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## Letter from the Head....

There have been so many highlights in this term, I could fill several pages! Before I mention these, can I ask if there anyone out there who would be willing to take on the role of editor of our amazing magazine? Lindsey Lillywhite has been our editor for at least five years and is looking to retire from the role. If there is anyone out there who is keen or willing to take on the role, please have a chat with Lindsey to find out what is involved. Lindsey, thank you for another great edition – St. Mary's News is such a great way for us to celebrate all of the marvellous things that happen at our school each term.



Our celebration of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee will live on for a long time in our memories. My thanks to Mr. Lett and the Jubilee committee: Sue Abraham, Rachel Le Prevost, Alisha McCarthy and Kerry Dunford and all of the parents and staff who supported them to create and deliver such an exciting and memorable day for us all. It is hoped that our jubilee flagpole – funded through donations – will be in place for September. Although it is unfortunate that the wall has fallen down in the playground, we have builders on site who are rebuilding it and they have agreed to put our flagpole in while they are here!

It was great to see Year Five performing 'Big Small Lost Found Things' at Polka Theatre in Wimbledon. The children brought us a very profound and moving piece which made many of us present think about what we may have lost as we've aged; it left us with a powerful message that we must not forget to take some whimsy with us as we grow... I may have shed a tear or two... Many thanks to parents for signposting the project and to Miss Hesketh who joined St. Mary's as a teacher in September and has pivoted to the role of director with great success!

I am also grateful to our other director, Mrs Bishop, who has prepared Year Six so brilliantly for their end of year show. I hope you all managed to see 'Shakespeare Rocks'. Our Year Six children have worked hard with their staff team to produce an entertaining and informative revue of William Shakespeare's life – with some killer tunes thrown in to move the narrative along. It has been bittersweet to watch such a cohesive class work together with such enthusiasm and talent to produce such a great show. It is a reminder that their time with us is almost at an end. Thanks to Mrs Rinaldi and Ms. Overton for all of their work and support for this production.

Thinking about our leavers reminds me of our new starters! Our induction events for new Nursery and Reception families begin in the Summer Term and it was great to be able to welcome new and old families who are joining us in September. Many thanks to our Early Years Lead, Alison Davidson, for organising this vital part of the school's work.

Seeing so many families past and present at the Summer Fair was another highlight of the term, as was our Key Stage Two Sports Day at Barn Elms. Both reminders that the partnership between home and school is the key to a school's success. We are so lucky to have such great support from our parent body and these events in the summer term, in particular, remind us how grateful we are to have such fantastic support – thank you parents and carers!

Our governing body has been a constant support over a difficult few years... It has been great to be able to move away from Covid restrictions and begin to think about the strategic vision for our school. I would like to thank all of our governors for their support and challenge this year, but I would also like to make special mention of our Co-Chairs Natasha Hume and Judith Kennedy who meet with me at least once a fortnight and who have provided some insightful strategic input into our long term vision which will move our school into a very exciting phase of further development.

Before I sign off, I want to thank our amazing staff team for all that they do. Every year they provide a fantastic learning experience for all the children at St. Mary's. They do it all with a sense of humour which makes the children smile. They have produced outstanding results this year. I hope that they all take time for a well-earned rest and some fun of their own before another busy year begins...

Speaking of which, I wish the same for all our wonderful children and their families – we hope you have a very restful but fun summer break and look forward to seeing you all again at the start of what I am sure will be another wonderful year!

Cheryl Payne  
Head Teacher

## Note From the Governors

What a packed term it has been! In addition to the usual round of governor meetings, we have enjoyed lots of school events, not least the Jubilee celebrations. We are always a very cohesive team despite scenes of jousting battles at the summer fair! Everyone is indebted to Mr Lett and team for a super sports day for KS1 and to the marvellous team of parents and carers leading KS2 sports day at Barn Elms. It is such a wonderful day.

Governor business in the summer term included the Faith Group and huge thanks go to Reverend John for guiding us at this meeting of governors, staff, parents and carers. This term always includes a look ahead to the coming academic year, working with Miss Payne and her senior leadership team to plan all of the development activities for the year ahead. We also benefit from the wisdom and experience of our strategic adviser, Kate, at the diocese, who works with church schools stretching from London to Exeter.

At our most recent full governing board meeting in early July, Miss Payne presented the school's strategic vision for the next three years. We have an ambitious, exciting and challenging vision, built around four pillars: development of the outdoor learning environment, equality & diversity, teaching and learning and sustainability.

We rounded off the term with an evening to celebrate our wonderful staff. Enjoying being together in fine weather on the lovely church terrace, we toasted the whole team for their enduring efforts, unswerving dedication and good humour. We are blessed with committed and talented staff and are incredibly grateful for each and every member of the team.

We wish the entire school community a happy and sunny summer!

Natasha Hume and Judith Kennedy - Co-chairs of governors



# Classroom Close-ups

Y1

Year 1 have had another busy term learning and playing. We have particularly enjoyed learning all about Noah's Ark and God's covenant and have impressed Miss Barrett and Miss Donlon with our theological thinking and questioning!



Our favourite book this half term has been Goldilocks and Just the One Bear by Leigh Hodgkinson and we have had great fun following Little Bear on his adventure in the big city! We love joining in reading the book and doing all the voices and have written our own incredible versions of the story!

