

**Weekly Newsletter**  
**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

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### HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

We had a thoroughly enjoyable Infant and Junior Sports Day at Eltham Park South today. The sun shone brightly on us!

Thank you to everyone who came to cheer the children on, to the past pupils from St Mary's for helping out, to the volunteers for helping with the scoring and, finally, a huge thank you to Miss Dennis for co-ordinating this annual event.

Staffing Update for September:

At the end of this year, we will be having a couple of staff changes. Mrs Lopez, our SENCO, will be leaving St Mary's, to take up a position in another school. We thank you for her all her work supporting children who have additional needs in our school. Mrs Green will be taking over all SENCO responsibilities in the interim period.

Miss Long, one of our teaching assistants, will be leaving St Mary's to travel the world; we are all very envious! Thank you for all the hard work over her time at the school supporting children on a 1:1 basis.

Please can I welcome Miss McDonough who has joined the team as a teaching assistant.

Have a lovely weekend

Kind regards  
Mr Sims  
Headteacher

### WEEK BEGINNING 10<sup>th</sup> JULY

#### Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 Transition Day at St Thomas More Comprehensive

#### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Gymnastics Club Display 4pm

#### Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 Production – 1.30pm & 6pm

#### Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Y6 Production – 1.30pm & 6pm

#### Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Children's Reports sent home  
Career's Day  
Football Team Presentation – 4.15pm at Meridian Sports Ground  
Drama Club display – 4.15pm

### MUSIC NEWS

Parents and family members are invited to the Summer music concert in the Gym Hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Children who are receiving instrumental lessons at school will perform, as well as the orchestra and chamber choir.

The concert will start at 3.30pm and should last approx. 1 hour.

We look forward to seeing you there.

### CAREER'S DAY

We are looking forward to hosting our Career's Day for the children in Y6 on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Many thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to come and speak to the children. If you have not yet come forward, and would like to participate, please contact a member of the office staff.

**SCHOOL VALUES: FAITH, MERCY, TRUTH, RESPECT, RESILIENCE, LOVE**

## Y6 PRODUCTION

### *A WHOLE NEW WORLD*

The Y5/Y6 children are busy practising for the performances next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> /Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Please make sure you have requested your tickets as spare tickets are now available for the afternoon performances. You can email Mrs Jeffrey ([sjeffrey@stmary-rc.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:sjeffrey@stmary-rc.greenwich.sch.uk)) and she will accommodate as best she can.

Please ensure you bring your tickets with you when you come to see the show. No child under secondary school age will be allowed to watch the performance. All the children at St Mary's will see the show at the dress rehearsal on Tuesday. If you have any special requests for seating, i.e. wheelchair access, please speak to the office staff.

A recording will be made of the show so parents will be able to purchase a copy. We will inform you when this is available so look out for information.

### **ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EVENING PERFORMANCES**

The matinee performances will not impact the normal school day arrangements so children should be collected in the normal way. For the evening performances, we ask that the children be dropped back to school at **5.30pm (Y6) and 5.40pm (Y5)**, giving them time to get into their outfits. Parents who are not watching the show should return to collect their children at **7.30pm** at the main entrance in the Infant playground.

### **Y6 INDUCTION DAY AT ST THOMAS MORE COMPREHENSIVE MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

Many of the Y6 children will be spending a day in St Thomas More Comprehensive School on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

All the other children in Y6 will be required to come to school as normal that day.

## SPORT'S NEWS

In the Spring term, children in Y4 received expert cricket tuition from Platform Cricket Coaches. Following on from this training, some of the children were chosen to represent St Mary's in an organised cricket tournament in Avery Hill Park this week. The children were divided into two teams (Lions and Dragons). They played five matches each with the Lions getting through to the final. They were beaten by a narrow margin.

The children played excellent cricket throughout the tournament and were great ambassadors for our school. We are proud to say that two of our children were chosen from all the schools and given special prizes:

***Benas Belopetravicius, 4I, was awarded the most valuable player and Maya Harding, 4J, was commended on her superb sportsmanship.***

Many thanks to Mrs Evans for organising the event and for accompanying the children to the event and to Mr Huk for volunteering.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All after school clubs will finish for the term on week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Clubs will resume in the new academic year.

The children attending the gymnastics club will show their display to their parents on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm (Gym Hall).

The children attending the Friday drama club will have a performance for their parents on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm (Gym Hall)

Clubs will resume when the children return to school in September.

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Reggie Jones, 5L, was awarded the Captain's Prize at his end of year golf presentation. Maybe the next Rory McIlroy!

Well done Reggie.



## PA NEWS

### **Y6 LEAVER'S PARTY SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY (4PM – 8PM)**

This annual celebratory event for the Y6 children and their parents is taking place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, from 4pm – 8pm at St Mary's. Parents can purchase tickets for this event on Wisepay (£20 per adult).

If you are concerned about the cost of this event, please speak to the office staff. We may be able to help you.

The PA are asking for parent helpers to set up beforehand and for helping during the event. Please email the PA with your details if you can spare some time. [stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspaeltham@gmail.com)