



NEWSLETTER: 19th July 2012
St Mary's CE Primary School
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Dear Parents

FoSM Summer fair

Despite the lack of glorious sunshine and some gusty winds, FoSM organised and ran a very successful and enjoyable summer fair. Thank you to everyone who helped in so many ways to make it such a success. In particular, I would like to thank the following people for all their hard work throughout the year: Johanna van Otterdijk, Amanda Bail, Sue Jones, Karen Street, Karin Austin, Caroline Freer and Karen Trimble. FoSM have been a tremendous support to me, my staff and the children; thank you very much.

The end of another successful academic year

We are sorry to say goodbye to members of staff and children throughout the school; I would like to send them all our very best wishes for the future. A special mention to Sheila Palmer who has been our longest serving SMSA for 29 years! We wish Shelia a long and very happy retirement.

We send Year 6 onto the next stage of their education and wish them well; come back and let us know how you are getting on please!

We are looking forward to our expansion in the autumn term and hope, with your support and understanding, to settle into school life on the Middle site quickly and with the minimum of fuss. We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children, other new children to the school and new members of staff.

Thank you to all parents who contribute to school life in so many ways, whether it's helping on class visits, in the class room, Library duties, reading on a regular basis or helping with FoSM. Without your help and support St Mary's would not be the successful and happy school it is.

On behalf of all my staff, I hope you all have a relaxing, happy and sunny summer. We look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 4th September**.

Leavers' service today

Thank you to Tom Holmes, Richard Taylor and Anna Donovan for a wonderful service today. Well done to Year 6 who read and sang beautifully.

Reminders

Please ensure your child/ren has the correct uniform, PE kit and proper shoes for school. Hair, if long, should be tied back. We are NUT FREE school; please don't send your child/ren to school with products containing nuts.

Please ensure you take everything home on the last day of term, including scooters, bikes, lunch boxes etc. Anything left will be disposed of over the summer holiday.

Diary dates and Term dates 2012-13

These dates will be sent via email to parents, tomorrow, Friday 20th July. They are subject to change but we will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible if they do. Please ensure you put them into your calendars, diaries and smart phones. Thank you.

ParentMail

All our records/details are upgraded over the summer holiday ready for September, moving your children into their new class and your email addresses/mobile phone numbers into the correct year group etc. If your details have changed, please ensure you log onto ParentMail and update your information. If you are having problems or need to be re-registered, please contact Jane Tomlinson at the junior site (info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk or 8892 7849).

Contact Sheets/Integris

As with ParentMail it is the responsibility of parents to keep this information up to date so we are able to contact you if we need to. If your address, telephone numbers, emergency contact numbers etc have changed, please let us know immediately, using the info@st-marys.richmond.sch.uk email address. Thank you.

Medicines in School

If your child/ren has medicine in school, please ensure you collect it before the end of term; otherwise it will be disposed of. If your child/ren needs medicine in the autumn term, please complete a pink medicine form and send into school on the first day of term. All medicines must be named and be in their original packaging. Thank you.

West Side Story

The evening performances of West Side Story were a great success. The children performed with great maturity and should be very proud that their commitment to rehearsing was rewarded with four fantastic performances. Many thanks to everyone who helped with every aspect of the production: Stuart Brampton for direction and production, the band, FoSM for organising the bar and other members of staff who helped and supported the production.

Dreams project

Well done to all the children who took part in the "Dreams project". Our poets, singers and members of the orchestra took part in a borough wide initiative to promote cultural arts during London 2012. The children attended rehearsals and an evening performance. Thank you to Samantha Riley, Esme Uprichard and Susan Kent for all their help with the project.

Year 4 at Battle of the Books 2012



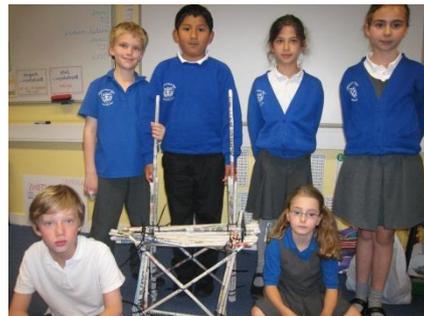
Pupils from Year 4 spent a day at Heathfield Junior School participating in the Borough Battle of the Books competition. Tom Renton, Finnan Connolly, Megan Klass, Richard Kelly, Caitlin Fisher, Isla Flett, Zak Newton and Louisa Royle have been meeting every week since the beginning of the school year and have enjoyed reading the 10 books and associated activities.

