

St. Mary's Newsletter 14.9.18

Dear parents,

Thursday was a glorious day for St. Mary's to be back at our outdoor class room at Swiss Farm. Kindergarten children spent a busy afternoon exploring the beautiful setting as did all the children who attended Outdoor club.

I would like to remind all parents that as a school we continue to monitor attendance to ensure pupils benefit to the maximum from our extensive curriculum. We understand that due to illness there will be times when non-attendance is unavoidable however, I am increasingly being asked to authorise leave for pupils to take holidays within term times. As a school, we recognise good attendance to be 96% or above. If you do need to request any additional holiday days / days off in term time please do complete the paperwork which is held at the school office. This will then be forwarded onto me for consideration.

Thank you for your support.

Rob Harmer  
Headmaster

### Events 2018/19

Keep up to date with school events via our St. Mary's App. Don't have the app? Search for St. Mary's PIOTA on your phone:

### Alumni news

Congratulations to Georgina Robinson Ranger who has been named in the GB squad for the year's Youth Olympics in Buenos Aires! Read the full report in the Henley Standard...



JEANS FOR GENES DAY – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September



We learnt this week that Bafta award winner, writer, producer and director Hugo Blick went to St Mary's in the 1970s and actress Anastasia Hille also attended St. Mary's.



This day will be a non-uniform day when pupils can wear jeans if they would like to in return for a £1 donation. We will be collecting money for the important work the charity does supporting children affected by genetic disorders. It is estimated that one in 25 children is affected by a genetic disorder. 30,000 babies and children are newly diagnosed in the UK each year.

*Please also note the following calendar changes:*

*- The Year 2 trip to Leighton Park will now take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, not 4<sup>th</sup> June as previously stated.*

### **St. Mary's Magicians**

Year 6 pupils George Verry and Oscar Scannell have been wowing pupils and staff with their magic tricks

this week. Take a look at the private St. Mary's Facebook page to see for yourself!

If you are yet to 'request to join' the St. Mary's private Facebook group just follow this link [https://www.facebook.com/groups/218992288876896/?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/groups/218992288876896/?ref=br_tf)



**Competition time**

There is still time to win a sea turtle! St. Mary's is committed to becoming a single use plastic free school and the school council have found the perfect way to remind us to keep reducing our use of plastic – by having the chance to win a soft toy sea turtle.

Children can buy a shape from reception for £1. They then simply have to name and decorate their numbered shape and stick it on the turtle in the library. The winner will take home a sea turtle and all money raised from the competition will be given to the Alexander Devine our chosen charity for this year.

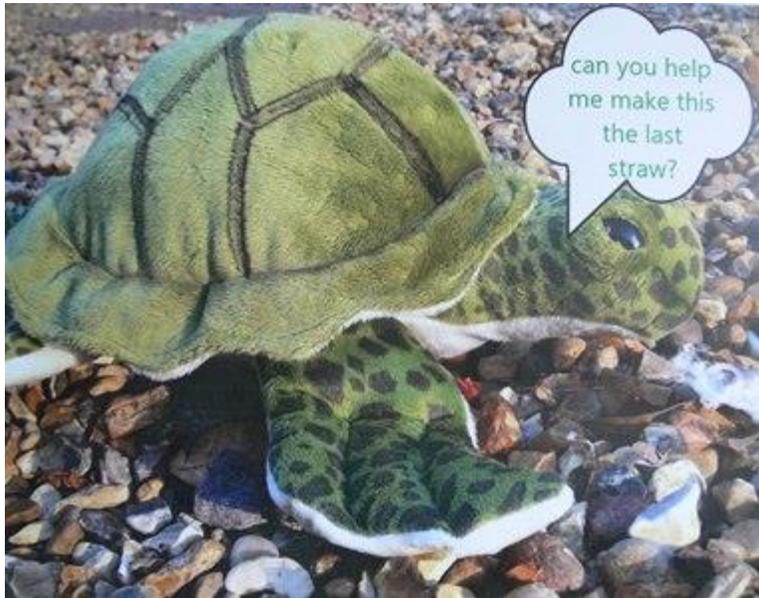


*\* Photos from Wikipedia*

Do you know any other alumni? If so do let us know!

