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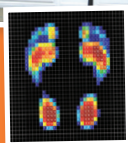
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Letter from the Head....

Letter from the Head

Having just looked through the first draft of this Summer edition of St. Mary's News, I can tell you that you are in for a real treat! It is jam packed with colourful photos of us all in action – especially the children – and full of information about what we have all been up to this term.



I hope you join me in feeling a sense of pride at what we have achieved as you look through these pages. I am really delighted that St. Mary's continues to be able to deliver an outstanding all round education to all of its children, especially in these days of austerity.

As always, I would like to thank our amazing staff team for their tireless hard work and for the things that they do beyond their duties to ensure the children have the best experience they possibly can. I am proud to lead such a great team. I am excited thinking about next year, when we will be welcoming new members of staff to St. Mary's. I am confident that they will strengthen and add value to our team, making it even more outstanding than it already is!

I would also like to say a special thank you to our governors – a team of volunteers – of whom much is asked in terms of time and expertise. Again we are very lucky to have such an enthusiastic and dedicated group to challenge and support us. My thanks to Sally McGeachie, Chair of Governors; for her leadership and management of the governor team and for the many hours she puts in to ensure our school remains an excellent choice for the families of Putney.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you – especially those of you who have committed time, resources and efforts to run and support FoSMs events this year. We have been so fortunate to be able to purchase a whole school set of interactive whiteboards and computers; and a professional backdrop and lighting rig for the hall. Both have been put to excellent use – especially our backdrop and lights, which were in action last week during the end of term performances. Thank you FoSMs!

Speaking of FoSMs, I say a very heartfelt thank you to Michele Williams. Michele has led and managed our PTA for three years and has taken the decision to step down at the end of this academic year. As we head into our bicentennial year, we are really going to miss Michele and the tireless hard work she has put in for our school. If there is anyone out there who would be keen to have a conversation with me about taking on the Vice-Chair role in our PTA, please do grab me on the playground or drop me a line! We wish Michele and her family all the very best for the future and they leave with our very grateful thanks and hopefully lots of fond memories of St. Mary's.

Well, that's it for another year! This one has gone so quickly! They say time flies when you are having fun!

Until September, I hope you have a very safe and restful summer with your nearest and dearest, let's hope this wonderful sunshine lasts the whole six weeks!

Cheryl Payne
Head Teacher

Governors News

Natasha Hume and I feel extremely privileged to be part of the school governing body and thank you for putting your faith in us to carry out this role. We thought we'd take the opportunity to let you know how we're getting on.

Since being elected, we have attended a new governor training course (2 sessions) run by Wandsworth Council. The course is designed to give greater insight into the role, the governance we should expect to see at the school, the changing landscape of education, and what part governors play in Ofsted inspections. Natasha has joined the Resources committee and I have joined the Pupil committee (with particular focus on attainment), so we attend one committee and one full governing body meeting a term.

In addition to this framework, governors also lend skills as required. For example, I have been working with Sue Abraham on the school's data protection and GDPR compliance.

Each governor is also assigned a particular subject or aspect of the school for which you have direct engagement in school life (with pupils/teachers/curriculum). I have to say, Miss De Souza and I had our first 'pupil voice' session with 2 classmates from each class for her subject, DT – and I enjoyed it immensely. Two pupils in Y5 arrived with their weather inventions built using pencils, pins and cut-out spelling cards – very resourceful! These sessions are extremely important for a real grass roots understanding of the school, bringing differing perspectives to educational life and providing support where needed.

My observations from all the governors is a desire to be immersed in the school and be part of the process, rather than observing from afar. We are therefore grateful to the staff and pupils for giving us the opportunity to come and visit the school on a regular basis.

And finally, the makeup of the governing body reaches outside the parent and school community. There are Faith, Inclusion and Legal representatives as well as ex-parents (such as the chair) who have all made us feel very welcome and supported.

Thank you again,
Linda O'Riordan

Y6 Trip to Southwark Cathedral

This year our Year 6 children took part in the joint Leavers' Service held by the Diocese of Southwark at the spectacular Southwark Cathedral. This special service was aimed at all Year 6 children who attend a Diocese of Southwark primary school and provided a great opportunity for the class to meet up and worship with other children who are also moving onto secondary school. Our Year 6 class really enjoyed the moment, reflecting on their time at primary school, singing hymns, joining in with prayers and watching some fantastic musical and dance contributions from other schools.

The theme at the service was 'My Peace I Give You; My Peace I Leave You', in which the children were encouraged to look for God's guidance and help as they transition into the next stage of their education.



Classroom Close-ups

Y2

Year Two have had a busy summer term which has included two fantastic trips to support our summer topic of Our World, which focuses on what we can do to look after our environment. First we went to Wandsworth Recycling Centre in June on the river taxi. We saw how our household waste is recycled to make new equipment like tables, chairs, T-shirts and much more. We then made paper using old newspapers, then went to visit the great Egyptian worm recyclers, who eat fruit and vegetable waste, then poo it out to make compost for our gardens! Clever and gross at the same time!



Two weeks later we went on a visit to the Barnes Wetland Centre to study birds in our local habitat and to do a spot of pond dipping. The Wetland Centre trip was particularly memorable for taking place on one of the hottest days of the year! It was a wonderful excuse to get drenched in the water play area before finding creative ways of keeping cool on the way back to school.

Now we're all looking forward to putting on a brilliant end of year performance: Hats Off!

Y6

Year Six got through their SATs! They worked really hard in preparing for these important tests, so a huge well done to them all! As a treat for their hard work the class enjoyed a picnic at Wandsworth Park in the glorious sunshine. Year Six have continued to work on their leadership skills by providing 'Active Play' sessions on the playground for the younger children in the school and ensuring that everyone is friendly and being nice during playtimes through their role as a 'Playground Pal'.

As always the class have worked hard in their maths and English lessons whilst also enjoying RE, art, music and PE. In our PSHE lessons the class have thought about their health through drug awareness sessions and more recently they have been learning about the changes to their bodies during puberty. The KS2 production of 'Rock Bottom' has been in full rehearsal and has been a particular highlight for the children to enjoy in recent weeks - everyone is really excited for putting on a great show! The final St. Mary's trip for Year Six was to Painshill Park - this was a great way for the children to spend time together before saying goodbye... and so their time at primary



school has now come to an end! We wish the whole of Year 6 farewell and the very best of luck at their secondary schools!

YN

Here in Nursery we cannot believe it is the summer already! We have been talking more and more about our new Reception classes and enjoying a final term altogether.



It is wonderful to see the boys and girls so independent and eager to learn for themselves; this year we have been particularly impressed by the writing and mark making which has appeared all over the classroom! Both Nursery classes have eagerly taken part in lots of school events this term including Sports Day, and transformed into autumn leaves and snowflakes in the EYFS and KS1 production.

We have learnt a great deal about Minibeasts this term, from snails to ladybirds and woodlice. Did you know worms have ten hearts? We do! We watched real caterpillars grow and grow in our classroom, and finally emerge from their chrysalides as butterflies. We learnt new skills when we went to Fulham Palace and attended a minibeast hunt workshop. We caught different insects using 'pooters' and other new equipment, and observed them carefully. We have used these skills back at school too, finding lots of minibeasts in the outdoor classroom and in the school garden. It has been brilliant to see the children so engaged! We focused our learning for a few weeks on "What the Ladybird Heard" by Julia Donaldson, and took the opportunity to visit Bockett's Farm – the children loved feeding various animals, and enjoyed a wonderful day out together.

A huge WELL DONE to every child for their super effort and progress – what a fantastic year!

Y4

It has been a busy and productive term for Year Four. We have had quite a 'writing focus' which began with our Power of Reading text the wonderful, Mama Miti and the Trees of Kenya. Through lyrical prose and strikingly beautiful illustrations, the true story of Wangari Muta Maathai, known as "Mama Miti," is told. Children developed their creative responses to the text through drama, storytelling and wonderful mosaic artwork!

We then had a go at publishing our own chapter books. The children enjoyed the process of planning, drafting and editing their own stories and LOVED sharing them with parents at our final Exit Point of the year. It has been a fantastic term full of fun, friendship and hard work! Well done Year 4!



YR

This term Reception have been really busy learning about 'Transport' and 'Pirates.' The class started the summer term by reading the 'Naughty Bus.' They



went on a multitude of adventures with the 'Bus', including speeding through a plate of beans and falling into a garden pond! Reception acted out these adventures and created their own exciting ideas for where to take the 'Bus' next. Our role-play area became a 'London Bus' and they planned lots of imaginative journeys. We visited The London Transport Museum and went back in time to look at how transport has changed.

This half term Reception have been learning about 'Pirates.' The class has been busy dressing up and getting into character, creating their own Pirate Ship and making treasure maps. The children really got into character and developed exciting Pirate stories and narratives. During our trip to Legoland Reception watched a fantastic pirate show, went on a pirate ship, water rides and created wonderful coral reef habitats and underwater creatures with lego. We continued to learn about underwater creatures and found out lots of information through the book 'Surprising Sharks.'

To end the term Reception participated enthusiastically in all the Sports Day events and particularly enjoyed the medals and ice-lollies at the end! They have worked hard on their song for the KS1 and EYs performance and really enjoyed performing it for everyone.

Y3

This term, Year three has learned all about how the lives of people living in different countries are similar and different to our own lives. We loved learning about how school life is different in other countries and especially loved meeting Rachel who told us all about life on Pentecost Island, Vanuatu.



Our favourite topic, however, has been Land, Sea and Sky, in which we have learned all about different animals and where they live. We particularly enjoyed meeting a bearded dragon and testing out which shape of fish might be the fastest. We learned all about how animals are adapted to live in different environments and used this knowledge to create our own book of fantastic beasts and where to find them!

One of our favourite events this half term was a dance workshop. We loved showing off our dance moves, learning new ones and performing our dance together at the end!

In English we fell in love with Wilbur the pig! We loved seeing how, Charlotte the spider, helped Wilbur to survive and learned lots of new words along the way. Our favourite stories were the Greek and Norse myths and we particularly enjoyed learning all about the Norse gods and the mischief that Loki got into! We used everything that we'd learned to write some fantastic myths of our own.

Y1

This term in literacy, Year One has particularly enjoyed looking at the story "Lila and the Secret of Rain" learning about droughts, the different climates in Kenya and creating their own call and response poems and performing them to Reception class.

Year One have enjoyed learning about water in our topic Water World. We have researched how much of the world is covered in water; we learnt why water is important, we looked at water in relation to our bodies and now understand many geographical and scientific terms. A highlight of this topic has been visiting the River Thames to discover the home of many different types of creatures. We saw lots of birds, seaweed and boats but were unable to spot any fish species.

To explore water habitats further, we went to London Sealife Aquarium and had a great day of fun and learning. The children particularly enjoyed going on the river bus and learning about the mantis shrimp which despite only being 10cm long can break a human hand with one punch!

Highlights of the year in the children's words are ALL OF IT!



Y5

Year Five had an action-packed Summer Term filled with hard work and lots of fun. We all enjoyed our topic, 'Weather and Climate' in which we learnt about the water cycle, different cloud formations and wild weather such as hurricanes and tornados. We finished the topic with a Weather and Climate fair for our parents, that required us to work in groups and come up with fun ideas to teach others. It was a huge success! To complement our topic, we read, Floodland by Marcus Sedgwick, giving us a scary glimpse of what the UK could be like if climate change continues.



Our more recent topic, 'Bake It,' brought out our inner chefs, we tasted different types of bread, learnt about materials, reversible and irreversible changes and finally made our own bread. A highlight was a trip to Pizza Express to make pizzas which we brought back for lunch. We were the envy of the school!

Our brilliant performance in 'Rock Bottom,' and the KS2 Sports Day helped us to end the year on a high note. We are now ready to take on the challenges of Year Six

Jack
St. Augustine's College,
Sydney



Memories: I remember when I first came into the school to see my new classmates and potential friends. Tomos at the sight of me shouted "When's your birthday?" I replied "September 5th 2006." "Nooooooooooooooooo!" he responded. His reply will stick with me forever.

Ambitions: After school I hope to be an engineer in tech or an automotive engineer. I also wouldn't mind to be a professional surfer.

Teachers will remember you for: your quick wit, cheeky charm, superb leadership skills and captivating performance as Wild Willie.

Muzammil
Ashcroft Technology
Academy



Memories: In Y6, I remember going to Sayers Croft. There I enjoyed the disco with DJ Letty. A thing I deeply enjoyed doing, was the Colour Run and it was a fun way to raise money for the NSPCC.

Ambitions: When I'm older I would like to join the army or be a professional break dancer. If that doesn't work out I would like to be in MI6 or MI5.

Teachers will remember you for: your ability to ask many questions, your passion for all things military and the fact that you never give up!

Michael
Christ's School



Memories: I remember in Year 3 Caitlin, Chloe, Holly and I auditioned for the Red Nose Day talent show by singing revolting children. We would practice at every break we had but we ended up forgetting the words. Luckily we still got through and we remembered the words for the real show.

Ambitions: I'm not 100% sure yet but I'd like to do something such as being a fashion designer because I can let my creativity flow and do what I love.

Teachers will remember you for: your love for nature, your distinctive style and being an advocate for equality.

Emily
Lady Margaret School



Memories: I remember at Sayers Croft we got put into groups for a quiz. When Mrs Bishop was calling out a question, somebody pulled a funny face and the hot chocolate (in my mouth) came out my nose and all over my pyjamas. Everyone stared at me and then started laughing!

Ambitions: I think that I would like to become an actress, an accountant or a chef.

Teachers will remember you for: your cheerful nature, being a team player and your vocal talents!

Caitlin
Surbiton High School



Memories: In Year 4 I remember Siena and I went wild with ingredients we put in our homemade chocolate. It was delicious! The best memory I have occurs to me every time somebody talks about Mother's Day – it brings me back to our Mother's Day service rehearsal in Year 5. I was about to read my part but the person in front of me was speaking into the mic really loudly so it kept screeching. Eventually it was my turn to read and just when I started reading I burst out laughing and I ended up having a huge laughing fit.

