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Monday 22nd July 2019

Dear Parents,

The end of the academic year and my last newsletter to you, thank you for reading them regularly and keeping up to date with School life.

Over the year, it has been my pleasure to share successes with you; we have so many at St Mary's. Here is a roundup of just some of them:

Junior Site pond area works

Last week saw the culmination of a fantastic redevelopment of our Junior Site pond area. A joint fund-raising effort with Year 6 parents, FoSM and from the sponsored climb of Mount Snowden have enabled Sam Coles and his team from Rock Steady Gardens to reinvigorate the area including: a potting shed, redefined paths and a cleaner pond – it truly looks stunning. We can't wait to use this wonderful learning resource and develop it even further into a hub for local biodiversity. Do drop by and have a look at pick up time today; we would love to share it with you.

The curriculum

The curriculum has been enhanced in so many ways this year, not least through the 'hooks' and Great Works, just some of which are below.

Great Works

Although the academic year is close to an end, outstanding learning continues at St Mary's. We saw, and continued to see even today, a wonderful variety of truly Great Works – testament to the rich, engaging curriculum teachers have worked so hard on this year:

- Reception – with a garden party to celebrate their wonderful new Living Wall.
- Year 1 – were real-life superheroes showing the skills of caring, sharing and kindness as they helped Reception children
- Year 2 – brought the seaside to the Middle Site as they recreated the fun and joy of their Littlehampton beach visit to school.
- Year 3 – dressed as Romans for the day and made tablets and coins.
- Year 4 – created models of their own vision for the new pond development including what they want to do with it next.
- Year 5 – performed poetry, singing, dancing and much more for parents and Henry VIII himself in their Tudor Banquet.
- Year 6 – will not let us forget them easily as they shared their Leavers Service with us today



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Gold Mark

You have been kept abreast of our sporting triumphs and we are pleased to have retained the School Games GOLD Mark.

Healthy school

The children have enjoyed increased opportunities to cook or prepare foods as part of their curriculum. Mrs Johnston has been hard at work and applied for the Silver Mark; we were successful last year in obtaining Bronze. Thank you for your support of this initiative by sending in those healthier snacks and lunches.

House points total

Twinning: 6606

Wolfe: 6558

Farah: 6629

Attenborough: 7556

Our overall winners are Attenborough! Pupils in Attenborough house are invited to wear their own clothes to school on Tuesday 23rd July in celebration of their win. The house name will adorn the House Plaque.



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Attendance data between 05.09.18 – 22.07.2019

We are so close to our whole school target of 98%. Last year our total school attendance was 97.12% so we have definitely improved this year! Thank you for all your support.

	% Attendance	% of Unauthorised Absences	No of Unauthorised Absences
Reception	96.98	0.49	141
Year 1	97.75	0.38	128
Year 2	97.89	0.33	113
Year 3	97.48	0.42	141
Year 4	97.52	0.44	189
Year 5	97.64	0.43	140
Year 6	97.16	0.25	84
Total school	97.50	0.39	936

End of Year Results

We shared these with you last week; if you missed them they are on the website in last week's newsletter.

Our School is supported by the Governing Body, which works tirelessly behind the scenes and we remember, of course, they are all volunteers. I thank them for all they do for us. My thanks also to the Trustees who, through their annual grant, help us to provide our Learning Mentor, The Anna Freud outreach and so much more.

Governing Body Matters

As the academic year draws to a close I would like to thank you all on behalf of the Governing Body for your continuing support for the school. Parental time and commitment in all forms matters; it makes a huge difference to your children's educational outcomes and goes towards sustaining our school community and its cohesion; we really do appreciate it.



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A massive thank you to your children for their hard work this year. The “unvalidated” school results for this academic year reported to you by Mrs Abrahams in the last newsletter show their passion and enthusiasm for learning remain strong. These kinds of results do not happen without parental support and involvement, so thanks to you all too.

And of course we are hugely grateful to the teaching and support staff for their hard work, dedication and professionalism throughout this year.

The Governing Body has produced its annual report which you can find on the school website at <https://st-marys.richmond.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Governing-Body-Annual-Report-to-the-school-community-July-2019.pdf> . As volunteers, my fellow Governors have given their time to the School generously and unflinchingly and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for that.

I wish everyone a restful summer holiday, filled with sunshine and joy.

Alex Hazard
Chair, Governing Body

Diary reminders

Tuesday 23rd July

School finishes for the year, ONE hour earlier on each site

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Inset days

Wednesday 4th September 2019

FIRST DAY OF THE AUTUMN TERM

Marble Hill Playcentres has launched a new Summer Holiday Pass!

Valid from 22nd July - 6th September. Please email Marble Hill Playcentres:
info@marblehillplaycentres.com

My enormous thanks go to the staff, who have worked hard to maintain, and in some cases raise standards across the school, and of course, I offer my congratulations to the children for their sterling effort.

My final thanks go to you, the parents, for your support of our wonderful school. St Mary's is a very happy, inclusive, successful organisation because we all work together in the best interests of the children.

We send good luck wishes to all of our leavers, pupils and staff, and hope they will keep in touch with us to let us know of their future achievements, which we know will be many.



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Year 6 destinations

Grey Court: 1 pupil
Kew House: 1 pupil
Kingston Grammar School: 1 pupil
Orleans Park School: 57 pupils
Radnor House: 2 pupils
St Richard Reynolds: 3 pupils
Surbiton: 2 pupils
The Green School: 1 pupil
The Richmond upon Thames School: 11 pupils
Twickenham Academy: 1 pupil
Tiffin Boys: 2 pupils
Tiffin Girls: 3 pupils
Waldegrave: 3 pupils

I wish you a very happy summer break and look forward to our return on Wednesday 4th September.

Yours sincerely,

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