



St. Mary's Preparatory School

A love of learning for life

St. Mary's Newsletter — 24th May

Dear parents,

It has been wonderful that the sun has been shining so brightly during 'Walk to School week'. Thank you to everyone who has supported this important initiative.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Matthew Cooney, our new Site Manager at St. Mary's. You may have spotted Matthew around the school site at drop off and pick up. Matthew joins us with a wealth of experience in Estate management and maintenance and he's already making a big difference with his ability to react quickly to our maintenance needs. He'll be sporting our St. Mary's branded clothing very soon too!



As you can see from the photos below, French Day was most certainly a success and there are plenty of photos and videos from this day on our closed [Facebook group](#).

A very big well done to all of the children who took part in the Music Concert this week. I was very impressed with the confidence and ability displayed on the day.



Enjoy the half term! We will see you back at school on Monday 3rd June. On our return to school Year 6 will already be off on their residential trip to Sealyham and we very much look forward to hearing all about their adventures!

Rob Harmer
Headmaster



WEEK COMMENCING 3RD JUNE:

2ND JUNE—7TH JUNE:
Y6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

MONDAY 3RD JUNE:
DAVID DICKIE (CLEAN AIR CAMPAIGN) VISITING ASSEMBLY
LEIGHTON PARK PUPILS VISITING Y5

TUESDAY 4TH JUNE:
Y2 TRIP TO LEIGHTON PARK 'BEES AND TREES'

WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE:
WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE:
U8 & U9 CRICKET V HOLME GRANGE SCHOOL

There will be no gym club the first week back as Miss Gould will be in Sealyham with Year 6.

St. Mary's Book Worms

The year 6 Librarians have come up with a new idea to encourage students to read more from the library at school.

The "St. Mary's Bookworms" Competition is open to years 1-6.

Competition rules:

- Create a bookworm (see example below). Each link (or body section) of the worm represents one book* from the library that you read.
- Write clearly on each link the book title, author and date finished.
- Write your name and year clearly on the back of the head of your Bookworm.
- Make your bookworms as colourful and creative as you like, but bookworms should be no longer than 1m.
- Only books from the St. Mary's Library read within the competition dates will be accepted.
- At least 3 books must be from the Reference Library.
- Books must be read between May 24th and June 21st, 2019.
- The longest bookworm (with the most links or body sections) is the winner. In other words, the bookworm that represents the most books read within the competition timeframe is the winner.
- Winners will be announced on June 28th and a selection of bookworms will be displayed in the library.
- Prizes will be given for the longest bookworm as well as the most creative bookworm.



*If your book has 300 pages or less, add one link to your worm. If your book has more than 300 pages, add two links to your worm.

The day the zoo came to St. Mary's!

Zoo Lab visited Nursery this morning and brought a range of exciting creatures to meet the children. Have a look on our closed [Facebook](#) group for more photos!



Year 2— 'A credit to the school!'

On Tuesday Year 2 children visited Acacia Lodge to receive a prize each for a competition they took part in, to design a poster for how they see future care for older people. Acacia Lodge is now run by the company 'Future Care,' so the residents and staff were holding a launch party to celebrate their new 'owners.' Millie and Cassius received a special prize of an art set for creating a poster that took into account many ideas of future care eg. jokes, animals, chat, friends, love and hugs.

The manager of Acacia Lodge emailed Mrs Yeulet, 'They were wonderful and I was struggling not to cry, Millie and Cassius read the new vision and mission plaque perfectly, what clever children they all are. A credit to St. Mary's School.'



Celebrations

A very big well done to St. Mary's musicians who took part in the Music Concert this week. Videos of a number of performances have been saved on our closed Facebook group.

Congratulations to Sophie Broom who has been invited to join the Schools SnowSports Squad as a result of her placement in the ISA Indoor Ski Competition earlier this month. Sophie will be competing in Manchester on 3rd June and we wish her the very best of luck.

Thank you and well done to Frankie Moore, Ruby Newman, Katie Cooper-Smith, Sophie Hucker, Charlotte Potter, Lily Wildgoose and Isobel Scannell who all performed in assembly today. The children performed poems with great confidence.