Ambitions: I would like to play for the England Women's football team. If that isn't possible I would like to be an actor/dancer or an artist.

Teachers will remember you for: your sporting abilities, your jovial nature and your enthusiastic performance as a Juan in the show!

Kate
Surbiton High School



Memories: I remember in Y3 Gabriella, Lucy, Siena and I did a talent show audition – we practiced so much at each other houses and in school but still didn't get in which we were so annoyed about! At Sayers Croft I was terrified to abseil and was so bad at it – but it was still fun!

Ambitions: I want to play professional netball or hockey and after that I want to work in fashion and then donate money to charity.

Teachers will remember you for: your bubbly personality, your ability to take control of a situation and always being ready for action!

Gabriella
Lady Margaret School



Memories: I remember at Sayers Croft going abseiling and I was terrified of heights and scared to go down. The instructor and my class mates told me that I was going to be fine and that there was no reason to be scared – I finally jumped and found out it wasn't scary after all, but great fun! I also remember how Mrs O'Connell woke us up in the mornings at Sayers Croft by playing the Macarena really loudly – I loved it.

Ambitions: When I am older I want to be a vet and help animals. I hate to see them hurt or suffering and only wish to help. I would also love to be a teacher and work with children to help them learn.

Teachers will remember you for: your love for dogs, your flair for fashion and considerate personality.

Amber
Lady Margaret School



Memories: My dearest memory was in YR when my class went to Legoland and I was the only one who got wet because I was standing too close to the rollercoaster. I was really upset and started crying but then my teachers bought me some sweets.

Ambitions: My ambitions are to be a famous actress and travel the world but if that doesn't work out I would like to save lots of animals or become a babysitter.

Teachers will remember you for: your determination, your groovy dance moves and a fabulous hair flick!

Louis
The Fulham Boys School



Memories: I remember in Sayers Croft when we could hear the Macarena playing in the girls' dorm to wake them up. It was hilarious. I also remember the disco with DJ Letty. It was funny when everyone lost their voices!

Ambitions: I would like to become a professional footballer and if that does not work out I would like to be a plasterer like my dad.

Teachers will remember you for: "... underlay, underlay, underlay!", your love of football, your chivalry and being a great role model!

Matilda

Richmond Park Academy



Memories: I remember that in Y3 Michael, Caitlin, Cloe, Holly and I tried out for the Talent Show by singing Revolting Children from the musical Matilda. When they took the picture for the group I was in the middle with a really bad cheesy grin. It looked quite funny.

Ambitions: When I'm older I want to be a professional netballer or a judge in court because I love netball and I think that being a judge sounds fun and it earns quite a lot of money.

Teachers will remember you for: your ambitious personality, your ability to organise a group and being a dancing queen!

Tom

The Fulham Boys School



Memories: I remember in Y3 when Mrs O'Connell was making a card for Josh because he was leaving. Mrs Barrett told me to warn her if Josh was coming, but I didn't want to because I was really shy. So I told Tomos and when Josh was coming Tomos shouted really loud WALLAKAZOO!!! It was really funny!

Ambitions: When I am older I would like to become a professional rugby player or a basketballer or a rower. When I retire I would like to be a doctor like my dad.

Teachers will remember you for: your brilliant attitude to all sports, your calm approach to life and being the 'Smartest Giant in Town!'

Siena

Lady Margaret School



Memories: I remember in Year R during one of the assemblies and it being the birthday part where we shout 'Happy Birthday' then sing the song. But this particular time it was switched and as I shouted 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY!' as loud as I could I realised I was the only one shouting – so it was really embarrassing! Also in Year 6 Gabriella, James and I made our 'blue empire', an army of rubbers with blue tattoos that would set up bases of stationery and take over desks.

Ambitions: I would like to be an Olympic swimmer because I really like swimming and I'm also good at it.

Teachers will remember you for: hoarding Blu-Tac, your love for reading and your amazing strength and maturity.

Lucy

Ibstock Place School



Memories: I remember in Year 3 Gabriella, Siena, Kate and I auditioned for the talent show. We sang 'if I could turn back time' from the movie walking on sunshine. In year four we did an experiment with how much sugar food had in it. We had to take a tablet to see how much plaque we had on our teeth. Our mouths went purple. Mr Lett took a photo of me and Siena with our mouths open and put it onto the school website.

Ambitions: I would love to become either a vet or a maths teacher. I would rather be a maths teacher because I don't really want to see animals hurt but I would like to help them.

Teachers will remember you for: your mathematical prowess, your determination and being a caring friend.

George Whitgift



Memories: I remember when we went to Sayers Croft and had a disco. There was a huge dance off. I also remember scoring my first goal for the school. I dribbled around two players before scoring from the half way line. I then screamed 'I told you I had pace!'

Ambitions: I dream to become a footballer for Wolves and England; but if that doesn't work out I want to become a football journalist or an actor.

