



St Mary  
Magdalene  
Academy

# Primary School Newsletter

5 May 2017

## Year 6 SATs

Next week is a busy week for children and staff in Year 6 as they sit their SATs tests. Staff and children have been working really hard in the run up to next week and we are very proud of their progress and efforts made—they should be confident in their abilities and we wish them the best of luck. Tests will take place in the morning Monday to Thursday, so we would ask your support to ensure children arrive in plenty of time and have had a good breakfast in advance. If there are any issues with attendance or punctuality due to sickness, please do contact the school as soon as possible as there are certain arrangements which will need to take place.

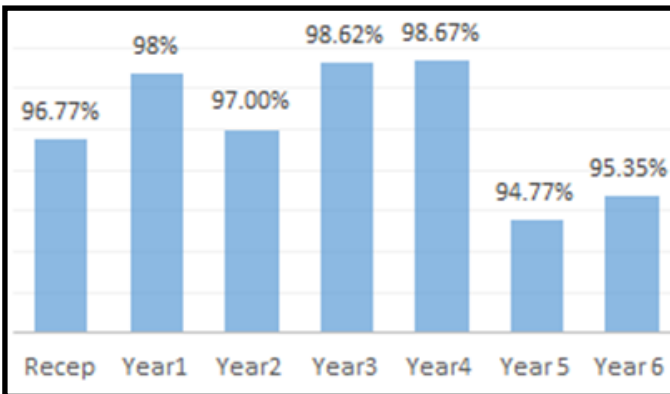
## Assembly themes

In **Rev April's** assembly, we thought about the disciple Thomas, why it is good for us to ask questions, but also that people have faith in things that they can't see.

## Clubs

Clubs start next week. A big thank you to staff who have been flexible so that we are able to offer an additional six clubs this term. We hope this variety on offer is a positive step. If you have any ideas for other clubs the school could run in September, or are interested in volunteering to run a club then, please contact Donna in the office to arrange a meeting with Mr Standing or Ms Luzmore.

## Last week's attendance figures



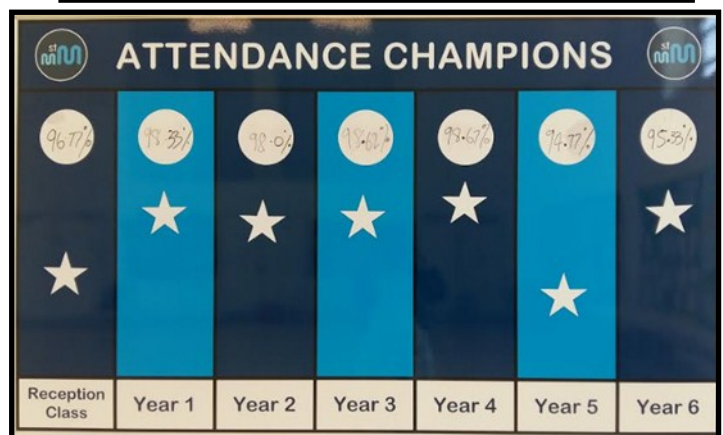
## ParentPay

All parents need to be set up and logged in on their account. If you have not done this, please sign up for ParentPay and add your sign in details you would have received when child/dren started the school. If you have any issues with ParentPay please contact [Maria.Buglioni@smmacademy.org](mailto:Maria.Buglioni@smmacademy.org)

Please keep up with payments to the school regularly for breakfast clubs, trips and after school clubs.

## New attendance chart in the school!

If you have been in the school hall recently, you will have noticed our new 'Attendance Champions' display helping to keep the importance of regular attendance high profile for the children. This is updated weekly in our Thursday celebration assembly and the class with the highest percentage get an extra 5 minutes of play. It was a very close race between Year 3 and 4 this week and lots of tension in when we announced the Attendance Champion!



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### **PE kit**

PE is an integral part of the curriculum at SMMA. Teachers have been mentioning that following up with children and their families who do not have PE kit in school and chasing them, has been taking up lesson time especially in the younger years where pupils are not as independent. Please support the school by ensuring PE kits are in school in advance. Please note that PE kits do not have to go home every weekend. We try to keep spare kits in school to ease the issue, so if you have any old PE kits your child has grown out of in good condition, please consider donating them to the school.

### **Year 5 Handball Tournament Victory!**

As promised last week, **Gwen's** account of the recent victory at the Islington Handball Tournament follows... *"The Year 5 Handball team is delighted say—we won! We travelled to City Sports by bus (and weren't particularly greeted by the weather). There were 5 teams there including us, so we played 4 different schools. Our decider match (Canonbury) put up a tough fight, but it wasn't tough enough! During the other matches—when we weren't playing—we practiced techniques with the coaches. We got 1st place medals and a shield which we will get our school name engraved on and hopefully not have to give it back next year! The referee complimented our performance and I think I can say we all enjoyed it."*

### **Year 4 trip**

This week, Year 4 went on a trip to the Science Museum in South Kensington. **Stacey** has written an account of their day below. Thank you to staff for arranging the trip and to parents who accompanied them. *"On Tuesday, year 4 went to the Science Museum. Firstly, we went to the Wonder lab where we learnt more about electricity and how homes get electricity. Next, we explored the museum. Some of us got to see an electricity show where we got to witness lightning bolts. Not long after that, we had lunch. Lastly, we went to the second floor of the Science Museum and we each went in pairs. Together we had to find different types of materials. We had a lot of fun and we would love to come back another day."*

### **Asthma**

SMMA are working towards our asthma friendly school accreditation. As part of this there will be two free sessions with an asthma nurse for parents/carers to attend. These will be on Friday 19 May at 9am and Tuesday 23 May at 2.30pm. A crèche will be provided for the after school session.

### **Mathletics**

In this week's celebration assembly, we noticed we had a significant dip in the number of children logging onto Mathletics last week! We are hoping this was just a blip, but please continue to support and encourage children to use this resource at home which is a fun and easy way to embed the learning they are doing in school.

**Cake sale** Many thanks to all who supported the PTSA Y2 cake sale last week which raised £135.64.

**Scholastic** Scholastic book club leaflets went home today in school bags, please return to the school by 12 May.

### **Walk to School week**

This year, SMMA Primary will be taking part in the Walk to School week from Monday 15 to Friday 19 May. Information about the City to seaside five-day walking challenge, run by Living Street charity will be sent home in a leaflet on the first day of the challenge so you can find out more about this initiative.

Live too far from the school to walk the whole way? Swap the whole ride for a Park and Stride! Fine somewhere suitable to park at least a ten minute walk from school and complete your journey on foot. If you take public transport, how about getting off a couple of stops easier and walking the rest of the way?

### **Dates for your diary**

Monday 8 May—Clubs start  
Tuesday 16 May—Year 5 Parent lunch  
Thursday 18 May—Year 1 Cake Sale