



June 16th 2023 - St Mary's CE School Newsletter

SHINE AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD

From Mrs Bennett

We have had another busy week at St Mary's School. Whilst Year 5 and 6 have been busy practising for their end of term performance, the rest of the school have been very sporty!

The Year 5/6 girls' footballers played a match against Elmhurst and won 1-0. It was a closely fought match and everybody gave their best with St Mary's coming away as worthy winners. A special mention must go to Megan for her fantastic goal and Eira whose amazing goalkeeping skills ensured we did not concede.

On Tuesday, Y4 visited Aylesbury Grammar School for a sports festival run by their sports leaders. The children undertook many different activities and fun was had by all. One child described it as *'really, really fun and we all got better at being sporty'*

Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 have all held their Sports Days this week in the glorious sunshine. It has been wonderful to see all the children competing hard whilst having fun. Thank you to all staff for their hard work with organising these.

Our chess team took place in a Year 5 and 6 chess tournament this week and came away in third place. Well done to all who took part.

Finally, sadly, Mrs Mander, who has been teaching in Reception for the past 5 years, will be leaving St Mary's at the end of this academic year. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Mander for all her hard work and we wish her all the best at her new school.

Bike Week and Bling Your Bike



Thank you everyone that rode to school last week as part of Bike to School Week. We celebrated by cycling to school while promoting the benefits of travelling actively. The aim was to empower children, parents, and teachers to travel actively, safely and confidently to school which, thanks to your support, we were able to do. On Friday, the children ended the week by taking part in Bling Your Bike Day where they decorated their bikes and scooters which all looked amazing and showed how creative the children all are. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank you for all the support you gave in helping your children to make their creations. We had everything from a Christmas themed bike to a scooter designed as a jungle. The Junior Road Safety Officers chose their favourite 7 creations.

They would like to say a big congratulations to the following children who all received a certificate for their creation in today's Celebration Collective Worship:

Alfie, RA

Robin, RA,

Frasier, 1H

Elsie, 1H

April, 2HW

Isabelle, 5JB

Emma, 6F

PE Survey

As a school, we want to ensure that all children experience excellent, engaging PE lessons and school sport that will lead to lifelong participation and enjoyment.

To ensure that our PE Curriculum supports the needs of the children we teach and is as inclusive as possible, we would ask that you sit down with your child and complete the following survey by Friday 30th June:

<https://www.koboca.co.uk/primary-pupil-activity-well-being-survey-20221/?q=0a7864a2&s=a5fe8cb2>

As well as supporting us in the planning of next year's curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities, it will also help us to identify those children we need to focus on in terms of engagement to ensure they make the most of their PE lessons during their time at St. Mary's.

Miss Flower

Year 6 Teacher, 5/6 Phase Lead and PE Lead

Deadline for Free Delivery of Photos



The deadline for free delivery of photos, is Monday 26th June.

Star of the Week



Each week a child, who has exemplified our Christian Values (Love, Hope, Respect, Compassion, Forgiveness and Truth) from every class, is chosen to receive the Star of the Week Award.

Well done to the children who are Star of the Week this week: Ivy B, Angel L, Yumzaa I, Peyton D, Finlay D, Aaron M, Holly S, Abbie F-N, Nina O, Roxie W, Emily K, Maria G.

Learning Power Awards



We use Learning Powers to develop our 'Language for Learning' in school and this enables us to engage all pupils in a dialogue using a common language to support and develop our understanding of how we learn.

It is our intention that the children use the language for learning to explain ways in which they achieved or approached tasks and how they can move on to the next chapter in their learning.

These learning powers are; have a go, don't give up, concentrate, be curious, keep improving, ask questions and cooperate.

Congratulations to the children who have received a Learning Power Award this week: Kayla F, Ahmad H, Jude W, Oscar H, Isabella W, Molly B, Elsie R, Dominic H, Anish G, Jude D, Emma G, Keyaan P.

Nursery End of Term



Please be aware that our Nursery will be closing at the end of the Summer Term on Thursday, 20th July.

WheelPower



Last Sunday, Mrs Bennett, her father, and some of the children from St Mary's, took part in the Tour de Vale bike ride where they raised money for the charity WheelPower. Organised by WheelPower, the Tour de Vale is Buckinghamshire's biggest and best charity bike ride. It helps turn pedal power into vital funds for the charity. WheelPower provides opportunities for disabled people to get into sport and lead active lives. They have been providing opportunities for people with physical impairments to take part in sport for nearly 70 years. Based in Stoke Mandeville, the home of the Paralympic movement, WheelPower is at the heart of wheelchair sport.

While sport can develop confidence and improve your health, it's also a great way to put a smile on the faces of those taking part. Each year, WheelPower supports over 62,099 disabled people to access and participate in sport and activity across the country.

