



FROM ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

MARCH 2015



## Number Day

Number Day, in support of the NSPCC, was celebrated once again and this year the school enjoyed the challenge of solving puzzles during workshops provided by The Happy Puzzle Company. The puzzles required team skills to succeed and all of the children found them great fun.

"I really enjoyed the puzzles because they were exciting and I liked working with my team." (Alfie, Y4)

Meanwhile, back in the classrooms the children were busy participating in special Number Day activities including number hunts, card games, maths fight, magic squares, speed stacking and board games like snakes and ladders.

"It was a fun day and I enjoyed dressing up and focusing on number." (Holly, Y3)

During the day the children were dressed as digits; they played number games on the playground; they had to search the teachers for their numbers; and the whole school worked together to make a long line of 2p coins. A total of £70 was raised from the collection of 2p coins on Number Day and this has been sent to the NSPCC. Well done everybody and thank you!

Mr Lett



## Safer Internet Day (SID)

Safer Internet Day (SID) took place on Tuesday 10th February and 'let's create a better internet together' was the key message. The day kicked off with a special assembly that looked at the positives and negatives of the internet and how to be safe online. Throughout the day, classes took part in activities that got them thinking about how to be safe on the internet. Y4 showed off their computing skills by using the iPads to produce 'infomercial' film clips based on the SMART e-Safety rules.

"I thought the day was interesting because you learnt how to be safe on the internet." Isabella Y5

Part of SID involved the children thinking of a good deed and making an online pledge:

"My good deed for Safer Internet Day is to help show my brother how to put a password on his iPad." Andrew Y5

"My good deed for Safer Internet Day is to help my sister not to send bad messages she might think to be funny!" Rebecca Y4

"To help make the internet a better place, I promise I will tell an adult if I see something online which is unkind or nasty." Arthur Y2

For more information about using the Internet in a safe and responsible way please visit: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

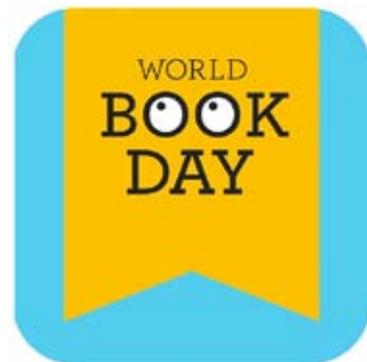
Mr Lett



## Big Hero 6 – wins Oscar!

Just before Christmas, St. Mary's were really lucky to see Big Hero 6 before it had even been released. It was an action packed animation filled with adventure and humour. The characters were creative and memorable. The whole school thoroughly enjoyed the trip – we all loved the movie. We have just found out that the amazing film won an Oscar for Best Animated Film 2015 – which makes us even more privileged to have been the first to see this great film! A very big thank you to Charlotte Tudor (Jake and Rudy's mum) who organised this fantastic opportunity for St. Mary's!

Charis & Molly Y6



## World Book Day

On 4th March, Y3,4&5 headed to Brandlehow School for a World Book Day event with Chris Riddell. He is the author and illustrator of the Ottoline series, and the Goth Girl books. He told us all about his favourite pen, which comes from Japan, and how his characters are often based on real people. For example, Lord Goth, who is 'mad, bad, and dangerous to gnomes' is based on Lord Byron, who was 'mad, bad, and dangerous to know.' He told us that he wrote to the real-life versions of all the chefs in the Ghastly Gorm Bake-Off asking if they minded being in his book, and they all wrote back to say he could, so he sent them copies! Mary Berry liked his book so much she gave it to her granddaughter! Everybody enjoyed hearing from him, and he was very kind signing all our books. When he signed my book he let me in on a secret: there's another Ottoline book on the way, called 'Ottoline and the Purple Fox', but at the moment all he knows about it is that there's a purple fox in it! I can't wait...

India Y4

## Letter from the Head

For a short term, much has been packed into the last eleven weeks here at St. Mary's! As I look back at what we have all achieved in a such a short space of time it continues to make me proud to be the Head Teacher of such a great school.

As a Church School, we aim to ensure that a Christian ethos underpins all that we do and Collective Worship is an important and valued part of the school day. We have been unpicking Christian Values in our assemblies this term. Having focussed on Creation and Compassion we are now exploring Endurance. Reverend Newby has been in to lead worship and in particular our half termly Communion Services in Key Stage Two, which have been well supported by parents. We recently celebrated Mothering Sunday with a service at St. Mary's Church. Co-inciding with Red Nose Day we decided to 'Do Something Funny for our Mummies!' Again, parents and extended family members and friends joined us for the service, many of whom join us regularly for our monthly sharing assemblies on a Friday. It was great to see everyone in the Hall this morning for the last one of this term.

