



St. Mary's School

A love of learning for life

St. Mary's Newsletter 17.3.2017

Dear parents and carers,

Another week of opportunities and engagement at St. Mary's. The children have really thrown themselves into the range of lessons and extra activities that have been on offer, from Henley Youth Festival events to Fencing lessons.

We are so fortunate to have the help of the volunteers which make this festival possible and I was delighted with the way in which our pupils have entered into the true spirit of the festival. Aside from the workshops, it was also wonderful to see that many of our children were performing at the Kenton Theatre as soloists or as part of a group sharing their musical or artistic talents. Many entered the competitions and it is great to see them picking up first prizes, runners up or highly commended entries.

One of the more unusual stories to cross my desk this week was an entry to the Letter's page of the Henley Standard. If you bought the paper you may have noticed that someone had written in about a St Mary's advertisement. For the avoidance of doubt I would like to reassure parents that the photo was a mock up, taken after the children had been learning to run in their cricket pads.

At St Mary's we take the safety of your children very seriously and always ensure that children are wearing the correct equipment for all activities, whether this is sporting or academic.

I hope you also saw all the fantastic photos from the Leander Club event in the newspaper.

As we look forward to next week, please remember that Friday

**Lunch menu
(please find
attached)**

**Diary dates
for the week:**

20.3.2017:
Kindergarten
trip to Swiss
Farm

22.3.2017:
U11 Dair
House Football
Tournament

U10 & U11 Tag
Rugby V
Reddam
School

Red Nose Day
(non uniform
day, wear
something red)

25.3.2017:
Swimarathon.
Earth Hour

Diary dates

24th March is Red Nose Day. Children can wear their own red clothes to school on that day (non uniform day) and make a £1 donation to the charity. Red noses are also available to buy from the school office.

Rob Harmer, Headmaster

Henley Festival Winners

St Mary's pupils did exceptionally well in the Henley Youth Festival Competitions this year.

Congratulations to:

- Emily Southgate for winning first prize in the junior 7/8 2D Art Competition.
- Ella Crayford who won the infant section of the Writing Competition
- Abigail Lawrence who won the infant Art Competition.
- Charlie Scott who was highly commended for his Art entry.
- Connor Botha who was highly commended for his Film Competition entry.



for the rest
of term are
available [here](#)
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Earth Hour

St Mary's is inviting you to join us in celebrating Earth Hour on Saturday, 25th March. [Find out more.](#)

News round up

[Year 3 Maths Champions](#)

[Weekly sports match results](#)

[Success in St. Mary's at Go Kids X Country Run](#)

[A lesson in Fencing](#)

[Year 4 put on their dancing shoes](#)

[Year 1 Visit to Blunderbus](#)

[Police car visit to Nursery and Kindergarten](#)

FOSMS News

Great news in from FOSMS this week. The raffle and auction that was held at the Leander Club earlier this month raised an impressive £1600. £665 of this will be going straight to Child Bereavement UK. Thank you to everyone who supported this.

[Golf Coffee Morning - 24th March – 9.30am start, £7 including 30minute lesson and tea/coffee at Henley Golf Club](#)

[Cake and Uniform sale - 24th March after school 50% of cake sale to Red Nose Day Appeal.](#)

Henley Lions Swimarathon

Saturday 25th March 2017

Henley Leisure Centre, Gillott's Lane, Henley-on-Thames.

St Mary's will be competing in the 12.30pm slot - (all competitors will need to be there 30 minutes prior to this)

This event is open to children in Years 2 - 6, who can swim a minimum of 25 metres. If you would like your child to take part, please contact the school office asap or add their name to the sign up sheet in reception. We can then get an idea of numbers and of how many teams we can submit as a school. For each child who would like to take part, please collect a sponsor form from the school office. All money raised will go towards the Lions Club of Henley-on-Thames Charity Fund.

Open Mornings

Shiplake College is holding an Open Morning this Saturday
18th March. If you are interested in attending please [click here](#).

Pangbourne College is holding a Spring Open Morning on Saturday
29th April. If you are interested in attending please
contact registrar@pangbourne.com or call 0118 984 2101.