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Science Spectacular

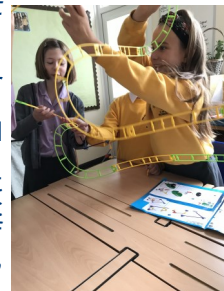
"This is my favorite school day of the year! I didn't think last year could be topped but today it was..." Chloe.

Science at St Faith's is always fun and dynamic but our yearly Science Spectacular enhances our curriculum by providing the children with an inspirational day in which to explore concepts.

This year was made even more special as we welcomed 16 pupils from neighbouring Cartwright and Kelsey primary school to join us in our celebration of all things scientific.

Children enjoyed a wide range of workshops from Discovery Park and Pfizer exhibitors who brought with them a wealth of knowledge and skills to share with our pupils. Sessions included Pfantastic Fire, Hi-Five, Microbe, Crime Scene Investigations, Hydrogen Bubbles, The Wonderful World of Waves and Magic Glass. Meanwhile our teachers delivered sessions including K'nex Roller Coasters, Heat Seeking Cameras, Biological Drawings, Space -The Final Frontier and Kapla building.

The atmosphere was palpable around the school as children smiled and skipped to the different exhibits all relishing the chance to put on lab-coats & goggles to feel like real scientists. There were 'oohs' and 'aahs' behind every door and the exhibitors were full of praise for the behaviour and critical thinking our pupils displayed. It was extremely pleasing to see our children so welcoming to their new friends from Cartwright & Kelsey, although we expect nothing less. It is always reassuring to see just how friendly, confident and hospitable our pupils are. The CKs thoroughly enjoyed their day with us and were sad to depart.



Our final activity saw Years 2 - 5 take part in engineering challenges: Years 2, 3 and 4 tested their building skills as they used spaghetti and marshmallows to see who could build the highest tower. Congratulations to 3B for their impressive entry. Not to be outdone, Year 5 took part in a challenge of their own: to create a classroom marble run. Photos do not do their work justice - congratulations to Mr Mackenzie and his merry band, 5M, for the most creative of tracks.

But what was happening to Year 6 I hear you cry? Well, all our exhibitors had gathered in Kerruish Hall for an informal career fair. Our oldest pupils were given the opportunity to approach our scientists, ask them about their jobs and what it has taken for them to get to where they have. Watching our Year 6s confidently approach our guests and engage with them in a mature and grown-up manner really reinforces our ethos of building confident and resilient pupils. It was the perfect way to end another exhilarating Science Spectacular. The only problem we have now is how we are going to improve it for next year. However, 'I Can and I Will!' so 2020, I'm coming for you!

Thank you again to all our exhibitors for their time and especially to Dr Mathew for her help in organising this year's event.
... Duncan Andrews

Friends of St Faith's

Half term is nearly upon us! I can't believe how quickly time has gone.

We been busy working closely with the school council to hear their views of what they think would benefit all and we've taken the ideas into consideration. You will soon be seeing what exciting items are being purchased to not only benefit our children but the wider community.

Tickets are selling for the firework display. Make sure you don't miss out!!

Can we please ask if reusable cups can be brought for the event. If you still don't have a cup there will be some available to buy on the day.



Vicky, Alison & Zoe
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Head's Corner



It's been a week of tough competition in the McCarthy Cup for both boys and girls as well as some impressive music on display at the Twilight Concerts. In both cases there has been some great potential and talent from Nursery children up to Year 6.

Our more senior children are admirably filling some very big boots from last years cohort and I'm looking forward to a very promising year ahead.



3F Pupils Promote Positive Mental Health for World Mental Health Day 10 October



During the first class assembly of the academic year, the children in 3F reminded the rest of the school community that they should try to avoid worrying. They used role play to present some of their own worries and talked about the different ways that worrying can be alleviated - 'talk to someone', 'ask for a hug', 'write a note and pop it in the school Worry Bunny.'