In History, we have been learning about the history of flight. We have designed our own hot air balloons, learned about the Montgolfier brothers and the Wright brothers, learned about the evolution of air travel and had a paper aeroplane competition! We have absolutely loved seeing how air travel has changed over the years and had a great time thinking about how air travel might change even more in the future!

We had a great time in our Diversity Role Models session learning all about Silo and Roy and their baby Tango as well as making our own loving penguin huddle!

The highlight of our term was a trip to Battersea Park children's zoo. The boat trip to Battersea Power Station was great fun and in the park, we looked at how the plants have changed since winter. We loved seeing all the animals at the zoo and were able to identify mammals, reptiles, birds, amphibians and even an arachnid!

Y5

In Year 5, we are currently enjoying a wonderfully busy Summer Term. The children have been rehearsing incredibly hard for their Polka performance of 'Big Small Lost Found Things'. Though it is hard work, Year 5 have truly risen to the challenge, working as a team to put together a wonderfully energetic show.



Last week, the class had an inspiring time at The Barnes Literary Festival with Year 6. The children embraced the opportunity to listen to a real author speak and ask her questions. Some children even bought a signed copy of one of (Lisa Thompson) the author's books! They can't wait to put some of her tips into practice during their own writing lessons.

During PE lessons, Year 5 have been developing their athletics skills in preparation for Sports Day which they are so excited for! Focusing on throwing, jumping and running the children have completed a range of activities, competing against themselves in order to achieve their personal bests whilst also having an awful lot of fun.

Year 5 have had yet another fantastic term so far and we cannot for the many more exciting things to come!

Y6

Y6 has been a whirlwind of a year, we've been hard at work and having fun throughout. Academically, the Y6s have been studying intensely, learning about the circulatory system in detail, as well as a deep study of Shakespeare's wonderful words in Macbeth, Othello, Romeo and Juliet and many other of his famous works. In Maths, we have become algebraic and statistics whizzes. Our history topic, WW2, has shown us all the tragic loss of life as well as the how the war changed Britain.

Over the past term, Diversity Role Models ran four workshops to teach Y6 the importance of accepting differences and learning about LGBT+ history. Various role models came in to explain the aspects of individuality and the importance of being unique. They used Lego to help us understand, making it fun and creative.

We have all been working hard this year to ensure the best results for SATs. It wasn't all work and no fun, during our SATs week we came to school early for a delicious SATs booster breakfast, before starting a day of tests. A trip to Wandsworth Park was a fun treat when they were over. All this hard work has put us in an excellent position for when we start secondary school.

Written by Florence, Bert, William and Sami. Y6



Y4

Year 4 have yet again had a very eventful term, packed full of fantastic opportunities and experiences.



The class have been working hard, practicing for their flute performance at the WCET Music Festival in Tooting. So much time and effort has gone into the production. We are sure it will be a marvellous show for all.

In our English lessons, the children have created their own informative displays on the rainforest. The topic focuses on deforestation and the class have been busy researching, recording and presenting their findings. This has led to a much wider discussion on the importance of saving the rainforest.

This term in our Design and Technology lessons, the children have been baking their very own bread rolls and biscuits. This has helped the children to understand the importance of following a procedure to get the very best result. A great level of maturity and focus was shown by all during this experience and the outcome can only be described as delicious!

Year 4 have had an excellent term so far and we are all looking forward to what the rest of the term will bring!



## Y3

The summer term was action packed! The Y3 children enjoyed another school trip out (more on this later), swimming lessons at Putney Leisure Centre and of course the celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee!



In English lessons, the class have engaged with reading 'Journey' and 'Giraffa Ziraffa' - they absolutely adored these stories and have been able to write letters, diary entries, descriptions and persuasions in response to these texts. In maths the children have worked mostly on fractions, time and properties of shapes.

Elsewhere in the curriculum, Year 3 geography lessons looked at contrasting locations by comparing the UK with St. Lucia; in history lessons the ancient Shang dynasty of China was studied; and for science they have been learning about plants.

In RE the class have been finding out about another world faith - Islam - and trying to understand what it means to be a Muslim and how they show their commitment to their faith. This topic saw the class go on a school trip visit to the London Central Mosque at Regents Park. The children were able to see for themselves the important features of a Muslim's place of worship and were very fortunate to be invited into the prayer hall to witness people praying. Take a look at the photos of the children at the mosque - very insightful and lots of interesting things to see!

Well done Year 3 for a smashing year!

## Y2

This term, Year 2 have been working very hard and having lots of fun! We have absolutely loved learning all about animals and their offspring, particularly classifying and learning about life cycles. The children loved their learning in history about explorers and enjoyed going on an expedition of the school grounds and learning about famous explorers such as Ibn Battuta.



Our highlights of this term were creating a class mural based on our story "Grandad's Secret Giant" and our trip to Chessington Zoo where we met an array of animals and learnt many interesting facts! We loved Sports Day and our Big 70 Challenge where we raised money by speedily lapping the playground on our scooters!

Highlights of the year from the children:

"This year I have enjoyed when we went to Holly Lodge because it was really fun and we got to see animals and learn about plants and potted our own basil to take home." - Charlotte

"This year I have enjoyed when we went to Tilford because I liked meeting my pen pal and looking at the differences like they play in fields and we play on concrete. I have enjoyed English and PE too. Especially learning tennis and rounder's and the story 'Troll Swap' - Ben

## YR

We have had another action packed term together in Reception!