Our staff team continue to approach learning in an innovative and creative way and have complimented work in the classroom with trips to Sainsbury's, Wagamamas, Pizza Express, The Natural History Museum, Wisley Gardens, Kew Gardens, The Museum of London, Cadbury World, The Theatre Royal Drury Lane, Wimbledon Synagogue, The Science Museum, The Sikh Gurdwara in Wandsworth, The Hindu Mandir in Neasden, and Fulham Palace. Children in Years Three, Four and Five have also been to Brandlehow Primary to meet author and illustrator, Chris Riddell. Extending the learning in the classroom, we have also marked Number Day, Safer Internet Day and Red Nose Day and children in Years Three and Four have benefitted from additional Maths workshops. Huge thanks to the fantastic staff team here for all that they do to extend our children's learning in and out of the classroom. In addition to our curriculum offer in PE, some of our children have had the opportunity to develop their sporting skills in basketball, athletics, netball, swimming, tennis and... this morning as I write some of the children are receiving some training on how to use their scooters safely.

We are currently reviewing the school's policy and curriculum on Sex and Relationships Education. Teachers and children in Reception, Year Two and Year Five have been working with the Christopher Winter Project (CWP) to trial new units of work which we hope to roll out across the school. All parents in the relevant classes have been notified of this work and there will be more information coming to the remainder of parents before we initiate any further work in this area in school.

Some children in Years Three, Four and Five have trained to be Anti-Bullying Ambassadors through the Diana Award and will be setting up a group which will oversee the work the school does to prevent bullying in all its forms. Saskia and Luke in Year Six are members of Wandsworth's Student Parliament and had the opportunity to shadow me for the day as part of the Children's Commissioner's Take Over Day! Have a look at Luke and Saskia's article on what it was like to be Head Teacher for the day on the other side of this page! The EYFS/KS1 and KS2 School Councils continue to meet and we are currently in the process of establishing a Steering Group as part of the work towards the Level One Rights Respecting School Award. More on this next term...

The KS2 Choir have been in action at the O2 Arena – they joined hundreds of other schools performing in the Young Voices concerts and had a fantastic time singing songs from the musical Matilda and a Pop Medley amongst others. Chris from M-Tech was also in school this term to give the children a taste of a Music Technology club which will be on offer next term. Letters have gone home and there has already been much interest shown.

Our PTA, FoSMs, have – as always – been in action this term, hosting the Family Disco as well as the Annual Quiz night. Many thanks to Theresa and the team for another great term of events and fundraising.

Our Governors met last night in the Year Six Classroom for the last of four meetings this term. The Governors sit on one or more of three committees: Resources, Pupils and Leadership and Management; which oversee the work of the school. Thank you to Sally and her team of Governors who work tirelessly behind the scenes – we are very grateful for your support.

Parents have been in school for the second round of parents meetings this academic year and many parents have visited their child's class to take part in the 'exit points' of the new International Primary Curriculum (IPC) which we have been trialling in school – more parents will be receiving invitations to the classrooms next term...

On that note, I would like to end by thanking all of our parents for the superb way in which they support the school, ensuring their children are on time, dressed, in school every day and ready to learn makes our jobs so much easier – successfully helping children to learn is a real partnership between home and school and we couldn't ask for better partners.

And so, after a busy term I hope that you all have a peaceful but fun-filled Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all for what is sure to be another great term at St. Mary's.

Cheryl Payne  
Head Teacher



## We say farewell to the following children:

Erin Bergin YN  
Angelina Bilotta YN  
Lili Drummond YR  
Joshua Drummond Y3

## Starters will be:

Clara Santolalla Czerczuk YR  
Sacha Chidgey-Trofimov Y4

## Student Parliament

We had the opportunity to be the head teacher for the day due to our involvement with Putney and Roehampton's Student Parliament. We had lots to do throughout the day but we survived! Firstly we arrived at Miss Payne's office to hand over the certificate that confirmed we were the head teachers, and then we welcomed pupils and parents at the front gate. After a long rehearsal of the Mother's Day Service we went on a Learning Walk through each classroom and discussed our findings back in Miss Payne's office. Soon after lunch we interviewed Miss Payne and had a meeting with other members of staff and at 3:15pm we were back on gate duty! We found out that being a head teacher is very hard work and we would have to be very well prepared if we were to become one. Miss Payne puts up with a lot!

