

The St Faithian

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Celebration Assembly at St Faith's



The whole school community comes together on a Friday morning to celebrate all that St Faith's stands for. Energy and enthusiasm abound as the children's academic success and personal effort are recognised with trophies, certificates and stickers. Resilience, respect, tolerance, perseverance and independence emerge through the top role models from each class that the teachers pick out as 'Star of the Week.' From Reception to Year 6, the children burst with pride as their qualities are described and honoured as they step up to sign in the renowned Golden Book.



School prefects take a key role, representing democratic choice and eco responsibility on the stage. With the Friendship Council awarding a weekly 'Friend of the Week', it is no wonder that behaviour is exemplary in the school. Budding musicians entertain and inspire. Sports' Prefects incite players to further competition from last week's results and the next week's fixtures. House Prefects fete whole school contribution to the merit total and applaud House Champions. Everyone has their part to play, everyone belongs. The Headmaster wins his golden ball at table-tennis for playing competitively, but sportingly. His charisma and humour run as a thread throughout the assembly, making the children and staff laugh out loud, creating both a great sense of gravitas and fun; he is clearly vital glue in this happy community. There is a lot of success in this assembly, but a lot of real-life learning too through the story telling. It is wonderful to see all the children making the most of what is on offer.

J Burrett

This week's Assembly from 4M

Perseverance was the theme for 4M who performed their assembly to the school and parents on Wednesday morning. Perseverance and resilience are part of our 'Language for Learning', which along with Growth Mindset encourages the children to be positive, analytical and reflective about their own learning. All of the children were stars and were word perfect despite only having a few days to master their presentation. The theme was based around the 'Hare and the Tortoise' and the children performed three sketches about not giving up

Friends of St Faith's

We hope you have had a great first full week back at school! We are looking forward to catching up with the Friends team and planning our next social and fundraising events, including the Wine and Wisdom evening and the Easter treats for the pupils.

All are welcome to join our friendly team, even if you are not able to help with every event. Thoughts and ideas on fundraising initiatives are also welcome. Please feel free to contact me emmabatch05@gmail.com or Vicky on Victoria.Crocker@stfaithsprep.com.



Please also let us know if you are interested in joining our 100 club, where you can win a monthly cash prize while also helping to raise money for school extras. More details are available on the school website: www.stfaithsprep.com/pta

Head's Corner

Many thanks to the senior prefects who have arrived early each morning to encourage parents to arrive on time for study-skill classes.

May I also thank parents for trying hard to get to these classes on time and your understanding, I know that many of you put yourselves out to make sure your children attend and some do a mammoth pick up to deliver van loads of precious pupil cargo.

Your support for all school events is very much appreciated and sorry to nag!



Sport Report

This week the dry weather has allowed the girls to practise for their upcoming Netball matches that start next week. They are working really well and they are looking forward to getting started. The boys have also been working equally hard during Hockey and have the ISA Hockey tournament only 2 weeks away.

This half-term has also seen all the children taking part and showing their creative side with Dance sessions. It is really pleasing to see everybody getting involved and working as a team during the lessons. Next week the theme is Rock and Roll so we are looking forward to see what the children produce.

Nursery

It's cold! Let's make porridge.



This week the Upper Nursery children made porridge to enjoy at snack time. They had a variety of toppings to choose from and some of them even managed second helpings! After reading the familiar story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears, on a cold wintery day the porridge was a must! Fully, warmed up the children made their own bear masks, and considerable skill was employed as some cut out their masks.

Masks made, children acted out the story using the props they had made. Their Maths lesson taught the children about sizes which helped them to match each bear to the correct bowl and spoon. Who knew Maths could be so much fun?



Reception



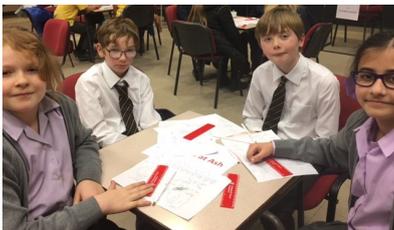
You may have read on our Facebook page how earlier in the week Reception wrapped up warm and enjoyed a Winter Walk around the village. We were on the look out for 'treasure' which we could freeze in water as part of our Literacy theme.

