was chosen to wear a white robe similar to one a vicar wears. I would definitely like to visit the cathedral again. I would rate this trip a stunning 4 and a half stars out of 5.

Libbie Y4



The Florence Nightingale Museum

First we met at school. I got excited and curious about the trip. Then we got on the boat and sailed off. Later on we saw the London Eye and got off the boat. Next we had a long walk to the museum and saw a disguised Florence Nightingale. Soon I got really interested. After that she split us into two groups for two activities. I liked the first activity when we were drawing healthy food. Activity number two was drawing the medals that soldiers got for being brave in the war. Later on we had lunch. It was delicious. Then it wasn't long before we got to the train station. We saw a few other trains, but not many. Finally we got back to school. It was sunny and a bit cloudy when we got back. I learnt that Florence had friends called Sydney and Elizabeth Herbert. It was a really good trip in the end.

Nathaniel Y2



Science Museum Trip – Science Club

On Friday 14th November, Mr Pearson and Miss Clark took science club to the Science Museum. We took the bus to South Kensington.

We saw an exhibit about 3D printing and learned about modern technologies, like how coffee grounds can be used to make biodiesel fuel. One of the best things we did was go to the iMax cinema to watch a 3D film called 'Mysteries of the Unseen World.' It showed us things that are too slow, too fast, too small or invisible to the human eye. I learned that bees can see ultra violet light. They also showed that in the future we might be able to take a lift into space.

Next we went into a 3D simulator of a Red Arrows flight. We sat in seats like those in a cockpit and the screen looked like we were in the front of a plane. The seats moved while we did loop the loops and barrel rolls.

Finally we visited the launchpad, an interactive gallery where we tried all sorts of things out, like listening to music through your teeth. This was the best part of the best school trip ever. All of science club are really looking forward to the next one!

Alex, Adam & Jack – Y5 scientists



Mrs Livingstone Uncovered.....

Born in Middlesbrough in the North East of England, I moved 'down south' to go to Surrey University to study Psychology. Whilst there I got married to Mark, got a first class honours degree and decided that instead of studying how children grow and develop, I preferred to teach children instead. Following my move to London and teacher training at Roehampton, I started teaching in Teddington. After my first child Tim (now 19) was born, I briefly worked at Hotham School, where I left to have my second child Olly (16). A previous Head at St Mary's (Mr Marwood) approached me and asked if I would set up a Nursery at St Mary's and the rest is history, as they say.

What do you like best about St Mary's?

I sent both my children to St Mary's because having worked here I realised that not only was the education outstanding, but the Christian ethos and values permeate through everything that takes place; from the way staff work together, FoSMs and how parents support the school, children are taught and see Christian values in action. This is what I wanted for my children as well as for the children I teach.

What makes you happy?

Spending time with my family on holiday and chocolate!

What subjects did you like best at school?

Art (despite not getting beyond stick men) because the teacher used to play classical music in the background, whilst he sat at his desk and read and we were left to sketch and paint all afternoon! I did enjoy Geography too but if you let your attention slip for a moment Mr Dawson would throw a missile (book, chalk or similar) at your head, which left me slightly nervous in his lessons!

Which of your habits would you like to change?

Eating sugary foods in between meals. I can't keep my hands off chocolate, cakes, biscuits the staffroom is such a temptation! Friday cake sales don't count as they are for a good cause!

Who is your favourite actor?

Dustin Hoffman and Johnny Depp - they are just so versatile and can really act (not just play themselves in different clothes).

How do you like to relax?

Staying in bed all day with a good book and plenty to eat! Going for muddy boot walks in Richmond Park. I could walk forever there and never get bored.

What things upset you?

Violence and poverty. There's no need for either!

What is your greatest extravagance?

I don't think I am extravagant but my husband Mark could say my greatest extravagance would be holidays. I love going away with my family and if teachers were paid more, I would spend more time away, exploring the world and visiting friends.



What pet do you have or would you like?

When our next door neighbours moved to Australia we acquired their cat 'Willy Wally' (William Wallace). He sleeps and eats and demands constant attention. Apart from covering you in hair every time he comes near you he's no trouble and the most beautiful cat in Putney (he tells me!)