During the first half term our learning centred around dinosaurs and the book "Gigantosaurus". The class all became excellent palaeontologists. We took turns to share our knowledge on a particular dinosaur with the class in our first presentation and we have some real experts in residence - Miss de Souza even learnt some new dinosaur names and facts! We then ventured out to the Natural History Museum, where we took part in a workshop about Sophie the Stegosaurus, as well as exploring the museum's collections.



This final half term in Reception has seen the children explore a super book by Tom Percival called "The Sea Saw" about a child who loses her precious teddy. We invited our parents and carers in for a teddy bear's tea party (having written our own invitations before!) and have learnt more about water and the sea.

Reception have loved joining in with lots of Summer Term events at St Mary's! The children loved being part of their first Sports' Day, to name just one example. We also went on a visit to Chelsea Fire Station, which was a real highlight for lots of the class.

This year has flown by. A huge WELL DONE to everyone for their super learning and progress this year!

## YN

We have had another action packed term in Nursery. Our learning has centred around Minibeasts this term, and the children have become fascinated by these little creatures, particularly all the little spiders which have taken up residence in our playground and created the most beautiful webs! Recently we have also enjoyed watching our strawberry plants produce some fruit and the pear tree has grown its first pear.



Children in both Nursery classes have eagerly taken part in lots of school events this term including Sports Day and the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations, which were incredibly exciting for all.

We took our first school trips, which the children loved. We first visited Fulham Palace to undertake a Minibeast Hunt, and we even made bug hotels to take home. In June we took a coach to visit London Zoo - the children particularly loved visiting the penguins and the giraffes.

It is wonderful to see all of the children so independent and eager to learn for themselves! Now we are all preparing to go to our various new Reception classes in September, all ready for this new challenge. For those staying with us, we look forward to watching your progress next year. For those who are moving onto pastures new, we wish you all the very best in your new schools.



### Milla



**Reflections:** I remember in Year 4 going to Cadbury's World. I saw amazing things being made out of chocolate such as actual teapots and cups! St Mary's is amazing, this experience has been wonderful. I couldn't have asked for a better primary school. I am looking forward to starting my new school but am going to miss St Mary's a lot.

**Ambitions:** I am not quite sure of what I want to be, but I admire my mum and dad and want to be like them!

**Teachers will remember you for:** your can-do attitude, positivity and easy going nature

**Secondary School:** Emanuel

### Florence



**Reflections:** I remember in Reception Class on our Legoland trip, we got to go on a submarine adventure and we learned about a range of under-water creatures including sharks! Another fond memory was a trip to Kidzania where we role-played different aspects of holidays such as pilots, plane passengers, hotel guests and tourists on a city bus tour. I couldn't have asked for a better primary school, a school that has taught me so much as well as fun and laughter with friends. I am excited to move on in life but will always look back at St Mary's with the fondest of memories.

**Ambitions:** I don't have my mind set on any particular ambition but I think I would like to be a lawyer or a designer.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your kindness, willingness to lend a hand and cheery disposition.

**Secondary School:** Lady Margaret School

### Sami



**Reflections:** My favourite memory of St Mary's has been our residential trip to Sayer's Croft. We did so many fun things and I enjoyed the disco the most. I have really loved my time at St Mary's and found the learning very enjoyable as well as all the fun with my friends.

**Ambitions:** I am not too sure what I would like to be when I grow up but I think maybe a singer or an actor would suit me.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your infectious smile, sense of humour and uniqueness.

**Secondary School:** Ashcroft Technology Academy

### Charlotte



**Reflections:** One of my favourite memories was in Year 4; Mr Lett had taken us on a trip to Cadbury's World. We were given pots of melted chocolate with unlimited toppings and Mr Lett took a photo of our class eating it. When the picture came out in the school news letter, I realised my hair was dipped into my chocolate bowl! St Mary's has been the best possible school I could have asked for. It has shown me the importance of our school values and always provided me with teachers who work hard to bring out our special talents. I will never forget St Mary's.

**Ambitions:** I would like to develop as a football player and later join a professional team or go to medical school to become a doctor.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your maturity, practical problem solving and willingness to help others.

**Secondary School:** Lady Margaret School

### Erina



**Reflections:** I remember in Year 3 my friend Niamh and I made a hilarious comedy show called Jim, Jam and Joe. I was Jam, she was Jim and Xavier was Joe. We performed it to our classmates and teachers, it was the best time ever. I will always remember all the fun times and special moments I've had at St Mary's from Reception class all the way through to Year 6.

**Ambitions:** When I am older I would love to be some sort of detective solving murder cases or fighting against crime. I would also love to be an architect.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your amazing drawings, gentle nature and being a great friend.

**Secondary School:** Putney High School

### Gethiara



**Reflections:** Year 2 was my favourite year at St Mary's, it was a year that had a similar atmosphere to Year 6, which connects me to it the most. I remember in Year 2, we saw Mrs Rinaldi being covered in slime. It was such so much fun and so surprising to see her standing next to Ms Payne coated in green gunge. St Mary's couldn't have been a better fit for me. I will always look back to St Mary's with a smile on my face.

**Ambitions:** I am not 100% sure on what I would like to be when I grow up, but I think being a person that studies the weather or an interior designer would suit me.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your love of reading, hard work and being a great team player.

