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Dear Parents

Staffing news

Mrs Cliffe will be starting her maternity on 3rd March. Mrs Shaboe will be covering Mrs Cliffe's classes. We send Mrs Cliffe our best wishes for the next few months and will let you know when she has her baby.

Governing body news

Happy New Year to you all from the Governors! It is great to start the year with some good news. Many of you are probably aware of the terrific financial support we receive every year from the Trustees. It is invaluable. The Trustees have just purchased a fabulous collection of carefully chosen RE books for our library. These books will be a great asset to the school. The governors wanted parents to know how much the Trustees support us, and how grateful the governing body is for this extra help. It doesn't stop at books! The middle site now has a lovely Yamaha Clavinova piano, which parent governor Ben Driver (who plays the organ at many school services) helped the school to choose. This too was generously gifted to us by the Trustees. The governors are also pleased to report the borough recently undertook a pedestrian survey with a view to considering a crossing place on Stafford Road near the middle site. Road safety signs were erected last term, so we are slowly making progress and continue to put pressure on the borough on your behalf. Please continue to park legally, in a designated parking space, away from the school entrance and with consideration to our neighbours Mr Campbell and I are meeting the borough's Senior Engineer for Highways & Transport at the end of the month. *Lucy MacArthur Chair of GB*

School website

Our new website has now been up and running since September and I hope you are enjoying using it. Please remember that there is lots of information under the "For parents" tab on the home page, so if you have mislaid an email or newsletter or just information about the school, please have a look. Thank you to Kate Ward for being readily accessible and willing to update it on a regular basis.

School run clubs

As you are aware, we have tried a new system for school run clubs this term which has been largely successful. Please ensure you send in your forms and payment as soon as possible so the administration can be done quickly and efficiently.

I am extremely grateful to those members of staff and parents who volunteer to run clubs. As you will appreciate, this is a voluntary activity which significantly adds to the breadth and depth of your child's education. We now run nineteen clubs over the three sites, with one club running at a capacity of over eighty pupils. Thank you to staff and parents for your time, energy and dedication to the school.

Year 3 Bible service

Our Year 3 pupils went to St Mary's Church this week where they were each presented with a Bible from the Trustees. The Bibles are to be kept in school for RE and then when the children leave in Year 6 they will take them with them.

Poplars said "Thank you for our amazing, shiny bibles. We felt very special when we received them in our church. We are very pleased they were blessed by Father Jeff and Father Piotr."

Elms and Pines said "Thank you for the peaceful and welcoming Bible Service. We had a really wonderful time. We enjoyed listening to the story from the Bible. We also discovered that the Lord's Prayer is in the Bible. Lots of us enjoyed singing as we found that we had to sing louder to fill the church and that made it more fun!"

Thank you to the Trustees for purchasing the Bibles and to Fathers Jeff and Piotr for taking the service.

School Councillors

Congratulations to the following children who have been elected to play a key role in school.

1 Kingfishers	Oscar R and Piper B
1 Mallards	Jasper S and Elif B-M
1 Puffins	Finley U and Caitlin P
2 Maples	Harrison T and Rosa S
2 Oaks	Leo B and Gemma D
2 Willows	Mani H, Lola H-H and Ava V-R
3 Poplars	Felix L and Alice B
3 Elms:	Eli McK and Evie W
Pines	Thomas A-S
4E	Pippa G and Gia K
4R	JJ C and Alice P
4T	Hannah D and Sonny M
5B	James D and Kataleeya D
5M	Findlay C and Jessica H
6P	Nyah L and Jay A
6S	Caitlin F and Arad Z