As WheelPower is a national charity for wheelchair sport, we feel at St Mary's that it provides an exciting opportunity for pupils to discover the many different sports and activities available for disabled people and the impact staying active can have on their lives. On Wednesday 20th June we are lucky enough to have a visit from Chris, one of WheelPower's speakers, who is coming into school to talk to all the children. Pupils will learn about the work of WheelPower, the life of Sir Ludwig Guttman and how the Paralympic movement started at Stoke Mandeville. They will also learn about physical disabilities, adapted sport and how our school can support WheelPower.

If you would like to donate to WheelPower please use the link below to our Just Giving Page or the link on the school's website. Unfortunately, we are unable to take cash donations this time.

Thank you once again for all your support.

Please click here¹ to donate.

¹https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-marys-1686820733064?utm_source=copyLink&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/st-marys-1686820733064&utm_campaign=pfp-share&utm_term=f06e22a7a8534e9483e1dae9ddc5f64a

Chess Tournament



On Tuesday, six children from Years 5 and 6 went to Buckingham Park CofE Primary School to represent St Mary's in a chess tournament. The matches were incredibly close with all the games being played in good spirit. Our team performed really well, finishing third overall.

Sports Day Results



Following on from last week's KS2 Sports Day, KS1 held theirs this Wednesday. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support their children and I am pleased to share the results below.

Congratulations to Lee, who finished 1st at both the KS1 and KS2 Sports Days.

The final overall results were:

- 1st Lee 1238 points
- 2nd Rothschild 1173 points
- 3rd Cook 1062 points
- 4th Hampden 960 points

Miss Louise Flower

Year 6 Teacher, 5/6 Phase Lead and PE Lead

Charity Football Match & Fun Day



Sands
Stillbirth & neonatal death charity

CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH & FUN DAY

All money raised will go to the charity SANDS

Saturday 17th June 2023
11am to 3pm

At
Aylesbury Vale Dynamos FC
Haywood Way,
Aylesbury,
HP19 9WZ

The day will include:
Kids football match,
Bouncy castles,
Beat the goalie-
with prizes,
Inflatable slide,
Face paints, Stalls,
Raffle, Tombola,
Fully licenced bar,

Tea, coffee
and other
refreshments
also available

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KIDS FOUNDATION
will also be attending on the day, giving kids and adults the opportunity to do some pad work with academy coaches.
Members of the fight team will also be giving a demonstration!

Harry S would like to make you aware of a Charity Football Match and Fun Day in aid of Sands, that is taking place tomorrow, 17th June from 11.00am to 3.00pm at Aylesbury Vale Dynamos FC.

It would be lovely if as many as possible could attend in order to support this worthy charity.

Bottle Collection and Mufti Day



With the Summer Fair approaching on 24th June, the PTA would be grateful for bottles to be brought to school on Friday 23rd June for the bottle tombola.

In exchange for a bottle, there will be a Mufti Day on this day!

PTA News



Dates for your Diary (Summer Term):

23rd June - Bottle Tombola Collection (am) and Mufti Day

24th June - Summer Fair

7th July - Leavers Disco (Year 6 only)

Dates for your Diary (Autumn Term):

15th September - Family BBQ (tbc)

13th October - School Disco (all year groups)

2nd December- Christmas Fair

Name Labels

With the cost of school uniform, it is important to keep as much from being misplaced as possible! Therefore the PTA have links with the following labelling companies that provide us with commissions from each sale.

- MyNameTags.com² - We will earn 24% of the value of each order for the school! Our school ID is 24718.

- <https://www.stikins.co.uk>³ - School code

20765

- <https://stamptastic.co.uk>⁴ - School Code HP197WF

Easyfundraising

Easyfundraising.co.uk is a quick and easy way to raise money for the school whilst doing your online shopping. All you need to do is register as a member of our school on easyfundraising.co.uk, then go through them to your normal shopping sites. This then earns the school money and does not cost you a penny more!

Contact us:

stmarys.pta@hotmail.com

<https://>⁵

www.facebook.com/groups/⁶

stmarysfairfordleys/?ref=share⁷

School Website



Please remember to check the school website⁸ for the school calendar and other useful information.

²<https://mynametags.com/>

³<https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

⁴<https://stamptastic.co.uk/>

⁵<https://www.facebook.com/groups/stmarysfairfordleys/?ref=share>

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Safeguarding & E-safety



Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Bennett, or the Deputies, Miss Rolfe or Miss Ilyas via the School Office on 01296 482094 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays, visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns.

For more safeguarding information please visit our website.

E-safety

Unsure about what apps or games your child is accessing? Need some advice on how to support your child online? Visit the NSPCC Net-aware website by clicking here⁹ to get all the information you need or visit our school E-safety information by clicking here¹⁰.

⁸<https://www.st-marysylesbury.bucks.sch.uk/>

⁹<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

¹⁰<https://www.st-marysylesbury.bucks.sch.uk/e-safety-2/>