

St Faithian

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Welcome 2020, a new term and it's STEAM Day

"Everyone's been so friendly and the children have loved the day." What better feedback can you get from a visitor from another school than this? Further proving that, although we have entered a new decade, St Faith's is still fostering its same values of respect and excellence.

After reading Mr Andrews' Year 2 school report from 1992, Mrs Latham kindly pointed out that if he had been in her class at that time he might have fared better. Subsequently, viewing his Year 7 report showing the progress he made, Mr STEAM then linked his report to the theme of the day. As Mr Andrews' Year 2 report showed a decline in his attendance during the Spring Term, the school set to work identifying why he might have been struck down more in this term than all the others. Fraser correctly pointed out that winter bugs are rife at this time of year and that must have struck down the otherwise healthy young chap. Thus inspired, the notion of hand washing was introduced - a vital component of ensuring we all stay as healthy as possible. Off we took to Kisumu, Kenya's third largest city, where up to 7 families have to share one toilet. Hygiene is hard, due to the lack of amenities and education around keeping healthy. The children were challenged to build a model of a hand washing device that could go in their playground to enable them to capture rainwater then use it to wash their hands. They also had to research how to wash their hands and develop an educational poster to help children understand why hand washing is important. Off the children went in their houses and mixed year groups to find solutions to this problem. Joined by 16 children from neighbouring Cartwright and Kelsey, our budding engineers worked brilliantly applying their skills from across the curriculum. Impressively, our language of learning is now deeply embedded within our learners and it was extremely pleasing to see their application of collaboration, initiative, enjoyment and curiosity. There were some outstanding models created and it was pleasing to see the children applying what they had learnt in previous STEAM days to ensure their structures were reinforced. It was a fast paced, fun-filled, exhilarating first day of the decade - we would not have had it any other way!



Friends of St Faith's

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the Friends, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a restful break. The Friends will be meeting soon to begin planning this term's events (look out for the meeting date in next week's flyer). Events include a French Breakfast, a visit from the Easter Bunny at the end of term and our Wine and Wisdom, evening which is always tremendous fun. Tickets will go on sale later this month, details to follow.

Looking forward to seeing you all as we begin an exciting new year.

Vicky



Vicky, Alison & Zoe
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Head's Corner

The term has started with the inimitable passion and energy that we expect at St Faith's, getting straight back into the busy routine as well as a big STEAM project. We all welcomed 16 children from Cartwright and Kelsey for the day and I found it heartwarming to see our children support and nurture our visitors, and make them feel at home. Thank you to Mrs Smith and the trainee teachers who ran a Forest School for three days. Mrs Smith also commented on how lovely our children are and what a joy they were to work with.



Welcome back

Recent Music exam successes



The Year 4 child pictured was recently awarded a merit for Grade 5 flute. This is an amazing achievement, made all the more incredible by the fact that she was only 8 when she took the examination and has been learning for just

over two years. She performed three pieces (Syncopation Rag, Vivace & Jive Talk) which all demanded an exceptional level of technique and musicality, together with scales, sight-reading and aural tests. Her next step is to pass Grade 5 theory, before moving onto Grade 6 flute. She has also been entered for the inaugural Independent Schools Association (ISA) Young Musician Competition and has a potential upcoming audition for Junior Guildhall, a Saturday School for particularly able young musicians at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London.

Children usually considered for Guildhall will have achieved distinction in Grade 5 by the age of 10, so we are hoping that our pupil's achievement compares favourably with other children. Not only has she been expertly taught by Amanda Gregory for only 2 years and works extremely hard, both during lessons and at home, but she also has a natural talent, that is very rare.



These other children were also awarded merits in recent ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music) examinations held in Dover during November. Their achievements included a merit in Grade 5 flute, a merit

in Grade 2 clarinet (to go with her Grade 1 piano and Grade 2 Musical Theatre), a merit in Grade 2 clarinet. Not pictured is Josh who was on holiday when this photograph was taken, he took Grade 1 piano, once again gaining a merit. Merits in music examinations require a huge amount of practise and dedication on behalf of the pupil, but also vital is expert tuition, provided on this occasion by Amanda Gregory.

Congratulations to all concerned.

Target Appeal

The Sun newspaper - Books for Schools

We have collected over 500 tokens so far but we need to get to 3,500 tokens. Let's keep trying! The tokens are available in The Sun newspaper until Saturday 18th January. Please pass any tokens you have already collected to Mrs Bourne in the school office. If we reach our target, we will be rewarded with £600 worth of books for our library. Many thanks for your support. Mrs Allen.



Dover Gymnastics

Success over the holiday period for this set of twins who achieved a 1st and a 5th for Floor and Vaulting. Well done you two, a fantastic achievement.



CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS

Ava Riley competed in her first gymnastics competition and took first place in her category

Week Commencing 13 January 2020

Monday

Tuesday

8.30am Pilates
8.30am Second hand uniform shop open

Wednesday

1.00pm Explore Learning Maths competition

Thursday

2.45pm Chamber choir practice with Spencer Payne
3.00pm Second hand uniform shop

Friday

8.40am Celebration assembly

Clubs & Hobbies

PLEASE CHECK TO CONFIRM THE CLUB IS RUNNING FOR YOUR CHILD THIS WEEK

Week Commencing	13.01.20
Monday	
Art Club Yr 2 - 6	YES
Gym Upper Nursery upwards	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis	YES
Tuesday	
Chess Yr 2 - 6	YES
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet up to Yr 1	YES
Drama Upper School Yr 2 - 6	NO
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Wednesday	
Ballet Prep & Primary Yr 2 upwards	YES
Dance Ballet & Jazz Yr 2 upwards	YES
Fencing Yr 2 - 6 (8.00am - 8.45am)	YES
Kit Car Club Yr 4 - 6	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Netball Yr 3 - 6	YES
Thursday	
Badminton Yr 3 - 6 (First half of term only)	YES
Computers Yr 4 - 6	YES
Cooking club Yr 3 - 6	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Musical Theatre R - 1	YES
Musical Theatre 2 - 6	YES
Friday	
Dodge Ball Yr 2-6 (first half of term only)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES