

St. Mary's Newsletter 5.10.18

Dear parents,

This week we have all appreciated Henley and everything that the Henley Literary Festival has to offer. We have visited eight events and been inspired by many authors.

Today is 'World Teachers' Day' (WTD) and as such I think I should take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all of the inspiring teachers at St. Mary's who help to make our school so wonderful.

The Cognita group has been celebrating WTD day with teachers across the globe (have a look at #teachertribute on Twitter for further details).

I am delighted to inform you that further to my announcement a couple of weeks ago, Nina Hollier has retracted her resignation and will be staying with us!

Finally, please note that next week I will be away at the Cognita Global Education Conference so in my absence please contact the school office and Charlotte or Diana will direct your enquiry to the appropriate member of the senior management team. The theme of the conference this year is 'Preparing our pupils for the future'. I look forward to sharing further details on my return!

Thank you once again 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? Search for St.

Lunch menu (see attached)

*Dates for the coming week:*

*Tuesday 9th October:*

*Stay & Play 10.45am – 11.45am*

*U11 Football Girls competition LVS Ascot U8 & U9 tag rugby v Davenies*

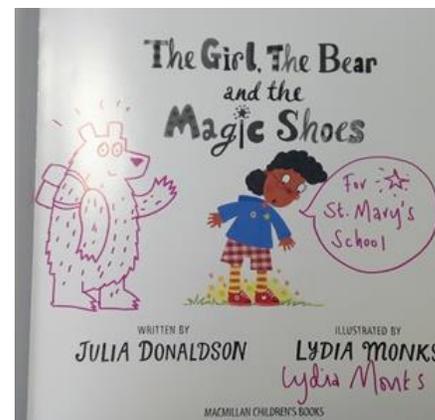
*Wednesday 10th October:*

*U10 & U11 Netball v Reddam*

*Thursday 11th October:*

*Year 4 Crosfields Football Festival  
Kindergarten trip to Swiss Farm*

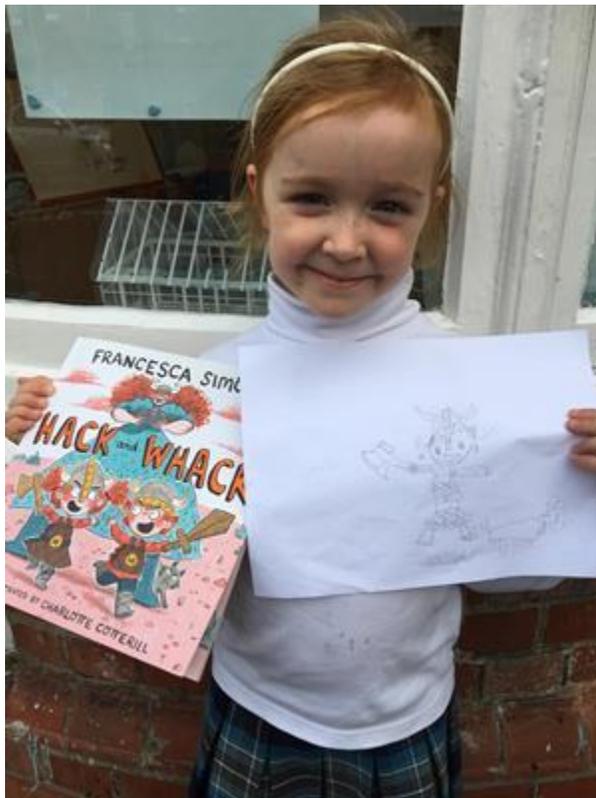
*More Henley Literary Festival photos:*



Mary's PIOTA on your phone.

## Henley Literary Festival

All year groups have thoroughly enjoyed a variety of Henley Literary Festival events this week. Rose Hillier was so inspired after seeing illustrator Charlotte Cotterill at work, that the very next morning she took out her own sketch pad at home! We are impressed Rose.



Year 6 were pleased to see author Anthony Horowitz, as Ollie Pratt reports:

*'On Wednesday Year 6 walked down to the Christ Church Centre to see Anthony Horowitz for the Henley Literary Festival. When we got there Anthony Horowitz was just getting ready to come on. Excitedly we waited for him to come on stage! Finally he came on and started talking about his newest book called 'Never Say Die' and a book he is writing just now. He is stuck on a scene about spies putting Alex on surveillance, but Alex has just got back from school and Anthony Horowitz is trying to find an*



## Can you help Lighthouse Foodbank?

With Harvest-time upon us and families at St Mary's lucky enough to rarely go hungry, maybe we should spare a thought for those less fortunate. Over the last few years we have supported the Lighthouse Foodbank in Henley and, as a school, we would like to continue collecting groceries. Many of you have been extremely generous and

*exciting way of Alex knocking them out. The audience gave him some interesting ideas! His new book sounded amazing and I am going to buy it straight away as I am a massive fan of Anthony Horowitz!*



Every year group enjoyed their Henley Literary Festival outing. Today Nursery children had great fun with illustrator Lydia Monks, who ended up drawing a picture that Johnny from our Nursery requested!

### **Celebrations**

There was a lot to celebrate in assembly today. This week Mr Harmer had the privilege of reading a story in assembly that Noah Baiarda-Harris had written called 'The Alligator Machine'. We all agreed that this was a brilliantly written imaginative piece of writing. Well done Noah!