Congratulations to our P.E stars of the week:

Kindergarten: Georgia Luijten

Year 1: Max Cartland

Year 2: Ferris Froehlich

Year 3: Toby Lane

Year 4 Zach Astle

Year 5: Nate Thornber

Year 6: Martha Peach



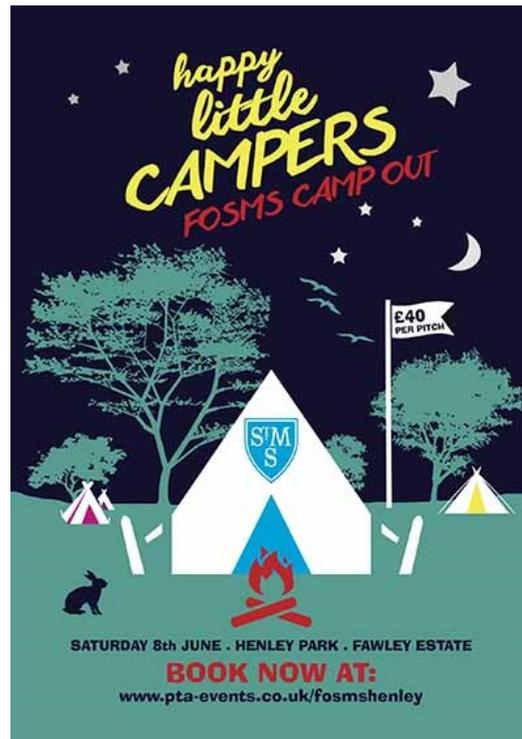
Natural materials wanted!

Do you happen to have any objects made out of natural materials that you no longer need? If so Mrs Peters would make good use of them at the outdoor class room at Swiss Farm.

Baskets, wooden ornaments etc all welcome.
Please e-mail
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Book club reminder

Reminding all book club members that the current book we are reading is "Scarlet and Ivy - The Lost Twin" by Sophie Cleverly. We will have our last meeting of the year on Monday June 17 when Janet will also be discussing our Summer holiday reading material. Thank you.



Sports news

Cricket—girls and boys

Dolphin U9 52 runs - 36 runs St. Mary's Werewolves

Some brilliant cricket played at Hurst Cricket Club. Excellent fielding by Ella Crayford, with Charlie Nelmes and Zach Astle ready to back her up. We saw the bowling improve during the course of the game, as children learnt to be more accurate.

Dolphin U9 53—43 St. Mary's

St. Mary's opted to field first and our bowling proved to be an area to work on as we gave away quite a few runs to bowling wide of the wicket. Some good covering of the wicket by Lily Wildgoose and Pippa Whittam ensured Dolphin's run rate didn't benefit from overthrows. Ollie Thomas showed great pace in his deliveries and Miley Vann managed to hit the wickets to run out a Dolphin batsman. Arthur Massie played a delightful hook shot and Albie Ball and Charlie Wilks showed good defensive strokes facing the medium pace of the Dolphin bowlers. The Dolphin bowling was a little more accurate but a tense end looked in store as Miley Vann hit two sixes off one over to provide the team with some hope of victory. Unfortunately it was not to be but the team know what they need to do to improve and will look forward to the next game to put the advice into action.

Dolphin U9 42 Runs - 46 Runs St. Mary's Phoenix

This was a very close game. We were treated to some very good battling and bowling from both teams. Toby Lane and Sophie Broom both batted very well, while Kalypso Vogel and Daniella Southgate bowled with great confidence.

Dolphin U9 64 Runs - 84 Runs St Mary's Unicorn

St. Mary's produced some good cricket to beat a very good Dolphin team. St Mary's bowled very well and their batting in particular was excellent. Theo Berry managed to hit some very good runs and Isobel Scannell also bowled really well. We have certainly noticed that all players have been improving over the season, so well done all.

Dolphin U9 4 Runs - 40 Runs St Mary's Devils

An exceptionally strong performance by St. Mary's. It was a delight to see the children batting and bowling so well and working together to win by a huge margin. Lucas James bowled with precision and Lorenzo Bowater-Rubio played some excellent shots. Minnie Messenger showed a fantastic bowling technique and played well throughout the match.