



# Primary School Newsletter

17 March 2017

I really enjoyed the opportunity to share strategies and experiences with other parents along with Suzy's more specialised experiences. I felt very comfortable to talk about my concerns in a non-judgemental environment.

It was great to have time to reflect as there's so little time to think when parenting. I got some great tips and remembered things I used to do that were effective, but had forgotten to keep up.

## Parent workshops

There is one more parenting workshop on Wednesday 29 March at 2.30pm provided by Suzy Beak from CAMHS. All welcome. Please read some of the feedback from attending parents about the sessions.

## Year 6 Class Assembly

Congratulations to Year 6 for their assembly on government systems in which they demonstrated their understanding of human rights and civil liberties through powerful drama and songs.

## Assembly themes

In this week's assemblies, **Ms Luzmore** told a story about a woodcutter who took more money than he needed. We spoke about what it means to be satisfied and what it feels like to desire more. In **Rev April's** assembly, we learned to tell the Easter story without words by using our hands to symbolize the death and resurrection of Jesus.

## Message from PTSA

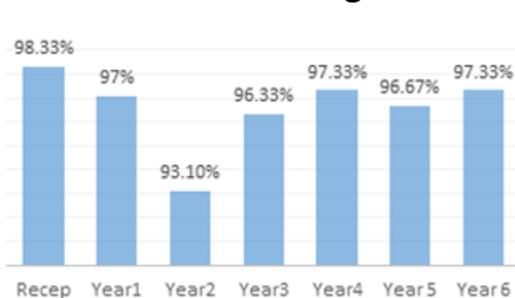
Square Quarters have very kindly agreed to partner up with us and sponsor the efforts of the PTSA via estate agent boards, but we need your help. Could you have a sponsored estate agent board outside your house? You don't need to own your home, just have space for a board to advertise our summer fair. The PTSA can raise around £1000, if 30 households have a board up. That's money for school equipment, Christmas theatre tickets for every child, and other educational enrichment. If you can help, please email Sandra: [s.bull@smmacademy.org](mailto:s.bull@smmacademy.org)

## PE kits

We've had a busy time in the school office recently contacting lots of families about full PE kit not being in on the correct day. Please make a note of the days below to support children build good habits of being prepared for the day ahead. Thank you.

- Monday—Reception and Year 1
- Tuesday—Year 6 and Year 4 (swimming)
- Wednesday—Year 1 and Year 3
- Thursday—Year 2 and Year 5

## Last week's attendance figures



## Cars around school

We understand that 'pick up' and 'drop off' is busy in this area, but ask you to please be considerate of residents and other users of the roads around the school. We've had recent complaints about people leaving their engine running. Islington have informed us that they can issue on the spot fines for cars 'idling' in this way and will be doing so increasingly.

## Year 6 Mini Mentors

The winners of the anti-bullying conference 2017, finally got to enjoy their prize tour of Arsenal Stadium last week. Jack Ironside our guide, gave an informative tour of the pitch, players changing rooms and the splendid display of trophies. He was, of course, impressed with the questions asked by the children and their superb behaviour. **Mrs Baker-Spencer**

## The mini-mentors viewing the stadium and at the start of their tour.



## Year 6 trip to The Guardian newspaper

Year 6 had the fantastic opportunity to visit The Guardian newspaper HQ this week, in conjunction with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. They got to hear the French horn player, Martin Lawrence, play music and talk about his life as an orchestra musician. This was used as the input for them to produce a newspaper front page, allowing them to hone their report writing skills by asking interview questions; writing notes; use the information to write a report; proof-read and edit; develop effective newspaper names, titles and headlines; and design an effective layout for a newspaper front page. A fantastic experience and some very professional-looking news reports! **Mr Standing**

Win tickets for Orchestra concert - page 8>>>

## Daily Focus

Monday, 13 March 2017 St Mary Magdalene Academy Price 50p

### We were blown away by Martin today!



Martin explaining the difference between the st...



