



SCHOOL NEWS

ST. MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, PUTNEY

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GOVERNORS MESSAGE

Governors have had another busy and productive term! We enjoyed a governor working morning focused on Early Years where Mrs Davidson took us through the dynamic and exciting curriculum and governors visited YN and YR. Budding engineers in YN were building a bridge in the new sandpit and attentive learners were engaged in a dynamic phonics session with Miss McEvoy in YR. Learning flowed seamlessly from the indoor to the enhanced outdoor space and it was wonderful to see the children playing and exploring the new resources. In May, we welcomed Sara Dolling and Ruby Vincent to the Governing Board and look forward to benefitting from their diverse professional experience. We were also delighted to hear from Marcus Cooper (CEO of the Spiral Trust, Hertfordshire) who shared his education experiences with governors as part of our governor learning and external exchange program. Our Diocesan School Improvement Partner, Kate Evans, joined board committee chairs in St Mary's church, to map out our development plan for the forthcoming academic year.

In addition to our schedule of full board and committee meetings, Governors enjoyed participating in the Coronation festivities, Sports Days, and the fun of the summer fair. We continue to appreciate the dedication and enormous contribution made by FOSMs and the whole school community to fundraising efforts for the school. We wish everyone a lovely summer break and a fond farewell to our wonderful Y6 leavers. Good luck to you all in your new schools!

St Mary's Governing Board



SCHOOL COUNCIL ROUND UP

This year the School Council have brought about effective change across the school, but have also worked to ensure impact on our wider community and further afield. At the start of the year, they handed over their sustainability focus to the Eco-Councillors, but I am very grateful to Aleksei and Adriana who started recycling all of the used pens in school! Isabella initiated a new Eco-Warrior certificate, which awarded regularly during celebration worship. Coming soon, the council will be writing to all of you to invite you to donate to Roehampton Community Box - a food bank with a difference. Councillors voted to retain Christian Aid's Ukrainian Appeal as our school charity. They have also asked that we split our donations with the Red Cross Turkey and Syrian Earthquake Appeal. Money raised at the KS2 performance will be divided between these two charities. Councillors drew Mr Mwila's attention to a patch of wetness under the urinals, which has resulted in this being addressed along with an issue of safety related to the lights in the children's toilets. The quantity of olives in the lunch hall, and the variety of clubs was also on the council's radar. This has led to improvements in both. Finally, councillors have sought the views of their classmates as to what equipment they would like to see in the new trim trail when work begins on Zone One of the playground in the Summer. We are all looking forward to seeing the real thing in situ in the Autumn!

It's been an action packed year where councillors have again had a very positive impact on our school - thank you to all of the council, but especially our Year Six Leavers: Euan, Isabel, Karmen-Ocean and Theodore!



Parish of St. Mary the Virgin with All Saints, Putney.



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A big thankyou!



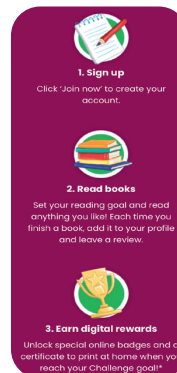
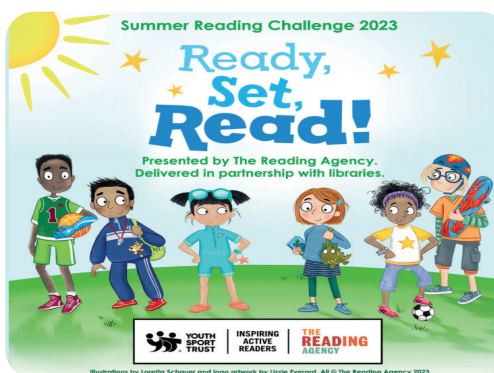
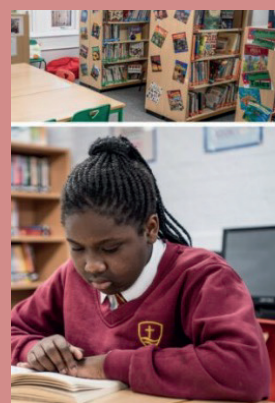
FoSMS would like to thank all of the wonderful parent volunteers, staff and teachers who supported the school Summer Fair, Art Fair and Silent Auction, which raised much needed funds for pupil enrichment at St Mary's.



Love of Reading at St. Mary's!

If you were to walk into our school library you would see beautifully decorated shelves filled with great books and inspiring posters on the wall. On Tuesdays we open the library to KS2 where they get lost in their own world of books. On Thursdays we read to the younger years. The librarians pick popular picture books to hook the younger readers in. I felt honoured to wear my librarian badge this year and I will deeply miss my role when I leave the school.

Karmen-Ocean (Y6 Librarian)



A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

At the time of writing we still have many highlights of a normal summer term at St. Mary's to look forward to... The summer fair is this weekend, Sports Days are coming over the next two weeks; and Year Six and Key Stage Two are acting, singing and dancing in preparation for their production of 'Troy Story'. These are all of the wonderful events that help us to celebrate the hard work that has been achieved over the year. They speak to our recipe for success, which is the concrete partnership that our families develop with the school. There is strong evidence to show that the more parents positively engage with their child's school, the greater the child's academic success and we are fortunate to have such solid support from our parent body. I would like to say a huge thank you to Sarah Moss and all of the parents on the FoSMS Committee for their support and amazing fundraising efforts this year. To all of the parents who have supported school trips and events; and those who have volunteered to read and work with staff and pupils in school - I say a big thank you on behalf of all of us here at St. Mary's.



