

16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

St. Mary's Newsletter

Dear parents,

Last Friday evening FOSMS hosted yet another brilliant event for us all to enjoy. The quiz night was great fun and I would like to thank the FOSMS team for organising this and our very own Mr Stangroom for providing the musical entertainment. Do take a look at the [FOSMS Facebook page](#) to see the quiz in action. They have already turned their attentions to the next event with the planning of the St. Mary's Christmas Fair well underway. This will be happening on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at Shiplake Memorial Hall.

This week has been 'anti-bullying week' and I was delighted to see everyone wearing odd socks on Monday celebrating how we are all different but equal. This term we are really focusing on being kind and respecting each other. Some of the children have been writing blogs on what bullying is and I would like to share an extract from one pupil after they had highlighted what emotional and physical bullying was..... *'Personally, my school doesn't allow bullying and they take it very seriously. I can talk to my teachers, parents or any trusted adult. I feel very secure at school and at home.'* ..... This was one of many very positive

## Shining moments?

*We would like to know more about your child's 'shining moments'. If you are yet to do so, please complete and return the attached questionnaire*

## Anti-bullying week

*Thank you to everyone for supporting 'Odd Sock' day this week.*



descriptions of how the children feel and it really demonstrates that our message to get the children to speak up and share any worries or concerns is being heard. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you ever have any concerns regarding bullying.

Thank you all very much for supporting Children in Need today. Please do remember that the School Council will be busy hosting the Bring and Buy sale after school today. Do come along if you can (with your unwanted but good quality toys, games, clothes and books!)

During the next month there will be plenty to keep everyone busy at St. Mary's. Please continue to keep up to date with school events by visiting the calendar on our school app, or website. At the end of every newsletter you will also see a reminder of upcoming Christmas events – so do read on!

Thank you for your ongoing support.  
Rob Harmer

### **Year 5 trip to Ure Museum Report by Charlie Scott**

*'We went to the Reading University to visit the Ure Museum. It is small but that does not mean it is not interesting. It was absolutely spectacular! We handled primary artifacts, we all found something amazing! I learnt that the shape of a vase, the spouts, handles and patterns could mean it held different things. I really enjoyed the trip.'*



*Do take a look at our private*



**Cluck, cluck**

Year 2 had a wonderful time visiting the Marchants' chickens this week. This was a perfect opportunity to take our learning outside of the classroom and is an experience that the children thoroughly enjoyed.

*Facebook group for more information on the Anti- bullying blogs.*

**Dates for the coming week:**

*Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November:*

*Queen Anne Spelling Bee*

*Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November:*

*St. Mary's Music Concert  
(parents who have children taking part in this have been notified)*

*Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November:*

*Y3 Lantern Workshop*

*U10 & U11 Netball v Crown House*

*U10 & U11 Football v Reddam School*

*Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November:*

*Kindergarten to Swiss Farm*

*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November:*

*Nursery to Swiss Farm*



### **St. Mary's Ambassadors**

St. Mary's Year 6 Ambassadors Lily Whittam, Henry Roseff, Olivia

*U8 & U9 Football v Reddam School*

*U8 & U9 Netball v Reddam School*

### **Children in Need**

*St. Mary's has gone spotty for Children in Need!*



Borlase and Olly Pratt have embraced the opportunity to communicate with school ambassadors around the world. This has all been made possible because we are a Cognita School. Teachers and pupils alike are very lucky to have the opportunity to speak to peers around the globe and we look forward to hearing back from other year 6 ambassadors on the other side of the world as they share with each other what their roles involve.

### **Celebrations**

In our weekly celebration assembly today we were treated to a level 3 LAMDA performance from Martha Peach called 'What Katie did'. Well done Martha, this was really excellent.

Sophie, James and Kirsty Broom took part in the Lord Mayors Show in London. They all walked with the 'Worshipful Company of Pavors' and were dressed up as builders for the day as they followed a steam roller which was holding a giant pig around the city of London! Their efforts were even seen on the BBC.





Ella Shraga will be treading the boards at Kenton Theatre next week in Stage Works' production of Bugsy Malone. As the saying goes – break a leg Ella! Some tickets are still available to this. Visit <https://kentontheatre.co.uk/event/bugsy-malone/>

Congratulations to Mia Astle who was awarded Henley Hawks player of the week and to Toby Lane, Will Harding and Sophie Broom who all represented Henley Hockey club in a recent tournament. Congratulations to Sophie who was named player of



### PE Stars of the week

Kindergarten  
Niko Kioussis

Year 1  
James Broom

the tournament for her team.