Some brilliant sporting results to celebrate. Well done to Louis Ball who secured Star of the week in Judo last week and to Ollie Pratt, who was named AFC football player of the match at the weekend. Congratulations also to Henley Hawks medal winners Alex Benarr, Florence Nelmes and Conal Thompson who excelled in a rugby tournament in Beconsfield. An extra applause for Conal

Lighthouse have been most grateful.

Would you be able to spare anything please?

Below is a list of food needed:

tinned meat  
pasta sauce  
long life milk  
savoury or sweet biscuits or crisps  
tea, coffee, hot chocolate  
cereal  
squash  
toothbrushes,  
toothpaste  
washing powder  
toiletries

If you could drop anything into the box in Reception, we can take it down to D:two where Lighthouse is located, and help make a family happy! Thank you in anticipation.

who was awarded the TREDs award at the tournament (TREDs = teamwork, respect, effort, determination, support).

Louis Ball, judo star of the week:



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

**Kindergarten –Arjan Grewal**

**Year 1 – Phoebe Carey**

**Year 2 – Cassius Cartland**

**Year 3 – Sophie Broom**

**Year 4 – Theo Berry**

**Year 5 – Tommy Lane**

**Year 6 – Blair Loggie**

### **Plastics**

Our mission to continue to reduce the amount of plastic we use continues at St. Mary's and we would like to thank Mrs Scannell for bringing the following documentaries to our attention. We thought you might also be interested:

Drowning in Plastic, BBC

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b0bmbn47/drowning-in-plastic>



Start the Week - Yuval Noah Harari - @bbcradio4

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0000m7b>

A radio 4 programme about the future of humans and the need for adaptability of children.

### **Recycling**

While on the subject of the environment, please can we ask for any unwanted newspapers to be brought into school. They come in very handy for covering the tables in art lessons! Thank you in advance.

### **Sports news**

Results from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September:  
The teams were split into 3 teams of 5.

Dolphin U9 7 - 1 St Mary's U9 Sabre Tooth Tigers  
Goal scorer Arthur Massie

With some outstanding goalkeeping by the host's goalkeeper and an off day defending by St Mary's cost them the game. Arthur Massie and Charlie Nemes had some good shots on goal saved by Dolphin's outstanding goalkeeper. At times St Mary's pushed forward but in their enthusiasm left no one back defending.

Dolphin U9 6 - 1 St Mary's U9 Dragons  
Goal Scorer Toby Lane

This was an entertaining game by both sides with end to end stuff and St Mary's had plenty of opportunity to score

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but just kept missing the target. Toby Lane scored a good solo goal and some good goalkeeping by Alex Bowater - Rubio and Caleb Marchant kept the host's at bay. Alex Benarr went close to scoring on a few occasions and so did Oliver Carey.

Dolphin U9 6 - 0 St Mary's Werewolf's

This was an entertaining game with some good goalkeeping by Lorenzo Bowater - Rubio and some good defending by Noah Baiarda - Harris and Lucas James. With Will Harding in midfield and Leo Osbourne as Striker St Mary's were always pushing for a goal and Leo Osbourne went close to scoring on a couple of occasions.

Results from Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October:

#### HOCKEY

Long Close school U9 8 - 0 St Mary's U9 Pheonix

St. Mary's faced a very strong Long Close School team and although the score is disappointing, St Mary's girls did play well for their first game of the season. It was heartening to see the team work together to create a number of goal scoring opportunities. Strong defence on the day held us back however. Well done Long Close.

Long Close school U9 11 - 2 St Mary's U8 Unicorn

This was again a tough match for St Mary's as the under 8's played an under 9 team. St Mary's found themselves 4-0 down in the first 6 minutes of the game but eventually improved as the game went on. Player of the match Sophie Broom scored two wonderful goals and did some excellent defending to deny Long Close scoring more goals.

#### TAG RUGBY

Dair House U11 14 - 9 St Mary's U11

Try scorers James Mennie x 4, George Blumfield X 2, Henry Roseff x 1, Drummond Seraille x 1, Blair Loggie x

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This was a good close game despite the result as St Mary's played well but were undone by some good quick running by the hosts team. It was a relentless end to end game, but unfortunately a few mistakes cost us the game.

Dair House U10 13 - 16 St Mary's U10

Try scorers Max Jobson x 2, Thomas Lane x 10, Conal Thompson x 3, Sam Loggie x 1.

This was a great game with both teams playing very good rugby. We saw St Mary's players doing some good running and displaying good team work. This paid off, as the score line reveals. There was some brilliant tries by Tommy Lane and Conal Thompson and some great tagging by Ella Shraga and Harry Waldron.

### **Open days and events**

Queen Anne's School is hosting its annual Junior Drama Workshop which will be taking place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 12.30pm.

The theme this year is "The Adventures of Supergirl" where girls will devise a "mini-production" themselves, under the guidance of Head of Drama Mr Punter.

For further information please visit:

[https://www.gas.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Junior-Drama-Workshop-Programme-2018.pdf?mc\\_cid=424c7749f2&mc\\_eid=fd6035c66b](https://www.gas.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Junior-Drama-Workshop-Programme-2018.pdf?mc_cid=424c7749f2&mc_eid=fd6035c66b)

Pangbourne

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October

<https://www.pangbourne.com/community/outreach>

Leighton Park School

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

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