Teachers will remember you for: being great on the drum kit, your considerate nature and being Putney's No.1 Wolves fan!

Emese

Ashcroft Technology Academy



Memories: I remember in Sayers Croft loving all the activities and the class disco. We got woken up by Mrs O'Connell every day when she came into our room playing the Macarena and then waking up the boys as well. One of my funniest memories was when we did our entry point for light and sound and we had a fake smoke machine and we accidentally set off the fire alarm!

Ambitions: I don't really know what I want to be when I grow up; but I think I either want to be a sports person or a vet like my mum.

Teachers will remember you for: being a brilliant basketball player, your helpful nature and excellent communication skills.

Katie

Highfield



Memories: I remember in Y4 when we had groups for the Harvest Festival and we had to be a kind of food. I chose to be a pumpkin and I made a really embarrassing face in front of the whole school – my face went as red as a tomato!

Ambitions: When I grow up I want to be in the England girl's hockey team or be a rower. After that I would like to become a physiotherapist. Or perhaps go to poor countries and teach kids sport.

Teachers will remember you for: your adaptability, your sporting abilities and your constant smile.

Lily

Lady Margaret School



Memories: St. Mary's is an amazing school – it has never let me down. My favourite memory was probably visiting Cadbury World. I remember on the way back I ate a Curly Wurly. I found a hard lump in my chocolate; I thought it was a sugar block, turns out it was actually my tooth!

Ambitions: I would like to become a gymnast and be in the Olympics and represent Great Britain. If that doesn't work out, then I would like to become a netball player.

Teachers will remember you for: your beaming smile, your perseverance and great netball skills!

Jason

Whitgift



Memories: I really liked Sayers Croft and at different points of the day I would write messages in the style of the Tom Gates books. I also had good fun doing the '5-a-Day' morning dance workouts with my friend Aaron.

Ambitions: I would be keen to work in IT. I also like playing tennis and badminton, so I wouldn't mind being a professional badminton player.

Teachers will remember you for: your intelligence, your politeness and for being a shining example for others.

Name: Rosalind
Lady Margaret School



Memories: I remember when we went to Churchill War Rooms and we got something for £5. It was fun because I had bought a sweet and a book. I also remember when I was on a trip and I hit my friend on the face with my cardigan when we were partners.

Ambitions: I would like to be a teacher or a nurse when I'm older because I would like to help people and care for them.

Teachers will remember you for: your swishing pigtails, your friendly persona and your violin playing.

Name: Giulia
Lady Margaret School



Memories: I remember in Nursery when my class and I were on a school trip and I was partners with Rosie and she smacked her cardigan in my face! I was very upset at the time but now I find it funny and she is one of my best friends. I also remember going to Sayers Croft – I wish I could go again.

Ambitions: I would like to be a vet because I love animals and I like looking after them.

Teachers will remember you for: your friendliness, your observation skills and your artistic talents.

Name: Victoria
Ashcroft Technology Academy



Memories: I remember Sayers Croft as every morning we woke up to the Macarena. My favourite activity was the abseiling and I really want to do it again. I liked going to Cadbury World because we got to taste fresh chocolate; it had just came out of the machine!

Ambitions: I would really like to become a professional tennis player; but if that doesn't work out I would like to be an artist.

Teachers will remember you for: your calm temperament, your friendliness and your tennis playing.

Aaron
The Moat School



Memories: I remember in Y6 we went to Sayers Croft and how scared everyone was about abseiling but I was as keen as a bean! But when I was up there my heart did a triple front flip! I also remember in YR Mrs McCarthy kept on playing that Mamma Mia song over and over again – it would drive the boys bonkers and all the girls would sing along!

Ambitions: I would love to be an architect when I'm older so I can build a disabled centre for my little sister.

Teachers will remember you for: your resilience, your words of wisdom and being the ultimate superhero fan!

Daniel
Bruern Abbey



Memories: In Y5 I remember we made spaghetti and marshmallow towers. My group made the tallest tower but it fell down; we didn't give up and St. Marys has taught me never to give up and persevere through the hard times. That is what I will remember when I go to secondary school.

Ambitions: I would like to become either a manager, sports player or a designer.

Teachers will remember you for: your great imagination, your ability to make people laugh and your performance as Elsa in the talent show!

Noah
Whitgift



Memories: I remember when in Reception James and I would dress up in these really weird Disney dresses. I also remember when at Sayers Croft Mrs O'Connell would come into both of the dorms and play the Macarena and all the girls would start dancing to it but the boys didn't like it. Finally, I remember in Year 3 when Josh was leaving Miss Barrett asked Tommy to shout something really loud but he didn't want to and asked Tomos to do it instead; when Josh came in he shouted 'walacazoo!'

Ambitions: I would like to become a sportsman or sports coach but if that doesn't work I would like to become an engineer as I like designing things.