It is no secret that school budgets are getting tighter. Despite this, we continue to offer a broad and balanced curriculum to the children of St. Mary's, increasing and adding to provision. This term alone, pupils have been to The Natural History Museum, Barnes Literary Festival, St. Mary-Le-Bow Church, Bockett's Farm, Legoland and Holland Park to name a few of the destinations in which pupils have extended their learning outside the classroom. Mrs Bishop has forged a link with Holly Lodge in Richmond Park as part of our work on extending outdoor learning and all of the children in Years One to Six have visited the Lodge to extend their outdoor learning.

Speaking of outdoor learning, we are hoping that work will commence on the first zone (see picture below) of our playground development over the summer break. The poor quality of the surface of the upper playground means we will be starting at the top of our ambitious plan and working our way down. We can't yet afford the tiered seating shown in the plan (£9k) but hope to install this at a later date. I would like to say a very special thank you to the families who have made additional donations and/or offered their services to support this development. As we know - our Bicentennial celebrations got us off to a great start on our fundraising by giving us a whopping foundation of £35,000 which FoSMS have match funded. Thank you to all of our stakeholders past and present. I am very grateful to our fantastic board of governors who continue to provide us with challenge and support, but who have also donated generously from their fund to support this first phase of works totalling around £115,000. The next phase of works - Zone Two - will see the installation of a garden and Eco Classroom, which will enable us to extend our outdoor learning programme and embed this in our basic offer for all pupils. It is hoped that our playground space will not only create revenue, but also serve as a unique selling point for our school, encouraging more families to choose St. Mary's. More pupils equal more public funding. Having used most of our reserves to complete the first zone of works fundraising for Zone Two, estimated to cost around £110,000, will begin in earnest in the Autumn. If you or a company that you work for, or know of, would be able to contribute financially to the further development of our playground - or you know of available grant funding - please see Mrs Abraham, our School Business Manager.

Before I sign off, I would like to say two final, but very important, words of thanks. Firstly to our children, it continues to be a pleasure to come to work in a school where children come each day, ready to learn and focused on their education. I hope all of our pupils have a summer break filled with fun and love and I look forward to seeing them in September, full of their usual enthusiasm, for another year of hard work and learning.

Secondly, to our amazing staff team. Thank you to all of you for all that you do - much of it above and beyond. I hope that you all have a very refreshing and restorative holiday and I very much look forward to continuing to working with you in the Autumn. To those of you who are leaving us, thank you for all of the hard work you have put in to make St. Mary's what it is today. We wish you all the very best for the future and we look forward to meeting and working with new colleagues as our team continues to go from strength to strength.

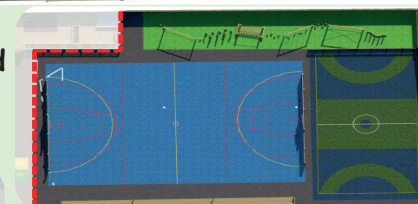
To all of you, I wish you a very restful but fun summer break and I look forward to seeing you all for another year of hard work and fun from September 6th!

Cheryl Payne - Head Teacher

Playground Development Plan:



Zone One of our Playground Development Plan:



Zone Two of our Playground Development Plan:

CLASSROOM CLOSE-UPS

Y3

Wow! Year 3 have had an amazing summer term! The excitement began with our weekly swimming lessons at Putney Leisure Centre - everyone in the class has developed their abilities and water confidence - we are so proud of every single child!



In our English lessons, the class enjoyed reading 'Journey' and 'Giraffa Ziraffa'. These charming stories enabled the children to write letters, diary entries, descriptions and persuasions. The class worked hard on developing their writing. In maths the children tackled fractions, a challenging topic for them, but they have all showed resilience and have gained new knowledge. The topics of time and properties of shapes were also studied. Elsewhere in the curriculum, our history lessons looked at the ancient Shang dynasty of China; geography lessons looked at contrasting locations by comparing the UK with St. Lucia and computing lessons saw the class collaborate on creating content for a class wiki. In RE we were finding out about another world faith - Islam - and trying to understand what it means to be a Muslim and how they show commitment to their faith. Our D&T lessons saw us making pneumatic toys and in PSHE it was the time to learn about how babies grow and how our bodies change. Finally in science the children have been learning lots about animals and their skeletons and more recently about how plants grow, which also included a school trip to Holly Lodge in Richmond Park to do some practical work. It was a great opportunity enjoyed by all. What a lot of learning! Well done Year 3 for an incredible and memorable year!

Y1

Year 1 have had another busy term! We have had lots of fun learning and playing together! In English, we have been using the story 'Goldilocks and Just the One Bear' by Leigh Hodgkinson to inspire our writing. We have had a good laugh about the silly bear and his adventures in the city and produced some fantastic writing.



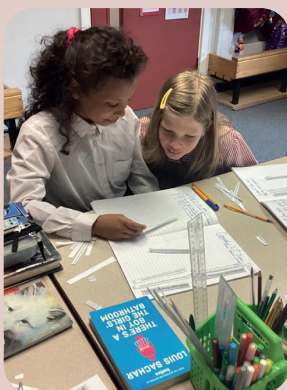
In History, we have really enjoyed learning all about the history of flight. We had fun inventing our own flying machines and learning about how one method of flight inspired the next all the way to the invention of the space shuttle. We particularly liked learning about the Montgolfier brothers and their hot air balloon.

