

The St Faithian

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Year 5 - Doodle Maths



Pupils across the school have been brought together and caught up in the land of DoodleMaths: a new app, which is being used on the school iPads. Children are having great fun whilst practising and being challenged on the skills taught in their lessons. Whilst we know that, with every login, they are increasing their processing speed and ability to recall a variety of topics, they just think they are playing games and having fun! Pupils are rewarded for their hard-work, perseverance and independence by collecting DoodleStars and are motivated to improve



their scores each week. Ever since the pupils were given their unique logins, there has been a buzz across the school over who has collected the most DoodleStars, with certain members of Year 4 being quietly smug as they have collected more than some of their older peers. It is wonderful to see the pupils' enthusiasm, ability and competitive nature being nurtured and challenged.

Public Speaking in Year 3

Our Year 3 pupils may only be 7 or 8 years old, but they are already developing their public speaking skills and showing that they can be remarkably confident when delivering speeches in front of an audience. This week, there was an excited buzz as the children returned to school with cue cards galore, posters and other interesting props, in order to be ready for the Year 3 Speech Competition, which is part of the school-wide public speaking competition. The children captivated their classmates and teachers with some fabulous presentations on a wide range of topics, from Lego and outer space to the history of football and Julius Caesar. It was a lovely and very entertaining way to start the week!



When deciding on who will make it through to the 'Grand Final', class teachers are looking for a number of important factors which include enthusiasm, good eye contact with the audience, clarity of speech and, very importantly, confidence with speaking about their chosen topic. It is never easy to decide upon who will make it through to the final, as the children work so hard to prepare their speeches. This year, the class teachers were spoiled for choice and had to spend quite some time deliberating over who should represent each of their classes in the final. Year 3 pupils are eagerly awaiting the results of the competition, which will be announced in due course.

Friends of St Faith's

We must start by thanking everyone who attended the fireworks spectacular last Saturday evening. We hope you enjoyed the marvellous show, enhanced by the mild weather and beautiful sunset. Funds raised will be put towards the redevelopment of the play area.

Our thanks must extend to all those on the Friends Team that helped to make the evening run smoothly and also the ladies in the school office for managing ticket sales and the members of staff who kindly checked and sold tickets on the gate. Mr Clark, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes, setting up the field and making sure that we were equipped to serve food and drink and finally Mr Groves, for singlehandedly rearranging the parking arrangements and not letting the breezy conditions get the better of us!

The next big event on the Friends calendar is the Christmas Fair on Friday 1 December. We are delighted that we have some new stalls this year including some wonderful crafts and a visiting author. Please do get in touch if you would like information about running a stall. As always we would be very grateful to anyone who could spare an hour or two on the day before the fair or on the day itself to assist in setting up or running this wonderful, traditional event.



Have a wonderful weekend.

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Head's Corner

Back from half term and we are already into the swing of things with musical taster days, expeditions and 3 matches this week. I've just returned from a Wishford Heads' meeting held at the newly acquired Prior Park Prep School in Cricklade, and may I take this opportunity to welcome a seventh school to the Wishford Group.



Remembrance Day
November 11



Sport Reports



As we move into the second-half of the Autumn term, girls are moving on to Netball and Football and boys are being coached in Football and Rugby. Of course there will be a few games of rugby for the girls too. This week it really was teamwork, tactics and tremendous effort when our Hockey teams played away at Kent College and Spring Grove. Read a full report of their fantastic wins www.stfaithsprep.com



5M Assembly

Pupils reigned victorious as 5M, through the mind-power of Noah the knowledgeable and Esther the equation-breaker, beat Miss Johnson and Mr Andrews in the general knowledge quiz 'Are you smarter than a 10 year old?' It was only after the quiz where 5M revealed that some of the answers may not have been those given by the contestants. This led to 5M discussing the question of 'should you laugh at someone for getting something wrong?' which is an important lesson for us all to remember. Well done to all of 5M for their hard work and confidence during the assembly and thank you to Miss Johnson and Mr Andrews for helping us deliver our message.



Year 2 builders awaiting commission from Mr Groves!

To combat the increase in house prices in the South-East, Year 2 decided to design and make their own! It seems that the Tudor style house is still very popular amongst Year 2, although this could have been because they have recently been studying The Great Fire of London. Daniel's house is certainly big enough to house a teacher or two or even a certain Headmaster! The children had lots of fun creating their DT project although alarmingly Mrs Latham has put them very close together and called the road Pudding Lane.



Watch this space to see what happens to these amazing structures!



Halloween for Nursery

Nursery children had a most spooktastic Halloween. During half-term they prepared for a Halloween scare and later played musical bats, ghost skittles and even found treats in a bucket full of spaghetti worms. After frightening the office staff they went to lunch to enjoy some spooketti and creepy cupcakes.



Thanks to Holroyd Howe for Fantastic grub.



MUSIC

Year 2 were inspired in their music lessons and tried their hand at becoming mini-Mozarts. They worked in groups to think of their own verses for Wheels on the Bus. They decided which instruments worked best with their new verses and then performed their work afterwards. There were also some super comments about how each group could do things differently next time.