The children shared a delightful story about a monster who was troubled by a 'WorryBug'. The message from the story was, 'Don't feed the WorryBug, or your worries will grow!'

Mindfulness, which is practised daily in Years 3 to 6, is seen as a time to be calm and tune into your body and how you are feeling. It was demonstrated when the whole audience was invited to participate in one of 3Fs favourite Mindfulness activities. Being Mindful can help to reduce worry and the

Mindful Breathing we learn to do in class, can help people to feel more calm.

After just five short weeks back at school, which have included two days of educational visits, a STEAM Day and Science Spectacular, 3F did a great job with their assembly, which they only started writing with their teacher last Thursday! They were very confident when speaking in front of the assembled audience, despite having had very little practice and just one thirty minute session on the stage the day before their assembly. Well done 3F!

SPORT this week

Tuesday 8 October

U9AB Girls Hockey v Northbourne Park

It was the first Hockey fixture of the season and we were hosting Northbourne Park. The 1st Team started in a very attacking style with everyone on the pitch keen to get forward and score a goal. However, this left the team quite open in defence and Northbourne took the lead in the first half. Despite St Faith's having the better chances in the second half, they could not quite score an equalising goal: Final score 0-1. The Development Team worked really well as a team. Evelina and Freya were excellent in defence and Anna scored a hat-trick as strike securing a win 3-1. Players of the match went to Honor U & Anna W.

Wednesday 9 October

U11A Boys Football v Ashford Tournament

The boys travelled to Ashford Prep to compete in this highly competitive tournament. The biggest independent schools in the area attend and the standard of play is always high. They started the group stage drawing 0-0 against Wellesley House and St Lawrence College. In their last match they lost 2-0 to Kings Rochester thus entering the plate competition.

They beat Kent College in the 1st round on penalties after an exciting 2-2 draw. They then beat Lorenden 1-0 in the semi-final but narrowly lost the final to Dover College. A great display of Football and the boys were fantastic all afternoon.

U11BC Boys Football v Ashford Prep

Meanwhile the other teams hosted Ashford Prep and it was tough. However, the boys demonstrated a fantastic amount of effort and determination. Unfortunately, on this occasion, both teams lost.

Players of the match went to Jamie C and Oscar F. Well done all.



Meet our University trainee teachers



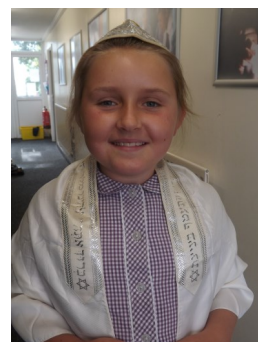
As a Canterbury Christchurch University partnership school, St Faith's Prep has welcomed four PGCE students into our community. They are with us periodically until the end of January carrying out observations, getting to know our pupils, shadowing our teachers in our warm, friendly and safe community which is St Faith's.

Our students, as well as gaining knowledge and experience whilst training bring a wealth of enthusiasm and skills to our school. From experience in journalism, travel, sport and British Sign Language our students share and grow whilst we instill the values and ethos of St Faith's in the new generation of teachers.

Year 4 take a look at artefacts in Judaism



On Monday, the children in Year 4 were learning about artefacts of importance in Judaism. They had a real hands-on experience and got to handle and try on authentic Jewish clothing. The Menorah is a seven branched candelabrum and is the oldest symbol of the Jewish people. It is said to represent the burning bush as seen by Moses on Mount Sinai. Jewish men have to wear special clothes when they go to the Synagogue to worship God. Jewish males wear a Yarmulke which is a cap worn on the head and a tasseled shawl called a Tallit to show that they respect God. The Torah is the most important document in the Jewish religion; It is written in Hebrew, the oldest Jewish language and is the Jewish equivalent of the Bible. The children particularly enjoyed seeing the items close up and loved the shawl and cap.



Reception visit to Coastal Park



Last Friday, Reception embarked on their first fun-filled trip of the year to the Coastal Park in Folkestone.