Sports Reps

Reception Blackbirds	Finley W and Daisy H-N
Reception Robins	Federico S-G and Chloe B
Reception Swifts	Tillie F and Ben N
1 Kingfishers	Isaac F and Jemima O
1 Mallards	Lewis A and Amber W
1 Puffins	Thomas K and Layla C
2 Maples	Harry B and Imogen R-E
2 Oaks	Caleb L and Amelia H
2 Poplars	Stanley E and Tess B
2 Willows	Holly D and Adam S
3 Elms	Charlotte D and Woody L
Pines	Antanas M
4E	Jasmine A and Nikolaj McC
4R	Harriett C and Dan H
4T	Rebecca C and Tao P
5B	Harry B and Maria v der V
5M	Eunica B and Andrew R
6P	Kevwe A, Chiana B and Ethan Mac
6S	Daniel B and Vishaka T

Thank you

Thank you for all your donations (a very generous £1030.55) after our successful Christmas performances. Our sponsored pupils, Eugenie and Revan, through the charity Compassion and DEC both received the magnificent sum of £565.55. We receive regular updates about our sponsored pupils and they always respond with thank-you letters, so we look forward to reading these soon. Some schools in the borough have been raising money for the Philippines Typhoon Appeal and our thank-you letter mentions that we are helping children like 10 year old Rafael, who lost his father when the typhoon struck. He is now being provided with food, shelter and urgent medical supplies.

Headlice

Headlice seems to be a recurring problem in all year groups. Please take the time to check your child/ren's hair on a regular basis and treat immediately.

If you are reluctant to use conventional treatments, there are alternatives such as Vosene Kids (head lice repellent) or a herbal remedy called "Delacet". Head lice can be combed out with conditioner using a fine comb but this must be done every three days for a fortnight. Please refer to the Health Protection Agency website for further information

(http://www.hpa.org.uk/webw/HPAweb&HPAwebPrinterFriendly/HPAweb_C/1195733839543?p=1204100452250).

It only needs one child not to be treated properly and the class/year group will be infected again.



Year 6 visited the Houses of Parliament

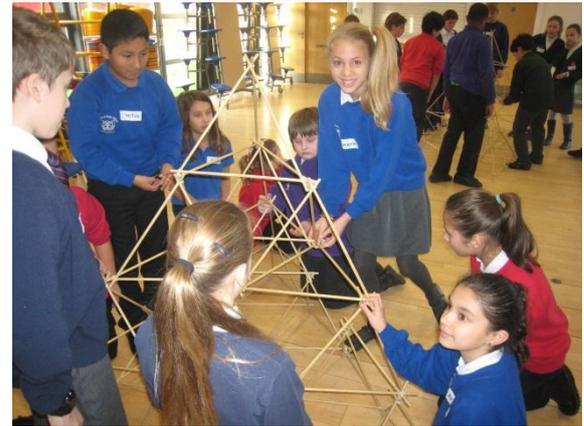
On Thursday 9th January, Year 6 went on a school trip to the Houses of Parliament. When we arrived, we had a guided tour around Parliament. We learnt that there are three houses called: the House of Commons, the House of Lords and the House of Queens. It was there that we witnessed debates taking place about developments for the country.

After that we went in to a room where we met Vince Cable our MP. He told us what he does and we asked him questions about his job. Then, we did a workshop where we had to pretend that we were standing for an election. We were split into groups to create a manifesto about changes we would make to the country. Different people were elected to represent their area of the country and the people within it. After that we elected a Prime Minister.

By Antonia and Suraiya

Art and Architecture workshop

On Thursday 16th January Nyah, Suraiya and Victor went to Marshgate Primary School for the Art and Architecture day with Mrs Turner. Martin Jennings <http://architectureworkshops.org> took us through our morning. We made tetrahedrons with thin sticks which we put together with elastic bands to form bigger and bigger tetrahedrons. Maths was a key element of the day as counting how many faces each shape had was recorded.



We were split up into groups of four and had a choice to create a shelter for: the rainforest, the desert and the Arctic. In these groups we constructed our models making sure that each model was able to fit each group within it. At the end of this activity Martin shook each shelter to make sure it wouldn't in the shelters natural environmental climate: blizzard, sand



storm and rain.

