



St Mary
Magdalene
Academy

Primary School Newsletter

14 July 2017

Dates for next week

Mon— Year 5 and 6 trip to the Olympics

Tues—9.10 keyboard assembly in the hall

Reception class trip to the farm

4.30pm Year 6 exhibition in school hall

Wed—Pure voices rehearsal and evening concert for choir

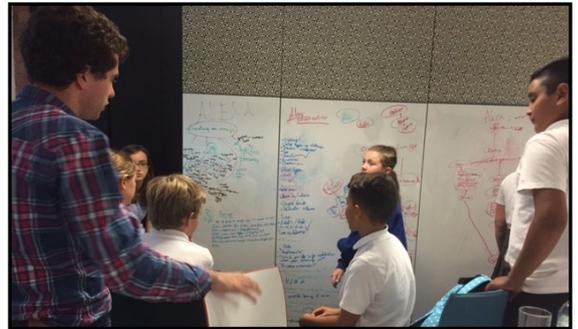
2.30pm Church service to celebrate Mrs Faucett's service to the school at St Mary Magdalene church

Fri—Last day of Summer term.

Year 6 leaver's service 2pm at St Mary Magdalene church

On Thursday, children from **Year 5 and 6** who have been participating in the **Deloitte** run book club visited Ed Greig, known as a "disruptor" at Deloitte, who took them through an "Alexa" exercise where the children had to put together their thoughts on the whiteboards on what they would ask Alexa and what would be her reply and Ed went through each of them and gave his comments. They then went out into the main café area where he showed them the robot and other techie gadgets which they all had a chance to use. The children had an amazing day! We'd like to offer Deloitte (especially Liz) a huge thank you for hosting us and for running the club throughout the year.

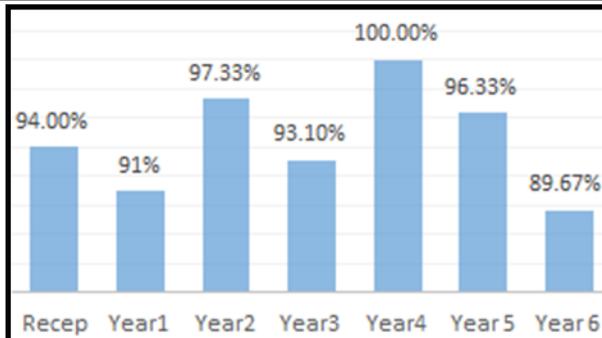
**Brain-
storming
their ideas
on the
whiteboard
walls**



Thank you to **Year 6** for their assembly last Friday in which they shared their video diary experience of Hothorpe Hall. A big thank you to Mr Nutch for editing together over 20 minutes of footage which had us all in stitches and admiring Year 6's vast range of talents.

Last week's attendance figures.

Well done to **Year 4** for the first 100% score!



In next week's assemblies children will be sharing their work from **Primary Language Celebration Week**. Look out for photos from this event in next week's newsletter!

Mathlete of the week

Dapo—Year 5
11,095 points

On Monday **Reception class** went on a trip to the **Ecology Centre** as part of their 'how we care for living things' topic. They enjoyed going pond dipping, searching for mini beasts in the shrubbery and a packed lunch picnic. Thank you to the parent helpers for coming along.

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St Mary Magdalene Academy Big Community Art Project 2017—Photography

All of SMMA are invited to take part in a photography competition.

Closing Date: Entries must be submitted by Friday 22 September

Entries: Enter only **one** photograph; Black and white or colour; Take your picture with a camera or use the camera on another electronic device

Submission: You can either bring in a print in an envelope with your name and year group (year in September 2017) written clearly on it and give it to either the Primary or Secondary Reception

Or you can email your picture to photo@smmacademy.org clearly stating your name and year group (year in September 2017)

Themes: 'Wonderful World' Or 'Colourful World'

Some ideas: People, Nature, Landscapes, Special Places, Celebrations

There will be one overall winner (receiving £50) and winners from the Primary School and the Secondary School (each receiving £25). All submitted photographs will be shown in the Autumn Term exhibition. As usual there are also parent and staff categories with their own prize. Email entries as above stating *parent of + name of your child* with the email.

The Big Community Art Project includes the whole Academy from Reception to Year 13 and is an opportunity to share something creative together. The themes are deliberately very broad, so we hope you will all join in by submitting a picture.

