



Weekly
Newsletter
20.5.2019

Headteacher's News

Brain Development Research Project

We have been approached by researchers at University College London (UCL) to collaborate on a project looking at whether executive functions can be trained in children. Executive functions include memory, flexibility, processing speed and inhibition and are a very important predictor for present and future wellbeing.

The researchers have designed a training programme that can be delivered via a computer. This training will be delivered both at home and at school for a duration of 8 weeks. Before and after, children and their parents are invited to visit UCL in central London to participate in a series of games and tests as well as a brain scan so that the effects of the training can be assessed. The team from UCL is a young, dynamic and engaging group of researchers headed by Dr Nik Steinbeis - <https://www.dcp-lab.org/>

We are very excited by this opportunity and hope that you share our enthusiasm. Dr Steinbeis will be visiting our school to present on the science of brain development and this particular project on **Wednesday 12th June at 6pm**. We warmly encourage you to attend. If you have any questions beforehand please contact Jade Beech, our SENCO.

St Mary's Website New 'Online Safety' Link

We are going to be adding an Online Safety link on our school website. The new link will be led by the Digital Leader Council at St. Marys. It aims to provide a safe digital space filled with online safety resources for pupils, parents and carers. You can also visit the webpage via:

<https://sites.google.com/a/fedsmss.co.uk/digital-leaders/>

Whole school attendance and punctuality

Whole school attendance target - **96.5%**
Last week we achieved 97.81%. Great work!

Attendance and punctuality winners

Congratulations to **RA, 6A& 6M** who had 100% attendance last week!



Year 6

Last week, the year 6 children completed the SATs! They all worked hard and all of the teachers were very proud of the effort they put in.

As a treat, the children were lucky enough to go to the cinema and watch the Lego movie, before the having a class party. Now the focus turns to the Year 6 rendition of the classic, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, for which auditions and rehearsals began this week.



Science Dome

Space dome is coming on Thursday 20th June and Friday 21st June! Science Dome is a school based workshop designed to explore science, geography and geology in a fun and interactive way!

Years 5 and 6 will go on an interactive tour of the Solar System and Beyond.

Years 3 and 4 will be shooting into the sky to look at the Earth and Beyond.

Years 1 and 2 shouldn't forget to pack space boots, because they are going on a Space Exploration!

Reception will be learning all about Light, Dark and what it is like in space!

There is a **£2 voluntary contribution** on Parent Pay to cover the cost of this visit so please remember to make your contribution.



Phone Calls

The office would appreciate it if all phone calls about after school arrangements are made before 2:45pm. This allows us ample time to pass on the message. Thank you.

Lines of the week: Congratulations to the following classes for best lines for last week

Atlee: Year 1 and year 3
Morris: Year 1 and year 4
Wilson Year 1 and Year 5



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week. Awards will be handed out in Friday's assembly.

1A Tabitha	1M Christian	1W Keir S
2A Ethan	2M Yonilli	2W Elle Spencer
3A Marcus	3M Hilal	3W Rosa
4A Amy	4M Zach	4W Betsy
5A Kiera	5M Jude & Holly	5W Lindsey
6A Evie Sky	6M Evan R	6W Ewan and all of year



School Photos

Stanley Baker Studios will be coming on Wednesday 5th of June to take class photos.

Please make sure your child(ren) is/are in correct uniform on that day.



Summer Sports

With summer weather creeping upon us it is a great time to get out into the outdoors with your family and children. Club Spark are now offering FREE tennis sessions for children, adults and families over the summer period - all you have to do is book your session. These sessions are for beginners through to experienced players and all equipment is provided.

For more information please visit www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/MiniTennis

Lost Property

Lost property is once again over-flowing!

If you are missing a jumper or two, please come to the office and have a look through the lost property container.

Just a reminder, please make sure you label your child's clothes, it makes it easier for us to notify you if we find lost property that belongs to you. *Class labels* are extremely useful too!

Year 6 Girls' Football Match

Friday saw the 2nd leg of the Inter-Fed Football Competition with the year 6 girls battling it out for another win for St Marys. The girls arrived with their game faces at the ready, ready to go head to head with St Saviours. They fought every step of the way, but unfortunately St Saviours beat us with a final score of 4-3. A HUGE shout out to Monife who scored a hat trick!