One of our highlights of the term was our RE lessons. We loved learning about the story of Noah's Ark, which included a great visit to the church for Godly Play. It was so much fun playing in the Godly Play Room as well as learning all about the church and the different parts of the church. Our favourite part of the term was our trip to Battersea Park Zoo. We had great fun travelling down the Thames on a boat before playing in Battersea Park. Then, we learned all about how animals can be classified by what they eat, met many of the animals in the zoo and played in the playground too. We especially loved the football-playing donkey!

Y5

In Year 5, we are currently enjoying a wonderfully busy Summer Term.

In our English lessons, Year 5 have been learning all about the American Graffiti artist, Jean-Michel Basquiat. The class have been researching all about his life story (from sleeping on his friend's sofas, to becoming one of the most well-known graffiti artists of all time) in preparation for writing a fact file all about him at the end of this term. In History, Year 5 have been learning all about the Kingdom of Benin. They have learnt about the Edo creation story, used atlases to find out where Nigeria and Benin are located and have written diary entries from the point of view of the Oba or one of his wives.



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 a lot of fun.

Year 5 are so excited for the KS2 production which will take place in July. They have been working hard to learn the lyrics to the song they will be performing. All good practice for next year when they will be the stars of the show! Year 5 have had another fantastic term so far and we cannot wait for the many more exciting things to come.

YN

Our theme for this term has been all about minibeasts, and we are proud to say that we have become experts in this fascinating world! To kick off our minibeast exploration, we had a fantastic trip to Fulham Palace, where we embarked on a thrilling minibeast hunt. Equipped with magnifying glasses and spotter sheets, our little explorers identified various minibeasts and learned about their habitats. We even had the opportunity to visit the buzzing bees in their hives, which was very exciting! Back at school, we continued our minibeast journey by examining honeycombs, tasting different types of honey, and even making delicious honey sandwiches. We extend our gratitude to one of our pupils who kindly shared honey from their family's beehives! In addition to our hands-on experiences, we have been diving into captivating minibeast stories such as "Aaaarrgghh Spider" and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." These tales have sparked our imaginations and inspired us to create magnificent artwork influenced by Eric Carle. We also had a blast felting during our art activities with Mrs Adams, and it was a joy to showcase our beautiful creations at the recent Art Fair. In the second half of the term, we delved into the enchanting story of "What the Ladybird Heard" and embarked on a memorable trip to Bocketts Farm. Our little ones had a great time during the animal handling session, enjoyed a tractor ride, and had the opportunity to feed the animals. And let's not forget the highlight of the day - the thrilling pig race! Laughter and joy filled the air as we cheered on our favourite piggy contenders. Lastly, we cannot overlook the excitement of our recent sports day. The children put their best foot forward and participated in various fun-filled activities.



Y4

Our Year 4's have kept very busy with fantastic trips and opportunities; taking their learning experiences outside the classroom to enhance their educational outcomes! The class went on a school trip to St Mary Le Bow Church for an Organ workshop, where they not only learnt about the function of the organ, but even learnt how to play it. They applied their knowledge of sound in their science unit; how sound is created, manipulated and transferred to the receiver. They were quite amazed!

The class have also been working extremely hard in the lead up to their flute concert; they performed for their teachers and families with enthusiasm and did incredibly well - they should be very proud of themselves.

In English this term, the children were introduced to our new fictional text, Blue John; unpacking the mystical story set in the Castleton Caverns in the Peak District. Our work explored formations of caves and minerals. Year 4 wrote a letter in role as an expert which included an explanation about cave formation.



Our Design and Technology lessons have been based around cooking; Year 4 have been getting creative in the kitchen, making their very own biscuits. This has helped them to understand the importance of following a step-by-step procedure to get the best result. Year 4 have shown great enthusiasm and effort during this unit, and most importantly, the biscuits were delicious!

Y6

Year 6 has had a fantastic last term at St Mary's, it is hard to believe that our time here is over. Although we took the KS2 SATs this term, they seem like a distant memory. We definitely worked hard to get ready for them, the tests were challenging but the week was also full of fun. Each morning we had a special booster breakfast. We finished off the week with a rather cold and rainy picnic in Wandsworth Park.

In Design and Technology, we made homemade focaccia bread. It was very easy to make and even more delicious to eat. The whole school smelled delicious that day. We even got to show our artistic side by decorating our focaccia with a variety of herbs and vegetables. We linked it with English and wrote instructional texts. We then moved on to learning about Shakespeare and loved our lesson where we were allowed to insult others using Shakespearean language. In history we learned about WWII, how it started and how children were evacuated to the countryside. We had the opportunity to visit Holly Lodge in Richmond Park for Science, we found so many invertebrates when we were log rolling and pond dipping.

It has been a wonderful journey and we are thankful for our time at St Mary's.



Y2

This term, Year 2 have been hard at work and having lots of fun after sitting the SATs! We have absolutely loved using equipment to observe closely in Science, particularly in our planting topic. As part of this topic, we enjoyed a trip to Holly Lodge where we could put these skills into action: finding leaves, planting basil, and learning about seed dispersal. The children were enamoured with their history topic, learning all about explorers. We learned about famous explorers, such as Gertrude Bell, and enjoyed going on an expedition of the school grounds.

