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Dear Parents

THE GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM ARE BOROUGH CHAMPIONS!

The Girls football team have become borough champions! They will now represent Richmond in the London School Games at Crystal Palace at the end of March.

In a first for the school, the Girls football team have become borough champions after their victory at NPL on Wednesday 6th March. The matches were six a side, played on grass pitches with 15 minutes each way. The girls won all their three group games, but without playing their best. However, three victories ensured we had a bye through the first knock out phase and we could rest up and watch our potential opponents.

The girls were raring to go in the quarter final and scored three very quick early goals and then held onto their lead to win 3 – 0.

The semi-final was a tense, skilful affair and St John's took an early lead. The girls fought back and got a deserved equaliser. The game went to extra time, golden goal... with 10 seconds remaining before the dreaded penalties; Ella broke free to score the winner. We were now in the final against our old rivals St Stephens. They had beaten us in the league match earlier in the season. There was a bit of talk of "at least we've definitely got a medal now" and "at least we've made the final". Eventually some positive thoughts started coming through and the girls were focused and ready for the final.



Borough champions continued...

In a fantastic turnaround of form, we found ourselves 3 - 0 up by half time. The girls were playing determined, accurate football, whilst being ruthless in front of goal. The girls were determined to hold onto the lead for the final 8 minutes. St Stephen's started coming back and the score was 4 - 2 with a few minutes to play; Ella scored once more to make it 5 - 2 and shortly afterwards the final whistle went.... borough champions!! Medals and trophies were then happily received before a celebratory visit to a coffee shop for hot chocolate and cookies. Many thanks to all the parents who supported the girls throughout the day.

The winning team: Ella Dodd (c), Rhea Gautam (gk), Freya Aucken, Morven Calway, Isabel Livesey, Carla Novakovic, Helena Samarasinghe, Claudia Bridge.

Other sports news

Swimming:

Fourteen children represented the school at the borough swimming gala. We were swimming in the large school heats, attempting to win places for the large school finals in two weeks' time. If children are successful in the large school final, they then go into the borough final. All the children swam with great determination and we have qualified for ten events in the final out of nineteen, which is an excellent achievement. In a separate event, the squadron relay (involving children from different year groups), we managed to reach the final of this event and the children received a medal for this achievement.

Well done to all those involved; they received a 75th year commemorative medal and certificate. Many thanks to Emma Beagley and Lisa Graham for all their hard work and accompanying the children to the event.

Football:

Both our Girls and Boys football teams have qualified for the quarter finals of their league competitions. We are only one of three schools in the borough to get both our teams through to the knock out stages. Congratulations to our teams; we are very proud of both of them.

Years 3 & 4: Eighteen children from Years 3 and 4 took part in the Motiv8 7 a side mixed friendly tournament. For many, this was their first time representing the school. Both teams played with a very good team spirit and enjoyed their afternoon.

Staffing news

Katie Kelly will be taking over from Anna Macfadzean (Year 2 Oaks) when she leaves at the end of this term. Miss Kelly has previously worked in the unit at St Mary's. She has successfully completed her final teaching practice here.

Regrettably, due to family commitments, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Anna Donovan at the end of the summer term. Mrs Donovan has been a fantastic class teacher over the past eight years; she has had a significant impact upon many children's education.

Success at ArtsRichmond Young Writers' Festival 2012-13

For the fourth successive year pupils from St Mary's showed their writing abilities by entering the ArtsRichmond Young Writers' competition. Well done to Claudia Bridge, Megan Klass, Nell Newell, Lucy von Hodenberg, Isabel Ward, Louis and Helena Samarasinghe who participated and congratulations to Claudia who received a certificate and was Highly Commended in the year 5-6 category for her story entitled 'Inside my Mother's Handbag'. She received her award from the Mayor of Richmond at the Orange Tree theatre.

The organisers commented that the festival attracted a bumper crop of writing this year with the number of entries nearly doubled and a wider range of schools participating than ever before. The number of entries was matched by their quality. ArtsRichmond Chairman, David Ward said that "It was exceptionally hard for the judges to pick the winners this year, so all those shortlisted can be very proud of themselves." Axel Scheffler of 'Gruffalo' fame was on hand to present some of the awards. Use the following link for more information about ArtsRichmond:



<http://www.artsrichmond.org.uk/young-artists.php>

Year 5 children take over Teaching

Inspired by the Children's Commissioner's Takeover Day, Daniel Banner, Michael Rasonyi and Tom Renton in 5B, under the watchful eye of Ms Glenister, took over the teaching of the Life of Gandhi. Working on a cross-curricular theme of Biographies encompassing both RE and Literacy, the boys used their lunchtime to prepare themselves for the lesson adding their own challenge quiz at the end. They proved to be hard task masters ensuring that everyone stayed on task and finished off with a quiz to check what had been learned. Zak from 5B said he thought that the pupil teachers were very well organised and that it was good for someone who was not a professional teacher. Mrs Turner commented that it would be great for children in other year groups to take up this opportunity in the future.



Primary Maths Challenge 2013

As three out of 1652 pupils nationwide, Claudia Bridge, Ella Yates and Martin von Hodenberg sat the Primary Maths Challenge bonus paper in February. The standard was very high and we were very pleased that Claudia achieved a bronze award. It was noticeable that the level of primary maths across the country is rising: those scoring 21 out of 25 this year achieved a bronze award and yet this same score would have got you silver last year. Well done to all three children.

Pines and 6KT watched “Why the Lion danced?”



