

LDBS SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 1

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Welcome back to the revived LDBS Newsletter requested by the London Diocesan Headteachers' Council. We hope you enjoy this and future issues which will be printed at the beginning of every term. Please send any bits of news, pictures/photos (they will be returned), ongoing project stories, congratulations, retirements etc to Mitch (details at the back) - we cannot publish this newsletter without your help!

GOODBYE AND WELCOME

Pete Broadbent stepped down in July 2006 as the Chairman of the Board after 9 years and continues with his busy schedule in his role as the Bishop of Willesden. **Welcome to Stefan Welch** in his new role as the Archdeacon of Middlesex and the new LDBS Chairman of the Board. Stefan was installed in St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 14th May 2006 at 3.15pm. **Welcome to Simon Grigg** in his new role as the Chairman of the LDBS Education Committee and the new Rector of St Paul's, Covent Garden, The Actors Church.

FAREWELL

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Alison McKeown, former Headteacher at St Mary's in Kilburn, who died suddenly on 9th May 2006 and will be missed by all those that knew her. The school closed on Wednesday 17th May 2006 for the funeral in Carlisle attended by staff, parents, pupils and friends.

A memorial fund has been set up by the school to commemorate the ten years (Sept 1995 - July 2005) that Alison spent as Headteacher at St Mary's C of E School. The money raised will be spent on a shelter/outdoor classroom in the Infants playground. The new structure will provide much needed shelter at break times and an outdoor classroom/performance area. This project was a long term dream of Alison's that she never saw fulfilled whilst at St Mary's and is now a fitting tribute and permanent memorial to all that Alison gave and meant to the school.

LDBS SCITT GRADUAND ⇒ GRADUATE

The London Diocesan Board School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) course began in 1999 and is now in its 7th year of training high quality graduates to become successful, confident and effective teachers. The SCITT is solely based in Church of England primary schools so the trainees have a unique opportunity to work in a Christian environment, teaching children from a wide range of multi ethnic and multi cultural backgrounds. Congratulations to all of our trainees on their success and we wish them well as newly qualified teachers.



2005/06 LDBS SCITT GRADUATES ~ 7TH JULY 2006 ↑



← THE LATE
ALISON
McKEOWN

PROM PRAISE FOR SCHOOLS 2006 (PP4S)

Our third Proms Praise for Schools was held at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday 15th March 2006 with the **All Souls Orchestra** conducted by **Noel Tredinnick** and hosted by **Andy Rider** (Rector and Chairman of Christ Church, Spitalfields), **Michael Schumm** (Headteacher of St Stephen's, Shepherd's Bush) and **Rob Whickham** (currently Team Vicar of Old St Pancras). 51 LDBS



schools and 6 other schools from different Local Authorities took part in the "Sun, Moon & Stars" extravaganza about "The God Who builds entire universes of unimaginable size, but maintains relationships with each of the people He makes...the God Whose power stretches to such greatness we can't even begin to conceive of it, but Who comes as one of His people to die for them because they reject Him..."

HOME IS A FLAT ABOVE MY CLASSROOM

St Jude and St Paul's have come up with an innovative project where 24 smart 1st floor flats in a 4 storey block have been built above the school run by the Islington and Shoreditch Housing Association. The architects believe it is the first example in the U.K. of a school with housing above and was designed from the outset with the sensitivities of all its occupants in mind. The school and flats have separate entrances/exits and every detail, from kitchen window sills to the height of balconies has been carefully thought out. The result is that, whereas many inner-city schools are over looked by high-rise flats, St Jude and St Paul's is unusually secluded, despite sharing the same patch of land with 2 dozen homes.



↑ THE NEW OUTSIDE SPACE AT ST JUDE & ST PAUL'S



↑ SONG AND DANCE

GREAT ATTENTION PAID TO THE HEIGHT OF THE WINDOW
← SILLS



THE STAIRS ↓



AND IROKO BALCONIES ↓ ATTACHED TO HOMES ABOVE THE SCHOOL



ST MARY MAGDALENE ACADEMY GETS FINAL GO-AHEAD

The St Mary Magdalene Academy will go ahead as planned. The DfES and the Schools adjudicator have fought off a legal challenge in the courts which, if successful, would have blocked the closure of St Mary Magdalene Primary School.