Later in the week we used our excavating skills to explore ice.



St Edmund's School Mathematics competition

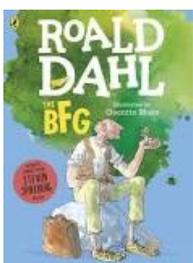
A selection of Year 6 children enthusiastically travelled to St Edmund's on Tuesday with Mrs Coombs to take part in this annual Maths event held after school. It was a mixed gender event and St Faith's were competing against seven other teams from local Canterbury schools.



Competing against other, each team had thirty minutes to answer and solve as many mathematical problems as possible. A runner was selected from each group and once their challenge was complete it was taken to be marked. The Markers would only release the next task for them to solve if the correct answer was received. Showing nerves of steel, our team put their heads down and battled on. Our talented children did exceptionally well and came joint second with St Edmunds.

Fantastic effort Team St Faith's-we are very proud of you.

Book Review—Vicky Crocker



The BFG by Roald Dahl

This story starts in an orphanage, where little Sophie is feeling alone and wide awake. When a mysterious sound draws her to the window, the last thing she expected to see was a giant. Sophie is whisked away to giant country and an unlikely friendship is formed. Together Sophie and the BFG make a plan to rid the world of the ferocious giants that like nothing more than a feast of

"human beans"! Roald Dahl's wit and attention to detail soon draw you in and an appearance from the Queen of England makes for an interesting twist! This story transports the reader on an imaginary journey with adventure, tension and moments of emotion, and the realisation that the power of dreams should not be underestimated.

BBC RADIO 2 - 500 words competition

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>

The competition is open for children between 5 and 13 years of age and there are some fantastic prizes. The authors in the competition suggest you enjoy writing your story and to just do your best. Have your story read out by famous writers and published on the BBC 500 words website. Please use the link to investigate further with your children and enjoy writing!
...Mrs Allen



Book Sales

Lunchtime book sales will continue during the Spring term and all proceeds will go towards new books for our school library. If you have any unwanted books please pass them on to Mrs Allen any morning from 8-8.30am.

Week Commencing 22 January 2018

Monday	6.30pm Tapestry Training for Reception Parents
Tuesday	8.30am Pilates 8.30am Re scheduled Able Maths Day 6.30pm Tapestry Training for Nursery Parents
Wednesday	8.40am Yr 6 Dragons Den 2.00pm U11 A & B Netball vs Northbourne Park AWAY
Thursday	6.30pm Ash & District Horticultural & Cottages Society
Friday	3.30pm U11 Boys' Football Hammond Cup Quarter Final AWAY Warden House
Saturday	9.30am 'Are you Reception-Ready?' training

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What am I?

I'm tall when I am young and I am short when I am old



Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Unscramble the letters to make a word

NITRSELOUOS

Clue: You make one every year

Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	22.01.18
Monday	
Art Club Yr 2-6	YES
Gym Upper Nursery upwards	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Newspaper Club Yr 3-6	YES
Tennis Rec, Yr 1, 5 & 6	YES
Tuesday	
Chess Yr 2-6	YES
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet up to Yr 1	YES
Drama Upper School Yr 2-6	YES
French Yr 2,3 & 4	YES
Hockey Yr 4-6 (second half term only)	
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Wednesday	
Dance Ballet & Jazz Yr 2 upwards	YES
Fencing Yr 2-6 (8.00am - 8.45am)	YES
LAMDA (During School hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Netball Club Yr 4-6	YES
Thursday	
Badminton Yr 4-6 (first half term only)	YES
Computers Yr 4-6	NO
Football Yr 4-6 (second half term only)	
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis Yrs 2, 3 & 4	YES
Friday	
Dodge Ball Yr 2-6 (first half term only)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES

SPRING TERM SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY BADGE HOLDERS