In the afternoon we were very kindly permitted to use Marshgate Primary School's resources whilst waiting for Martin to prepare the next part of this creative and kinaesthetic day. As a wonderful end to the day we cut white card into six pieces and black card into forty-two pieces using Stanley knives, ensuring nobody cut themselves using these cards we constructed buildings with rooms whilst thinking about spatial awareness. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and we learnt about the foundations of creating dynamic architecture.

By Nyah

Year 5B assembly Friday 24th January 2014

5B's assembly introduced us to an eclectic mix of music and dance from around the world. Thank you to the children and Mr Brampton for all their hard work.



Junior school production of "Fiddler on the Roof", July 2014

Any parent who would like to play in the small Band for this St Mary's production in July should contact Ben Driver (bendriver@btinternet.com) as soon as possible. We are particularly looking for a violinist and a flautist.

Richmond Music Trust Festival

Some of the school choir will be attending the RMT Singing festival on Tuesday 18th March. Parents will receive further information in due course.

Help Needed

We are looking for a parent, or someone you know, who would be willing to help the school by auditing our small school fund account. It would require about 2-3 hours of your time and would be a huge help to our school. If you, or someone you know, would be able and willing to help then please contact Simon Minty on the middle site on 020 8249 6836. Thank you.

Payments for trips etc

Please complete all trip permission requests carefully, ensuring you complete **all** sections and that payment is **securely** enclosed/attached to the permission slip, as coins do go missing in book bags and sometimes payments are not even attached to the relevant permission slips. Thank you for your cooperation.

Online Payments

Following the success of the introduction of online school meal payments, we are looking to branch out and offer the opportunity of paying for all school items such as trips and clubs online as well. We are hoping to have this facility available from July with a view to fully rolling it out in the new school year. We will be sending out further details in due course so watch this space for further updates.

French Trip payments, message for Year 6 parents

May I politely remind Year 6 parents that the final payment for any outstanding balance is due by the end of **March 2014**.

Should you have any queries, please contact Denise Donald, Finance Officer, at the junior site (ddonald@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk).

We are required to pay the balance to Kingswood on 1st April 2014. Thank you for your co-operation.

Cancer Research UK, Royal British Legion Poppy Factory and Headway

£106.52 has been raised at a cake sale, run by a child in Year 6. We have also raised £72.80 in aid of the Royal British Legion and a further £72.80 for the charity "Headway", the charity that works to improve life after brain injury. A representative from "Headway" is coming in to talk to Year 6 on 31st January 2014 and will pick up a cheque then.

Cake Sale

On Wednesday 15th January, we, Jason Sims, Jacob Towey and Caitlin Fisher, raised £106.52 by organising a cake sale for Cancer Research. We would like to thank everyone for baking and for your generous contributions. Cancer research is a great charity which helps many people: those who are suffering and their families.

By Jason, Caitlin and Jacob

Rotary Club Writers Competition 2013-14

Calling all St Mary's writers in years 3 to 6! The Rotary Club of Great Britain is once again holding a competition for young writers. This year the task is to produce a written or typed story in prose entitled "**What a difference "that" made to my life/their lives.** That can be anything the story teller wishes to define. There will be prizes for the winners.

Talk to Mrs Turner if you want to take part; she has all the details. Entries should be handed to her and the closing date is 14th March 2014, so there is lots of time to get writing.

Richmond & Kingston Crossroads Care

Richmond & Kingston Crossroads Care provides respite care for carers throughout the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and Kingston.

We also run a Saturday club for children with additional needs at The Hampton Youth Project, Tangle Park, Hampton TW12.

The times are from 1:30pm to 5:00pm every Saturday during term time. A free lunch is provided for the children – including sandwiches, hot food, pizza, drinks, cakes etc.

The club offers a safe and secure environment for the children to develop and enjoy social, creative and sportive activities, including football, arts/crafts, snooker, computers etc.

Sessional workers are booked approximately on a two weekly basis, including an art and movement facilitator and a Brentford Football coach. The club is run free of charge by fully trained, police checked, paid and experienced staff. Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
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Yours sincerely



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