Our highlights of this term were creating a class mural based on our story "Grandad's Secret Giant", our Pen Pals from Tilford visiting us, learning about Windrush and our last trip of Year 2 to Holland Park and, of course, sports day!

Highlights of the year from the children:

"This year I have enjoyed when we went to Pizza Express because it was really fun and the pizza tasted nice. I also enjoyed learning about the different food groups" - Zlata.

"This year I have enjoyed when we went to Holly Lodge as we went on a nature walk and I also liked making my own helicopter seed out of paper. I have enjoyed being with my teachers, PE, Maths and English, I really liked us looking at the story 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. - Amelie.



YR

What a term Reception have had! It's been another busy one. During the first half-term, the children explored Dinosaurs. We used the story Gigantosaurus by Jonny Duddle to support our learning. The children labelled images of dinosaurs talking about the different parts and their purpose. They blew us all away with their depth of knowledge on dinosaurs. Miss McEvoy even learnt some new facts and names! We took part in a workshop at the Natural History Museum where we learnt all about Sophie the Stegosaurus as well as exploring the museum.

The final half-term of Reception has been a great one. Our learning was based around the story, The Sea Saw by Tom Percival which is about a child who loses her precious teddy. We discussed what was precious to us and thought about our feelings if we were the child in the story. The children wrote invitations to their teddies to invite them in for a picnic. The children made fruit kebabs for the picnic practising their fine motor skills.

Reception enjoyed lots of activities in the Summer Term. Some of our favourites, the Coronation Celebration, visiting LEGOLAND and Sport's Day.

This year has flown by. Well done to everyone for their fantastic learning and progress this year. And, of course... thank you so much to all of the parents for the support throughout the year. Your support has had a huge impact on the children's development.



SCIENCE

This year the teaching staff have been looking at ways of enhancing our science provision. We have worked with STEM Learning (leading education experts in the subjects of science, technology, engineering and maths) to participate in science training and development. This began with an audit of our current science provision and deciding on the actions needed that will improve and enhance the teaching and learning of science across the school.

Some of the actions included reviewing the teaching sequence and plans for the different science topics, making use of knowledge matrices for each topic, breaking down lessons into smaller steps and linking to prior learning, understanding the scientific enquiry types and applying the different science skills in practical work.

Teachers have now completed training so that they can implement these actions into their science lessons. In addition, each classroom now has a science 'working wall' display and the children have taken part in enrichment activities with class trips to the Holly Lodge Outdoor Learning Centre in Richmond Park. It has been wonderful to see the progress made so far and the work will continue into the next academic year to ensure that our science teaching and learning continues to develop.

"I love science because it is really interesting and we learn a lot of cool things!" Eleanor, Y3

"Science is my favourite subject because it teaches me about how my body works and I loved the topic on rocks and fossils." Peter, Y3



SPORT & PE

During PE lessons with Mr Newman this term, all year groups have focused on athletics. The children have been taking part in a number of events including sprints, relay race, long jump, triple jump and javelin. All in preparation for the annual school sports days.



Borough Basketball

Earlier this term children from Y6 (George, Euan, Isabella, Emmeline) and Y5 (Euan) went to two basketball tournaments representing St. Mary's. The first tournament was at Putney Ark Academy and we had to win five games to get through to the Borough Finals. Our first two games were big wins against Oasis (B team) and Granard School, leaving us first in our group. All we had to do was win three more games. We won! This was super exciting as we were through to the next round representing Putney in the Wandsworth Finals! For the second tournament, we were at the Aspire Centre in Southfields. We competed against five other teams from across Wandsworth. We tried to improve our game in every match we played.

After competing against all the school teams, we proceeded to the semi-finals. We all tried our hardest and played our best game. We got through to the final against Our Lady Queen of Heaven. We played with perseverance and passion and it was a draw at the end of the game! We then went into 'golden time' (whoever scored the first goal wins) unfortunately they scored first and we lost. First, we were sad but then we all cheered and congratulated all the teams - even the team that beat us! It was a great event and we thank our fantastic coach Andy Stock and Mrs Bishop for preparing us and taking us to the tournaments.

Emmeline Hume and Euan Johnstone (Y6)



School Eucharist

Both in school and at St. Mary's Church, our half termly Eucharists are a great opportunity to come together as a school and accept the bread and wine. It is a sacred part of our day where we can pray and worship as a community. Older children are responsible for helping out with different parts of the service. We also join together to sing holy songs and praise God. Together, we learn about different stories from the bible usually in a creative and fun way led by Revd Jane or Revd John. Communion is a great way for us all to unite through Christ.

Valerie Stavenka (Y6)



MUSIC

Summer Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WCET) Concert

The children in Year 3 and Year 4 have been having weekly lessons all year on their respective instruments as part of the Whole Class Instrumental Tuition Scheme offered by Wandsworth Music Service - Year 3 on the recorder and Year 4 on the flute. This has been such a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience learning a musical instrument for three full terms and it has had such a positive effect on their wider learning. It culminated in their Summer Concert on June 28th when we were treated to a wide range of music from Leonard Cohen to Rihanna, with some traditional pieces thrown in too. The audience were positively bopping along to some of the pieces! Poppy (flute) and Isabella (clarinet) in Year 6, Euan (flute) in Year 5 and Sasha (flute) in Year 4 also treated us to solo pieces on their instruments to show how much better you can become if you continue to learn an instrument or take individual lessons. Well done to everyone in the concert, you all performed so professionally and of course special thanks go to Clare and Maja from Wandsworth Music for preparing everybody so well.