CLASS	FORM CAPTAIN	FRIENDSHIP COUNSELLOR	SCHOOL COUNCIL	ECO WARRIOR
2E	Oscar Irwin		Sofia Cresswell	Angus Solley
2L	Lilly-Rae Gammon		Krish Bhide	Evelina Salvatori
3B	Julie Oprchal	Harry Ford	Maisie-Grace Burrell	Poppy Andrews
3F	Sienna Hirst	Holly Rooke	James Cutting	Anaïs Andrews
4A	George Overy	Jude Leberl	Mali Nicholls	Jamie Coombes
4M	Charlie Broun	Jessica Reynolds	Jack Manser	Michael Coombes
5A	Albert Ray	Darcey Frairclough-Jackson	Bertie Taylor	Lottie Rush
5G	Jasmine Marsh	Meena Hay	Oscar Finlay	Evie Dove
5M	Harriet Bolton	Isla Urquhart	Beatrix Hatton	Rose Carruthers
6J	Zahra Horne	Ross Sutherland	Stanley Hampshire	Vivien Delo
6W	Cora McGuirk		Luke Giffin	

These children are Stars of the week for all their effort in class

RB	Clara Montgomery	For letter formation recall of tricky words for spelling
RR	Safiya Dubignon	For continued progress with phonics and Mathematics
1CP	Alex Wynn	For a mature return to school in 2018 showing resilience in the face of change
1R	Portia Taylor Wilson	For much greater effort
2E	Sofia Cresswell	For excellent Maths attitude all week
2L	Evelina Salvatori	For comprehension, particularly her detective skills
3B	Tom Mills	For a great start to the new term and being organised with a positive attitude
3F	Joshua Tucker	For a fantastic attitude towards learning in Maths
4A	Jude Leberl	For outstanding effort in phonics
4M	Charlie Broun	For an amazing effort in English
5A	Albert Ray	For a mature approach to learning and school life
5G	Jonny Irwin	For being organised in his lessons and showing enthusiasm towards his learning
5M	Rose Carruthers	For an excellent inquisitive nature in Science
6J	Matthew Gurr	For excellent effort during the Maths competition
6W	Felix Simms	For a great effort to be organised and a good start to the term

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Esther Kuruvilla for taking care of Darcey, the new girl in Yr 5, and sticking to her like glue

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Alexander Wynn for good participation in last week's Music lesson



House

House Points

Ash	267
Beech	305
Oak	262
Sycamore	151

STAR AWARDS

BRONZE (100+)

Julie Oprchal, Lily Toomey, Zoe Blackmore, Connor Harris, Charlotte Lee, Cora McGuirk, Lila McCullin, Ayshia Amin, Stanley Hampshire, Charlie Broun, Jessica Reynolds, Mabel McGuirk, Jack Manser, Rafael Brennan-Ray, James Cutting, Esther Wade, Isla Urquhart, Alexandra Rooke, Freddie Bickley, Noah van der Stam-Moyo, Rose Carruthers

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Cassius Tucker-Borges completed the Swim England Award level 1 & 2
Krish Bhide achieved the ASA Learn to Swim award 2
Harry Evans completed the Polar Bear section at Kindergarten Ski school
Freya Ralph & Evelina Salvatori had their Karate Grading in December and achieved 9th KYU Advanced which is a red belt with 4 stripes
George Overy qualified for the Redhorse Dressage Festival Championship in August 2018

LOST & FOUND

Caspian Finlay has lost his winter coat and Oscar has lost his beanie hat

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK
Krish Bhide

Birthdays

Jonny Irwin, Rowan Vaughan, George Steed, Harriet Bolton, James Cutting, Danielle Aron



GOLDEN BALL

James Cutting, Caspian Finlay x2, Joshua Tucker, Zara Coombs



READING SHELF

The following children have completed Reading shelves this week:

Ella Dibb-Fuller, Jamie Montgomery, Madison Harris, Krish Bhide, Ethan Vince, Conor Harris, Jonny Irwin, Ayshia Amin, Arabella Porter, Esther Kuruvilla, Portia Taylor Wilson, Sonny Smith, Sami Ur-Rehman, Lottie Southorn, Jamie Coombes, Aryan Bhide, George Overy, Rosie Hudsmith, Poppy Batchelor



INVESTIGATOR OF THE WEEK

Nicholas Fox