**Secondary School:** Lady Margaret School

### Tilda



**Reflections:** I remember when we went to London zoo in Year 5 and we saw tigers, monkeys, parrots and much more. My favourite bit was the reptile house. We saw swimming geckos! Overall, it was a really fun trip. I also remember when we studied plants in science and we planted some flowers. I remember checking them everyday to see if they had grown and they had which was exciting.

**Ambitions:** When I'm older, I would like to be a DJ. I would like to do that whilst I'm in university to earn money. I would like to be a vet as my job for life.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your quiet confidence, hard work and determination to do well.

**Secondary School:** Emanuel

### Yi Lin



**Reflections:** I remember in Year 6 that we did cycle training. Although we only did it for a week, I still really enjoyed it and learnt a lot. It was great fun cycling with my friends while watching them learn too. I enjoyed the games that we played on the first day, my favourite game was called 'fish tank' and it was so funny how quickly you could get out. I think the things I will miss most about St Mary's are the supportive teachers and all my friends. They always help and I hope my secondary school will be just the same.

**Ambitions:** I am hoping to become a fashion designer when I'm older and if that doesn't work out, I would like to become someone who helps the sea creatures of the ocean.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your probing questions in lessons, great sporting skills and ever growing confidence.

**Secondary School:** Putney High School

### Ethan



**Reflections:** The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration at school is one of my favourite memories of my time at St Mary's. It was so much fun and the whole school took part. The Year 6 SATS were challenging but the booster breakfast everyday was amazing and we all cheered when the tests were over. My time at St Mary's has been short but I could not have asked for a better school.

**Ambitions:** I would like to become an artist or a professional sandboarder.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your hard work and excellent progress in reading, your kindness to others and your willingness to help in whatever way you can.

**Secondary School:** Ashcroft Technology Academy



## Elia



**Reflections:** I remember in Year 5 on sports day when in the high jump event, a lot of people had surprising scores including me! It was so much fun. I am so happy I moved to St Mary's. Although I have had some tricky times, the amazing memories far outweigh everything. I will always have St Mary's in my veins.

**Ambitions:** I would like to study criminology and serve the law.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your hard work and determination, politeness and ability to work with everyone.

**Secondary School:** Fulham Cross Academy

## Monkorn



**Reflections:** I remember in Year 5 sports day, we were doing javelin. They told me to aim the javelin at a guy so I did and it actually hit him! I laughed so hard that time but I did feel bad for him (but he was ok!). I think I will miss this school because the teachers are all very supportive and fun.

**Ambitions:** I am hoping to be an author or a footballer or basketball player.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your quick maths skills, infectious giggle and gentleness.

**Secondary School:** The Hurlingham Academy

## Xavier



**Reflections:** I remember in Year 2 when we had a kindness box, there was so much suspense to see who would get a treat. I also remember at the start of Reception class when we learnt which family group we were in – and now I'm a yellow family captain! St Mary's has always been a wonderful school and I believe it will continue to be, allowing all students to flourish.

**Ambitions:** Like most parents, my mum says to always have a back-up, but I'm passionate about being an engineer or footballer.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your enthusiasm, friendliness and ability to ask probing questions that take a lesson to a higher level.

**Secondary School:** Wimbledon College

## Albert



**Reflections:** I have been in this school for 8 years now, which provides me with a multitude of marvellous memories. One of my favourites was the Year 2 play, my first proper experience performing on stage in front of what felt like hundreds of thousands of people. It was exhilarating. Primary school is only a small step in my life, but it has given me the knowledge I need to get by in the real world.

**Ambitions:** I am not sure what I would like to do when I'm older but probably something involving travel.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your incredible way with words, probing questions and bright smile.

**Secondary School:** Whitgift

## Kian



**Reflections:** I remember back in Nursery, me and my best friends, Bertie and Xavier, were building long train tracks because it was our favourite thing to do. After a while, I noticed no-one was in the class and I looked outside and everyone was there. By the time we came out, it was time to pack up! It's going to be very weird without this place, it holds a massive piece of my heart.

**Ambitions:** I would love to be a footballer, DJ or work in the Navy.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your energetic spirit, love of football and strange fascination with pigeons.

**Secondary School:** St Cecilia's Church of England School

## Darcy



**Reflections:** I remember in Year 4 when Mr Lett left to go to Sayer's Croft for the week and we all missed him so much. When he came back, we all ran over to him, laughing and had a massive group hug! St Mary's is amazing, I couldn't have asked for a better primary school. Everyone is so nice and even though I am excited to move on, St Mary's will always have a place in my heart.

**Ambitions:** Even though I am not entirely sure what I want to be, I think it would be interesting to be a marine biologist because I enjoy finding out about marine life.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your inquisitive nature, love of reading, calmness and kindness.

**Secondary School:** Putney High School



## Ruby



**Reflections:** My favourite memory of St Mary's has to be the day I joined the school. I started in Reception and thought the classroom was so much fun. When I looked around the school, I loved it and when it was time to go, I didn't want to leave. I love St Mary's, it has supportive teachers and wonderful friends. My school has been like a second home for me and it will be hard to say goodbye.

**Ambitions:** I think it would be amazing if I could be a performer on the stage or to teach young children how to dance, act and sing.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your love for dancing, brilliant smile and caring nature.