Watercycle raises £10,000

Watercycle workshop goes swimmingly

By Hannah, B and Melita  
Throughout 2014 - 2015 the OAE hosted a major education project called the Watercycle. OAE members visited different schools to do workshops

Hannah & Melita

Melita G-H & Hannah B4

He spoke about being in a brilliant "What I love is of joy - what was amazing!" They found it early years he play piano an bass until he f French horns a that was what I looked up to De a famous free player, and he They found out that Martin joined the OAE in 1995, which was approximately 22 years ago.

Monday, 13 March 2017

St Mary Magdalene Academy

Price 9p

## DAILY TWANG

### Martin Lawrence strikes a chord with year 6

Charles and Santiago engaged us with story's about concerts and playing for the royals in Buckingham palace. When he was young his dad's mate, who played the French horn, had told him he had the right shaped lips to play the French horn, so at the age of 10 Martin decided to take on the French horn.



Martin playing the French Horn for us

Growing up, Martin's Mum and Dad played the cello however, Martin wanted to become a comedian - unfortunately for Martin the people he lived around said he wasn't funny enough.

Martin said "if you vibrate your lips together really fast than you'll create a high pitched sound, on the other hand if you do the opposite the sound will be deeper."

### SMMA helps raise over £10,000



The OAE watercycle performance

Santiago and Charles Two years ago the OAE gave a workshop in school that explained their work and also engaged pu-

WaterAid. Pupils were encouraged to collect pennies in water bottles and donate that collected money to WaterAid. WaterAid is a charity that helps provide safe water facilities for countries in need. With the water bottles, we used them as shakers for music. The school was also selling water bottles which people could buy and the money would go to the charity. Across all schools we raised over 10,000 pound for a good cause. Overall it was a great experience and we were very privileged to have helped those in need.

Page created by Charles & Santiago

Guitar competition in Cornwall p 6 Justin Bieber's new album p 14

## Rockin' Riot

Monday, 13 March 2017 St Mary Magdalene Academy Price 90p

### Hose idea was this?

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Year 6 SMMA visited the Guardian in Kings Place, the 13th March, to interview Martin Lawrence, a born player who works for the OAE (Orchestra of Age of Enlightenment.) To help Year 6 understand what it's like to be a journalist. He played a series of different horns including a French horn, Wooden "thigh bone" and a garden hose.

Martin started to play the Horn when he was 10. His inspira-



Martin playing a hose.

tion was a man named: manager, Philippa messed up. Denis Brain. Brownsword. When asked what His worst moment was in a big concert in California when he

Nethum & Tom

### Pack your trunks for the water cycle!

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The OAE (Orchestra of Age of Enlightenment) was founded in 1996.

The unique thing about the OAE is that they play instruments from around 200 years ago. The Orchestra plays a style of music from the 1600s to 1750s called Baroque which was written by com-



The elephant posters such Handel. Th form around

Tickets to Kodak Black Show Page 19

## Ty & Kai News

Monday, 13 March 2017 St Mary Magdalene Academy Price 0.5p

### Tune in and hose down with Martin and his perfect lips



Martin comparing different hoses

newspaper story. Martin plays with the OAE "because they are great! They are one of the best!" When they asked him to join them he thought "yes! I've arrived!" Martin, who is a specialist with the french horn, also played the double bass in a teenage jazz band, and learned the piano as a child "but all the teachers ran away" joked Martin.

he wants to help other musicians get over their nervousness before a concert. What an experience to get to listen to the fantastic sound of the french water to those who don't have access to clean and fresh water but we do. "what an amazing experience to see a famous Orchestra play, as well raise money for a good cause!" Said Kai, Year 6 "It was my first experience of a real orchestra, and what an experience!"



raising money for water

### Splashing out with the OAE

By Kai and Tyson

Charles & Santiago

Tyson & Kai