What single thing would improve the quality of your life?

An extra day in the week that comes between Saturday and Sunday!

What are your favourite pastimes?

Reading, singing, walking in the country or by the beach and going out for meals with friends and family.

Which are your favourite books and what appeals to you about them?

Books that are set in the near future (not science fiction) and deal with how society works...e.g. Doris Lessing's Mara and Dan, The Hand Maiden's Tale, The Hunger Games etc. I find them alarming but it's also interesting to see how authors imagine our possible futures.

What human traits do you most dislike?

Greed and materialism.

Describe a favourite meal?

Roast lamb, mint sauce and Yorkshire puddings, sticky toffee pudding and ice cream and a long afternoon nap to round it all off nicely.

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Which famous person do you most admire?

Mother Teresa - She was such a humble person always putting others needs first. She saw people the way God would see them as special and priceless regardless of their status, religion, ability or health. She devoted her life to making a difference to the lives of others rather than being self-seeking and self-centred.

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

As Kung Fu Panda says... 'The past is History, the future's

a Mystery but today is a Gift that's why they call it the Present!' Try to live one day at a time and make the most of it, trying to make a positive difference to those around us.

How would you like to be remembered?

As an inspiration to all! Yeah right!
Or 'I wouldn't...', because I would want people I know to get on with their lives and not be dwelling on the past!



Y5 football final



Wandsworth cross country Y6 Winner



Y5 Cross country running

Road Safety Show

The first day back after the half term holiday the whole school took part in 'Road Safety Workshops.' It was such a fun workshop; the messages were presented in a comic yet meaningful way, ensuring the strong message about safety on our roads would be remembered.



I married David on Saturday 25th October in Hartington, Derbyshire. It was an incredibly beautiful day full of love and laughter!

Bryony Barron

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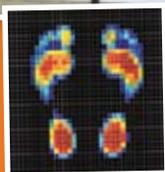
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A Christmas Message from FoSMS (Friends of St Mary's)

We had many fun fundraisers, a wet but wonderful sponsored walk, a brilliant second hand book sale, a cracking Christmas Fair, spectacular Christmas raffle, lovely Christmas Party, wonderful Christmas cards, and a great gift wrap sale. These funds help us support core school projects as well as a wish list provided by the school. Extra treats we provided this term were a theatre company production and a Christmas cinema trip to 'Big Hero 6'. We also had many external giving collections, including the Christmas shoeboxes and 'Children in Need' sponsorship.

We saw new ideas developed, much donating of gifts and prizes, and the all-important volunteering. With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits are enormous to you, your family, and our school. Dedicating your time to St Mary's and our fundraising projects helps you make new friends and strengthen existing relationships, expands your network, and boosts your social circle.

Thank you so much to those that do help and volunteer and we would like to welcome ALL St Mary's parent and carers to be part of the volunteering team at St Mary's - please join us, even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to you and us.

We also saw the launch of the St Mary's Alumni Society on 21st November, which was a great success. It was a really well attended, fantastic evening. The idea is that this will grow and grow, and it is aimed at all past years. We hope to hold two to three events a year. Any parent current or past, who has had a child leave the school, is invited to become a member. We are going to build up a list of members for future events so please contact Tom Rees on tomhrees@hotmail.com with your name and email if you would like to be included and please let other past parents know how to join too.

FoSMS is not just for Christmas - but also for always!
Have a wonderful Christmas and a healthy happy New Year
Best wishes Theresa
FoSMS Co-ordinator
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The Sponsored Walk

It was a very wet sponsored walk this year, but it did not stop St Mary's coming out in force. The 2.5 mile course through Richmond Park still looked spectacular, although it was raining. There were some slightly hairy moments when some of the stags started fighting just where we needed to walk! However we raised a whopping £1650 for FOSMS. WELL DONE!

Thank you to Anne Burfitt, Ali Burn and Polly Fox for organising and for all the marshalls and cake bakers who helped and everyone who participated in this year walk.

Clemmie Boyd Y6

Erratum

In the last edition of 'School News' Nina Andersen was described as coming fifth in the National Finals, that should have read first.

Sorry Nina!