



St Mary
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Academy

Primary School Newsletter

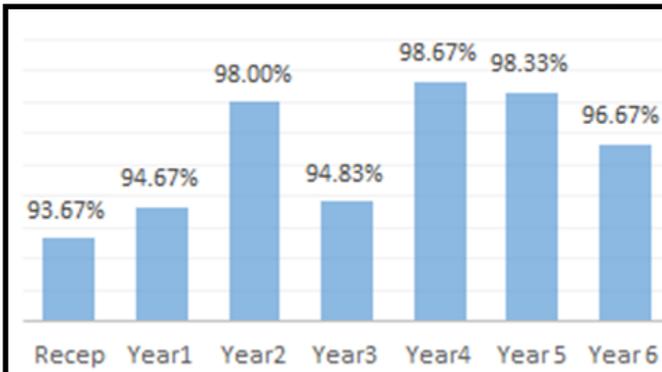
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Mathlete of the week

Carmen —Year 5
8480 points

Last week's attendance figures



Reminder—**Sport's Day**—4th July

Article in the Islington Tribune and school funding

You may have seen an article in the online version of the Islington tribune about the hustings a parent group organised last Friday. In this article, it quotes an anonymous parent saying that SMMA has asked families to contribute towards the cost of exercise books. To clarify, we have not done this. There were parents from other local schools there and it is possible this has happened in these other schools. We asked for a correction, but they added a denial instead.

The governors of SMMA are currently looking at the budget for the Academy. While we are not anticipating any serious changes for the Primary budget next academic year, they will be writing to all parents before the end of term. In addition, Ms Linsley and myself have signed a joint Islington Headteacher Public Statement about funding which is available on the letters section of the school website.

Ms Luzmore

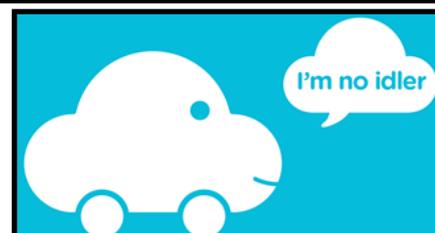
Assembly themes

In this week's assemblies, **Ms Luzmore** shared lessons we can learn from the animal kingdom. This week it was squirrels who are excellent forward planners. We can do this too whether by saving pocket money towards something special, working hard at school or investing time in our friendships. In **Rev. April's** assembly we thought about ascension day and how Jesus left his followers some instructions: heal the sick, visit the prisoners, feed the hungry, spread good news, stand up for those pushed down, love God, love your neighbour and love yourself. Jesus saw the potential in others even when they could not see it in themselves.

Parking around the school

It has been reported that we have some families parking irresponsibly around the roads at drop off and pick up time. If it is necessary to come by car, then please be considerate for all in the school and local community by parking safely and legally. Our Islington traffic and parking team have also provided the following information about idling while parking.

'Please turn off your engine to improve local air quality, air pollution is contributing to almost 9,500 premature deaths a year in London, children and those with respiratory and cardiovascular conditions are more affected, if you are stationary for more than 1 minute you use more fuel keeping your engine on than if you turned your engine off and back on again, so please turn off your engine in the future if you are parked up for more than 1 minute, it will help you save money on fuel as well.'



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Many thanks to the parents who attended the **asthma drop-in sessions with** the specialist nurse, Karen. We hope they were useful. All staff have had training on asthma and are confident in supporting your child's needs.

As we go to print, Year 5 will be returning from their two night residential to **Sayer's Croft**. Yesterday, Ms Luzmore visited them and can report the children were having a brilliant time—pond dipping, climbing and enjoying the sunshine. A full report will in the next newsletter.

Year 5 Graphic novels

Last week, Year 5 worked in groups to plot, design and produce graphic novels inspired their work on Philip Pullman's gothic mystery Clockwork. All were of such a high standard and showed the passion Year 5 have for story telling in different forms. Some are on display in the library if you would like a closer look.

Year 3 during their road safety workshop



Road Safety workshops

Year 3 and 4 had an informative Road Safety Talk on Thursday which outlined to them the Green Cross Code to follow in order to cross the road safely. They also learnt how to get in and out of a car safely; how to cross at a zebra crossing and what to do when an emergency vehicle is coming. All the children learnt something new and went home with a Highway Code booklet and some goodies!

Ms Grindrod & Mr Berridge

SMMA young gardeners were at it again, weeding and planting flowers in a continued effort to improve the Free Open Space on the corner of Barnsbury Street. The children were also taught the names of plants and wild shrubs and witnessed birds chirping in delight over the many worms unearthing. The children are now able to claim this space for our school and will create posters to encourage the public to use it responsibly. If you are walking pass Barnsbury Street (by the graffiti wall), please stop and take a look at the handy work of SMMA young gardeners.

Mrs Baker-Spencer



Thomas, Teanna and Nevaeha (Year 4) looking at some earthworms!

George and Kathryn (Year 5) busy planting.