**Secondary School:** St Cecilia's Church of England School

## William



**Reflections:** My favourite time at St Mary's was either our Platinum Jubilee or Number Day in Year 5. I enjoyed the Jubilee Day because it was a chance to enjoy ourselves and relax. Number Day was brilliant because the outfits were crazy. Rudy was wearing a bin bag calculator! St Mary's has been great but I am ready to leave.

**Ambitions:** I would like to be a writer and am currently creating my first novel 'No Turning Back' that I hope to be published soon.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your resilience, fantastic general knowledge and sense of fun!

**Secondary School:** Kingston Grammar School



# WHERE ARE Y6 GOING?

## Nabila



**Reflections:** I remember in Year 2, I started becoming friends with Hannah. Over time, my friendship with her has grown. My best memory has been when Mr Lett got slimed and he was wearing a dinosaur costume. We all got raisins to eat and we were splashed with water. I really like St Mary's and will really miss this place. It has always been such a welcoming school.

**Ambitions:** I would like to be a doctor or a clothing designer.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your questioning skills, confidence and love of socialising.

**Secondary School:** Ashcroft Technology Academy

## Hannah



**Reflections:** One of my best memories was in Year 4 when we went on a trip to Cadbury's World. We were given chocolate and got to choose toppings as well as eating a Curly Wurly which was delicious! I also loved going for a picnic in Wandsworth Park after SATS. It was sunny so we all played ball games and had a fun time. I will miss St Mary's and my friends but I will remember all those special moments and even the small ones.

**Ambitions:** I am not too sure but I think being an interior designer sounds fun or helping animals like a vet.

**Teachers will remember you for:** quiet determination, close friendships and care for others

**Secondary School:** Fulham School

## Shannon



**Reflections:** I remember in Year 6 during DT, we were building mini playgrounds with lollipop sticks and string. It was fun building the equipment and socialising with my partner. I learnt that my partner, Yi Lin, and I both have similarities. St Mary's has been a huge part of my life and has shown me I can achieve more than I think.

**Ambitions:** I would like to be an actor when I am older.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your thoughtful compassion, strong moral code and wonderful stories.

**Secondary School:** Lady Margaret School

## Victoria



**Reflections:** I joined this school in Year 1 and since then I have had heaps of unforgettable memories. One of my favourite memories was on the second day of Year 2 as we got to dress up as crazy mad scientists for the whole day and we played fun games. I also remember the bicentennial because the whole school let off balloons in the hall and we were excited to see whose would stay up the longest. I have really enjoyed being at this school and would not change anything about my time here.

**Ambitions:** I am not entirely sure but I would like to be something along the lines of a vet.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your kindness, love of a good chat and great questions.

**Secondary School:** Lady Margaret School

## Esther



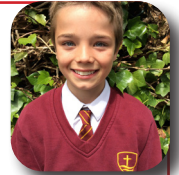
**Reflections:** In art, we painted a portrait of ourselves. It was fun but mine did not turn out so well, it looked more like the colours were stuck together but everyone said it was good.

**Ambitions:** I wish to get better at drawing and become an artist.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your acting prowess, sense of humour and gentle nature.

**Secondary School:** Lady Margaret School

## Rudy



**Reflections:** One, out of many great memories, was when I first stepped into Year 2 (Mrs Livingstone was our teacher) it was one of my best school memories. I felt like there was a challenge ahead of me (and there was). St Mary's has been a perfect fit for me and has helped me develop and grow. I do not know how to thank St Mary's enough. I have made some great friends and I have learnt so much.

**Ambitions:** I have thought about my future career many times but I have not settled on one thing yet; I would like to be a vet, a cricketer or a footballer.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your service to our school, ability to tell a gripping story and great sense of humour.

**Secondary School:** Whitgift

## Daniyal



**Reflections:** I remember the week before SATS when everyone was worried and scared that they wouldn't do well and would fail. After the tests, everyone was happy and relieved as they didn't find it too hard as we were well prepared for them. We also had fun along the way. St Mary's has been a wonderful experience and I couldn't have asked for a better school.

**Ambitions:** Not sure yet!

**Teachers will remember you for:** your determination to succeed, super mathematical mind and keenness to take on responsibilities.

**Secondary School:** Wimbledon College

## Jasper



**Reflections:** I remember when we finished our SATs, we went to Wandsworth Park. It was really refreshing and just the break we needed. We played cricket, football and some of us just hung out. For lunch, we all brought loads of food and we shared it together.

**Ambitions:** I would like to be a scientist or a chemist as I like chemistry.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your amazing maths and scientific knowledge, strong moral code and your resilience.

**Secondary School:** Fulham Boys School





### Bella



**Reflections:** One of my favourite memories of St Mary's was when I first joined in Year 5. I made so many friends and the teachers were all lovely. I knew I would be very happy. I also really enjoyed our Year 6 trip to Sayer's Croft. St Mary's has been a wonderful experience and I have so many fantastic memories to choose from.

**Ambitions:** When I'm older I would like to be a commercial pilot and fly people to where they need to go. I also look up to my dad a lot.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your compassion for others, polite and friendly personality and your endurance – especially with maths!

**Secondary School:** St Cecilia's Church of England School

### Victor



**Reflections:** I really enjoyed Cadbury's Chocolate Factory in Year 4 because I liked seeing how they made all the chocolate and all the fun activities we did there. I also enjoyed going to Sayer's Croft because I have never slept anywhere without my parents for three days. I loved being with my friends and I really liked the activities, especially archery and the hike to Pitch Hill.