ART



At the beginning of term, all classes worked to create a beautiful flag commemorating the coronation of King Charles III. Nursery and Reception children each drew a sham-rock, daffodils were the subject of Y1 / Y2 drawings. Y3 / Y4 drew thistles and Y5/6 drew roses. The children enjoyed seeing how impressive their work looked when combined to create a floral crown that's now displayed in the hall.

Our Morph sculpture, created in the Spring term can be visited at it's temporary home , Metro Bank Cheapside, until 20 August as part of a public art trail.

In the second half of term, the much-anticipated summer art fair gave everyone the opportunity to try out felting. The children enjoyed learning a new craft and were surprised by the exciting physical process as well the beautiful outcomes.



STAFF UNCOVERED

Sue Abraham
SBM

Background

Born in Wimbledon, I am one of five siblings and have three grown up children who live in London, Derby and Northamptonshire. I have six grandchildren as well as one step great granddaughter. When I left school my first job was in National Westminster Bank. A variety of roles have followed, all mainly involving finance and personnel administration but I always wanted to work in either a hospital or a school and therefore was overjoyed to join St Mary's back in 2012.

What do you like best about St Mary's?

The Community spirit!

Who is your favourite actor/actress?

There are far too many to choose just one! Tom Hanks, Leonardo Di Caprio, Meryl Streep, Cate Blanchett, Kate Winslet the list is endless!

What human trait do you dislike?

Dishonesty - honesty is the best policy

How do you like to relax?

By reading a good book, watching a movie or going to the theatre

What is your greatest extravagance?

I am not really an extravagant person. I much prefer to treat my children and grand-children by organising theatre trips, events and days out for us to enjoy and create wonderful memories.

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

Appreciate the here and now and never take anything for granted



How would you like to be remembered?
As a good person who always tried to do her best

What is your favourite meal?

I love all Italian food and absolutely adore cheese the stronger and smellier the cheese the better!

What is your favourite pastime?

I have been researching my family tree for a number of years and love finding out about my family ancestry.

What pet do you have or would you like?

I don't currently have any pets but have previously always owned dogs maybe I will again when I retire

What makes you happy?

Visiting and spending time with my family

Which of your habits would you like to change?

Mmmmm, I am torn between eating too many sweet things and shopping for things online that I really do not need!

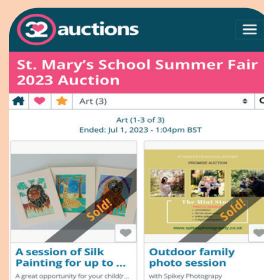
FOSMS NEWS

It's been another busy term for FoSMS, with the focus for fundraising this term firmly on the annual Summer Fair on Saturday 1st July. It is always a highlight of the school events calendar with a wide variety of stalls, games, inflatables, food and drinks. A number of new additions for this year proved very popular, in particular candy floss, a free fun zone including bead keychains, balloon modelling and bubbles, and the chance to vote to "gunge" a teacher - with Mrs Bishop winning the vote by a country mile! A huge thank you to all parents who volunteered their time to help organise and run the Fair, as well as those who donated prizes for the tombola and games, teddies for the adopt-a-teddy stall and/or contributed towards stall expenses which helps hugely in terms of maximising the funds raised for additional activities and resources for the children. We couldn't run events like this without you and we are very grateful for your support. This year the Summer Fair was also combined with the return of the Art Fair, with parents entering the main Fair in the playground via an amazing exhibition of the children's artwork in the school hall with the option to purchase some of the works in return for a donation to FoSMS. We are extremely lucky at St Mary's to have a specialist art teacher, Mrs Adams, and the standard of the art work on display was a testament to the difference such specialist teaching makes. Huge thanks to Mrs Adams and parent Heidi Wales for their hard work in preparing the exhibition, and also framing many of the purchased pieces.

The final element of our summer fundraising was the fabulous Promises Auction led by parents Nikki Cornfield and Clara Lee, which was run online and finished shortly after the doors opened to the Summer Fair. The range of promises offered showed what a talented and generous bunch we have at St Mary's, with lots including personalised birthday cakes, Pilates and yoga lessons, maths and chess tuition, hair braiding, fly fishing, silk painting - the list goes on! Promises were complemented by various vouchers donated by local businesses, and we saw some great bidding battles!

We are absolutely thrilled that the total raised across these three events was a phenomenal £10,000! Thank you to each and every one of you who got involved with supporting these events.

Funds raised by FoSMS have been used this term for swimming lessons for all Y3 children, and the EYFS/KS1 and KS2 Sports Days. FoSMS has also recently contributed £70,000 raised since the bi-centennial year towards the costs of Phase 1 of the Playground Project with work starting soon. Watch this space for further details and more information about future plans!





ST. MARY'S ECO-COMMITTEE NEWS

This term the focus has been on ACTION!

Within our Eco-Committee, we have separated into three groups (Litter, Energy and School Grounds). In the litter section, we have formed a rota to ensure that 2 days a week members of the group will pick up the litter in the playground and one day a week all old pens will be collected and recycled from classrooms and offices.

