



St. Mary's Preparatory School

A love of learning for life

St. Mary's Newsletter — 22nd March 2019

Dear parents

This coming Friday we are taking part in a Cognita wide, 'Light Up' day. Cognita schools around the world will be supporting this day in the lead up to Earth Hour on Saturday 30th March.

We will be asking pupils to bring in a £1 donation on Friday for Solar Aid and we will be building solar buddy lights which will be sent to children living in poverty to help them study after dusk. It's a shocking fact that an estimated 4.3 million people die from using kerosene lanterns to help them perform everyday tasks such as reading, studying and cooking. The effects of these lamps kill more people every year than Malaria and HIV combined. We will be aiming to use as little power as possible on this day whilst we stick to the usual timetable. Ipads and whiteboards will not be switched on and while we will ensure a filling lunch is provided to everyone, we will not be using the ovens

Thank you for your ongoing support, Rob Harmer



Artist of the week..

Miley Vann created this batik cushion cover, inspired by William Morris and House of Hackney designs.

Another challenge for this week! Visit <https://www.youngclimatewarriors.org/youngclimatewarriorweeklychallenges> to get involved.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

TUESDAY 26TH MARCH:
NURSERY—FIRE STATION
ST MARY'S MUSIC CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH:
AUDIOLOGIST VISIT
Y4 LIVING RAINFOREST
Y5 / Y6 SHARING MORNINGS
ST. MARY'S U10/U11 TAG
RUGBY FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 28TH MARCH:
Y1 BUCKLEBURY FARM
KINDERGARTEN SWISS
FARM
Y4 JUNIPER HALL MEETING

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH:
LIGHT UP/ POWER OFF DAY.
CHILDREN ARE ASKED TO
PLEASE BRING IN £1 FOR
SOLAR AID CHARITY



KEY DATES FOR THE COMING TERM (ALL YEAR GROUPS)

26TH MARCH: ST. MARY'S MUSIC CONCERT (2.15PM—3.30PM) PARENTS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED IF THEIR CHILD IS TAKING PART IN THIS

27TH MARCH: AUDIOLOGIST VISITING

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 CLOSES AT USUAL TIME OF 3.30PM)



Year 4 STEM Challenge

Concentration and team work were in abundance during the St. Mary's Year 4 STEM challenge this week. Five local primary schools visited St. Mary's to take part in the challenge and impressed Ms Dowling, St. Mary's Maths Teacher and More, Able and Talented Co-ordinator by working well together to solve the challenging tasks.



Well done to Peppard Primary School who clinched victory with half a point! We look forward to hosting this event again next year.

School of Rock

Year 6 have started rehearsing for their summer show, 'The School of Rock'. To inspire them Mrs Shaw took the group to see the show in the West End last month and Martha Peach has kindly reviewed the musical for us:

'The School of Rock is a great musical for children and adults. It has lovely audience participation – everyone will find themselves standing up at the end of the show and if you see it, you will be singing along with the songs for the next week. The transition between each scene moves so smoothly as there is a moving circle covering the middle of the stage.

The ability of the children, most of whom are 10, are absolutely incredible as they play all their instruments live on stage. They are so young and yet so good! There are some heart-warming moments in the play and the actors are amazing; they carry it off brilliantly. The character Zach Mooneyham (Amos Mayland) has an incredible story behind him and this young actor plays him better than anyone could imagine.

The songs of this fantastic musical are stunning as they are written by the Andrew Lloyd Webber himself. They just want to make you jump up and down and scream and shout all the way. The choreography to the music is astounding and even if you're at the back of the audience, you can see the breath taking moves that all the actors are performing.. I would completely recommend it to anyone who likes to have a lot of fun and as far as West End plays go – it is one of the best ones out there.'

River and Rowing Museum

Year 2 had a busy day at the River and Rowing Museum on Tuesday looking at 'Materials.' We cast medals from plaster of paris; sorted materials based on their properties; hunted for objects around the museum and enjoyed much singing and dancing.



Sublime Science

Sublime Science paid a visit to Nursery and Kindergarten this week. The children had fun learning about gravity and how different substances mix together.



St. Mary's Preparatory School @stmaryshenley · Mar 19
Nursery @stmaryshenley enjoying a science lesson with @SublimeScience. Learning about #gravity. A love of science starts here! #loveoflearning #HenleyonThames #CognitaWay



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Musical celebrations

Huge congratulations to the following musicians who all performed brilliantly in HYF Music events at the Kenton recently:

Ella Shraga (piano duet)
Lucas James (piano)
Rosie Hillier
Roxanna Schoenmakers (piano duet)
Sophie Broom (piano)
Will Harding (piano & clarinet)
George Blumfield (drums)
Oscar Scannell (drums)

Congratulations also to St.Mary's pupils who sing in Henley Youth Choir and performed 4 songs at HYF Sing on Saturday 16th March:

- Charlie Oldham
- Eliza Vann
- Isobel Scannell
- Lily Whittam*
- Lily Wildgoose
- Martha Peach*
- Olivia Borlase*
- Oscar Scannell***
- Pippa Whittam
- Polly Johnston
- Roxanna Schoenmakers**
- Will Harding**

* = Also, performed in a trio at HYF Sing - entirely their own work!