Nineteen schools were represented and the competition was fierce. The children took part in a quiz, an art activity and a drama improvisation and performance based on one of the books. All the children worked brilliantly as a team and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Year 4 children 'take a seat'

As part of the Year 4 Design and Technology topic on chair design, two groups of children designed and manufactured a chair. The success criteria for the task were that the chair must look good and be able to support the lightest member of the group. Each group used the newspaper rod rolling machine purchased last academic year through a grant from the Royal Society. They discussed their designs, agreeing on a final specification as a basis for construction. They used skills such as: measuring, scaling, comparing, rolling, joining and testing.



Vishaka Thakrar, Zak Brett, Antonia Adams, Ana-Maria Margarit, William Owden and Victor Fuentes produced a wide seated chair with a high back that Antonia was able to sit on.



Tom Carr, Maddie Monteiro, Addison Eves, Bryn Gatehouse and Chiana Bhoola created a small, neatly constructed chair with a curved back that successfully supported Chiana.

The children worked brilliantly in their teams: voting on their final design, sharing the construction process and feeding back the changes made as the build progressed. They developed a good understanding of the best shapes needed for a stable and comfortable construction.

Mrs Turner was very impressed with the final products produced to a very tight timescale

Year 6 go to France

In June, Year 6 went on a residential trip to Chateau de Chantereine in France. They had an amazing time; here are some quotes from the children:

“It was fantastic! I really enjoyed the trip to Rouen”. *Billy Bourne 6HO*

“The disco on the last night was a great end to a great week”. *Arber Shera 6HO*

“The beach was great as we could all hang out together and play Frisbee”. *Nick Sims 6HO*

“Seeing the cathedral in Rouen was amazing; it has a great history”. *Angie Gullick 6TA*

“The frogs’ legs and snails were a challenge! We managed to eat them in the end”. *Ethan Jones 6TA*

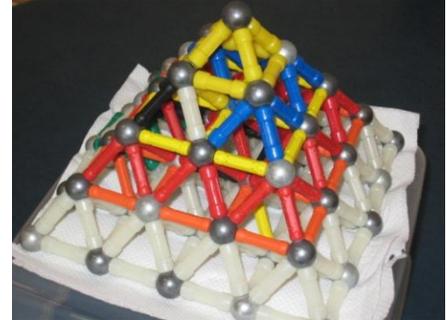
“Everyone enjoyed the crepes; the line was a mile long!” *Berenike Kahane 6TA*



Mini Pyramid in the Building

Year 3 has been learning about the Ancient Egyptians. For their topic they built a mini pyramid based upon the Great Pyramid at Giza.

So how did they do it? It was made out of newspaper that was rolled up. The pyramid was so big that it had to be built in the hall. To help with the design they made a model using 'Geomag'.



The St Mary's pyramid has a square base of side 210cm and height 160cm. It is 100 times smaller than the Great Pyramid of Giza.

They made small paper pyramids that were also scaled models of the Great Pyramid, but 3000 times smaller. They have a base of 7.7cm and height 6.2cm.

How was the pyramid made? Year 3 made it out of sheets of newspaper. They rolled the newspaper very tightly with a rod rolling machine which when you put glue on it tightens them into a solid paper rod.



The pyramid was constructed as a series of square based pyramids fixed together with cable ties. They learned about stable shapes using triangles in 2 and then 3 dimensions.

Once the rods had been rolled everybody in year 3 got a chance to paint some rods. They had chosen very sandy colours which were yellow, red and orange.

Once the pyramid was built it was covered with dancing Egyptians cut out and decorated by year 3.



This report was written by Ben Freer, Brune Delecour, Harriet Stanley, Will Sandford Morgan and Kataleeya Duffy. Year 3 was very proud of their mini pyramid and thanks Mrs Turner for her help.

Sports news

Children from Years 3 - 5 represented the school at the Borough Sports at St Mary's University. Due to a change in date, Year 6 could not compete, so more Year 5 children were given the opportunity. All the children performed with great determination and effort; they represented the school extremely well. There was an excellent team spirit and although we weren't among the finalists, we did manage to beat all the one form entry schools and some three form entry schools, whilst finishing mid-way in the two form entry schools.

Ten children from Year 5 represented the school at cricket at NPL at a Kwik cricket day on Thursday 12th July. The team played with great heart, winning half of their matches; many runs and wickets were taken. Thank you to Mrs Beagley who accompanied the team.

Congratulations to the 2012 Sports Award winners:

Sports Boy of the Year: Rowan Fenby.

Excellence in Sports: Noah Goalen & Jasper Smith.

Sports Girl of the Year: Pheonix Hamilton-Palmer.

