



# St. Mary's Preparatory School

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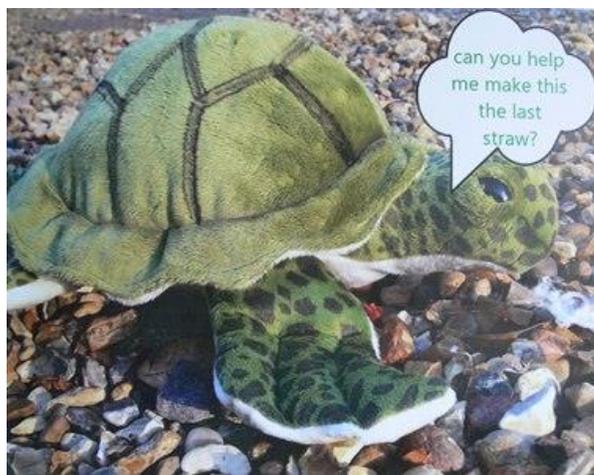
Dear parents,

'Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much (Helen Keller) – this was our thought for the week. Working together to help change the world is a concept that many St. Mary's children have also grasped and their determination to help improve the environment by reducing plastic usage is admirable. No doubt the children will therefore be pleased to hear that this week we have moved a step closer to becoming a single use plastic free school. In our kitchen we are now using new environmentally friendly packaging alongside our usual washable dishes.



## Competition

There is still time to enter the School Council competition to win a sea turtle! Just collect a hexagon shape (by the sports notice board), decorate it and donate £1 to the Alexander Divine Charity. Don't miss out.



## Lunch menu (see attached)

*Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>:*

*Y1 & Y2 to Wellington Country Park*

*Y3 & Y4 Long Close Tag Rugby matches*

*Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>:*

*U10 & U11 Long Close Rugby match*

*Football Tournament at Dolphin.*

*Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>:*

*Kindergarten to Swiss farm*

*Outdoor club*

*Friday 28<sup>th</sup>: U9/U8s Netball, Reddam and Football, Dolphin*

## Clean Air for Henley Campaign:

This week I wanted to share some nursery news with you. I am sorry to report that Nina Hollier, our Nursery Assistant will be leaving us by the end of this term to return to nursery management. Nina has been offered a position at a nursery in Burghfield and we wish her the very best of luck for the future and want to thank her for all her help in our nursery and tea club. We are already advertising for Nina's replacement and if you happen to know any qualified nursery staff looking for work, we would be happy to hear from them.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Rob Harmer  
Headmaster

### Events 2018/19

Please continue to check the calendar on our school App or website as these are updated on a daily basis. You can also keep up to date with lunch menus, term dates and much more online. Don't have the app? Just search for St. Mary's PIOTA on your phone.

### Autumn Term After School Club Invoices

The after school club invoices have been sent out this week. These invoices need a separate payment to that of the normal fees. Please can you arrange payment before the end of September 2018.

Childcare vouchers can be used to pay these costs.

### Club news

There are still some spaces in the judo club on a Wednesday morning at 7.45am. We have had some very positive feedback from parents about our new judo teacher Jason Woolerton so do please contact the office if your child is interested.

### Jeans for Genes day

Thank you to everyone for supporting Jeans for



We were pleased to welcome volunteers from the Clean Air for Henley campaign to school this week. The importance of switching off car engines when parked to help reduce pollution was shared with children, so you can no doubt expect them to remind you from time to time! Year 5 enjoyed a Clean Air game of Snakes and Ladders which they will now share with other year groups.

### Fabulous failures:

Genes day today. We will let you know how much money was raised next week!



### Celebrations

Lots to celebrate in assembly today, from literature to sports and music. Well done to everyone for working hard to achieve your potential in a variety of fields.

Well done to Martha Peach who has had a story (The Wild Garden) short-listed in The Dragonfly Tea Short Story Competition. This is a fantastic achievement and something Martha should take great pride in. We know that Martha worked very hard on her entry and it is heartening to see her effort rewarded. Martha has now been invited to attend a special prize giving in October when the overall winner of the competition will be announced. Good luck Martha!

Year 6 have been learning about the importance of failing this week and have been researching famous failures. We were amazed to learn that James Dyson failed 5,127 times when trying to create the Dyson. He was successful on attempt number 5,128. Thomas Edison had a good attitude to failure: 'I have not failed. I have just found 10,000 ways that won't work'.



### iRock

iRock lessons began this week. Our musicians were sounding good!





We were delighted to hear that George Verry succeeded in passing grade 2 piano recently. Great work George!



The St. Mary's children who braved the Grey's Court cross country last weekend did very well. We may not have claimed any gold medals on the day, but everyone who took part gave it their best effort.

We had some lovely photos sent in of Austin Lawrence (Year 1), Lily Wildgoose and Abigail Lawrence (Year 2) and Harry Waldron and Nate Thorner (Year 5) which were taken after the event. Well done to everyone else who participated as well.