At a judicial review hearing on Wednesday 26th July 2006, at the Royal Courts of Justice, a challenge brought about by a parent of children at the school was quashed by the Judge. The verdict was that the Independent Schools Adjudicator had acted correctly in agreeing to the closure of the St Mary Magdalene Primary School in Liverpool Road, Islington, to make way for the St Mary Magdalene Academy, sponsored by the Church of England, to be built on the site.

Although the primary school will be officially closed, all the children and staff at the school will automatically transfer to the new St Mary Magdalene Academy which will be a through school catering for children aged 4-18. All children in year 6 will have a reserved place in the Secondary department of the Academy.

When it opens in September 2007, the St Mary Magdalene Academy will offer places to children from the eight other Church of England Primary Schools in Islington, as well as children from other schools in the borough.

For more information please go onto the SMMA website: <http://www.smmacademy.org/>



↑ MODEL OF ST MARY MAGDALENE ACADEMY

A NIGHT ON THE TILES

St Michael's Church, Camden Town is undergoing a major restoration programme. Following the recent repairs to the west wall, urgent attention is now being given to the roof. A large grant has been offered but in order to carry out the works St Michael's needs to raise a further £100,000 in match funding by Christmas 2006.

On Friday 30th June 2006 Charles Smith, Conservation Officer at the Diocese of London and his wife Ruth spent the night sleeping - or trying to sleep! - on the roof of the church... no ordinary night out in Camden! St Michael's is in the heart of Camden Town and does a lot of important work with the homeless and other vulnerable groups in the community. To find out more info about this campaign and the work of St Michael's. visit: <http://www.anightonthetiles.org/night.shtml>

ANOTHER
DAY SHIFT -
MAN ON
APEX OF
ROOF ~
JULY 2006 →



GREASE.....

The Headteachers' Conference was another big hit earlier this year in March, at the Sandbanks Hotel and the real highlight was Thursday evening's entertainment "GREASE". The enthusiasm of those that attended in costume was fabulous especially Chris Cole of

St Matthias, Stoke Newington who stole the show..... The money raised (£75.89) was given to "Handicapped Childrens Pilgrimage Trust" ~ which sends children aged 7-18yrs with disabilities on a pilgrimage holiday to Lourdes every year and with which Tom Peryer and his family are associated.



PINK LADY!! ~ CHRIS COLE, ST MATTHIAS ↑

VENICE

A group of 57 LDBS staff, Heads, deputies, Chairmen & governors ventured on a Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural visit to Venice in October 2005 staying across 4 hotels from the Lido to the Mainland. Paddling through St Mark's Square while it was flooded, visiting art museums and points of interest, trawling through markets and relaxing in a café were just some of the highlights of the trip. Log onto the LDBS website to see the photos & captions!!: http://schools.london.anglican.org/HTconf/Venice05/Venice_Index.htm

SOAP BUBBLE.....

Year 6 children at Princess Frederica's Primary school in Brent have earned themselves a place in the Guinness Book of Records. On 30th March 2006 they broke the record for the number of people in a soap bubble while they were at Chessington World of Adventures. They have been presented with a certificate to mark their feat by a representative of the Guinness Book of Records.

NEW SCHOOL, SAME SITE

Work began last August at St Mary & St Pancras, Camden to build a new school on the existing site. Just over a year later the school will be handed over by our development partner, UNITE Group plc. The new building comprises student accommodation let to UNITE on a 125 year lease with the school on the ground and first floor. At the west end of the school on the ground floor is the Sure Start Euston office which is let to Camden on a 125 year lease.

Once the school has moved into its new school the temporary accommodation will be removed and the Victorian building will be demolished to make way for their playground.

One condition of the planning consent was to incorporate some public art in the development. This will be represented by the repainting of the St Mary and St Pancras



Mural by original artist "Karen Gregory" which will be undertaken during Summer 2007.

ICT SPECIALISTS.....