Moving on to the energy category, all the pupils involved are working extremely hard to plan an energy free assembly to notify students and teachers about the usage of energy in the school. As well as this, they have organised an energy free morning - on the 17th of July- we will have an energy free lunch and a morning of energy free learning.

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This is all leading to our goal of achieving 100 eco-points to be officially awarded a Green Flag on our school website as well as, most importantly, raising awareness of 'green' issues and sustainability at St. Mary's



OUTSIDE LEARNING

One of our whole school priorities this year has been to extend pupils experiences to learn outside. We explored the many opportunities that exist in our local community and arranged for classes from Y1 to Y6 to visit The Holly Lodge Centre for a day of focused science based outdoor learning in the beautiful surroundings of Richmond Park.

Each class had a different focus linked to their work in class e.g Plants, Habitats, Birds and the centre provided exciting and memorable learning experiences for the children to enjoy.

Thank you to all the staff and parents who supported this initiative and to the children for responding so positively to the experience and the long walk!

This priority is one we certainly plan to build on in the future.



YEAR 6 REFLECTIONS



Name: Abigail

Reflections: I remember during the Queen's Diamond Jubilee we had a giant picnic and I loved seeing all the amazing costumes and fabulous cakes-the effort people had made was incredible. I also remember when Paul Sturgess, the really tall basketball player, came to talk to us. He was inspirational about overcoming and celebrating difference.

Ambitions: I would love to be a murder detective like the character Hercule Poirot and I would like to be involved in teaching children religious education.

Teachers will remember you for: your creativity, sensitivity and strong loyalty to friends and family (and school too!).

Secondary School: Lady Margaret School



Name: Aleksandr (Sasha)

Reflections: When I came here at first, I wasn't really sure but now I love it! There are so many activities and I loved Sayer's Croft. My Christian Aid stall with my smoothies was a great success and I loved that too.

Ambitions: I am really not sure yet.

Teachers will remember you for: your quiet confidence, super adaptability and resilience and your love of school puddings!

Secondary School: Richmond Park Academy



Name: Andrija

Reflections: I have loved being part of Year 6 with the highlight being Sayer's Croft. It was a great experience being away from parents for a few nights! I have also loved being involved in the Y6 play, Troy Story and playing the character of Hector. Art has been a great source of enjoyment for me as well as learning about electricity in Year 3 and making chocolate in Year 4.

Ambitions: My dream is to become an artist or something in IT to do with coding.

Teachers will remember you for: your musical prowess (especially on the dancefloor), imagination and your sensitivity.

Secondary School: Fulham Boys School



Name: Anton

Reflections: I will forever remember our Y2 production: The Bee Musical. I played a guard and a farmer, which were exactly the roles I was hoping for. It was such an enjoyable play. I have also loved science throughout St Mary's and really loved making circuits in Year 6.

Ambitions: My dreams for the future are to persevere for a literature degree, as I would like to become an author. I really enjoy all types of creative writing and am trying to start young. Another profession I want to strive towards is to be a chef as one of my hobbies is cooking.

Teachers will remember you for: your great general knowledge, unique writing talent and cheerful disposition.

Secondary School: Epsom College



Name: Ella

Reflections: I absolutely loved going to Sayer's Croft. I will always remember the tiring walk up Pitch Hill but the hard work was worth it as the view from the top was stunning. The bicentenary celebrations were also incredible and I will never forget when the whole school released helium balloons in the hall. There was a competition to see whose would come down last!

Ambitions: When I'm older I would love to become a vet because I love looking after animals and care deeply about their welfare.

Teachers will remember you for: your modest personality, great sense of fun and friendly, caring nature.

Secondary School: Richmond Park Academy



Name: Emma

Reflections: I remember on the last night of Sayer's Croft staying up until midnight chatting with my friends and watching the day turn to Friday! I loved making chocolate in Year 4, I was so proud knowing I had made it and how delicious it was. I have loved being a part of the 'Red Family' throughout St Mary's and have had some memorable family treats- the most recent being a make your own ice-cream stand which was amazing!

Ambitions: In the future, I would like something to do with animals as I really enjoy spending time with them.

Teachers will remember you for: your excellent mathematical skills, super confidence and a very sociable nature!

Secondary School: Epsom College



Name: Emmeline

Reflections: I remember in Year 5 we did an LGBTQ+ workshop led by a man called Jack. People from the community came to discuss their struggles, challenges and life experiences. We did a lego building exercise where we were assigned a person and built a model of them fighting for their rights. It was amazing, I loved it!

Ambitions: In the future, I wish to do well academically and continue to play netball. I hope I can ace all of my exams and get into an excellent university-preferably Cambridge. I would love to study there one day.

Teachers will remember you for: your strong determination, intelligent contributions and outstanding sporting skills.

Secondary School: Harrodian



Name: Euan

Reflections: In Year 6, I took part in the yearly basketball tournament. We got extremely far and I was very happy with the result. In Year 5, I sang in the Spring Concert. I did a track by Oasis called 'Don't Look Back in Anger' and I loved it.

Ambitions: I hope to be a sportsman or a manager for a sports star. I am very strong in sports and I think people will listen to me. I am also good with money.

Teachers will remember you for: your artistic and sporting talent, enquiring mind and can-do attitude.