**Ambitions:** I do not have the perfect view of my career just yet but I would like to become someone respectable like a doctor.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your cheeky grin, quiet confidence and hard work.

**Secondary School:** Wallington County Grammar School

### Alice



**Reflections:** One of the best parts of being at St Mary's was in Year 4 when I got to drink melted chocolate with marshmallows and Jelly Babies. In Year 6, I really enjoyed going to Sayer's Croft because I have never stayed up so late or enjoyed a disco much before. DJ Letty really spiced up things with his moves and enthusiasm.

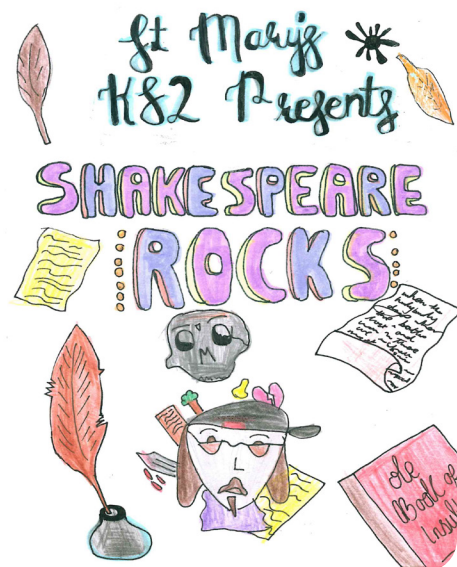
**Ambitions:** I'm not sure but I like to be around horses, maybe I'll work in an equestrian centre.

**Teachers will remember you for:** your voracious reading appetite, kindness and strong moral code.

**Secondary School:** Sacred Heart High School

## SUMMER PERFORMANCES

The end of the year KS2 show, 'Shakespeare Rocks!' was a huge success. We all enjoyed practicing and had fun performing in front of the audience. Our show was about the life of the famous writer: William Shakespeare, his family, his friends and all his wonderful plays.



All of Year 6 worked really hard in rehearsals for it to come together, and it was a total success. Every year group in Key Stage 2 performed their own song, so it was a team effort. The show included a little sprinkle of romance and some comedy. It also included some real information about William Shakespeare's life. In Year 6, our class in English, has been studying the story of Macbeth, this was a great way to bring our learning to life.

This is one of the many experiences that will never be forgotten. After two years of Covid and no live KS2 performance, we feel very fortunate to have been able to perform.

Written by Daniyal, Monkorn, Elia, Hannah



## Joint Eucharist



On the 15th June, St Mary's KS2 went to St Mary's Church for a joint Eucharist with All Saints School. We sat down in our seats, and waited patiently for Rev' John and Jono to start the service. We listened to them as they told us a story of two people showing endurance whilst cutting wood, it showed us that working nonstop does not always give the best results, just like God did on the seventh day, rest and reflection is important too. Rev' John acted the story out with a block of wood and an axe, luckily, he didn't chop up the altar!

It was great to hear readings from the Bible and prayers read by students from both schools. This event was very special for us because we usually have joint Eucharist at All Saint's Church and this time, we had an opportunity to welcome them to St. Mary's Church. This was an amazing opportunity for the two Church schools to come together and share this special occasion together. We all enjoyed this experience.

Written by: Nabila, Victoria, Kian and Shannon.





# ST. MARY'S ROYAL TEA PARTY & CONCERT



## Jubilee Committee

The idea took shape 6 months before, with the founding of the Jubilee Committee, made up of: Mr Lett, Mrs Dunford, Mrs Abraham, Mrs McCarthy and Mrs Le Prevost. With the help and support of the whole school, parents and FoSMS the plans for hosting a 'Royal Tea Party and Concert' came splendidly together!

"It was a small committee of very motivated people and gradually it gathered momentum. We are so grateful to all our colleagues and parents who supported this project." Mr Lett

## Funding

Sarah Moss, Chair of FoSMS, managed to secure a generous grant from the council for the school to hold the event.

"We wanted to rebuild community spirit after the isolation of lockdown, so we invited the elderly from the Platt Christian Centre and from St Mary's congregation." Sarah Moss

## Street Tea Party

The school was a buzz of excitement and frenzied activity in the playground as parents, Mrs Abraham and Cretos, our site manager, transformed a bare expanse of tarmac in to a riot of red, white and blue. The street party vibe included long tables, masses of bunting, metallic balloons and a sound system to pump out the tunes. The children were very excited and on the conclusion of the Royal Concert they were able to finally enjoy their street party feast of savoury and sweet delights! There were opportunities for the children to have their photograph with The Queen (sadly, Her Majesty could not make it, so a cardboard cut out sufficed). A 'royal balcony' appearance thrilled the children and there were also two elaborately decorated thrones for regal subjects to sit upon and do a royal wave. A selection of traditional playground games, face painting and a hunt the corgi activity provided lots of fun. Our guests of honour, a group of pensioners from the community, also enjoyed their tea party feast of finger sandwiches and yummy Victoria sponge cake.

