



St. Mary's Preparatory School

A love of learning for life

St. Mary's Newsletter — 3rd May

Dear parents,

I am currently at Juniper Hall with the Year 4 pupils enjoying a wonderful time exploring the great outdoors. I understand that Year 5 are also embracing everything Ironbridge has to offer. It has certainly been lovely to see photos of the children all getting stuck into the numerous activities on offer. These photos are shared via our closed [Facebook group](#) which all parents can request to join.

As many of you will be aware I had a significant birthday this week. The celebrations at school were completely unexpected! The day really was humbling and I would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes.

There has been a great range of activities at school this week. St. Mary's pupils successfully competed in the ISA National Ski Competition, we took part in the UK Maths Challenge and we were also victorious on the cricket field. Do please read on for further details!

I hope you enjoy the long weekend.
Thank you
Rob Harmer

**WEEK COMMENCING
6TH MAY:**

**TUESDAY 7TH MAY:
U8/ U9 CRICKET V LONG
CLOSE**

**WEDNESDAY 8TH MAY:
Y2 TRIP TO TOAD HALL
U10 / U11 BOYS CRICKET V ST.
EDWARD'S
U10 / U11 GIRLS CRICKET V
CROSFIELDS**

**THURSDAY 9TH MAY:
Y5 TRIP TO WATTS GALLERY
KINDERGARTEN TO SWISS
FARM**

**THURSDAY 9TH—FRIDAY
10TH MAY:
Y3 RESIDENTIAL TRIP**

**FRIDAY 10TH MAY:
Y4 CRICKET V WAVERLEY**

Residential fun for Year 4 (at Juniper Hall) and Year 5 (at Ironbridge)



UK Maths Challenge

Well done to everyone who took part in the UKMT (United Kingdom Maths Trust) Junior Maths Challenge this week.

The Mathematical Challenge aims to stimulate mathematical problem solving. It is the UK's most popular mathematics competition with over 300,000 students taking part each year.

For further information about this challenge please visit:

<https://www.ukmt.org.uk/individual-competitions/junior-challenge/>

Tea club reminder

Please let us know if you would like to book your child regularly into tea club. Please also remember to cancel if you no longer require the space. An email or phone call to the office is fine and the earlier you can do this the better.

It is vitally important that we know who to expect each night as we need to ensure that there are enough staff on duty and enough refreshments. We understand that there will always be times when a last minute booking is unavoidable but when you can plan in advance please do so.

Many thanks,

Yr 4 'Junk Orchestra'

To tie in with the topic that Year 4 are doing on the environment and recycling, Mr Stangroom would like to try and create some musical instruments using 'rubbish'! We are therefore hoarding old packaging and it would be very helpful if everyone could help by bringing in empty (and clean) items such as plastic bottles, lids, biscuit tins, tin cans (if there aren't sharp edges!), old wooden spoons make great beaters, cardboard boxes etc. Also, dried pulses, rice, pasta, or clean small gravel/sand make great 'bits' for shaker instruments.

Please drop off at the school office if you can help. Thank you!

ISA National Indoor Ski Competition

12 St. Mary's pupils left school bright and early on Monday morning to compete in the ISA National Indoor Ski Competition at the Snow Centre in Hemel Hempstead. This was a first for St. Mary's and we were very impressed not only with the children's ability but also their confidence on the slope. There were over 400 children at the event and St. Mary's most certainly held their own. Everyone completed the 'Special Slalom' course and Sophie Broom won 2nd place in the U10 Junior Event and was placed 4th overall. Well done to everyone who took part. We look forward to entering again next year.



St. Mary's Ski Team

Zach Astle
Sophie Broom
Albie Ball
Alexander Bowater-Rubio
Polly Johnston
Arthur Massie (unwell)
Charlie Nelmes
Tommy Lane
Ella Shraga
Joseph Woolhouse
Alexandra Marthinsen
Olly Pratt



This week's challenge!
3rd May



Remember to
Hit the RED BUTTON -
CHALLENGE COMPLETED!



It's time to rummage into the deepest, darkest corners of your wardrobe or drawers. Can you find a t-shirt or top that you'd forgotten all about? Is there something you can mend and keep wearing? or something too small you can pass on for someone else to wear? We need to 'buy less and buy to last'

'Textile production contributes more to climate change than international aviation and shipping combined. It emits an estimated 1.2 billion tonnes of carbon per year.'

In 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' four children found a whole new world at the back of their wardrobe...what's in yours?

