



# St. Mary's Preparatory School

A love of learning for life

St. Mary's Newsletter — 8th February 2019

Dear parents,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Internet Safety presentation last night. Our children are growing up at a time of rapid technological change. It is essential that we do everything we can to keep up to date and to help children learn to stay safe and use the technology available to them in a responsible way.

I am pleased to report that the Year 6 pupils have yet more good news to celebrate this week. This week we've had further news in that Olly Pratt has received an offer from Magdalen College School, Oxford. Reading Blue Coat School have offered George Blumfield and James Mennie places and Henry Roseff has accepted an offer from Moultsford Prep School.

Congratulations to all! I am very proud of our pupils and the mature attitudes they have been showing as they seek out their next schools. We will of course continue to share their news with you over the coming weeks.

In assembly this week we have been focusing on different ways in which we can be kind to each other and how our kind actions can set off a chain reaction. *'People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'* (Maya Angelou)

Finally, can I please draw your attention to the science event below. You won't want to miss it!

Rob Harmer, Headmaster

**MONDAY 11TH FEB**  
DO SCIENCE -  
WORKSHOPS (Y1—Y6) /  
PARENTS  
INVITED 3.35PM  
Y5 LITTER PICK

**TUESDAY 12TH FEB**  
PARENTS' EVENING

**WEDNESDAY 13TH FEB**  
Y1 OWEN'S ANIMALS  
Y2 LITTER PICK  
U10 & U11 NETBALL V  
DOLPHIN  
U10 & U11 TAG RUGBY V  
REDDAM  
PARENTS' EVENING

**THURSDAY 14TH FEB**  
Y1 & Y2 MOSQUE TRIP  
S OXON X COUNTRY  
OUTDOOR CLUB

**FRIDAY 15TH FEB**  
NURSERY SWISS FARM  
U8 & U9 TAG RUGBY V  
WAVERLEY  
U8 & U9 NETBALL V  
CROSSFIELDS  
Y6 LITTER PICK  
KINDERGARTEN TRINITY  
CHURCH

## SCIENCE EVENT FOR FAMILIES—11TH FEB 3.35PM (BOOK YOUR PLACE)

On Monday 11th February we are fortunate to have Ian B Dunne visiting us to entertain and inform with his unique combination of scientific knowledge, demonstrations and humour. This clip gives a flavour of Ian's style, <https://youtu.be/VebB-D61XDM>

During the school day Ian will work with Years 2-6 and he will round off his day with a presentation after school for parents and children. This will be different in content to the class sessions and is especially suited to pupils from Year 3 upwards, though of course all are welcome!

Ian will start promptly at 3.35pm. Parents should collect their children first and then go to the hall as a family (where you will be responsible for supervising your own children). The only exception to this is that Ms Wild's Science club pupils will be attending after school,

however their parents and any siblings are welcome to attend also. The show should finish around 4.15pm. Numbers are necessarily limited by

logistics so please email [info@stmarys-henley.co.uk](mailto:info@stmarys-henley.co.uk) to reserve your place.

## YEAR 2 TAKE TO THE SKY

Last Wednesday Captain Scott, a British Airways pilot and father to Millie and Charlie, came in to school to talk to Years 2 and 3 about 'flight' as Year 2's humanities topic this half term is, 'How did the first flight change the world.'

Captain Scott converted the classroom into an aeroplane and the children and staff were issued a ticket to become the 'passengers.' Huge fun was had by all and the children sharing their holidays really made everyone realise how much the passenger plane has made the world a smaller place.



## YEAR 6 TEACHERS

Year 6 planned and taught a lesson to Year 3 using Power Point. Their aim was to make sure the Year 3 children understood possessive apostrophes. Year 6 really thought about their audience and did a great job of keeping their 'lesson' interactive. Year 3 listened very well and answered lots of questions.



## NURSERY CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE PIG



We celebrated the Chinese New Year in Nursery by playing games, experimenting with noodles and of course enjoying a bit of dressing up time!

## CELEBRATIONS

There was plenty to celebrate in assembly this morning.

Teachers were keen to congratulate children for their efforts in school and Mrs Peters was particularly impressed with Kindergarten for their creative writing this week. Year 4 also shone in their narrative poetry writing.

Congratulations to Alex Benarr who was awarded a certificate for 123 Maths and to Phoebe Carey who succeeded in gaining grade 8 in gymnastics. Impressive results! Keep up the good work.



### PE STARS OF THE WEEK

Kindergarten— Charlie Burkitt  
Year 1—Isaac Fitzpatrick  
Year 2—Florence Nelmes  
Year 3—Lilia Wright  
Year 4— Lily Wildgoose  
Year 5—Charlie Oldham  
Year 6— George Blumfield

### KEY DATES FOR THE COMING TERM (ALL YEAR GROUPS)

**12TH & 13TH  
FEBRUARY**  
PARENTS' EVENING

**18TH—22ND  
FEBRUARY**  
HALF TERM

**4TH—17TH MARCH**  
HENLEY YOUTH  
FESTIVAL

**7TH MARCH**  
WORLD BOOK DAY &  
POETRY SLAM  
(DRESS AS YOUR  
FAVOURITE  
LITERARY  
CHARACTER)

**15TH MARCH**  
COLLAPSED  
CURRICULUM  
RELIGIOUS STUDIES  
MORNING

**26TH MARCH**  
ST. MARY'S MUSIC  
CONCERT (2PM—  
3.30PM)

**2ND APRIL**  
Y3 & Y4 DRAMA  
PRESENTATION

**5TH APRIL**  
LAST DAY OF TERM

# SPORTS NEWS

## NETBALL

St. Mary's U10 0-12 Marlson

POM Emily Southgate

Well done to Charlie Wilks and Pippa Whittam from year 4 for playing in this match—and doing so very well. The final score was in no way a reflection of how St. Mary's played. There some good shots by Roxanna Schoenmakers and excellent defending by both Aoife Lynch and Emily Southgate. We also saw some brilliant spacing by Ella Shraga.

St. Mary's U11 3-12 Marlston

POM Lily Whittam

Our year 6 team faced a strong opponent. However, St. Mary's should be proud of the way we worked as a team. Our energy levels remained high throughout the match and we learnt a great deal for future games.

## TAG RUGBY

Papplewick U11 0pts - 5pts St Mary's, try scorer Olly Pratt x 1

This was a very close game with both sides playing some good touch Rugby. We played some lovely long passes and made some excellent running. We were rewarded for our efforts when good running by George Blumfield off loaded the ball to James Mennie who then made a quick pass to Olly Pratt to score.

Reddam U11 0 pts - 10pts St Mary's, try scorers James Mennie x 1, Olly Pratt x 1

We dominated this game from start to finish and were unlucky not to score more points. This was an excellent team performance and two excellent tries by James Mennie and Olly Pratt secured the points for St. Mary's.

Papplewick U10 20pts - 0 pts St Mary's

We got off to a slow start and conceded 3 tries in the first 5 minutes of play, however we grew into the game. Our opponents had a very strong defence which prevented us from scoring. Charlie Oldaham and Drummond Seraille made some good running and came close to scoring on several occasions.

Reddam U10 20pts - 5pts St Mary's U10, try Scorer Joseph Woolhouse x 1

We played well in this game. One player from the opposing team was very quick and scored all the tries for Reddam. However, it was a good all round team performance from St. Mary's and there was some good defending by Ben Woodbridge and Charlie Scott. We came close to scoring on several occasions with some good running by Thomas Butterworth and Nate Thornber.