Teachers will remember you for: your great sense of humour, your great sportsmanship and for being a budding thespian!

Holly
Kingston Grammar School



Memories: I remember the day I joined St. Mary's in Year 2 – we did a welcome dance and I was partners with Daniel and had a whale of a time. I immediately felt at home while twisting and turning to the beat!

Ambitions: I have developed a love for economics and business so I would like to incorporate my other passion, food, and create a chain of restaurants or another kind of enterprise. I also have a strong point for politics and would like to lead my country by becoming PM. My favourite sport is hockey and would like to continue that too!

Teachers will remember you for: your confidence, your initiative and for being the most likely to become Prime Minister!

Seb
The Fulham Boys School



Memories: I can remember Sayers Croft as a fun and interactive trip. Every morning I could hear the Macarena coming from the girls' dorm! If I had the chance!

Ambitions: I'm not 100% sure but I would like to have a job involving art as I think I really shine at art!

Teachers will remember you for: your ability to engage young children, your art skills and your sense of humour.

Eddie
Ark Putney Academy



Memories: I remember in Y2 Caitlin, Aaron and I all played a great game of cricket – I thought the day would never end. In Y6 Sayer's Croft was amazing! I could hear the Macarena in the girls room all the time in the mornings (I really thought it was funny). I will miss you all though because you are my friends and I will especially miss Aaron.

Ambitions: In a couple of years I want to be an artist (they say the pencil is mightier than the sword – it has no limitations) because I want to help make cartoons like the game for a cartoon called B.A.T.I.M (Bendy And The Ink Machine). Also I think becoming a cook would be nice as I do love to cook.

Teachers will remember you for: your rapping, your love for Pokémon and your detailed drawings.

Avni
Southfields Academy



Memories: I remember when it was my first day – I was the first person at the gates! I met Katie who showed me around everywhere. I also remember when Emily laughed so much in Sayers Croft that hot chocolate came out of her nose!

Ambitions: When I am older I would like to be a professional tennis player and a scientist studying biology, chemistry and physics.

Teachers will remember you for: your inquisitiveness, your quiet and respectful approach to learning, and for being fabulous with the second hand uniform sales.

Anna
Ark Putney Academy



Memories: In Year 5 and Year 6 I did the Spring Concert. The first time was with Eddie, we sang Awake and Alive, I was so nervous I forgot the moves! The second time I did it was with Emily, that was really fun, we practiced almost every day! We sang Fight Song. When we were practicing I had a bad throat so it really hurt to sing; when we practiced in front of the school my microphone was off!

Ambitions: I would love to be an actress, singer, dancer, chef or baker because I love doing all of those things!

Teachers will remember you for: cutting your hair for charity, your helpful manner and your beautiful singing voice!

James
Whitgift



Memories: I remember in Year 4 when we went to Cadbury World and I started eating the left over chocolate! I also remember in Year 6 when we went to the Churchill War Rooms and my dad and Dan's mum showed up because it was their lunch break and they work above the war rooms.

Ambitions: I want to become a professional squash player; but if that goes badly I would like to be part of the army.

Teachers will remember you for: your awesome drumming, your passion for history and your love for rugby.

SUMMER PERFORMANCES

ROCK BOTTOM

"...Raving in a cave like I'm goin' crazy! ...Rocking like a rollin' stone!"

Superb! - the whole school were excited and enthralled by the wonderful performances of our KS2 summer production: Rock Bottom! The entire cast did a 'rocking' job and everyone loved the singing, dancing and acting on stage. This production was an hysterical Stone Age rock musical we all enjoyed watching - well done to the children of Y3, Y4, Y5 and of course our fabulous Year 6! The children of Year 6 performed really well and I am sure they will treasure their memories of this show in the years to come!



HATS OFF

EY and KS1 performed a fabulous seasons performance. Y2 did an amazing job acting out and narrating the story. We saw all children really take on their roles. The production was funny and entertaining, everyone in the audience loved all the singing and dancing. Well done to all the bouncy dogs and spring flowers in Y1, YR for being fabulous chickens and a big well done to our Nursery class for being such amazing snowflakes and autumn leaves.





SPORTS DAY

Congratulations to all the pupils, staff and helpers for making the KS1 & KS2 sports days so fantastic. Together we made it an excellent experience for all. On the Thursday we saw KS1 pupils being lead through a number of activities by Y6 pupils followed by races on Putney Common. It looks like we have some budding athletes coming up the ranks. The competition certainly stepped up on Friday for both pupils and parents at the KS2 sports day. Lots of records were broken and gallons of water drunk on one of the hottest days of the year. Well done to all who took part both pupils and parents showed great sportsmanship on the field.