3.6 billion items of clothing are sitting in UK wardrobes... that's 57 items per person!!!

In the UK we buy more clothes per person than any other country in Europe...and we also throw away 235 million items of clothing a year.

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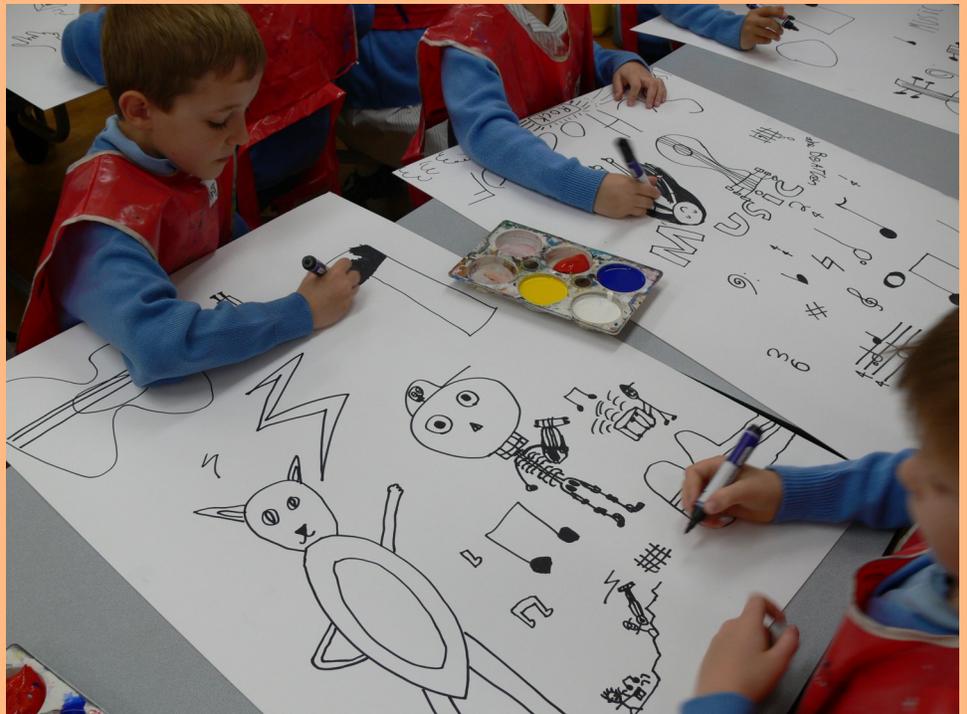
Big battery hunt

Do you have any old batteries at home? Your child has been challenged to find and collect as many batteries as possible as part of the Big Battery Hunt. We have a recycling bin in the school office. The more we collect the better.

Thank you.

Year 3 Art Workshop

Many thanks to Mrs Bowater-Rubio who led a music focused art workshop with Year 3 this week.



Celebrations

Many well done to Lily Whittam and Martha Peach who had their 2019 county cricket debut at the weekend! The girls played their first match for Berkshire U11s cricket vs Middlesex!

Well done to our PE Stars of the week as well:



Kindergarten—Charlie Burkitt

For demonstrating brilliant technique in the shot put in athletics.

Year 1—Alexandre Créau

For his powerful throwing technique and mastering the run up into the javelin throw in athletics.

Year 2—Millie Scott

For her lovely front crawl technique.

Year 3—Sophie Broom

For her speed and success in the skiing competition.

Year 4 —Charlotte Potter

For participating in the cricket match against Reddam and settling into school so well.

Year 5—Conal Tompson

For getting the highest score in his class of 13.1 in the bleep test.

Year 6—Lily Whittam

For good accuracy in her bowling in cricket.



Cricket—girls

The girls U8/U9 team enjoyed a training session with Reddam school last week. We look forward to some more matches next week.

Cricket—boys

Holme Grange U8 132 Runs - 142 Runs St. Mary's / St. George's U8

St Mary's teamed up with St. George's for this as they only had 5 children for the match due to illness. A close game with some good batting and bowling by both teams. Holme Grange batted first and made a steady start as St. Mary's / St. George's kept their score down with solid team work. Our team batted really well to win the game.

Holme Grange U9 235 - 235 St. Mary's U9

This was a very good game of cricket. St. Mary's batted first and then Zach Astle, Milo Vann and Arthur Massie did some excellent bowling, each taking a wicket. The end of the game was very exciting with both teams reaching 235 for a draw.