



St. Mary's Preparatory School

A love of learning for life

St. Mary's Newsletter — 15th March 2019

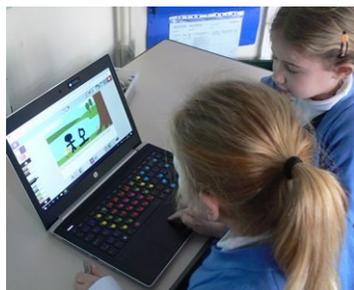
Dear parents, We have had an action packed week at St. Mary's. The Henley Youth Festival has provided us with lots of wonderful opportunities which you can read about in the newsletter.

This morning the usual curriculum was put to one side to allow us to spend time learning about different faiths in detail. Activities have included acting out the story of The Good Samaritan, learning about Islam and the story of The Thirsty camel, writing stories about kindness and researching the Sikh religion.

I am pleased to report that Pobble has now been launched. This is an exciting platform for children to share their creative writing with the rest of the world. We will be giving children guidance on how to comment on other children's work and parents can view and add comments to their children's work. If you require any help with this please see <https://pobble.com/for-parents>.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Red Nose Day today. We will of course let you know how much we succeeded in raising in next week's newsletter.

Thank you for your support,
Rob Harmer, Headmaster



MONDAY 18TH MARCH:
Y2 RIVER & ROWING
MUSEUM
Y4 STEM CHALLENGE
(MORE, ABLE,
TALENTED EVENT)

TUESDAY 19TH:
SUBLIME SCIENCE
VISITING NURSERY &
KINDERGARTEN
STAY AND PLAY WITH
SUBLIME SCIENCE
ABINGDON SCHOOL'S
PREP SCHOOL
BUSINESS CHALLENGE
NURSERY TO FIRE
STATION
Y2 TO ACACIA LODGE

WEDNESDAY 20TH:
U10 & U11 RUGBY V ST.
EDWARD'S
U10 & U11 NETBALL V
REDDAM

THURSDAY 21ST:
Y4 BOYS TAG RUGBY
TOURNAMENT
CROSFIELDS
NURSERY TO ACACIA
LODGE

FRIDAY 22ND:
U8 & U9 RUGBY V ST.
EDWARD'S
U8 & U9 V BADGEMORE
Y6 HOLI FESTIVAL
CELEBRATIONS

KEY DATES FOR THE COMING TERM (ALL YEAR GROUPS)

26TH MARCH: ST. MARY'S MUSIC CONCERT (2.15PM—3.30PM) CHILDREN WHO ARE LEARNING TO PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT ARE BEING INVITED TO PERFORM BY MR STANGROOM.

27TH MARCH: AUDIOLOGIST VISITING—SEE ATTACHED FORM TO BOOK A HEARING TEST.
OPEN TO ALL YEARS FOR FEE OF £22

29TH MARCH: LIGHT UP DAY, DONATIONS OF £1 REQUESTED FOR SOLAR AID CHARITY

2ND APRIL: Y3 & Y4 DRAMA PRESENTATION

5TH APRIL: LAST DAY OF TERM (SCHOOL CLOSSES AT USUAL TIME OF 3.30PM)

Henley Youth Festival

We have taken part in 18 Henley Youth Festival events this week! From Shakespeare to dancing, exploring and even stage fighting, we really have embraced everything that the festival has to offer. We are proud to have been one of the sponsors of the Henley Youth Festival and are always impressed with the range of activities the volunteers organise each year. Do take a look at our Twitter and Facebook pages for lots of video clips of these events and pop in to the Kenton Theatre to see the art work that year 3 completed in their workshop .



HenleyYouthFestival @HYFtweet · Mar 11
Now this is an impressive fight sequence! @stmaryshenley taking the #Take3Academy stunt workshop very seriously! 🙌😂
#hyf2019 #schoolworkshop



The authors in Year 6!

Last year we took part in a global book writing exercise with Cognita schools around the world. A group of students wrote the opening of a story and then sent the work- in-progress around different Cognita schools for groups of students to add to. St. Mary's pupils, who were then in Year 5, worked on our entry together and the narrative developed one school at a time. The end result is a brilliant book titled 'Sameera and Javier's Cog-tastic Adventure'. This is now available in our library!



Celebrating

Very well done to Oscar Scannell who passed his grade 6 drum exam recently with a merit, just narrowly missing out on a distinction. An amazing achievement for 10 year old.

Congratulations to Rose Hillier who took part in a singing performance at the Henley Youth Festival Junior Proms on Sunday. Rose felt nervous on the day but still took part and enjoyed it. Brilliant! Well done to all St. Mary's children who took part in this.



Well done to Zach Astle and Alex Bowater-Rubio who made some cakes on a playdate and sold them in the staff kitchen, raising £4 for Red Nose Day. They were delicious boys. Thank you!

Can you help?

This year's entry to the Henley Schools Environmental Science competition will include various investigations and research about the level and impact of noise. For example, some children will be finding out how our playground noise is heard in the surrounding area, another group will survey local residents and visitors about perceptions of noise pollution issues and there will be a range of other activities in and around school.

To enhance pupils' understanding of how noise problems can be minimised by good design, we are looking for a practitioner such as an architect or perhaps a contractor who installs soundproofing. If any parents have practical experience, or maybe a good local contact for us, please contact Ms Wild on linda.wild@stmarys-henley.co.uk, or pop in to the Science lab Monday - Wednesday.

Thank you in advance.



Well done to Samuel McGarty, Seb Berry and Louis Ball who won 'Team of the Day' at AFC Henley on Saturday. They were a mini team taking on lots of other teams of three and managed to win all of their games apart from the final one which they drew 3-3. Coach Sam Bell said they work so well as a team as they train so much together.

This week's challenge!

Remember to tell us when you've completed the challenge - email us or hit the red button on the website

15th March - Help your parent/carer make one meal that doesn't have meat in it - instead use lentils or chickpeas or beans. Go on, be brave, help tackle climate change by being adventurous in the kitchen!



FOSMS Happy Campers!

Not to be missed. Only 10 spaces left! The FOSMS Camp out is back and promises to be great fun for children and parents alike. This year it will take place on Saturday 8th June and in the same place as last year in the Fawley Estate. Cost is £40 per pitch.

Book your place:

www.pta-events.co.uk/fosmshenley.

Henley Spring Clean!

Henley's annual community litter picking event will be held on Saturday 30 March 2019 between 10 am and 12pm. The meeting point is the Market Place and refreshments will be served at 12 noon. Please find poster attached with further details.

Henley Golf Club are pleased to announce we are ready to accept nominations for this years Junior Scholarship Programme,

If you have Children or Grandchildren or you may know someone who would like to apply please let them know the below details or contact Your Pro Shop [01491 575710](tel:01491575710)

Golf for boys and girls
Apply now for our popular scholarship programme.

Henley Golf Club have places available for boys and girls aged 6 to 16.

We are looking for new recruits for our successful Junior Scholarship programme. We have 30 FREE places for boys and girls aged 6 to 16



Golf scholarship form also attached to this e-mail.

Sports news

St. Mary's had two teams involved in the Year 2 Rupert House football festival last Friday 8th March and they both did exceptionally well.

The B team started the festival strongly and won their first three games before coming up against tougher opposition. Finishing 5th in their group with 3 wins, 1 draw and 3 losses. The A team started off tentatively but grew into the tournament gaining confidence with each match. They finished 3rd in their group with 4 wins, 2 draws and 1 loss. Some excellent team work and individual skill was on display and Mr Harmer and Mrs Yeulet were so proud of their achievement.