Diary Dates

Dates for your diary will appear in the newsletter each week. Please keep an eye out for events relevant to you.

<i>Monday 27th - Friday 31st</i>	Half term break
<i>Monday 3rd June</i>	Church visit: Atlee- 9:30am Wilson- 2pm
<i>Tuesday 4th June</i>	Church Visit: Morris- 9:30am
<i>Wednesday 5th June</i>	Year 6 Information session for Gilwell Park-9:00am (come to main office)
<i>Wednesday 5th June</i>	School Photos
<i>Thursday 6th June</i>	Year 6 Information session for Gilwell Park- 6:00pm (come to the main office)
<i>Thursday 6th June</i>	Year 5 Wilson and Year 2 Altee Assembly, 9am
<i>Thursday 13th June</i>	Year 2 Morris and 4 Morris Assembly, 9am
<i>Thursday 20th June</i>	Year 2 Wilson Assembly, 9am
<i>Saturday 22 June</i>	School Fair
<i>24th, 25th & 26th June</i>	Year 6 Gilwell Park Residential trip
<i>Thursday 27th June</i>	Year 6 Atlee Assembly, 9am
<i>Monday 8th - Friday 12th July</i>	Bikeability all week
<i>Wednesday 10th July</i>	Year 6 Wilson Assembly, 9am
<i>Monday 15th July</i>	Year 6 Leavers Church Service: Atlee- 9:30am Wilson- 2pm
<i>Thursday 16th July</i>	Year 6 Leavers Church Service: Morris-9:30am

General Data Protection Act (GDPR)

Please contact the DPO with any questions about the operation of this policy or the GDPR or if you have any concerns that this policy is not being or has not been followed.

The DPO's contact details are as follows: **Data Protection Officer:** Craig Stilwell, **Address:** Judicium Consulting Ltd, 72 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AE **Email:** dataservices@judicium

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DATES FOR 2019-2020

Autumn Term 2019

First half (32 days)

INSET – Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd September, and Wednesday 4th

Start –Thursday 5th September

End - Friday 18th October

Half Term: Monday 21 October to Friday 25 October 2019

Second half (40 days)

Start - Monday 28th October

End – Friday 20th December

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2019 to Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring Term 2020

First half (29 days)

INSET - Monday 6th January 2020

Start – Tuesday 7th January 2020

End – Friday 14th February 2020

Half Term: Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February 2020

Second Half (30 days)

Start – Monday 24th February 2020

End – Friday 3^d April 2020

Easter Holiday Monday 6th April 2020 to Friday 17th April 2020

Summer Term 2020

First Half (24 days)

Start - Monday 20 April 2020

End Friday 22nd May

Bank Holidays Monday 4th May and Monday 25th May (during half term)

Half Term: Tuesday 26 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

Second Half (35days)

Start – Monday 1st June

Finish Friday 17th July

This calendar gives a total of 195 days. Four Inset Days and one further day made up by staff from Twilight sessions gives 190 school days

DATES FOR 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

First Half (34 days)

INSET- Thursday 3rd, Friday 4th, Monday 7th September

Start- Tuesday 8th September 2020

End- Friday 23rd October 2020

Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

Second Half (35 days)

Start- Monday 2nd November 2020

End- Friday 18th December 2020

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2021

Spring Term 2021

First Half (29 days)

INSET- Monday 4th January 2021

Start- Tuesday 5th January 2021

End- Friday 12th February 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2021 to Friday 19th February 2021

Second Half (29 days)

Start- Monday 22nd February 2021

End- Thursday 1st April 2021

Easter Holiday: Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021

Summer Term 2021

First Half (29 days)

Start- Monday 19th April 2021

End- Friday 28th May 2021

Bank Holidays: Monday 3rd May and Monday 31st May 2021

Half Term: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2021

Second Half (34 days)

Start- Monday 7th June 2021

End- Thursday 22nd July 2021

Summer Holidays: Friday 23rd July to 31st August 2021

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