**Lunch menu (see attached)**

*Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>:  
- Assembly visit from 'No Idling (car*



*pollution) speaker*  
*- Stay and Play*  
*- AFC Henley Y3 & Y4 Football Tournament*

*Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>:*  
*- U10 & U11 Netball v Waverley School*  
*- U10 & U11 Football v Waverley School*

*Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>:*  
*- Nursery trip to Bekonscot*

*Friday 21<sup>st</sup>:*  
*- Jeans for Genes day (Non uniform day)*  
*- Kindergarten to the Look Out centre (Kindergarten to wear PE kit, not jeans)*  
*- U8s v Eagle House*  
*- U9s v Eagle House*

## **Clubs**

Apologies for any inconvenience the following club cancellations will cause. Please do let the school office know if you would like to book your child into tea club.

Creative Art Club will not be happening on Monday 17th September due to staff training  
Little char'actors' will not be running on Tuesday 16th October

Also, please note that due to clashes with PE matches the Monday and Friday LAMDA clubs will be swapping around.

## **Nursery**

Nursery children enjoyed a trip to the Henley Library this week. They were lucky enough to also meet a Police Officer at the library who kindly offered to read to them. This meant extra stories for the nursery

children!



### **Gold Book**

Many pupils were congratulated in assembly for the efforts they have made this week. Well done to all pupils who have joined the school this term and settled in so well, to Alexandre Créau for showing younger children how to behave in assembly and to Noah Baiarda-Harris for making an excellent effort with nouns and adjectives. Well done to everyone who got a mention – do keep up the good work!

### **Forest School training**

St. Mary's school is hosting Forest School Level 3 training at our Swiss Farm site and we wondered whether any parents would be interested in joining the course as there are still spaces available? For further details and an outline of costs please do take a look at this link and talk to Mrs Peters if you are interested in finding out more.

<https://www.wherethefruitis.co.uk/>

## **Sport**

### **PE Stars of the week**

**Kindergarten – Olivia Smith**

**Year 1 – Allegra Benarr**

**Year 2 – Millie Scott**

**Year 3 – Leo Osbourne**

**Year 4 – Ginevra Taylor**

**Year 5 – Aoife Lynch**

**Year 6 – Drummond Seraille**

U8/U9 Mixed: Papplewick school v St. Mary's

Score 7-1

A dominant performance from St. Mary's against Papplewick with Arthur Massie captaining his team to the first win of the season.

Some solid defending from Oli Thomas and Caleb Marchant held an early attack at bay and a pass out wide by Miley Vann to Arthur Massie split the midfield for Massie to run onto and open his account. Oliver Carey battled hard on the right flank and created space for Zach Astle to press forward. A loose ball was quickly collected by Massie and he scored his second with a well struck shot to the keepers right.

Papplewick pressed forward and brought out the best on keeper Alex Benarr with a stunning save from a shot struck hard and low to his left post. Benarr then found Thomas who carried the ball out of defence and hit a decisive pass out to the left wing which Massie managed to recover and take around the keeper to score a hat trick.

Papplewick didn't give up though and they continued to press. A long range shot just got the better of Benarr as VAR was nearly called into action but the referee correctly called that the ball had crossed the line!

In the second half Alex Bowater-Rubio was strong in the midfield and he managed to find Miley Vann in

space who hit a wonderful strike from outside the area which beat the keeper handsomely! Some great support from Will Harding on the touchline (out with a broken elbow) saw St. Mary's press on further and Albie Ball found the net with a great shot from the edge of the box. A further two goals from Massie wrapped up the game with a convincing 7-1 victory.

Player of the match performance by Arthur Massie.

U10s v St Edward's U11s

Score 2-5

St. Mary's found themselves up against a very well drilled side in St. Edward's and a giant of a keeper to beat! The first five minutes saw St. Edward's have the majority of the ball with a high press but St. Mary's soon settled and captain Max Jobson in goal distributed a lovely pass to Tommy Lane to get in behind the opposition's midfield.

Some great interplay between Lane, Woolhouse and Thomson nearly saw an opening goal for St. Mary's only to be denied by the outstretched hand of the keeper. St. Edward's then pushed forward and managed to get in behind the defence, Oldham tried valiantly to intercept but an early shot beat Jobson at the far post. St. Mary's responded quickly with Oldham finding Thompson on the left wing and he in turn passing to Lane. A drop of the shoulder and the defender was beaten. As the keeper was drawn out to close the angle down the ball was passed across the goal for Woolhouse to slot home confidently.

