



St Mary's

Catholic Primary School

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ACHIEVING AMBITIONS

We do it differently



Eight things that we do differently at St Mary's

Written by Year Six

We have written this to tell you about eight important things that make St Mary's so special. We are at the top of the school now – in Year 6 – and most of us have been here for seven years. This means that we are experts when it comes to our school and what makes it so amazing. We are very proud of St Mary's and we hope that you enjoy reading about some of the things that make our school stand out.



Learning Skills

Something that we love about St Mary's is that we can collect Learning Skill badges. These badges remind us of the skills that we need to be great learners, including stamina, bravery and imagination. When we show these skills in our lessons, our teachers give us Learning Skills points, which add up to give us the badges! We enjoy showing off these badges on the sleeves of our school jumpers. Poppy, in Year Five, says, 'I am always really proud when I get a new badge in assembly because I can go home show my family.'



Sports and PE

Something that really makes St Mary's stand out are the excellent sports opportunities that we have. We are very lucky to have a fantastic PE teacher, who teaches lessons in lots of different classes. We also have brilliant sports teams, including netball, football and athletics, who have won local tournaments and leagues. Rafa, in Year 5, says, 'I was really pleased to join the football team last year. I love going to play matches against other schools and my favourite moment was when I scored my first goal!'



Playtimes

Our favourite times of day at school are break times and lunch times. This is when we get to play with our friends. Playtimes are really fun at St Mary's because we follow a programme called OPAL (Outdoors Play and Learning). OPAL encourages us to cooperate and have fun together by using our imaginations. We have lots of different equipment in the playground that we can use to create our own games, including skipping ropes, crates and tyres.



Theatre Production

Ever since we were in reception, we have looked forward to being part of the famous Year 6 end-of-year production. Each year, in the summer term, the Year 6 children put on an amazing musical performance for their parents and the rest of the school in a local theatre. There have been performances of Annie, The Lion King and Matilda in the past few years and we can't wait to perform in our own show!



Young Leaders

Another important part of our school is that every year we have a new team of Young Leaders from Year 6 who help our teachers improve the school by sharing their ideas. These children also get to help out at important events, such as Open Evenings and Parent's Evening. Grace, in Year 6, says, 'I am really proud to be a Young Leader this year. Being part of the Young Leaders' meetings and helping to organise events has helped me to grow in confidence before I got to secondary school.'



Eco Warriors

In school, we learn about how precious our planet is and how we can do more to protect it for the future. Some of us are part of the Eco Council, which meets once a week to come up with ideas to help the school 'go greener', like encouraging sustainable travel and increasing recycling. We are very proud to have received the 'Plastic Free Schools' award and we are always looking for ideas to reduce our impact on the environment.



Enrichment

Friday afternoons are special at St Mary's. That's because that's when we have our weekly Enrichment clubs. In Enrichment, all of the teachers run different groups that we can go to to learn new skills that we don't usually get to do in school. Noah, in Year 6, says, 'So far this year, I have been in cooking club and learnt British Sign Language. I always look forward to Enrichment because it gives you a chance to do different things.'



Our Community

At St Mary's, we know that we are an important part of our local community and we try to use our time and skills to help people around us. We raise money for charities and we take part in special days with our local and parish communities. Mae, in Year 6, says, 'I always look forward to Grandparents' day because all of our grandparents get to see what we have been learning about and talk to us about what they did at school.'

St Mary's is a small school with a big heart. It has a real family feel.

Parent

St Mary's is a fantastic school with a highly inclusive ethos. We never settle for second best!

Teacher

We Love, Learn, Laugh and Live, growing together in God's name

Results

For our most up to date results please visit our school website or contact our school office.

Website

For more information about our school, including admissions, policies and inspection reports, please visit our website: www.stmarys.brighton-hove.sch.uk or telephone (01273) 418416.

Want to know more?

A number of websites have interesting information about school performance. Do visit them!

Ofsted Parent View:

<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results/survey/result/10709/current>

Ofsted reports:

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/114570>



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