Week Commencing 6 November

Monday

3.00pm U11 A & B Boys' Football vs The Downs Primary HOME

Tuesday

8.30am Pilates
2.00pm U11 Mixed Basket Ball at Goodwin Academy AWAY

Wednesday

8.45am Class 6W Assembly
1.45pm Cross Country event at Spring Grove AWAY
3.15pm U11 Boys' and Girls' Football vs Aylesham HOME

Thursday

11.00am National Young Mathematicians Award at Explore Learning (4 Yr 6 pupils only)
2.00pm U9 Boys' Football Tournament at Spring Grove AWAY

Friday

1.00pm Yr 1, 2 & 3 Speech Competition Final
2.00pm Yr 4, 5 & 6 Speech Competition Final

Please help support the Poppy Appeal and buy your poppy from the school office



Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Everyone has it and no one can lose it, what is it ?



Last week's answer: YOUR NAME

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Unscramble the letters to make a word

UPMSEOTRC

Clue: We use them at school

Last week's answer: UNIFORM



Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	06.11.2017
Monday	
Debating Club Yr 4-6	YES
Gym	YES
Improving Sport Through Technology Yr 4-6	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis Rec, Yr 1, 5 & 6	YES
Tuesday	
Chess Yr 2-6	YES
Dance (Pixies & Fairies Ballet)	YES
Drama Upper School Yr 2-6	YES
French Yr 2,3 & 4	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Wednesday	
Computers Yr 4-6	YES
Dance (Ballet & Jazz)	YES
Fencing Yr 2-6 (8.00am - 8.45am)	YES
LAMDA (During School hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Netball Yr 4-6	YES
Thursday	
Art Club Yr 2-6	YES
Badminton Club Yr 3-6 (second half term only)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis Yrs 2, 3 & 4	YES
Friday	
Dodge Ball Yr 2-6 (second half term only)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES

BOOK REVIEW - by Florence Clarke (6J)

Everything Everything by Nicola Yoon

This book is fabulous! My favourite character is Maddie and if you read it she will probably be your favourite character too. In the story Maddie's father and brother die in a car crash and her mother is heart-broken. Her mother's unhappiness causes her to pretend that Maddie has an illness to hold on to her. Later in the story she meets Ollie...but to find out what happens to Maddie you'll have to read the book!

This book would be perfect for 9-11 year olds.

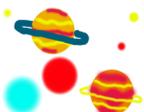
READING SHELF

Matyas Oprchal, Arnab Siddappa, Sienna Drury, James Evans, Alice Thomlinson, Imogen Norman, Connie Reppin, Matyas Oprchal, Max Rooke, Yasmin Amin, Esther Kuruville, Oliver McMullan, Poppy Batchelor, Isabella Reppin, Krish Parthiban, Alice Blease, Ayshia Amin, Martin Long-Castro, Charlotte Rush, Anna Mills

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

RB	James Evans	For having such a lovely time at Kidz Planet
RR	Arnav Siddappa	For his informative talk on Italy
1CP	Lottie Southorn	For working hard and taking pride in completing her work
1R	Nila Nagarajan	For trying hard to complete tasks within the lesson
2BL	Krish Bhide	For extra effort with handwriting
2CL	Freya Ralph	For excellent reading and comprehension
3B	Harleena Dhaliwal	For being kind, friendly, thoughtful, hard-working
3F	Madeleine Ward	For a super attitude towards her English work
4A	Rosie Hudsmith	For excellent effort in Science lessons
4M	Eliot Tucker	For a sensible approach to his Maths
5A	Toby Strickland	For perseverance with a smile
5G	Freddie Gillespie	Good solid and concentrated hard work in all areas
5M	Isla Urquhart	For an amazing contribution to our class assembly
6J	Florence Clarke	For outstanding effort and being a fantastic role model
6W	Connor Harris	For excellent work in Maths

Times Tables Challenge



Mars:
Poppy Andrew & Romy Todd

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Julie Oprchal for the progress she is making on the violin



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Bertie Taylor for progress with his Trumpet.



Macey Jenkins, Ava Giffin, Freddie Bickley, Meena Hay, Izzy Reppin, Esther Wade, Jasmine Marsh, Ayshia Amin - for their maths work at the end of last term.

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK
Louis Hunt

PLAYERS OF THE MATCH
Chloe Solley, Alexandra Rooke, Holly Rooke, Rosie Hudsmith

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

British Gymnastics Proficiency Awards
Anna Woodhead—Level 6
Freddie Heffer—Level 6
Oliver Barker—for being a star patient!
Jamie Montgomery—reached the semi-finals of the 8&U Canterbury Open

STAR AWARDS

Bronze (100+1)
Holly Rooke

House	House Points
Ash	154
Beech	185
Oak	205
Sycamore	131

LOST AND FOUND

Amber Vince (RB) has lost her new purple blazer

GOLDEN BALL

Henrietta Jeer
Faustino Bernardini-Cash
Genevieve Jeer
Thomas Coombes



Friend of the Week

Holly Rooke for taking the new girl, Helena, under her wing

MAKE NEW FRIENDS



Birthdays

Tristan McNally
Edward Dove