Further attacks from St. Mary's saw Butterworth display a sublime deft touch to beat the last defender but his shot was fired wide of the post. Charlie Scott helped to mix up the play in midfield and some intricate passing between Oldham and Lane once again opened up the defence but we couldn't find the target. St. Edward's came back quickly and opened a two goal lead to finish the half 3-1 up.

Nate Thornber and Sam Loggie made an excellent contribution in the second half with Thornber intercepting the St. Edward's forward passes. A long ball by Woolhouse saw the St. Edward's keeper parry the shot and Loggie was quick to pounce and on the second attempt he managed to poke the ball home. St. Mary's then had the better of the game and were edging closer and closer to finding the equalising goal.

Jobson was out on pitch in the second half and was marshalling his defence well and Scott pulled off a brave point blank save to keep the score at 3-2. Harry Waldron pulled off an amazing piece of skill which sent two of the St. Edward's players in the wrong direction before he passed the ball on to his midfield. With St. Mary's pressing hard for an equaliser they left themselves a little open at the back and St. Edward's netted a fourth goal in the last 5 minutes. Further attempts to get back to a one goal deficit left more gaps and St. Edward's managed to grab a fifth goal which flattered them somewhat as the game was far closer than the score line suggested.

Player of the match performance by Charlie Oldham.

U11s v St. Edward's

Score 1 - 8

St Mary's faced a very strong St. Edward's team. St Mary's played well but were undone by some good clinical finishing from the hosts. The first half was particularly tough for St. Mary's; after just 7 minutes we were down 3-0. This did not deter the team though as they rallied and improved, working well together to create some opportunities.

Unfortunately the chances St. Mary's created are not reflected in the final score, as St. Edward's had a very strong goal keeper, however the team should take pride in the determination they showed.

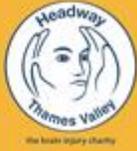
Towards the end of half time St Mary's efforts were rewarded with a free kick. Drummond Seraille stepped up and took a screamer of a free kick which curled in the top corner of the goal!

### **5k run for Headway**

The charity Headway provides support, services and information to brain injury survivors, their families and carers, as well as campaigning to reduce the incidence of brain injury in the Thames Valley. The charity is organising a 5K run (or walk) on 30th September.

# 5K FOR HEADWAY

10:30AM SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018  
AT BEALE PARK, PANGBOURNE, RG8 9NW



5K RUN OR WALK  
TO RAISE MONEY  
FOR HEADWAY  
THAMES VALLEY

- SCENIC 5KM ROUTE
- ENTRY FEE OF £15 IN ADVANCE OR £20 ON THE DAY
- CHILDREN'S 2K – ENTRY FEE OF £5
- INDIVIDUALLY SET DISTANCES FOR HEADWAY CLIENTS
- ACCESS TO THE PARK
- AMPLE FREE CAR PARKING
- REFRESHMENTS
- SUPPORTERS WELCOME



PARTICIPANTS ARE  
ENCOURAGED TO  
RAISE A MINIMUM  
OF £50 & WEAR A HAT!

Headway Thames Valley, Brunner Hall, 848 Greys Road, Henley-on-Thames,  
Oxon, RG9 1TF | Tel 01491 411467 | Registered charity no. 1000911  
Sign up to take part at [www.headwaythamesvalley.org.uk](http://www.headwaythamesvalley.org.uk)

## Open days:

Pangbourne  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
<https://www.pangbourne.com/community/outreach>

Reading Blue Coat School  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

<https://www.rbcs.org.uk/admissions/visiting-the-school>

Shiplake College

Saturday 22nd September

<https://www.shiplake.org.uk/469/admissions/open-mornings>

Queen Anne's School

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September

<https://www.qas.org.uk/admissions/visit-queen-annes/>

Leighton Park School

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

<https://www.leightonpark.com/admissions/visits-and-events>

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The Abbey

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October

<https://theabbey.co.uk/admissions/key-dates>

Abingdon School

Saturday 29th September

<https://www.abingdon.org.uk>

Heathfield School Ascot

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October

<https://www.heathfieldschool.net>