Pines and 6KT went along to watch ‘Why the Lion Danced?’ It was a “roarsome” performance put on by the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon. The play was set in a Chinese take-away, as Tom and his family get ready to welcome in the Chinese New Year. Every thirteenth moon the monster Nian appears to eat “clean” children. The family are busy thinking of ways in which to scare him off. Initially, the fox, tiger and snake tried but failed to get rid of Nian. Finally, he is scared off by the brave lion. When the monster appeared again, the lion was unavailable to scare him off this time, so Tom and his family decided to perform the ‘Lion Dance’ to get rid of the monster once and for all. The music added great excitement to the show and we joined in with singing “oooooh, aaah, what are we going to do?” The actors dressed in very colourful traditional Chinese costumes. It was a hilarious performance with the funniest character being the fox who had a feather duster for a tail. We give it a 5 star rating - it is a “must see!”

By Ellie Thomas, Mia Hinton and Thomas Wickham 6KT

SEG/Unit

To avoid further confusion, the SEG (special educational group) will now revert back to its original name of ‘unit’

Reception and Year 1 have a visit from a Paramedic

Reception and Year 1 had a visit from a paramedic recently. Children were role playing being a paramedic and helping each other. The children had lots of questions to ask and stories to share!



FoSM

I would like to thank Mrs van Otterdijk and her team for their on-going work and commitment on behalf of the School. FoSM, as many of you will know, hosted a very successful and enjoyable "Mums Night" on Friday evening.

Parent Teacher consultations Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th March

Reminders:

There are no school run clubs this week.

Children should be picked up early on both days so teachers can prepare for meetings:

Infant site	2.00 pm
Middle site	2.15 pm
Junior site	2.30 pm

Please do not leave your child at school. Thank you.

Reminder: Red nose day and World book day

Red nose day and World book day is on **Friday 15th March**. Children may dress up as their favourite book character and they may bring in their favourite book, should they wish to. Children will be permitted to wear a red nose to school during part of the day. Each child is asked to bring in a donation of **£1** which will go to Comic Relief.

We have junior Cross country the same day, in the afternoon for Years 3 – 6. Please ensure your child/ren has their PE kit and trainers at school. Year 3 will be brought over from the middle site to take part. **At the end of the day, all children in Year 3 need to be collected from the junior site.**



Information evening for parents in September re Maths and English

We are considering having an information evening for parents on teaching methods and strategies in Mathematics and English. The evening is planned for September 2013 from 6pm and at this stage we would like to know how many parents would be interested. Please email the school office (info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk) if you would like to attend this information evening; if we have sufficient numbers, the evening will go ahead and a date will be publicised.

School Library on the junior site

Please ensure that all books borrowed from the School Library on the junior site are returned please. This term **twenty four** books have gone missing; please check over half term and return any you may have inadvertently forgotten to bring back! Many thanks.

Parking in Trafford Road

We have again been contacted by residents in Trafford Road, complaining that parents are still parking across their driveways or parking inconsiderately when dropping off and picking up. Please respect our neighbours and refrain from parking in such a way as to cause inconvenience. We are keen to foster good relationships with our near neighbours. Thank you for your co-operation.

15 hours free childcare for two year olds

From September 2013, you could be eligible for 15 hours per week free childcare for two year olds if you are receiving one of the following: income support; income-based Jobseeker's Allowance; income-related employment and support allowance; support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit; Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs. All looked after children will be funded (where benefits are not applicable).

For further information contact: the Family Information Service on 020 8831 6298, your local children's centre, health visitor or other professional. www.richmond.gov.uk/fis

Home Start Richmond

If you have some free time after the Easter holidays, and you are a parent, you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity Home-Start Richmond is offering a free Preparation Course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability. The course runs 10am-2.30pm, every Wednesday for 10 weeks from 17th April until 3rd July. After the course, you would visit a family for about 2 hours a week.

For more information, please contact Angie Ahmed on 020 8487 8500 info@homestart-richmond.org.uk or visit www.homestart-richmond.org.uk. Home-Start Richmond, 211 Parkway House, Sheen Lane, East Sheen, SW14 8LS. Registered charity no: 1108975

Family fun day

On 22nd March, Nuffield Health will be holding a Family Fun Day from 2 - 6pm. Members and non-members are welcome.

There will be:

Face painting

Bouncy Castle

Harlequin Mascots

Taster Massage Sessions

Bring your family down to enjoy the fun! Please make sure you book in advance via Main Reception on 0208 892 2251

Dates for this term: reminders

w/c 11th March
Tuesday 12th March
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Wednesday 13th March
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Thursday 14th March

Friday 15th March
Friday 15th March
w/c 18th March
Monday 18th March
Monday 18th March
Wednesday 20th March
Thursday 21st March
Friday 22nd March
Friday 22nd March
Tuesday 26th March

Wednesday 27th March

Thursday 28th March

NO SCHOOL RUN CLUBS THIS WEEK

5B to Hampton Court
RMT Singing festival at the Rose Theatre, pm
5B to YSER at Twickenham stadium
Parent Teacher consultations from 4 – 7 pm
(School closes one hour earlier: IS 2pm, MS 2.15 pm, JS 2.30 pm)
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Red Nose and World book day
School cross country at Marble Hill, Years 3 – 6
LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL RUN CLUBS
5B to Richmond Museum
5G to Hampton Court
Swimming gala finals at 2 pm
5G to Richmond Museum
Year 3 to the British Museum
5B assembly, parents and 2 Willows invited
10 a.m Easter service at St Mary's Church, KS1
11 a.m Easter service at St Mary's Church, KS2
Last day of spring term, School finishes one hour earlier
INSET DAY

Yours sincerely



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