M:Tech Club

Our M:Tech club members have been working on 'Project Cartoons' this summer term, where they have been creating their own jingles, background music and sound effects to classic cartoons like Tom & Jerry, Scooby Doo, Bugs Bunny and Pokemon. I look forward to re-living some of my childhood when we hear some of their creations at the end of term! Meanwhile, Jack Hardman from M:Tech Head Office came in to do a demonstration to all of Years 3 to Year 5 and separately to Year 2 to see if there would be any newcomers for the Autumn Term.



Keystage One Choir

I have had to add extra chairs to our choir sessions this term as we are out-growing the benches due to our increased numbers! It has been fantastic having so many children who want to join in group singing and learn a bit more about being in a choir.

This term we have mastered being leaders in call-and-response songs and most will volunteer to be the lead on their own. A favourite warm-up call-and-response song is "Say Boom Chicka Boom" where we use different voices to warm up our vocal chords and explore the different sounds we can make. They have loved singing "A Keelie", a favourite from last year and is a traditional Ghanaian call-and-response song requiring good intonation and vocal control. We have also learnt "Sunshine in my Heart", which goes into two parts, as well as one many parents will recognise – "The Hippopotamus Song" by Flanders and Swann, which has many tricky words and melodies not to mention interesting actions! Well done to all the KS1 Choir singers!

"I learnt a lot, it was really good. My favourite song was A Keelie". Evie

"I really liked how we learnt new songs every week". Darcy

"I liked A Keelie and Say Boom Chicka Boom, in fact I liked it all!" Tithenbelle



Joint Holy Communion

On a beautiful sunny day in June Key Stage Two walked across to All Saints' Church to share in a Joint Eucharist with our friends at All Saints' Primary. Children from both schools led worship with reflective prayers, thought-provoking readings and enthusiastic song. The Service prompted us to think about how we can be strong in spirit. It was especially lovely that both schools could take a moment to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the wonderful work and support Rev Fawcett, Steve and James have given both schools over the year.

We shall miss them but look forward to future occasions the two schools can share such a special worship together.



All the children have to do is read SIX library books and visit the library regularly over the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives along the way.

Please encourage your children to visit the library and sign up and see the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to their reading.

We will be celebrating and rewarding all children who took part at the beginning of the new school year.



SPORTS NEWS

PPSSA District Sports

We arrived at Dover House Road sports field and couldn't wait to start warming up. First there were all the field events including: javelin, long jump and high jump. In the girls long jump both Arwenna in Y5 and Emese from Year 6 won! Then on to the track events where sadly the boys weren't able to pull through to the finals, but the girls got second place in the relay race. Emese won the overall best girl sprinter. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed taking part in all the events. We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Naughton, Miss Barrett and Mrs Coyle for taking us to this fabulous event and for encouraging the whole team to try their best.

Competitors

Year 3 - Zac & Evie

Year 4 - Max & Isobel

Year 5 - Antoni, En mu, Charlie, Hugo, Arwenna, Ruby, Imogen & Daisy

Year 6 - Tommy, James, Noah, Jack, Louis, Emese, Katie, Kate, Emily & Sienna



Putney & Wandsworth Mixed Basketball

Tommy, Emese, Katie, Noah and I went to Crystal Palace to compete in the London Youth Games. We started by playing three matches and we won them all. That meant we won out of our pool and we were in the quarter finals. It was a tough match but we pulled through to the semi-finals. The score was 7-2 to us so we made it through to the finals! We were against The Richmond Knights who played incredibly well. The final score was 10-4 to the other team. We unfortunately lost but it was still a fabulous achievement receiving our silver medal.

Many thanks to Mrs Bishop and Miss Overton for coming with us and supporting us. A HUGE thank you to Andy for making this possible by coaching us brilliantly and making us the second best team in London at basketball.

Kate Y6



Art

It's been an exciting term in the art room. We spent the first half of the summer term creating our paintings for the annual Art Exhibition on the theme of 'Cool Britannia'. The children enjoyed the opportunity to paint with acrylic paint on real canvases - a great experience for all our young artists at St Mary's. These wonderful materials are generously donated by FOSMS and they're efforts didn't stop here. The Art Exhibition, held on the day of the Royal Wedding itself, was an exciting day. The canvases were a riot of patriotic colour and all the children can all be justly proud of their fabulous paintings. Many congratulations to all our prize-winners, in particular Olivia Y3 for her beautiful landscape and Scarlett-Lily Y5 for her detailed painting of Beatles records.

In the second half of the term we have been creating small sculptures in clay. The art-room has been teeming with wonderful, ducks, dolphins, birds, butterflies and rays. Year 6 have made some lovely life-like self-portraits.

We have painted, printed, drawn and sculpted our way through the year and I hope you will enjoy sharing your children's achievements in their sketchbooks.



KS2 Choir

Choir this year has been amazing, it gets better every year. I love going and can't wait to see what is to come next year. The friendly environment makes it fun and we love a good laugh.

