



St Mary's Happy News!

News for our families and friends

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Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you and your family remain safe and well and have had a restful half-term break. Firstly, I must share how proud I am of our Year 6 children who have been taking their SATS tests recently. They enjoyed a special breakfast each day before doing their best in their Reading, Grammar and Maths papers. I wish good luck to our children in Year 1 with their Phonics; Year 4 with their Multiplication Tables Check and Year 2 with their optional KS1 tests. All year, they have been focused and working very hard and we are all very proud of them.

Community continues to lie at the heart of our school. St Mary's were blessed to be chosen to join the Lewisham Citizens Assembly, where local community groups challenged the London Mayor - Sadiq Kahn - and shared their vision for London. St Mary's children continue to support many local and global communities through their class projects, campaigning and supporting those in need.



I hope that many of you can join us on Wednesday 12th June at 9:00am for our Community Conversation - an opportunity to share your thoughts on tackling inequality within our community, focusing on housing, health and education.

The children have been working hard to continue to make progress in their learning as they enjoy our exciting and engaging curriculum.

Finally, we look forward to a busy end to the school year with many exciting events which includes Aspirations week, Year 6 Performance, Science and Sports Days! Thank you to our parents for continuing to work in

partnership with the school. As always, I extend my thanks to our team of staff and governors for their commitment and care for every child in our school community.

Best wishes, Christine Graham (Headteacher)

Dates for your diary

Friday 14th June - School closed for Inset day
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Mon 24th - Fri 28th June
Aspiration Week
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Fri 28th June
Science Day
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Mon 1st - Fri 5th July
Health Week
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Thursday 4th July - School closed for Polling Station
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Fri 5th July
Sports Day - Ladywell Arena
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Thursday 18th July 1:45
Leavers' Service in Church
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Wednesday 4th September
Children from Year 1 to Year 6 return to school

FAITH

Hebrews 11:1 *'Faith makes us sure of what we hope for and gives us proof of what we cannot see.'*

Martin Luther King, Jr.
"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

Respect

Peace

Love

Forgiveness

Responsibility

Faith



St Mary's is an Excellent School





Sports Stars

Congratulations to our Football and Hockey teams, who have been busy competing in tournaments against local schools - always performing with skill and confidence!



London Mayoral Assembly

St Mary's were proud to be represented at this special event where our children and parents, working in partnership with Lewisham Citizens, were given the opportunity to question Sadiq Khan in front of 2,000 people and secure pledges for future policy. Prior to the event, the children created banners with the UCL students to ensure that our messages for change were shared with many people in Central London. Mrs Graham gave a powerful speech, highlighting the impact of our previous campaigning to secure better housing and financial support for some of the most vulnerable in our communities.



Faith Group visit Southwark Cathedral

Our children's Faith Group organised an Easter Fayre and raised nearly £500 for charities chosen by the Bishop of Southwark for his annual Lent Appeal. The children travelled to Southwark Cathedral for a special Thanksgiving Service, where they joined schools from across the Diocese. As well as giving the Bishop the money that they had raised, the Faith Group also shared details with the congregation of how they had raised so much money for good causes.



Year 4 Young Marketeers

Children from Year 4 visited Borough Market at London Bridge to learn about how to grow vegetables. They have planted seeds at school and they will return to the Market later in the Summer to sell their produce and raise money for charity!