



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th October 2017

Cross Country Running

This week, all of KS1 and 2 had the opportunity to run at Paddington Rec to practise their long-distance running skills. The children in KS2 who were fastest in their heats were then selected to run against other Westminster schools at Regent's Park yesterday. It was a lovely day on Monday, and we were so proud of the children for pushing themselves and persevering, as well as for being such good sports to each other.



Dojo Point Behaviour Prize Winner: Lucy—Year 4



Autumn Term Dates:

Starting this week, we are all celebrating **Black History Month**. Each class are looking at a different person, who was the first black British person in their field. **Sharing assembly: Tuesday 17th October**

FRIENDS:

Monsters Ball—3rd November

Christmas Fair—8th December

Art and Music at St Mary's

One of the things we are very proud of at St Mary's is the wealth of opportunities children have across the whole curriculum. This week saw Year 6 studying plants and flowers in their Art Day, with fantastic results, and the continuation of our fabulous violin and cello programme in KS1.



New Chair of Governors

At our last Governors' meeting, Sarah Bedford was elected to be the new Chair of our Governing Body. Sarah is one of our parent governors and is in the playground most days if people need to speak to her. She has a great deal of expertise in Special Educational Needs and is also our Safeguarding governor. We are very pleased she has been willing to take on this role in our school.



Jon Ward stepped down as Chair after 3 very successful years, helping us through our Ofsted inspection and substantially developing the school site. We are very grateful for all he has done for the school. Jon is staying on as Vice Chair to support Sarah.

Coffee Mornings

Thursday 12 October: Promoting your Child's Well-being

Does your child ever show any of these: lacking energy, worrying, avoiding fun activities, not motivated? Find out about an excellent new Free 8 week programme starting in school after Half Term to help you help your child/ren. Come and find out more.

Coffee Morning Thursday 19 October: *change of date*: Home Start, Westminster: Find out what help they can provide for families. They are also looking for **volunteers**; their next training starts on 1st November.

FREE HOLIDAY CYCLE TRAINING FOR CHILDREN IN WESTMINSTER

Westminster Council are providing free cycle training courses to all children who live or go to school in the borough during Half Term. Training takes place in either the mornings or in the afternoons and courses start on Monday 25th OCTOBER at Academy Sport. This is suitable for children from 7 years and cycles are available to borrow. Places are limited and can be booked online on a first-come-first-served basis. To secure a place, parents and carers need to book on the Cycle Confident website <http://www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group/>



Best wishes,
Emily Norman, Headteacher