"It's just wonderful how it's all come together. The parents have been incredible." Mrs Abraham

"The food was amazing... the glitter tattoos were cool... we had such a fun and entertaining day. It was a once in a lifetime experience that we'll never forget! Emmeline and Valerie, Year 5

## Royal costumes

The children's costumes were a triumph, all individual expressions of who that child wanted to be for the day. Ideas ranged from Egyptian pharaohs to the latest basketball kit in red, white and blue, and all stops in between. The teachers excelled themselves too; Miss Payne was suitably regal as Alice's Queen of Hearts, Mrs Abraham resplendent in her Queen Elizabeth I costume, Mr Lett in his regimentals as Prince Charming, Mrs McCarthy as a Raven from The Tower of London and Miss Barham as Victoria Regina in mourning with all the trimmings.





## Royal Concert

The children spent the first half of the summer term rehearsing for our highly anticipated Queen's Platinum Jubilee Royal Concert with each class learning a different song from one of the decades of the Queen's reign. Starting from the 1950s with the Early Years and Rock Around the Clock (which they all still want to sing!) going through the decades via Bob Marley, Kylie Minogue and SClub7 6 and Fight Song, every heart

to the 2010s with Year child performed their out on the stage and looked so amazing in their Royal-themed outfits. We also learnt two verses of our National Anthem, which has some tricky words and meanings, as well as our finale song 'Street Party' to send us all out singing and dancing into the playground to continue our celebrations.

"It was our first proper concert with the whole school participating since before the pandemic and what a wonderful feeling it was!" Mrs Le Prevost

"As you entered the hall, regal music filled the air to set the scene for a royal extravaganza. Children wore bold costumes representing royalty and elegance. Each class performed a wonderful song from each vibrant decade of the Queen's long lasting reign over the nation. The enjoyment at this unique concert was beyond words." Felix, Year 4

## Royal Bake Off

We were overwhelmed by the number of entries for our Royal Bake Off competition. There were lots of delicious cakes and bakes with a 70 Jubilee theme ranging from dazzling crowns, Union Jack creations, corgi swiss rolls and there was even a Buckingham Palace themed Victoria sponge cake. Well done to everyone who entered and congratulations to Shannon in Year 6 who was the overall winner!

"I felt delighted at winning the Bake Off. It was actually my mum's idea to do a sponge cake in a crown design and I did a fondant and chocolate filling. It took four days to make!" Shannon, Year 6



### Distinguished guest

Our MP, Fleur Anderson, dropped in and did 3 hip-hips for Her Majesty.

"It's been wonderful... a time to celebrate our community and all that The Queen means to us..." Fleur Anderson, MP



## Jubilee Flag Pole

Money has been raised to install a commemorative flagpole in honour of the Queen's 70 year reign! The flag pole will be officially unveiled in September at the start of the new academic year.

"The flag pole will provide a lasting legacy of this event and a programme of flying the Union Flag and other flags will help to engender national and civic pride amongst our children." Mr Lett





## Art

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee proved to be a rich starting point for exciting work from Nursery to Year 6 artists.

We were invited to create a piece of artwork that would form a page in a book of Putney Primary School art to be given to the Queen. Every child at St Mary's drew minibeasts, flowers, party food, children or corgis. We then put them together to form a celebration banquet collage. The book was taken to Buckingham Palace by Fleur Anderson MP.

The next challenge was to make a commemorative sculpture to display in school. We made giant papier mache teacups and saucers each class choosing a different way to decorate – collaboration was once again the key to our success. The cups are now hanging in the hall for everyone to enjoy.

Finally in April we heard the exciting news that a flag design made from work created earlier in the year by Y2 had been chosen to be made into a giant skill banner and carried as part of the Jubilee Pageant. Well done St Mary's artists on a very productive term!





## FOSMS News

FOSMS and parents came together on Sat 2nd July for the first time in 2 years to host the St Mary's Summer Fair. Children were able to enjoy a bouncy castle, jousting, Top bins challenge, hook a duck, Pre loved shop, Glitter and Glow, Tombola, ice lollies, Strawberries, sweet treats whilst the adults enjoyed playing some garden games with the kids and a summer sizzle BBQ and a PIMMs bar. The sun shone and lots of fun was had by all. FOSMS would like to thank all the parents and children who took part and made the day so special.

The KS1 Sports day took place on the 30th June on Putney Common. The new format event was a great success with the kids demonstrating some amazing athletic potential in running, agility and throwing and enjoying their well earned medals and ice lollies, supplied by FOSMS. The mums and dads race was also hotly contested.



## Sports News

After all the recent restrictions, it has been wonderful to be able to get out and about to sporting competitions again this summer. We kicked things off with (excuse the pun) with the BEST football tournament at AFC Wimbledon Stadium. Mr Lally, Mrs Ford and some members of Year 4 went along and had a very successful time! They scored a total of 13 goals. What's more, out of 6 games they only lost 2! A fantastic achievement for St Mary's.

### Swimming Gala

The Swimming Gala was an uplifting event where six local schools came together at Putney Leisure Centre to compete against each other. Most of St. Mary's students were quite nervous at the beginning because we hadn't competed against other schools in a long time and we hadn't practiced. However, once we heard the cheers from our fellow teammates and all our supportive parents, our fears disappeared.

We all showed endurance and never gave up. A great example of this was how Luke (Y4) showed great sportsmanship and continued his race giving it his all, even though he started after all the other schools had finished their laps - he did his final one lap with triumph. Well done to all the people who placed and those that pushed themselves to make St Mary's proud.