Secondary School: Fulham Boys School



Name: Fredric

Reflections: I remember going to Legoland and building structures in Year 1. My favourite part was going on the rides and learning how to build things out of lego. I also remember when Paul Sturges, the tallest former professional basketball player ever, visited the school. We learnt some basketball skills and, as a keen sportsman myself, I was thoroughly intrigued.

Ambitions: To become an Olympic gold medallist in the 5,000 metres and win a 10K road race.

Teachers will remember you for: your intelligence, calm and sensitive nature and thoughtful temperament.

Secondary School: Fulham Boys School



Name: George

Reflections: I always remember the excitement on the first day of Year 3 at break time when we were allowed in the 'Big End' of the playground for the first time as we were now in KS2. We all sprinted beyond the shed with pure joy. In Year 5, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was so memorable and impressive. We had a bake-off, a massive lunch in the playground, lots of fun activities and an amazing concert. It was so fun!

Ambitions: I'm not quite sure what I want to be when I grow up but I am leaning towards becoming an author as I really like writing stories.

Teachers will remember you for: your strong determination, competitive nature and creativity with words.

Secondary School: Kings College School, Wimbledon





Name: Grace

Reflections: One of the highlights of my time at St Mary's was Christian Aid week. It was so much fun planning and running our fruit kebab stall, which was a great success. It was so nice to spend time with friends and raise money for charity. Sayer's Croft will always be a favourite memory too. We did so many activities, had fun in our cabin, dance battles and a disco.

Ambitions: I am not sure what I would like to be in the future but I may like to be an actor, pet sitter or a pet trainer working with support dogs.

Teachers will remember you for: your exuberant disposition, positive and caring attitude and determination to do well.

Secondary School: Ashcroft Technology Academy



Name: Harper

Reflections: In Year 2, we went to the rubbish dump! It sounds strange but it was one of my favourite school trips. Other memories include a trip to LEGOLAND, The Bee Musical, making focaccia and of course, the residential trip to Sayer's Croft. Every single adult in this school has helped me and I am very thankful for all of them.

Ambitions: I'm not sure what I want to be but I enjoy history and ballet. If those don't work out, I would like a career in netball.

Teachers will remember you for: your great sense of style, being an avid reader and having such a sunny outlook on life.

Secondary School: London Park School



Name: Hong Yue (Connie)

Reflections: I only joined St Mary's in Year 6 but I already have some amazing memories and wonderful friendships. I particularly loved coming in for the booster breakfasts during SATs week - the food was delicious and made the week fun. I have loved our DT sessions and particularly enjoyed following a recipe and instructions to make focaccia bread. I was so proud of the result. It was delicious and I took it home to share with the family.

Ambitions: I would like to be a dancer and perform on stage. My dream would be to perform with a K-Pop star!

Teachers will remember you for: your conscientious attitude to learning, mathematical wizardry and wonderful adaptability.

Secondary School: Ark Academy Putney



Name: Isaacdwell

Reflections: I have only been in Year 6 for a short time but it has been fantastic. Sayer's Croft was terrific and everyone had such a fun time. We didn't want to leave. Our trip to the Buddhist Temple in Wimbledon was also a highlight. It was fascinating to meet a Buddhist monk and learn about his way of life and the principles and rules he lives by. The temple itself was magnificent and so colourful. I shall never forget it.

Ambitions: My ambition is to be a world-class footballer for Liverpool FC (hopefully with Euan and Yaroslav!). After I retire, I would love to manage a club, ideally Liverpool.

Teachers will remember you for: your talent for sport, strong determination and kindness.

Secondary School: Saint Cecilia's Church of England School



Name: Isabella

Reflections: My favourite memory has to be Year 6 and our trip to Sayer's Croft. We all got to climb the massive wall and do the high ropes, which was an amazing experience. Young voices has also been a highlight of St Mary's. I have been a couple of times and the atmosphere and energy stays with me for days after!

Ambitions: I would like to have a profession to do with sport like a footballer.

Teachers will remember you for: your dedication and loyalty to the school, enthusiasm and love for learning.

Secondary School: Wimbledon High School





Name: Karmen-Ocean

Reflections: I always remember making our own chocolate bars in Year 4- the whole chocolate topic was really fun. I also loved Sayer's Croft in Year 6 and had some of my favourite times with my friends there. We had late night chats and giggles and even did a catwalk in the dormitory!

Ambitions: In the future, I would like to be an actor and star in well-known shows on TV.

Teachers will remember you for your wonderfully sociable nature, great organisational skills (librarian) and sunny smile.

Secondary School: Fulham Cross Academy



Name: Michele

Reflections: The Diamond Jubilee was amazing and I had so much fun and food! I have also always enjoyed the St Mary's Summer Fairs. Christian Aid in Year 6 was a fantastic experience too and so was bringing in our electronics for the day in Year 4. I made my best friend at St Mary's and it's a school I will remember forever.

Ambitions: I love writing and would like to be an author. I also love good food and would like to be a food critic. I am crazy for video games and would love to be involved in the making of them too.

Teachers will remember you for: your strong sense of fairness, have-a-go attitude and a keen sense of humour.

Secondary School: Saint Cecilia's Church of England School



Name: Poppy

Reflections: One of my favourite memories was when we did a show at the Polka Theatre in Year 5 called 'Big, Small, Lost, Found Things'. I played a character called Old3 and Scared. I also loved Sayer's Croft in Year 6, DJ Letty was hilarious!

