



HEAD'S LINES

Head's Lines: Congratulations to Russ, Maria and all of the staff team for supporting the teaching & learning of Sport and PE at St Mary's. I am delighted to let you know that the school have been awarded the Gold Games Mark again for the 3rd year in a row. The children have enjoyed learning about keeping our planet, their minds and bodies healthy in a variety of ways this week. It was lovely to see so many of you joining in with our Wake n' Shake sessions! The Golden Boot has been awarded to Owl Class; 80% of them either walked, scooted or cycled to school today. 65% of the children from R to Year 6 did the same; thank you all for encouraging the children to take part.

Thank you and farewell to Miss Garcia and Miss Brewster, who have been completing their teacher training at the school, as they move onto the next stage of their careers in education. We wish them the best of luck. Have a relaxing half term and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on June 4th after the Inset day. **Mrs Hodgson**

Class news this week

Caterpillar Class: This week we have been enjoying Healthy Minds, Body and Planet week. We have looked at the creation story and talked about the importance of keeping our planet a safe place for the animals. We have also been growing lots of yummy fruit and vegetables and talking about what they need to grow.



Butterfly Class: This week we have been enjoying Healthy Minds, Body and Planet week. We have been making posters to tell our friends how they can help look after the planet. We have been growing lots of yummy

fruit and vegetables and talking about what they need to grow.

Squirrel Class: This week we have enjoyed wellbeing week with some activities to keep our minds and bodies healthy and happy. We have used oil pastels to blend colours and create tone, listened to relaxing music, looked after our plants and created instructions on how to make tasty cucumber sandwiches. We particularly enjoyed eating the sandwiches at the end!



Hedgehog Class: This week we have been revising telling the time to the nearest five minutes and solving time word problems. In RE, we have been learning about other religions and their festivals. We have discussed the Islamic faith and Ramadan. In Art, we have been looking at paintings by Vincent Van Gough and created our own sunflower paintings.

Fox Class: Well done for another lovely week. This week we have enjoyed thinking about ways to keep our mind, body and world healthy and we have taken part in some mindfulness activities like singing and colouring, we have enjoyed doing some gardening and have had swimming and extra running!

Otter Class: Otter Class has enjoyed Healthy Body, Mind and Planet week. We practiced yoga and got into all kinds of poses and particularly enjoyed the relaxation at the end! Most of us went to Wake Up and Shake Up and in computing, we have been designing PowerPoints thinking about how we can keep our planet healthy and especially, our school.



Owl Class: In Owl Class this week, we have been



learning about prime numbers. During our digital detox day we went outside and used the large hundred squares and chalk to discuss the factors of each number before identifying whether it was a prime number or not.

In English, we have been learning about descriptive writing and the use of ambitious vocabulary to up-skill our work.

Falcon & Hawk class: This week Year 6 have been exploring different reasoning skills in maths by playing some problem solving games. They have had an exciting time at Southborough for the fun run on Wednesday. We have finished the week by producing wonderful newspaper reports about the Endurance- ask the children what they have learnt so far about Shackleton's expedition!





Stars of Week!

Squirrel Class: Aaliyah for showing great care with your handwriting, finger spaces & punctuation. Grace for showing increasing confidence when answering questions & speaking in front of class.

Hedgehog Class: Henri for being resourceful and independent learning. Kashif for improved letter formation and working hard on spellings.

Fox Class: Millie for always showing a positive, hardworking & enthusiastic approach to learning. Gabi for putting terrific effort into improving your expression & fluency when reading.

Otter Class: Lilly-Mae for engaging in good class discussion and Harry for being kind and helpful.

Owl Class: Dylan & Joseph for both paying excellent attention to detail when creating their Mayan Masks.

Hawk Class: Maria for super newspaper report writing about Shackleton's Antarctic Exploration. Tyler for coming first place in the Southborough Fun Run yesterday.

Falcon Class: Calum & Grace for wonderful attention to their newspaper reports in English this week.

A huge St Mary's congratulations to all of our stars this week!

Family and Friends PTA

Up and coming events:

Pamper Evening - We are looking forward this to event, which will be held at school on Friday 14th June 6.30-9.30pm. Entrance tickets are £5 each. Once we have received your form we will email you with the details for the online booking of beauty therapies. This event is open to all adults so you can bring friends and family along. You can get your form from the parent mail that was sent out or from the office.

Father's Day Pop Up Shop - Forms have gone out via book bags/ back packs and parent mail. If you still need one there are spare copies in the office. We need all forms back by Tuesday 4th June.

Muffi Day - Friday 28th June; sweets or £1 donation please

Attendance & Punctuality

Whole school attendance this week is 95.2%. The class with the best attendance this week is Otter with 97.2% well done!

Thankyou everyone for ensuring the children are at school every day; every moment is a learning moment and every day counts!

Office news:

Chessington Fun Day in Church Fields Thursday 30th May.

Polite reminder, please do not park across the driveways of our neighbours. The school has recently received complaints from local people that they have been not been able to get their cars out as they have been blocked in at drop off time in the morning. Thank you.

Diary Dates: * = new date **Don't forget!** You can also see a full list of school events on the school calendar which is on our website.

May

W/C 27th May

Half Term

June

Monday 3rd

INSET DAY

Monday 3rd-5th

Y6 Residential Downe Scout Adventure Centre

Tuesday 4th

Children return to school 8.45

Monday 10th

Phonics Screening Week

Year 4 trip to Kew Gardens

Wednesday 12th

Caterpillar Class Cake Sale

Thursday 13th

Fox Class Assembly

Friday 14th

Pamper Evening

W/C 17th June

Book Fair Week

Thursday 20th

Otter Class Assembly

Wednesday 26th

EYFS trip to Godstone Farm

Thursday 27th

Hedgehog Class Assembly

Friday 28th

Muffi Day—Packet Sweets

July

Wednesday 3rd

EYFS Sports Day

Thursday 4th

Sports Day KS1&2 & picnic lunch

Friday 5th

School Disco

Thursday 11th

Summer Concert (details to come)

Saturday 13th

Summer Fair

Wednesday 17th

Transition to New Classes

Wednesday 17th

Celebration Evening

Thursday 18th

Bishop Andrew taking Assembly

Tuesday 23rd

Yr6 Leavers events

Last day of Term 1.15pm