



TERMLY NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2015

It's been a really busy and exciting term for us all at St Mary's school. We hope you enjoy this newsletter, showing some of the highlights of our term and some of the things that are new.

Aspirational Trips

This term, our classes have been out all over London and beyond! A particular theme for us has been 'raising aspirations for the future'. Therefore, some of the places we have visited are:

Kidzania—trying out different jobs (Y5 and Y2)



City Business: Tindall Riley (Y6)



Oxford University (Y6)



Maths Mastery

In November, we hosted visitors from Shanghai who came to look at our approach to teaching Maths. We use an approach called 'Maths Mastery', used in Singapore and China, which helps the children to understand mathematical concepts in great depth.



Links with Other Schools

This term we have developed a new link with Wetherby Preparatory School in Bryanston Square. We started by visiting their Science Labs, where their Science teachers showed Y5 how to do a heart dissection.

Next term we will be joining them for English and Classics events, too.



Music Developments

We have begun to work with London Music Masters this year for the first time. Children in Reception (F2) have a fortnightly musicianship lesson, and next year they will all start to learn the violin! Other classes are also starting to benefit; Year 5 had a Singing Workshop led by professional musicians and LMM will be offering staff training in delivering classroom Music over the course of the year.



Sport Developments

This term, we achieved the School Games Mark (Bronze) in recognition of our school's commitment to Sport and Games.

PE and Sport is a high priority at St Mary's and we aspire to the highest possible standards.

This term we have run the following clubs:

Fencing, Gymnastics, Football, Running, Multi-skills and Netball

We have also competed against other Westminster schools in **Cross-country** and **Tag Rugby**.

We even took over Lord's Cricket Ground for the day, and became tour guides!

In the second week of term, Year 6 went to PGL in Surrey to experience a wide range of outdoor pursuits.



Golden Clubs

On Friday afternoons, children in KS2 take part in a range of different clubs, which offer either new skills, or develop their existing skills further. This term, the clubs on offer have ranged from Debating to Chess, from Running to Film, from Art to Touch Typing, and Drama to Sports Leadership. They have been a real hit with the children, and have helped them to try things they might never have had the chance to otherwise!



Many of these activities, as well as special events we hold in school, are made possible by the funds we receive from the Friends of St Mary's. This term, they have also provided new classroom furniture, plants for the school grounds and support for school staff. The work of the Friends is invaluable in providing the excellent educational opportunities we offer at St Mary's.