Saskia & Luke H Y6





**YR** This term Reception class topics have been food and dinosaurs. We have been learning about where food comes from, the benefits of healthy eating and exercising and the difference between fruit and vegetables. We have visited Sainsbury's, Wagamama and Pizza Express. It was fun to buy our fruit, taste test a range of fruits and make fruit skewers. In Wagamama and Pizza Express we were able to make our own lunch in both restaurants. We had such a fun time and some of us have returned with our families. Our dinosaur topic has been interesting and we now know a range of dinosaur names and facts. We were lucky to visit the Natural History museum and see Dippy the Diplodocus before he is replaced by a blue whale. Miss Brady said we were better behaved than many of the older children walking around the museum.



Our two topics this term have enabled us to investigate the enormous variety of habitats in The Earth – Our Home and to travel back to the London of 1666 during The Great Fire of London.

# Y2

We started the term by focusing on rainforests, finding out where they were, why they were found in hot, wet climates and discovering how the plants and animals are adapted to these conditions. We transformed our classroom into a tropical rain forest with exotic trees and animals and saw the real thing when we went on a visit to Kew Gardens. At the end of the topic we invited parents into the school hall to give them a presentation on honey bees that included a bee dance, an exhibition of models and posters and a talk on what we've learnt. We showed parents the honey flapjacks we had made and invited them into the classroom to see our books. After school we gave away our flapjacks in the playground in exchange for a pledge that each person would plant bee-friendly flowers. Our great fire of London topic has inspired the children to make their own London house that might have been seen in 1666. We won't be setting fire to them but the flames in our classroom look very realistic. We are all excited about our visit to the Museum of London to discover even more.



It is difficult to believe that we are now over half way through the final year at St Mary's for this Y6 class. They are all working incredibly hard towards their SATs exams next term and very soon we will know everyone's Secondary School destination. Hard work in Numeracy and English is being balanced with some interesting and enlightening research in our Topic. This research together with teamwork and communication skills has provided some excellent, and often amusing, presentations from the children. We invited parents into the classroom to show off our hard work before half term, that was a great success for parents and children alike. This half term we were interested to hear childhood wartime memories from two grandparents relating to our WWII topic and had our own VE day celebration party to start the Easter holidays.

# Y6



Y4 has been busy with their topic on 'Chocolate'. This topic was launched with great excitement by the theatre trip to see 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. (see trip report). The children read the book by Roald Dahl and produced a whole range of writing. Drama workshops consisted of hot seating characters and performing a conscience alley. Using the iPads they produced short film clips of a news broadcast from outside the pretend gates of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory. During the topic on Chocolate the children learnt about the origins of the cocoa bean and the history of chocolate. After making clay chocolate bars in art, the children got to sample the real thing during a visit to Cadbury World. Y4 has enjoyed their RE topic on 'Judaism' and some of the work produced includes making a model Torah and Mezuzah. The trip to the synagogue was very insightful and interesting. In PE the class enjoyed gymnastics with Mr Ellis and tennis lessons with a specialist tennis coach.

# Y4



# Y5

Y5 have been thoroughly enjoying their topics this term. We have been learning about the planets of the solar system in our topic 'Mission to Mars' and, more recently, gathering evidence from a crime scene in our topic 'Investigators.'

We have also explored our class text 'The Highwayman,' creating our own exciting artwork and poetry in response to this narrative poem. Our current reading book is called 'Street Child' and so far we have been exploring the setting of Victorian London and discussing what life might have been like for poor people living during this time. We visited the Sikh Gurdwara as part of our R.E. work and enjoyed an inspirational talk about the Sikh religion. The class behaved fantastically and were a credit to their teacher and their school.



# YN

This term Nursery has been immersed in nature, whether being chased by tigers in the jungle or getting their hands into the soil planting beans. We started with transforming the nursery classroom into a jungle and read "We're going on a lion hunt," re-enacting the adventure in the playground to many squeals of enjoyment. As a grand finale, we had a very exciting visit from Zoo Lab who let us meet, up close and personal, their snake, millipede and giant land snail. Over half term, the jungle was replaced by a garden centre and with spring just around the corner we are celebrating growth and renewal as we lead up to Easter. We have counted seeds into packets, created our own flower pictures and practiced our phonics sounds as we identify garden items such as pots, seeds, spades and soil.