Excellence in Sports: Hannah Reiter & Isabella Sartori.

The Year 4 and Year 5 children recently attended a sports afternoon run by Orleans Park young leaders. The event, held on Orleans field, was a great success and the children all enjoyed being taught by the older children.

The Olympics week was a great success with a dress up day, outside visitors, sports day and children taking part in Olympic themed events throughout the week within their classes.

Finally, well done to over twenty members of staff who took part in the Richmond Cancer Research Race for life 5K run on Sunday; they have raised over £1000 so far.

Dance club

Katie Stout has been running a dance club through the year and they have had two exciting events recently. They were the only primary school involved in the Richmond Secondary schools torch relay. The children performed a routine alongside Orleans Park. Dance club members performed beautifully at the St Margaret's fair on Saturday; well done!

Maths in Motion National Final 2012



“What an amazing day!”

“Intense pressure setting up the car; then the excitement during the race!”

“So much fun!”

These were some of the comments from the St Mary’s team who spent the day at the Heritage Motor Centre competing in the Maths in Motion National Final.

After success in two rounds of intense competition against 300 teams from both primary and secondary schools, St Mary’s made it to the UK final as one of only 12 primary schools.

The team, comprising Avani Bhandari, Rhiannon Flett and Claudia Bridge, spent the morning on a laptop setting up their car on a new track, using all their maths skills – and no calculators allowed! Meanwhile the adults had a leisurely look around the motor museum.

The afternoon culminated in all 36 teams racing each other on a simulation of the Nurburgring in Germany. Cheering loudly at the finish, we were very excited when we came 26th out of 36 teams and 8th out of the 12 primary entrants.

The Director of Engineering and Technical Services at Jaguar Land Rover handed out trophies and certificates to all competitors. Photographs of the final and information on the race can be found at www.mathschallenge.co.uk/the-races/national-final/

We are very grateful to Mr Bhandari who drove the team to and from the venue.

The Maths in Motion club meets each week at lunchtime for children in years 5 and 6. Pupils use their maths skills to set up cars using computer simulation software of a Grand Prix car racing game. They estimate, calculate percentages and angles, read scales, graphs and tables, assess risk and set strategies, but most of all work as a team. The club will reconvene after the summer holidays. If you are interested see Mrs Turner for more information.

Pupil Parliament

Congratulations to our newly elected Members of Pupil Parliament: Joe Hill and Rebecca Aubrey. The candidates gave their one minute speeches to the junior school on the theme of:

“Richmond has a wealth of history on its doorstep. How can Richmond schools use this to its full potential so children grow up knowing their local history?”

Rebecca’s speech explained why history was important to our pupils now and Joe advocated a ‘Horrible Histories’ approach to teaching children. They will serve as MPPs throughout Year 6.

Pupil Parliament came into being in 1994 and is now an established event helping pupils to become directly involved in elementary citizenship. Pupils in the past have debated and contributed their views on anti-racist strategies, sports and recreation strategies as well as the wider issues of the school curriculum and immigration. Our new MPPs and all the new ones from 30-40 schools across the Borough will meet at York House in October to share their speeches, make a resolution centred on the topic and elect a mayor. Another meeting later in the year will receive the council’s response to their resolution and further develop the children’s ideas.

Richmond Homestart

Our locally based charity trains parent volunteers to help other parents who are struggling to cope. Last year we helped 240 families and over 500 children in the borough of Richmond upon Thames, most being referred by Health Visitors and other professionals. Please call us if you would like any more information or visit our website www.homestart-richmond.org.uk.

RFU STRAWBERRY HILL MUSIC & FUN DAY – SUNDAY 22 JULY

Strawberry Hill House, Waldegrave Road, Twickenham

Admission only £2 donation adults, children U15 free

On Sunday 22nd July the Rugby Football Union presents the annual Strawberry Hill Music & Family Fun Day in the grounds of the gothic house on Waldegrave Road, Twickenham. Over 7,000 people attended last year.

As well as providing the community with a fun day out, the aim is to raise funds for the restoration of Strawberry Hill House.

Once again there will be the popular live music stage, charity and craft stalls, children's rides and entertainment, beer and Pimm's tents, food and refreshments. Why not bring a picnic and enjoy the day.

From 12 noon until 7.30pm the music stage will feature bands, mostly with a local connection: Skalextric, The Mustangs, and The Blue Meanies, Nark Drool & the Shudders, Marner Brown and others.

For information please see www.twickenhamalive.com

Autumn term 2012

Inset day: Monday 3rd September

First day of autumn term: Tuesday 4th September

Yours sincerely



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RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

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