Year 6 had a trip to **Chessington World of Adventures** this week as a treat for their hard work throughout their primary school lives. Huge thank you to the staff and parents who accompanied them on a very long day with a lot of screaming!

Polite reminder to parents and carers outside the school building at the beginning and end of the day. Please refrain from smoking directly in the areas where children and adults from the school community pass through to come in or leave the building. Many thanks for your support.

2017-18 Term Dates SMMA Primary

AUTUMN TERM

Term dates: Monday 4 September – Thursday 21 December

Monday 4 September – INSET (Primary and Secondary)

Tuesday 5 September – INSET (Primary and Secondary)

Friday 20 October – INSET (Primary and Secondary)

Half term Monday 23 October – Friday 27 October 2017

Wednesday 20 December last day of term for pupils

Thursday 21 December – INSET (Primary and Secondary)

SPRING TERM

Term dates: Wednesday 3 January - Thursday 29 March

Half term Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

Monday 19 February – INSET (Primary school only)

Good Friday Friday 30 March

Easter Monday Monday 2 April

SUMMER TERM

Term dates: Monday 16 April – Friday 20 July 2018

Half term Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June

May Bank Holiday Monday 7 May 2018

Spring Bank Holiday Monday 28 May 2018

Please note that next year on the final day of each term, the Primary school will end the school day earlier (after lunch) in line with Secondary school and other local primary schools. Timings TBC, but will probably be 2pm.

Good news! End of year results for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 are as follows...

All results at each key stage have improved from last year.

	At expected			Greater Depth		
Year 2	SMMA 2017	National 2016	Islington 2016	SMMA 2017	National 2016	Islington 2016
Reading	70%	74%	75%	30%	23.6%	23.9%
Writing	63.3%	65%	68%	20%	13.3%	14.9%
Maths	76.7%	73%	73%	20%	17.8%	20.9%

Year 6 – at standard *	SMMA 2017 SATs results	SMMA 2017 Teacher Assessments	National SATs 2017
Reading	73.3%	80%	71%
Writing	76.7%	76.7%	76%
Maths	76.7%	80%	75%
SPAG	80%	N/A	77%
RWM	70%	N/A	61%

Year 1	SMMA 2017	Islington 2016	National 2016
Phonics	86.6%	80%	81%

*There is currently no 'greater depth' measure in KS2 as this will not be released by the DfE until September.

School Reports

Apologies, but we have been experiencing some unforeseen complications with the reports, which means they will instead go out Monday rather than today. Please collect them from the class teacher at the end of the day. Any reports not collected will be posted home that week.

Included in the reports are additional information for children of Year 1, 2 and 6.

Parents of Year 1 will be told the results of the phonics test.

Parents of Year 2 will be told both the results of the KS1 tests and the teacher assessment where teachers use their own professional judgement of whether they think children have achieved the standard and use evidence from children's books. You will notice that there is no score for the Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test as, along with a number of other Primary schools, decided this was an unnecessary optional test for children to sit. In addition, parents of children who did not pass the phonics test in Year 1 will be told the results of the Year 2 resit.

Parents of Year 6 will see both a teacher assessment and a scaled score from the tests. 100 is the expected standard for each test. If a child achieves 100 or 100+ they are considered to be working at or above the expected standard. The highest possible scale is 120, the lowest is 80. The year 6 reading, maths and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) papers have all been externally marked by teachers from schools across the country. The children have produced a number of different pieces of writing which we assess ourselves. We were also externally moderated by Islington for our writing standards and the lead moderator was impressed with both the accuracy of the teacher assessment and the standard of work children were producing.

Teachers have been moderating (checking) papers and comparing children's work with other schools all year. In addition, our Year 2 teacher and English subject leader have been trained as moderators by the local authority so we feel very secure in our judgements of how well children have achieved. We have not been told by the DfE (Department for Education) how progress between end of Reception, Y2 and Y6 will be calculated yet- we will be told in September.

Parents of other year groups will not receive any levels because there are no levels in the new curriculum and no standardised tests. Instead we measure progress and attainment against key performance indicators for each year group. You will be able to see on your child's report how he/she is doing in both broad terms and specifically against the curriculum objectives for that year group.

If you wish to discuss the contents of the report with your child's class teacher, please arrange an appointment with the office or the teacher directly.