The children worked really hard on their portraits and behaved so beautifully for the Mother's Day service. Finally, thank you for the work you put into the red nose day outfits. What spectacular creativity and all for a great cause.



Y1 has seen a new addition to the class this term, Mrs Livingstone! She has settled in well and made lots of friends and is enjoying our topic 'Green Fingers!' The topic is all about plants and has involved us making cress heads, planting seeds, flower arranging, taking part in a treasure hunt and doing lots of experiments to find out what plants need to grow. The classroom has been transformed into a beautiful garden complete with 3D plant designs, grass, trellis, herb garden and spring bulbs. Our visit to Wisley Gardens in March complemented our topic as we did a scavenger hunt inside a giant glasshouse, learned all about interesting and strange plants, and walked through a range of gardens including Alpine, Urban, Rose, Vegetable, Orchard, Meadows, Rockeries and even a secret walled garden!

# Y1



# Y3

Y3 has had a fabulous term learning about the lives of people in different countries. We have learned about going to school in China, the physical geography of different countries, the weather in Darwin, Australia compared with the weather here in London. We particularly enjoyed learning about celebrations around the world when the children taught the class about their chosen celebration.

This term we have continued with our flutes. Our new notes have allowed us to play new songs. Our favourites are Clown Dance and the theme to Batman! It's tricky, and we are proud of our progress.

We started swimming lessons, which we are thoroughly enjoying! The children have shown great courage and enthusiasm and are progressing well with this life saving skill.

Zoo Lab came to visit and we met a variety of live animals. We learnt about the different animals and braved meeting Rosie the tarantula! We had a fantastic time hearing Chris Riddell speak and read a chapter of his World Book Day Book, Goth Girl and the Pirate Queen. We continue our reading with Reception and enjoy talking to them about their favourite books.



## St Mary's Netball Report

On Wednesday the 25th February, the St Mary's netball team was pumped and ready to go. We had the full 7 people on the team. After a 45 minute bus ride, we were there and racing into the first game; we got off to a great start.

With 3 wins and 2 draws out of our 5 heats we were through to the quarterfinals! We were all very nervous about this next match because it meant we would have a shot at going to the finals and winning the competition. Luckily we came off the pitch with wide smiles, as it was an amazing 2-1, we were through to the semis!

We then won the next game 1-0 meaning we were astonishingly through to the finals!

We walked on and got ready for a tough game. Within 3 minutes we had scored and celebrated wildly. Then the opposition took us by surprise scoring an amazing goal from afar. It was neck and neck and the other team just managed to squeeze in a golden goal in the last play making them win just by one!

Overall we had an amazing time and did much better than we expected. We would like to thank Mr Ellis and Mrs Barron for taking us and supporting us all the way. Thank you also to: Matty, Alex, Clemmie, India, Lottie, Tobias and Jasmine for getting us to the final.

Matty Y6



## A day in the life of Leandro Aparecido dos Santos (Leo)

Leo has worked at St Mary's for 5 years, his title is Premises Assistant, that job title covers a huge range of activities which Leo does every day/week and term. He comes from the south of Brazil and is from a large sporty family, he has three brothers and two sisters. They all still live in Brazil, he gets to visit them each summer when he goes back for a holiday.

Leo's day at St Mary's starts at 7:30 am when he arrives at school to unlock all the gates, buildings and classrooms. He has a massive bunch of keys! He needs to be at school early to accept and check the deliveries of milk and fruit etc. He also needs to set up tables for breakfast club, arrange the hall for assembly, get the basketball nets ready and he makes sure the playground is clean for everyone arriving at school. Sometimes that includes clearing up after the inconsiderate foxes.

