



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Friday 7th October 2016

### Whole School Cross Country

Last Friday, the whole school took part in an event to encourage pupils in long-distance running. We warmed up in the hall with some stretches and Zumba moves, then ran laps around the playground for as long as possible. Yesterday, some of the best runners went to Regent's Park to compete against other schools in a borough-wide competition. You can expect more running through the course of the year, culminating in a whole school running event at Paddington Rec.

### Year 6 at Somerset House

Yesterday, Year 6 visited Somerset House to learn about contemporary African Art for Black History Month. The trip was arranged by one of our parents and the children absolutely loved exploring the artworks. Here they are interacting with sculptures:



### Dates for the term

#### Friday Golden Assembly:

Year 3—Friday 14th October

Our **Church Service** is on Thursday 20th October at 9.15

**Black History Month Celebration**—Friday 21st at 9.15

**Parents Evenings** will be on 18th and 19th October—please email the office to make an appointment.

**Term finishes** on Friday 21st October at 1.15

**School restarts** on Tuesday 1st November at 9.00

**Monsters Ball**—Friday 4th November at 3.30

**Open Day for Reception and Nursery admissions**—**Thursday 10th November at 9.00**

Please invite your friends and neighbours!

### Coffee Morning

**Coffee morning** on 12th October is about Sugar. Ade, our school Nurse will be talking to us about the facts, cautions and diet alternatives to help our children grow up in the best of health.

### Uniform

As the days get colder, please transfer your children into Winter school uniform. We would like to see every child in Winter uniform by half term please. This should include a school tie—either on elastic, or a full knotted tie for our older children. All school uniform items are available online now: [stitchdesign.co.uk](http://stitchdesign.co.uk)



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### F1 Autumn Walk

Yesterday, F1 went for a walk in Paddington Street Gardens. They collected autumn leaves and learnt about the changing seasons.



This month is Black History Month and we are excited to welcome some visitors to our school over the next couple of weeks. On Monday, footballers from QPR will be joining us in school and telling us their stories. Diversity is one of our key strengths at St Mary's and we are so proud to represent so many different countries and cultures. Each class will be looking at one of our school values, and a famous person who demonstrated that value. Do ask your child about what they are learning and join us on 21st October to find out more.

I hope you all have a great weekend,

Emily Norman—Headteacher