Ambitions: I would like to be a zookeeper when I grow up.

Teachers will remember you for: your bubbly personality, keenness to contribute to school life and positive attitude to learning.

Secondary School: London Park School



Name: Ruby

Reflections: I remember in Year 2 we had our KS2 production called 'The Bee Musical.' I was so nervous at first but I remember Maria-Victoria told me to imagine the audience are all on the toilet- it actually worked! Being a Red Family Captain in Year 6 has also been a real honour.

Ambitions: I hope to become a professional netball player, as I love the sport. I would love to travel playing matches everywhere.

Teachers will remember you for: your integrity, level headedness balances well with a great sense of fun.

Secondary School: Saint Cecilia's Church of England School



Name: Theodore

Reflections: I will always remember St Mary's and everything that has happened along the way. I've learnt so much during my time here and can't wait for the next chapter. I really loved the Bee Musical in Y2, which was a fabulous end to my first year at St Mary's. I also really loved the Gymrun in Year 5 because there were many sports and it was great fun as I was partnered with my friend. It will be sad to do my final sports day at St Mary's as they are always exciting and action-packed.

Ambitions: I'm not 100% sure what I want to do when I'm older but it might be cool to be a pilot and see the world. I would also like to be an astronaut and go to Mars!

Teachers will remember you for: your intelligent contributions, enquiring mind and mature outlook on life.

Secondary School: Emanuel





Name: Valerie

Reflections: Throughout the seven years I have been in this amazing school, I have made many wonderful memories; one of my favourites was when we organised an 'Y6 Only' Christmas talent show. I had fun performing with Emmeline singing 'Last Christmas' and the class were all waving glow sticks. Sayer's Croft was also a special memory and one I will cherish. The activities were great, the food was delicious and staying up in our dormitory at night chatting was fun.

Ambitions: I am not quite sure what I would like to be but some of my hobbies include roller skating, arts and crafts, making videos and playing team sports

Teachers will remember you for your amazing creativity, thoughtfulness and very considerate nature.

Secondary School: Ursuline High School



KS2 SUMMER PRODUCTION

Troy Story. A Horse-terikal Musical!

Year 6 hitched a ride on a riotous romp through Ancient Greece at the end of term along with the support of the rest of KS2! Achilles led a vast army of Spartans to conquer Troy and rescue Helen from the wicked clutches of her kidnappers. The show was jam packed with memorable characters, witty dialogue and catchy songs that the audience enjoyed! The production thrilled adults and children alike. Truly the stuff of which legends are made! Well done to our wonderful Year Sixes for leading the show so brilliantly and to all the classes in KS2 who supported the show with super singing and actions. Another fantastic production at the end of a memorable year!



LEAVERS AND STARTERS

Starters

Reece Adams YR
Emilia Ferreira Y2
Troy Ferreira Y3
Amelia Adams Y5

Leavers

Josh Tiernan YR
Hector Hoenich YR
Olivia Hinchcliffe Y1
Samuel Dales Y2
Aurelia Hoenich Y2
Charlie Mills Y2
Otto Hoenich Y3
Harvey Lee Y3
Arthur Solpuker Y4
Sebastian Nicholls Y5

ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS

At the end of the last school year, we surveyed children in key stages one and two on their attitudes to bullying. The Ambassadors spent their early meetings this year, sifting through the data from the survey and identifying the issues that they needed to address in their work. They put all of the issues into an action plan and have been steadily working their way through the actions across the year. Before they could start work, they all took part in a training session on how to identify bullying and what to do when they were aware it was taking place. Throughout the year, the ambassadors have been mediating between their peers, and where they feel it needs it, raising concerns with senior leaders. One of the areas in the survey, was pupils not feeling safe in the toilets due to lighting and pupil behaviour. The Ambassadors have asked Mrs Abraham and Mr Mwila to fix the lights and have put together a code of conduct for pupil behaviour in the toilets. They also noted that there were no ABAs in the lower playground at break and lunch and so they have drawn up a rota to ensure that our younger pupils have access to them. The ABAs have also increased the number of Childline posters in school and are currently working on some ideas as alternative to Friendship Fridays. It has been a pleasure working with the ABAs this year and I look forward to training new ambassadors who will take the place of our Year Six leavers. Special thanks to: Andrija, Emmeline, Fredric, Ruby and Valerie for being such great ABAs, we will miss them greatly next year and hope they will take on a similar role in their new secondary schools!





KS2 SPORTS DAY 2023

The annual KS2 Sports Day was held on July 7th at Barn Elms Sports Trust, a fantastic new venue this year, as the children competed over eight athletics events in glorious sunshine. The Red family were ultimately victorious, taking home the family points shield! Green family were winners of the relay cup, while Blue family came first in a tightly fought parents relay. Ten new incredible school records were also set during an amazing day of fun and friendly competition!



EYFS & KS1 SPORTS DAY 2023

The annual EYFS & KS1 Sports took place on July 14th on Putney Common with Year 6 pupils and parent volunteers assisting with the proceeding. All the children competed in a morning of friendly and fun events finishing with ice lollies, medals for all participants and a pic-nic.

**The Autumn Term starts
Wed 5th Sep 2023**


(Mon 3rd, Tue 4th - Inset Days)

**Wishing you all a
wonderful Summer Break!**






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