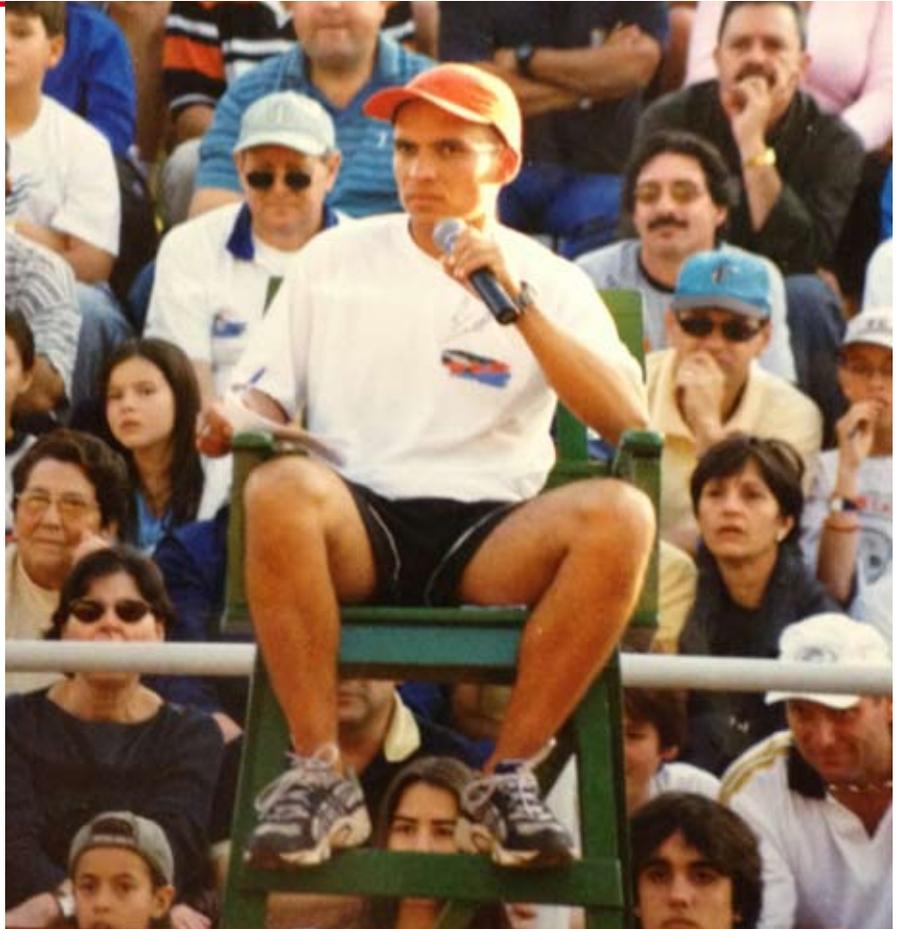
He reports to Sue Abraham and they meet every day to discuss the building and any ad hoc issues that have arisen. That may include replacing light bulbs, un-jamming doors and setting up for special events.

Wednesdays are bin days so he wheels the enormous recycling and regular bins out for collection. Each lunch-time Leo does a stint in the kitchen, taking care of various duties from washing-up to serving salad to the children. He gets to eat all the delicious left overs for his lunch. Sometimes he also helps clean the school at the end of the day. Then he has to lock up all those doors that he opened in the morning.

Leo is a very talented tennis player and coach, he started playing when he was five years old, his Dad taught him to play. Although he isn't the best in his family, his older brother could beat him! Leo teaches tennis in South Park and at the Harbour Club in Fulham at the weekend. He lives in Fulham, so that's quite local for him. Leo has his umpire certificate and when he was training he dreamt of visiting the LTA in England, which is considered the top place in the world for umpires. He enjoys watching the Wimbledon qualifiers at the Bank of England Club.

When he's not working or playing tennis, Leo likes to relax at home by reading historical or romantic novels and listening to classical music.

Before St Mary's he worked at Pret, where the food was good but the turnover of staff meant it was less of a community. He loves that at St Mary's the people are educated and parents, children and staff are amazing. He 'feels blessed to work here.'



## Girls' football report

Go girls! As the girls of St Mary's set out for Dover House Road, Mr Walker was considering some serious tactics. We were all extremely excited. Our first match was against Brandlehow. We went 1-0 down but India drew us the match with an amazing chip over the goalie's head and straight into the back of the net. GOAALL! YAHOO!

The second match was against OLV. We played very well but unfortunately they snuck a goal in. OHH! Just as the second half began to run out, Clemmie scored a great solo goal to earn a well-deserved draw YAY! GET IN THERE!

Our final match was against St Joseph's. Mr Walker had given all his top tips and we were ready to go. In the end it was 3-0 to St Mary's, with Nina, Saskia and Clemmie all scoring. WAHOO! YEAH!

All the team played brilliantly, all trying their hardest. Lottie, Isabella, Clemmie, Pola, Nina, Saskia, India, Louise and Charis.