** = Sang duets/trios within the HYC songs

***= Played the cajon drum in an HYC song

St. Mary's students make up nearly half of our members in Henley Youth Choir Juniors (aged 7-11 years)!

Jessica Norton, MD of Henley Youth Choir, sent a lovely message to the youngsters the following day, "Congratulations on a fantastic performance! I'm so proud of you all for performing every song with confidence and sounding so beautiful. Well done also to our wonderful soloists and drummer."

*****Henley Youth Choir have a free 'Come & Sing' event happening on Saturday 18th March at d:two, Market Place, Henley, 2.00 - 5.00pm. *****
Anyone aged 7-17 years are welcome.

There'll be:

- great music to sing;
- a mini performance for parents at the end;
- pizza & a drink in the break!

The Year 3 art work from the Henley Youth Festival workshop will soon be on display at the arts centre in Didcot. Everyone at the Kenton Theatre has enjoyed seeing them also!

And more celebrations

Well done to George Blumfield who was named U11 Henley Lions Man of the Match recently!

Congratulations to Martha Peach who performed at the Novello Theatre in Sunninghill last weekend.



Well done to Daniella and Emily Southgate who managed to raise over £40 for comic relief by baking cupcakes, selling them to their neighbours and even telling them jokes! Great job girls.



Sports news

U11 Rugby

St. Edward's U11 55pts - 60pts St. Mary's U11

Try Scorers Conal Thompson x 2, Tommy lane x 2, James Mennie x 3, Henry Roseff x 1, George Blumfield x 4.

A hard fought contact game of rugby which was a great all round team performance with some good tackling and some good tries scored.

St. Edward's U11 14 - 9 St. Mary's U11

Try Scorers Charlie Oldham x 3, Thomas Butterworth x 1, Sam Loggie x 2, Drummond Seraille x 1, Ben Loggie x 1.

A good game of Tag Rugby with both teams scoring end to end. St Mary's started the first half slow but in the second half started to grow into the game and managed to reduce the score line.

U9 Tag Rugby

St. Mary's performed brilliantly all afternoon and put in a team performance to be proud of. Excellent support play and individual skill saw Arthur Massie and Charlie Nelmes score 7 tries a piece. Oli Thomas put in a solid performance and bagged 3 tries and captain, Albie Ball, gained a well deserved try too showing great perseverance. The tag of the day went to Theo Berry who dived far to his right and managed to take the tag of a very pacy winger to hamper the oppositions progress. Some great play from Miley Vann saw the team make excellent ground and he managed to overcome some very physical encounters with his turn of pace. Alex Bowater-Rubio showed great purpose and danced his way through the defence to gain more territory and Zach Astle made some important tags as well as running strong and straight at the opposition to offload to a team mate. An excellent afternoon of rugby!

Scores:

St Marys 3 Sacred Heart 1

St. Mary's 4 Christ The King Catholic School 3

St. Mary's 4 Pangbourne 2

St. Mary's 3 Ranikhet Academy 0

St. Mary's 4 Moorlands 0

U11 Netball

St. Mary's 1 V 0 Dolphin (A)

Excellent match which saw St. Mary's dominate from the start.

Good team worked and a great goal by Alex Marthinusen clinched the game. Player of the Match Genevieve McLellan.

St. Mary's 2 v 0 Dolphin (B)

Another strong performance, with Alex Marthinusen and Lily Whittam scoring. Player of the match Genevieve McLellan.

U10 Netball

St. Mary's 2 v Dolphin 1

Goal scorer and Player of the Match was Charlie Wilks. Great passing at pace, a strong team effort. Well done to the Year 4 girls, Pippa Whittam, Ella Crayford and Charlie Wilks who all played up.



Oxford Literary Festival

The annual Oxford Literary Festival takes place from March 30 to April 7 this year. There are many suitable activities for all ages, from craft sessions for our youngest pupils to more challenging encounters with writers and illustrators for the older children, and of course, many entertaining events for adults. The sessions which took my attention were "The Skies above my eyes" on March 30, suitable for 5+ years - a journey to space, "Lesser Spotted Animals 2" with illustrator Martin Brown, who has worked with the Horrible History series, and "Moomin Story and Crafts on April 6.