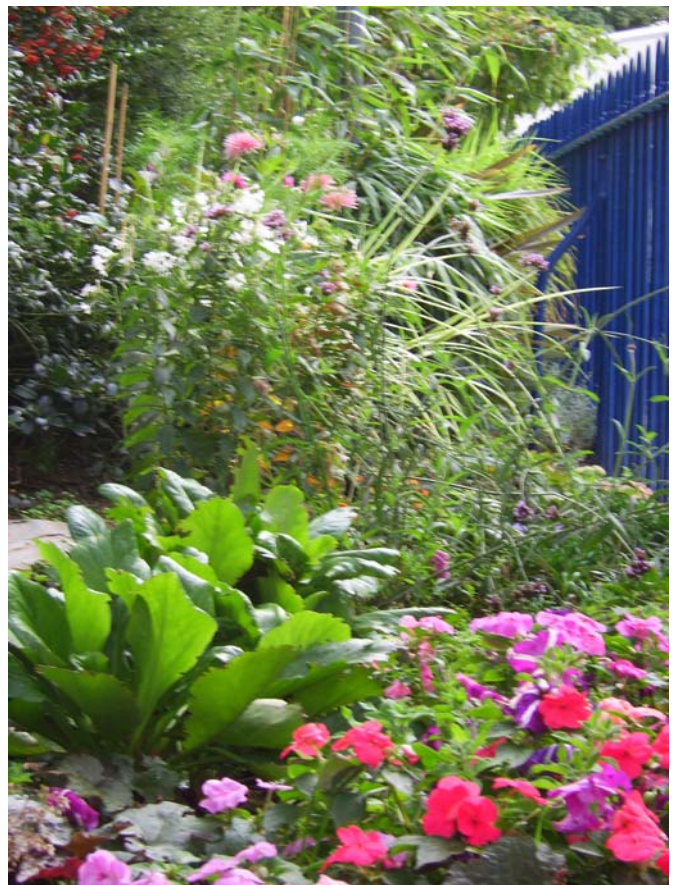
SS Cuthbert w/Matthias, Kensington were once again awarded the Naace Mark on 12th June 2006. This award recognises a school's success in developing & implementing a strategic approach in ICT and promotes use of ICT to enhance learning.

SS Cuthbert w/Matthias were the 1st school in the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea to achieve this award in July 2004!

ANNIE'S FRONTAGE.....

Holy Trinity & Saint Silas have recently been awarded first prize for best school frontage in the Camden In Bloom competition.

They also achieved Arts Mark Gold in July.



THE FRONT OF HOLY TRINITY AND ST SILAS ↑

← THE ORIGINAL MURAL AT ST MARY & ST PANCRAS

Are You A Believer?

Follow the instructions:

1. Relax and concentrate on the 4 small dots in the middle of the picture for about 30-40 seconds.
2. Then, take a look at a wall near you (any smooth, single coloured surface).
3. You will see a circle of light developing.
4. Start blinking your eyes a couple of times and you will see a figure emerging.....
5. What do you see? Moreover, WHO do you see?



BUCKINGHAM PALACE FOR TEA

Diane von Kesmark (who retired as Head at St Cuthbert w/Matthias, Ken. & Chelsea in August 2005) was invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace with the Queen on Tuesday 18th July 2006 in recognition of 37 years of teaching.

FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITY

Well done to Francesca Strange of Clerkenwell Parochial, Islington who completed the 5km Race For Life on 2nd July 2006 raising £250 for Charity.

Well done to children in Foundation and KS1 of Princess Frederica, Brent who had a Teddy Bears Picnic in Queens Park and raised £157 for Action Medical Research.

RETIREMENTS

Neal Adolphus ex St Nicholas, Shepperton ~ 08/06.

Cherry Bennett ex St John of Jerusalem, Hackney ~ 08/06.

Joan Olivier ex Lady Maragert S., Parsons Green ~ 08/06.

Ray Sherwood ex St Matthias, Westminster - has been at the school since 1979 ~ 08/06.

Gwynedd Sooke ex LDBS governor of St Albans, Camden ~ special thanks for being such a treasure and who will be missed for her incredible vivacity and astuteness ~ 08/06.

MOVING ON

Ms L. Armishaw (Support staff) ex Princess Frederica, Brent ~ 08/06

Ms K. Wright ex Princess Frederica, Brent ~ moving to Hertfordshire after August wedding.

Ms Foley & Ms Groome ex Princess Frederica, Brent ~ taking a year out to experience teaching in Korea. 08/06

Julie Skinner (Yr 3) ex Clerkenwell Parochial, Islington ~ travelling. 08/06

Andrea Bowley (Yr 4) ex Clerkenwell Parochial, Islington ~ going home to Australia to get married. 08/06

Helen Tyler ex Head Kentish Town, Camden ~ to become a Camden Inspector. 08/06

Michael Larkin ex Head St Paul's, Hammersmith ~ taking a Headship of a larger Primary school in Southwark Diocese. 09/06

SPECIAL THANKS

Linda Kiernan for helping out as HT at The Green, Tottenham over Spring/Summer 2006.