Thanks to:

- \* Mr Walker, our great and powerful manager
- \* Mrs Hunter for the snacks
- \* All the parents for their support

Clemmie Y6

## Putney Mini Swimming Gala

On Monday 2nd March, KS2 pupils attended the Putney Mini Swimming Gala. This was a fun but exhausting day with pupils competing in three different events, all at the same time, using different areas of the pool. This included confident, less confident swimmer categories and water polo! Y3&4 competed in the morning, followed by Y5&6 in the afternoon. For some children this was their first experience of a gala, while for others it was an opportunity to challenge themselves and achieve personal success in friendly competition. I would like to thank those parents who helped at the pool with timing and supervision of children. Competitors

Y3: Ella, Rosalind, Kate, Caitlin, Victoria, Sebastian, Tommy, Noah, Josh & George.

Y4: India, Libbie, Taygen, Thomas C, Rufus, Thomas H & Freddie.

Y5: Millie, Biba, Alex & Jack.

Y6: Jessica, Isabella, Saskia & Elias.

Mr Ellis



## Wandsworth Sportshall Athletics

On 21st January, St Mary's pupils attended the Putney Sportshall Athletics event at Latchmere Leisure Centre. St Mary's won a high proportion of the events, girls and boys titles were claimed. This ensured St Mary's would go on to represent Putney against winning schools from Battersea and Tooting in the Sportshall Athletics Finals on 3rd February.

The Finals were an enjoyable but challenging affair. The standard of competition was extremely high with pupils attaining times and distances that would match the best in the region. St Mary's competed hard and ultimately finished fifth from six. I was particularly proud of the children who cheered all day long, retained excellent sportsmanship and fought for every position, however tough the opposition. Notably Georgie won the girls 1 lap race. Georgie and Sienna then teamed up to win the girls 1x2 lap race, while Jacob won the boys chest push. Again we would like to thank the parents who kindly provided transport to both events. Without your help it wouldn't have been possible to attend.

Mr Ellis

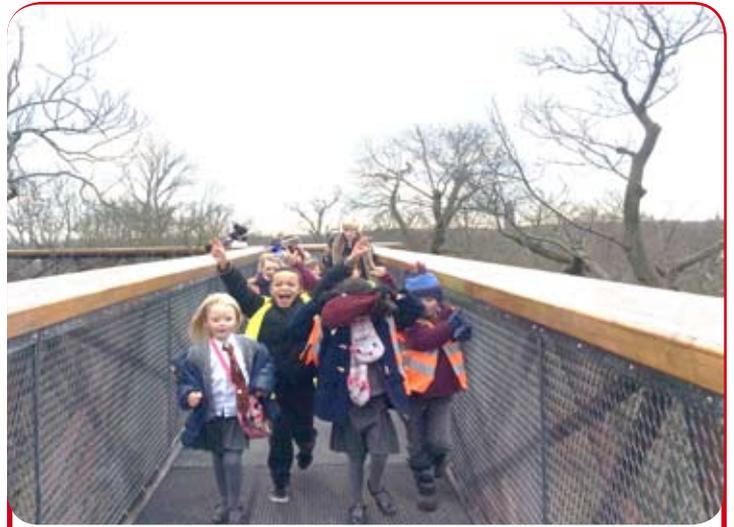


# School Trips



## Y5's trip to South London Gurdwara

Y5 visited the South London Sikh Gurdwara on the 26th of February. A man called Jasbir gave us a tour. We also visited the prayer room and discussed different aspects of the Sikh religion. When we went upstairs to the prayer room, we all had to cover our heads and sit on the floor together. This is a sign of respect and shows that we are all equal. I like how everyone is equal, so even if the Prime Minister came, he'd sit on the floor with everyone else. I learnt that Sikhs believe in one God. Sikhism is a non-proselytising religion, which means they don't try to convert people. They believe all religions are good and Sikhism isn't better than any other religion, it is just the one that they feel is right for them. Thank you Mr Pearson, Miss Clark and Grace F's Mum (Jane) for making this a fabulous trip!



## Y2's trip to Kew Gardens

Yesterday Y2 got on a very fast train when it was very cold. When we got there we split into two groups. My group first went to the Princess of Wales conservatory. Next we got there and there were lots of different rooms and one was even like England. After that we had a very long walk to the badger sett. Before we got there I was very hungry but I don't know why? Later on we got to the badger sett. IT WAS FUN! After that we went to Climbers & Creepers. We had lunch. My lunch was yummy. Later on we learned about lots of seeds. Then we had a workshop. I learned about the big bum plant that has the largest seed in the world. I liked the badger sett best because it had a little chimney and because it was dark.