The organisers of the weekend cross country events have asked us to remind parents that the next race will take place at Chiltern Edge on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. If any parents are able to help with parking, or are prepared to be hares then please do e-mail the organiser Kevin Nutt [knutt@kidmore-end.co.uk](mailto:knutt@kidmore-end.co.uk)

Over the summer Miley Vann completed the Henley Splash swim in the river. This was the first time he swam in the river and by all accounts really enjoyed the experience, finishing up 9<sup>th</sup> position in the 8-10 age category. Well done!



Lots of children were praised in our Gold Book this week. Highlights included a special mention to all of Year 4 for a fantastic music lesson with Mr Stangroom and to Olivia Smith who sang a beautiful solo in the Kindergarten lesson. Keep up the good work everyone!

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

**Kindergarten – Sofia Luijten**

**Year 1 – Rose Hillier**

**Year 2 – Louis Ball**

**Year 3 – Daniella Southgate**

**Year 4 – Albie Ball**

**Year 5 – Aoife Lynch**

**Year 6 – Ollie Pratt**

### **Nursery trip to Bekonscot**

A bit of rain wasn't going to dampen the spirits of our intrepid nursery children who enjoyed a trip to Bekonscot Model Village this week. The children enjoyed feeling like giants in the model village!



## Sports news

### AFC Henley Y4 Football Tournament

St. Mary's hosted a football tournament with AFC Henley for Year 4 pupils this week. Seven teams competed against each other. We watched some great football and team work. Well done to Reddam School who were victorious on the day. The final results were:

1st - Reddam

2nd - Trinity

3rd - St Mary's Tigers

4th - Oldfield A + Oldfield B

6th - Dolphin

7th - St Mary's Dragons



Football:

St Mary's U9 4 - 4 Holme Grange U9

This was a very entertaining game with both teams

playing good football. Albie Ball made some great tackles in defence to keep the guest team at bay at crucial times in the match. Well done to all – a fantastic all round team performance.

Goal scorers: Arthur Massie x 2 Charlie Nelmes x 1  
Charlie Wikes x1.

St Mary's U11 9 - 1 Waverley School U11

St Mary's certainly put last week's match against St. Edward's to bed with a great performance against Waverley School. A solid performance by every player and some brilliant team work. Player of the match Ollie Pratt helped to keep the Waverly team at bay with some outstanding goalkeeping.

Goal scorers: George Blumfield x 4 Drummond  
Seraille x 3 James Mennie x 2

U10s St. Mary's vs Waverley School Result 10-1

On a blustery Wednesday afternoon this week St. Mary's entertained Waverley School at Jubilee Park. Eager to return to winning ways St. Mary's started quickly and won the ball straight from the kick off. A striding run by Sam Loggie down the right wing resulted in a corner which Joseph Woolhouse bravely got his head on the end of and he opened the account for St. Mary's. Conal Thompson was then fouled in the box and he calmly slotted the ball home from the resulting spot kick.

The Waverley attacks were being thwarted with some intelligent interceptions from Ben Woodbridge and Nate Thornber (Captain). Charlie Scott in goal had very little to do as a result of his defensive line but when he was called into action he parried the shot wide with confidence. A third goal followed with Woolhouse getting on the end of a loose ball and carefully picking his spot in a crowded penalty area. The St. Mary's team were playing some beautiful football with some great interpassing between Thompson, Charlie Oldham and Loggie. Tommy Lane was orchestrating the midfield and picking out the forward runs of Thomas Butterworth and Max Jobson. Loggie profited from a rebounded ball off the post to grab a goal before half time. Harry Waldron made a telling tackle to stop the Waverley forwards getting a chance to shoot on goal and his distribution

from a throw in led to Jobson finding himself on the score sheet. A well taken goal after the woodwork had denied him a couple of times.

Woolhouse added a further 2 goals to complete a hat trick as did Jobson. Lane managed to weave his way through the Waverley defence determined not to miss out on the goals and opened his account. He then grabbed his second with a well taken penalty driven hard to the right of the keeper. Waverley managed to claim a consolation goal. Man of the match was Nate Thornber.

#### Netball Matches v Waverley

U11 St Mary's 5-9 Waverley,  
Player of the Match Alexandra Marthinusen  
Fantastic spacing and passing up the pitch, goals by Martha Peach, Lily Whittam and Alexandra Marthinusen

U10 St Mary's 2-1 Waverley  
Player of the Match Roxanna Schoenmaker  
Brilliant defending by Aoife Lynch and Emily Southgate, fantastic goals by Roxanna Schoenmaker

#### 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.rbc.org.uk/admissions/visiting-the-school>

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Shiplake College  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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>

The Abbey  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October  
<https://theabbey.co.uk/admissions/key-dates>

Abingdon School  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
<https://www.abingdon.org.uk>

St. Helen's and St. Katharine's  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
<https://www.shsk.org.uk/admissions/Open-day.aspx>

Gillots School  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 6-8.15pm  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 9am-midday and 1.45pm-3pm  
No booking required  
<http://gillotts.oxon.sch.uk/>

Langtree School  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October  
<http://www.langtreeschool.com/notices/open-evening-2nd-october-2018/>

The Pigott School  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
<http://www.piggottschool.org/page/?title=Open+Evenings+and+Dates&pid=53>