We learnt this week that Aidan Marchant also took part in the Chiltern Edge cross country run (3.11.18) for the Year 2 boys and came 7th. Well done Aidan.

### **Bertie Slippers @St. Mary's Nursery!**

The much loved local children's entertainer joined us this week to officially celebrate our refurbished nursery. Children and everyone at Stay and Play had great fun with Bertie. Our nursery party is also featured in the Henley Standard this week, page 2!



Year 2  
Seb Berry

Year 3  
Alex Benarr and Oliver Carey

Year 4  
Polly Johnston

Year 5  
Max Jobson

Year 6  
Alex Marthinusen

### **Captain Fantastic**

*Captain Fantastic visited Nursery and Kindergarten this week. Kindly arranged by the FOSMS. A great time had by all – thank you!*



## Sports news

### Girls:

U11 0-9 Dolphin A (POM- Lily Whittam)

St. Mary's were up against a considerably taller side and although their movement and spacing was excellent the Dolphin nets were placed at Year 7 height which gave the home team somewhat of an advantage! The girl's resilience and determination was excellent, with some excellent passing and they were unlucky not to get a goal for their efforts.

U11 2-8 Dolphin B both goals by Alexandra Marthinusen (POM-Martha Peach)

St. Mary's built on the performance against the Dolphin A team and the passing and movement continued to improve with some great interplay between the thirds. Alex Marthinusen managed to get into some great positions and her hard work paid off with two well taken goals.

U10 0-7 Dolphin C (POM Ella Shraga, Umpire player of the match- Emily Southgate)

The Under 10s faced a strong Dolphin team, but again worked well with good passing and defending at times. Lessons were learned for future matches, including the importance of boundaries and timing. Player of the Match Ella Shraga put in a very solid performance, encouraging her team as the game progressed.

U10 1-2 Dolphin D goal scored by Roxanna Schoenmakers (POM Polly Johnston, Umpire player of the match Charlie Wilks)

A much tighter game, where we defended and attacked in equal measure. The girls had a good rhythm to this match and should feel pleased with the end result. We are growing in strength and talent in each match we play and the more we play, the better we will be. Well done!

Miss Gould wanted to give a special mention to the year 4 girls Charlie Wilks, Abigail Lawrence and Polly Johnston who played in the match.

### **Boys:**

St Andrews U9 1 - 1 St Mary's

Goal scorer Arthur Massie

This was a good game of football. It was end to end football with both teams going close on a number of occasions but it was St Andrews who scored first to beat the excellent goalie Charlie Wilks who actually made numerous good saves during the game. In the second half St. Mary's was pushing for an equaliser and eventually Arthur Massie did just that!

St Andrews U8 1 - 1 St Mary's U8

Goal scorer Alex Bennar

Another great match. It was St Andrews who led at half time but St. Mary's came out in the second half with real purpose. We almost had this game wrapped up but were denied by the post on a few occasions. We eventually equalised with an excellent shot by Alex Benarr which went high and in to the top corner to bring the scores level.

Dolphin U11 7 - 5 St Mary's U11

Goal scored George Blumfield x 1, James Mennie x 1, Drummond x 1, Ollie Pratt x 2

This was a really entertaining game with both teams playing some good football. St. Mary's were a bit sluggish in the first half but much improved in the second. We put up a great fight, clawing our back from 5-1 down to becoming level 5 -5. Unfortunately with only a couple of minutes remaining we lost our concentration and

conceded two goals.

Dolphin U10 1 - 4 St. Mary's U10

Goal scored Thomas Lane x 1, Conal Thompson x 2, Joseph Woolhouse x 1

A very good display from St. Mary's with some solid passing and great goals. St. Mary's started the game really well and we were 3 - 0 up within the first five minutes of the game. Dolphin did start to put some pressure on us but they were denied by our superb goalkeeper Max Jobson. The second half was very even between the two teams and Charlie Scott produced a couple of good saves, preventing Dolphin School from getting back into the game.

### **News from Shiplake College:**

Mr Tyrone Howe has been appointed as Headmaster of Shiplake College from September 2019. Mr Howe moves to Shiplake from Uppingham School in Rutland. He started his teaching career at Marlborough College but has also played rugby professionally for Ulster, Ireland, the British and Irish Lions and the Barbarians.