Nathaniel Y2



## Y6's Trip to the Hindu Mandir

On Wednesday 4th March we set off on the coach to northwest London to pay a visit to the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Neasden. When we arrived, we were stunned by its beauty. We had an introductory talk in the reception after taking our shoes off. We learnt that that Mandir took three years to build and each of the 26,300 stones were individually carved. We then visited the 'Understanding Hinduism Exhibition' which was really interesting and uncovered knowledge about the Hindu faith. Finally we took part in the Arti ceremony in the marble mandir. Lighted lamps were waved before the sacred images and music was played, it was very holy. We had a lovely time and enjoyed finding out about another world faith.

Jessica & Kitty Y6



## Y4's trip to Cadbury World

Y4 went to Cadbury World in Birmingham for a school trip relating to our topic on chocolate. It was an amazing day and we got to explore most of the chocolate factory! We found out about the history of Cadbury's chocolate and how the company started. We learnt about where chocolate comes from and about fair trade. We got to taste their melted chocolate and see how it was created into a chocolate bar. In fact we were lucky to be given lots of yummy chocolate bars to take home. There were lots of interesting and exciting things to see around the factory. The 4D adventure was terrific with the interactive quiz and the actual 4D experience. We all enjoyed the trip and buying lots of goodies in the biggest Cadbury shop in the world! It has to be one of the best trips yet!

Thomas C Y4



## Young Voices at the O2

Young voices this year was great! Even though we knew that we would have a late night, we were all bouncing into school that morning. We finally crammed onto the tube at 12 pm and sang all the way and before we knew it we were in the O2 arena! St Mary's Choir had lunch and then we were back in for a rehearsal, it seemed to go on forever! After our long tiring singsong, we ate our packed tea and got ourselves ready for the real thing. We took our seats and we were introduced to the sea of parents seated in front of us. Then the first song started and we began to sing. At the end we were all very tired and were re-united with our parents. The choir had a brilliant night that we will never forget!

Saskia & Georgie Y6



## Memorial Plaque

Many of you may have noticed the beautiful plaque that has been installed in the Charlwood Road garden. The plaque has been erected in memory of our dear colleague John Read, who died over the summer. Many Putney residents and visitors often comment on our tranquil and idyllic garden. John, and indeed all members of the extended Read family, has worked really hard in our garden over the years. Staff and close family gathered together on the evening of March 5th, John's birthday, to celebrate this work and to unveil the plaque in remembrance of a keen gardener who was a highly respected and beloved member of our St. Mary's family.

## Meeting the Welsh rugby Team

My Dad entered me into a competition. If I won I would be the Welsh rugby mascot and I would win four free tickets to the game and a Welsh rugby kit.

Ten days later, my Dad got a phone call from the Welsh rugby union saying I had won the competition. When my Dad told me I started running up and down in the kitchen!

On the day, we travelled to the Millennium Stadium. I was very nervous. After dinner I met the Captain of the national team, Sam Warburton and player, Jamie Roberts.

I walked onto the pitch with Jamie Roberts – I was very excited. The crowd were screaming. It was a great experience. I will never forget that day.

Lucy Y5



## Theatre Trip

Y4 went to the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane to watch 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory: The Musical.' We went by train to Waterloo station and walked across the bridge, stopping for a quick class photo with the glorious Thames view in the background.

The theatre was magical. The actors were amazing. It was a very enjoyable show. We were lucky enough to get front row seats, but even better, after the performance we got to meet Alex Jennings, the person who played Willy Wonka. If that was not enough we were then treated to a backstage tour! We saw all the costumes and props used in the show. I enjoyed this trip very much - a great introduction to our topic on chocolate. Thanks to Mr Lett and Mrs McCarthy who organised the trip and special thanks to Mr Healy (Hope's Dad) who helped arrange the backstage tour.

Gloria Y4

## FoSMS

This term we have had the wonderful sell out Family Disco run by Y2 – this was a great event and had enthusiasm and action by the bucket loads. The quiz night this year has been hailed as the best ever – another sell out FoSMS event.