WELCOME / WELCOME BACK

Garry Lyle (new DHT) joining St Mary's High, Hendon.

Ms Forster joining Princess Frederica, Brent.

Rebecca Harris (new HT) joining Hampstead Parochial ~ was a Camden Inspector.

Susan Notley (new HT) joining St John's, Clay Hill.

Andrew Moore and Amanda Thain (new HoSS - Head of Small School) joining Burlington Danes Academy.

Sally Whyte (new HT) joining Lady Margaret S., Parsons Green.

Troy Sharp (new DHT) joining St Aidan's, Stroud Green and new to the Diocese.

Grant Bright (new DHT) joining St Michael's, Woodgreen.

Linda Sarr (perm. HT) ~ St Ann's, Tottenham.

Mark Lancaster (new DHT) joining St Ann's, Tottenham and also helped out at The Green, Tottenham.

John Jay (new HT) joining The Green, Tottenham ~ from DHT at St Michael's, Woodgreen.

Alison Forbes (new HT) joining Clerkenwell Parochial, Islington ~ from Birmingham.

Susan Vanstone (new HT) joining St Nicholas, Shepperton ~ was HT at Esher C of E School.

Claire Stewart (was Assistant Head now DHT) ~ St Peter's, Wapping.

Anne Townshend (new HT) joining St Barnabas, Pimlico.

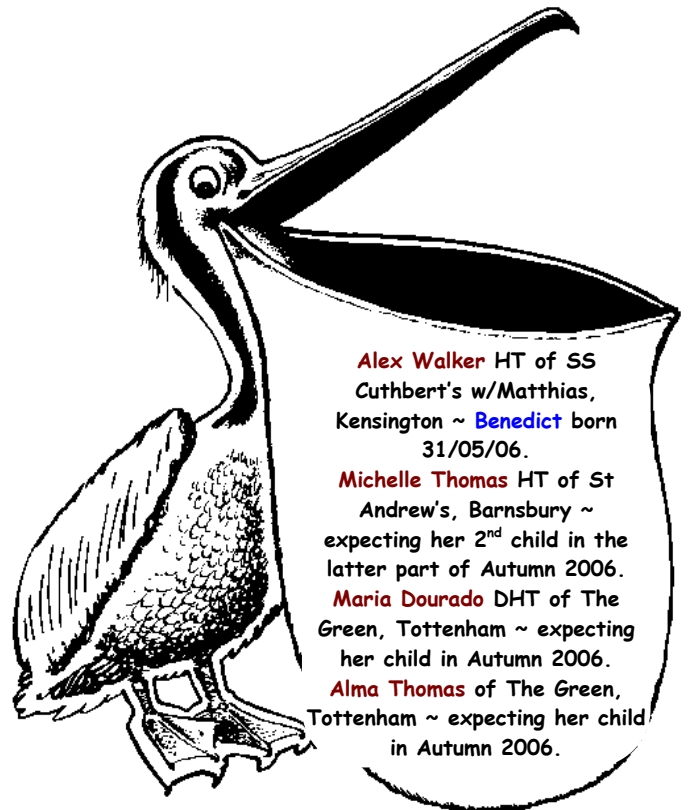
Faye Dean (was Acting now DHT) ~ St Clement Danes, Westminster.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Karen Finnemore nee Parkes Acting HT of Bishop Perrin, Whitton in Summer 2006.

Georgina Robinson nee McLelland DHT of St Saviours, Paddington in Summer 2006.

BIRTH CONGRATULATIONS



Alex Walker HT of SS Cuthbert's w/Matthias, Kensington ~ **Benedict** born 31/05/06.

Michelle Thomas HT of St Andrew's, Barnsbury ~ expecting her 2nd child in the latter part of Autumn 2006.

Maria Dourado DHT of The Green, Tottenham ~ expecting her child in Autumn 2006.

Alma Thomas of The Green, Tottenham ~ expecting her child in Autumn 2006.

NEXT ISSUE

If any schools would like to send any pieces of work, news items - including retirements, births and marriages of staff, or pictures/photos (these will be sent back to you) which illustrate a particular event or on-going project for our next **LDBS Schools Newsletter** please send to:

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