The first major event was the Young Voices at the O2 on the 2nd of February. To be there is such an honour and at the performance, you are surrounded by lights, singing the same songs as a few thousand others.

Another major event that we are working towards is the Thames Festival Kids' Choir, which we do in the open air at the Scoop near City Hall. It is not as big as Young Voices, but I enjoy it just the same.

I would really recommend KS2 choir for the children approaching Year Three and everyone who loves singing!

Maya Y5





Sponsored Walk
Well done to everyone who braved the cold weather to complete the sponsored walk in Richmond Park. It was a great fundraiser for the school and so your participation and enthusiasm was much appreciated.



Jane Keenan Catering Manager

UNCOVERED



I am London born and bred and live in Balham with my Mum – we live in the house that my Mum was born in and she is now 80 years old. I have been in catering since I was 15 when I started working for a friend who had a hotel and I have been working at St Mary's for just over 2 years. I have a 29 year old – he lives in North London and has a technology recruitment company.

What do you like best about St Mary's?

I think St Mary's is a great school – I love the way the teachers are so involved and I love the fact that all of the children's individual personalities can shine through.

What makes you happy?

Making other people happy makes me happy – I love seeing a smile on everyone's face. I was unwell with Cancer as a child and spent a long time in hospital – I had my 4th Birthday in Great Ormond Street hospital – because of this I think I feel so lucky to be alive and have always just wanted everyone to be happy.

Where was your best holiday?

My best holiday was in Malia, Crete. My best friend got married there and 72 guests went over for the wedding. I have such great memories from that trip.

What subjects did you like best at school?

My favourite subjects were Drama, DT and Maths.

How do you like to relax?

I like to relax by spending time with my son and my friends, we love chatting together.

What is your greatest extravagance?

My son is my greatest extravagance! I don't really spend money on myself.

What pet do you have or would you like?

We used to have a dog called Dizzy – he loved everyone and was like another child really!

What are your favourite pastimes?

Seeing my friends and watching horror movies.

What human trait do you most dislike?

Bad manners. Please and thank you and being polite doesn't cost anything.

Describe a favourite meal?

My favourite meal is steak (well done).

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

Life is too short and you really must live every day as your last.

How would you like to be remembered?

I would like to be remembered as always having a smile.

Joiners & Leavers

Goodbye - Pupils

Evie Y2

Jethro YR

Abigail YR

Goodbye - Staff

Theresa Hawkins - Teaching Assistant

Liz Cox - French Teacher

Hello

Liberty Y3

Rupert Y1

Callum Y4

Charlie Y5

FOSMS News

WOW! What a year we have had and what an incredibly packed Summer term to round it off. The whole year has been packed full of amazing events which have given something for everyone. Huge thanks to our Class Reps of 2017-2018, who have led the way by making all our events possible this year.

After 3 years as Vice-Chair I will stand down this Summer and I really couldn't be prouder of what we have achieved during that time. We have raised over £70,000 in profit during the past 3 years and have been able to enhance our children's school life on so many levels. From the interactive whiteboards, to classroom furniture, to the lighting and backdrops, to the reading books...the list is endless, and it is truly heart-warming to see the difference we can make as a school community.

I must thank the FOSMs committee who have continued to work tirelessly behind the scenes, not just this year but for 3 years with me as we pursued the dreams of the wish list. We have many unsung heroes, so I would like to say thank you to each person who has shown support and help for our school - it has been hugely appreciated and without you we couldn't have done it! Three fabulous ladies have been there alongside me for the 3 years with dedication and support, so sincere thanks to Anne, Bethan and Malin. I am incredibly proud of the 2017-2018 year we have had both financially and socially and believe we show the spirit of St. Mary's ethos in all we do, as despite the social climate we have still come together for our school.

We kicked off the Summer term with our family favourite Sponsored Walk. A great sporting day brought the parents together as they showed off their netball and football talents. Cool Britannia was the theme of the term, led by the tremendous Art Event. Absolutely a favourite of the year as we get to see our children blossoming in so many ways and celebrate their successes. The parents rocked the Summer Party and it was brilliant to have so many new faces! The KS2 disco gave the children a night to remember at their beach party as they hit the dance floor. The Summer BBQ received brilliant feedback from young and old, with the sun shining as a beautiful day was had by all in the spacious surroundings of our new playground space.

It was incredibly exciting to see the lights and backdrop installed permanently in the school hall ahead of the KS1 & KS2 plays which FOSMS paid for out of our fundraising this year. The children loved it and they felt very professional. The equipment will now be used for multiple events for the children.

So, as we bid a fond farewell to this years events and achievements we look forward to the Bicentennial year with anticipation and enthusiasm about what it will bring! Remember... anything is possible if you just believe. Have a peaceful Summer.

Michèle - FOSMs Vice-Chair