This term has been a lot of planning for future events – we are looking forward to our 'Up in the Air' Art Exhibition next term on the 16th May and the Summer Party run by Y6 parents, not to mention our biggest event The Summer BBQ on the 27th June. The Summer Term is where we ask all parents to really help out and pitch in as much as they can. With so many events going on, we really need everyone's support, help and commitment. Please give generously, prioritise our events into your busy diaries, commit some time to help with the planning and running of our fundraisers and book your tickets early.

St Mary's prides itself on our wonderful committed and enthusiastic parents, teachers and carers; Let's make it an amazing Summer Term, let's do it all together – let's make more money than ever before, let's enjoy working all together for the benefit of all our children.

Thank you for all your support – and wishing you a great Easter Holiday.

All FoSMS details can be found at [www.fosms.co.uk](http://www.fosms.co.uk).

Best wishes Theresa Hawkins  
FoSMS Co-ordinator

## We Need your Help!!!!

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## Mrs Bishop Uncovered...

I grew up in Surrey with my two elder sisters and one younger brother. I particularly loved Infant School and remember regularly helping out my favourite art teacher (at break times!) mixing paints, sorting brushes and organising bottles of milk for us all to drink! I have always wanted to be a teacher and studied a B.Ed. Degree in English/Education at Southampton. After graduating I moved to London to begin my career. I have been at St Mary's for far too many years to mention – and have loved every moment!

### What do you like best about St Mary's?

St Mary's is a very special school – it's why I have stayed here for so long. I think there is a very unique spirit to it that shines through each and every big and little person who works within it. I believe that it is a school that offers not only a wonderful education but a true sense of Christian community.

### What makes you happy?

Sunshine!

### What subjects did you like best at school?

Art and English.

### Which of your habits would you like to change?

I would love to not feel so self-conscious when asked to dress up for school events – my colleagues seem so much more at ease!! Although, in my defence, not many jobs expect you to dress up as Where's Wally, a pig from The Three Little Pigs or a pirate in the space of a year! We won't even mention the Red Nose Day singing extravaganza and Mr Lett's wonderful staff DVD musicals! Mrs Livingstone and Miss Payne love it – I'm not so keen but always try to give it a go!

### Who is your favourite actor?

I love Meryl Streep for her versatility and talent. My favourite feel good movie is Mama Mia – especially on a wet and cold, rainy afternoon – although I always cringe when Pierce Brosnan starts to sing!

### How do you like to relax?

Long walks on the beach in France – (where my father lives) with all the family followed by a wonderfully long, beautifully cooked French meal and a glass of wine.

### What things upset you?

Rudeness and ingratitude

### What is your greatest extravagance?

Molton Brown candles – and buying lots of new books from a good book shop rather than the internet. My husband loves his Kindle but I will not be swayed!



### What pet do you have or would you like?

My children always wanted a dog but our lives are very busy and I know I would be the one getting up early to walk it! We have a cat called Ziggy Stardust – Ziggy for short - who is beautiful, wonderfully independent and rather aloof!

### What single thing would improve the quality of your life?

More hours in the day - maybe that should be more specifically in the weekend!

### What are your favourite pastimes?

I love travelling, art and spending time with my lovely family – especially those times when I don't have to 'nag' about revision and homework and we can all relax – (preferably in the sunshine!).

### What human trait do you most dislike?

People who don't say thank you!

### Describe a favourite meal?

Anything cooked by my husband – he's the chef in our house. I can just about make baked beans on toast without a catastrophe!

### Which famous person do you most admire?

I think I admire 'everyday' people more than anyone famous; my dad, my children, my husband, the wonderfully talented staff at St. Marys and of course my fantastic Year 6 class – and possibly Mr Walker who has to work with me too!

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

Give it a go!

### How would you like to be remembered?

Hopefully not dressed up in any sort of Red Nose Day or World Book Day costume, but someone who has taught children well and been there for them.

## FoSMS Quiz

On 12th March it was the adults turn to come to school for the annual FoSMs Quiz night. Huge thanks to the Barnes, Brearley and Farrell families for hosting a great evening. I particularly enjoyed the crisps round—years of being able to discern between Wotsits and M&S cheese puffs finally paid off! And at last one of the answers was actually 'Dolly Parton'! It was lovely to see so many parents—both past and present – thank you all for supporting this event and to the Y1 team for all of the hard work that went into the night's success. Congratulations to Polly's Follies who won the quiz, the prize is setting next year's quiz!