St Marys may not have won the swimming gala, but we had fun. We learned to work as a team, and to cheer each other on no matter what. We persevered and did not stop until we had touched the wall at the opposite end. The team learned a valuable lesson, it is not about winning but taking part and having fun.

Written by Yi Lin, Victor and Charlotte





## School Council

The School Council has been hard at work this year and it was a wonderful experience for us all. This year our theme has been making our school cleaner, and helping our community to be nicer and greener. We have meetings every month and Miss Payne has taught us independence by letting us, the Year 6 council members, run the meetings.

This year we have put many changes into our school to improve it, such as new recycling bins and pen recycling containers. Every person on the council contributed so much to help our school become greener. We also went on a litter pick, which was successful; we collected so many pieces of plastic. If only we can convince people to stop using plastic. We have been trying to start up a Comic Club, we have been making a comic that relates to our green ideas.

Bella, Rudy, Tilda



## School Library

This year we finally completed renovating our school library, after a long interruption by Covid. In the past, the Year 6s have always wanted to make a library, but it did not become a reality until now.

Mrs Bishop trained a few keen Year 6s to be librarians, who were on hand to help if needed. At the end of the year the librarians trained up the Year 5s to become librarians for next year.

Our library consists of many types of books: such as fiction, non-fiction and picture books stacked on wooden shelves. Every Friday there have been reading sessions with KS1, rotating each week so every librarian had a turn. From Tuesday to Thursday most weeks, KS2 came to experience the wonder of books.

The librarians enjoyed their jobs and would like to give a big shout out to Mrs Bishop for her tireless dedication, this dream would not have happened without her.

Written by Darcy, Alice, Milla and Jasper



## Summer Whole Class Ensemble Concert and Festival

The children in Year 3 and Year 4 have had their second, this time uninterrupted, year of learning their respective instruments as part of the Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WCET) scheme offered by Wandsworth Music Service (WMS). Year 3 have been learning the recorder and Year 4 the flute and on June 29th, they finally performed to a live audience for the first time. Poppy and Isabella from Year 5 also performed on their instruments (flute and clarinet) to show what it's like to continue learning a woodwind instrument and how good you can become! I hope that it will inspire some of the children to continue learning an instrument; of course Year 3 will have the opportunity to learn the flute next year when they are in Year 4. Huge thanks to Clare and Maja from the WMS for preparing them so well and well done all!

A week after the concert in school, Year 4 participated in the WCET Summer Festival at All Saints Church in Tooting on their flutes, which featured several schools from Wandsworth performing on the different instruments that they've been learning throughout the year. It was such a great opportunity for our children to play with so many other children and to experience the joyful and collaborative aspect of music making. Well done Year 4, you did a fantastic job and we were very proud of you.

Rachel Le Prevost



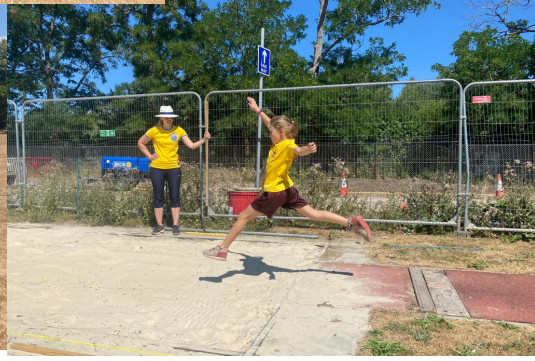




# SPORTS DAY

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. 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 for both pupils and parents at the KS2 sports day. Lots of records were broken and gallons of water drunk on another glorious summer day.

Well done to all who took part both pupils and parents showed great sportsmanship on the field.





## Teacher UNCOVERED

### Vicky Adams



#### Background

I went to a very small primary school of less than 50 children in Wiltshire. Every afternoon we did either craft, sewing, art, gardening or nature study. I have no recollection of what we did in the mornings, but I loved school and think that my teacher in Y4 Y5 and Y6, Miss Gosney enjoyed her afternoons as much as we did. A boarding secondary school was less memorable, but I made good friends that I still see today.

After university I worked in a variety of organisations including the coin and medal department at an auction house and a literary agency representing illustrators. Then I had children, trained as a primary teacher and began my teaching career in Hammersmith. I moved to Kingston as my children started secondary school and switched to teaching exclusively art. I have taught primary and secondary art in several schools but think the artists at St Mary's are the most enthusiastic and I am fortunate to work with them.

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

St Mary's children, parents and staff are friendly and kind. I have no favourite class BUT nursery make me laugh a lot.

#### What makes you happy?

Yellow.

#### Where was your best holiday?

A Brownie pack holiday in the New Forest.

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

Art, Latin and Greek.

#### How do you like to relax?

Drawing in silence.

#### What is your greatest extravagance?

My electric bike for my commute through Richmond Park.

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

I don't have a pet – I prefer animals to be in the wild.

#### Which are your favourite books?

Anything by Anne Tyler.



## Summer Reading Challenge 2022



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.

### Joiners & Leavers

#### Pupil – leavers Summer term

Manon - YN  
Thomas - Y1  
Valentina - Y4  
Felix - Y5  
Charley - Y5

#### Staff – leavers Summer term

Amelia De Souza - YR Teacher  
Francesca Ricceri - Learning Support Assistant  
Jenny Game - Inclusion Teaching Assistant

Have a great summer!

School starts on  
Monday 5th September  
2022