They enjoyed exploring and investigating a pirate ship, zipping along the zip wire, building sandcastles and climbing across rope bridges. Their spirits were not dampened by a small shower before lunch as nothing was going to stop these excitable children from tucking into a delicious picnic.

Later on in the afternoon there was just enough time to visit the Mermaid Cafe for an ice-lolly before posing for a group photograph. The children were complimented on their exemplary behaviour and smart appearance and we were both extremely proud of them all. What a wonderful way to end our fifth week of school!

Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Baughan



This week in the Nursery

This week the Nursery children have been making 'conker caterpillars', they have been developing their fine motor skills by using a needle and string to make their caterpillar. They have increased their number knowledge by correctly counting the required amount of conkers and finally used different materials to decorate the caterpillars' faces.



From the Nature Garden

This year has seen a bumper crop of fruit and vegetables from our Nature Garden thanks to the green fingers of Mrs Smith, Mr and Mrs Ward and of course our lovely children. From strawberries (which didn't last long) raspberries, blackberries and tomatoes fresh off the stem to eat we also had beetroot, beans, chard, corn, pumpkin, marrow and courgettes to feast upon. Finally, we harvested the last crop to make a soup for all those volunteers who are to join us in the working party to prepare our garden for the winter months.

We will of course return in April to plant seeds for our new crop of delicious fruits of the earth to eat, some of which provide so much temptation that they never manage to leave the five bar gate and the guilty faces smothered in squashed fruit are testimony to that!



Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	14.10.19
Monday	
Art Club Yr 2-6	YES
Gym Upper Nursery upwards	NO
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis	YES
Tuesday	
Chess Yr 2-6	YES
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet up to Yr	YES
Drama Upper School Yr 2-6	NO
Football Yr 1 - 3 (first half term only)	YES
French Yr 3,4 & 5	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Outdoor Adventure Yr 2 upwards (first half term only)	YES
Wednesday	
Ballet Prep & Primary Yr 2 upwards	YES
Dance Ballet & Jazz Yr 2 upwards	YES
Fencing Yr 2-6 (8.00am - 8.45am)	NO
Music (During School hours)	YES
Netball Yr 3 - 6	NO
Thursday	
Computers Yr 4-6	YES
Football Yr 4 - 6 (first half term only)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Outdoor Adventure Yr R - 1 (first half term only)	YES
Friday	
Music (During School hours)	YES

Week Commencing 14 October

Monday 9.00am	Book Fair Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 8.30am 8.30am 9.00am	Book Fair Pilates Second hand uniform shop open Year 6 Bikability
Wednesday 8.45am	Book Fair Class 4M Assembly
Thursday 2.15pm 3.00pm 4.00pm	Book Fair U9 House Football Second hand uniform shop open Kent Test results
Friday 10.00am 2.15pm	Tiny Toots U11 House Football

STAR OF THE WEEK

RR	Myles Andrews	For fantastic decoding in Phonics
RB	Braydon Ingram	For progress with his Phonics
1CP	Henry Maclachlan	For showing great confidence when becoming the teacher in class
1T	Flynn Leberl	For always finding enjoyment in his learning and being enthusiastic
2L	Kishore Chandrasegaran	For extra effort in Maths and English
2R	Safiya Dubignon	For always putting her best foot forward and being proud of her work
3B	Honor Leberl	For being an excellent form captain
3F	Henry Bowyer	For being a marvellous mathematician
4A	Jamie Montgomery	For having an outstanding attitude in school
4M	Oliver Barker	For his extensive general knowledge
5A	Jasmine McGuirk	For working with determination and a smile
5M	Hannah Ainsworth	For an excellent start and dealing with the mayhem with a smile
6G	Filipe Papadopolous	For rising to the challenge of a broken arm and bikeability
6W	Oliver Simms	Showing Stone Age ingenuity and persistence

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Alex Wynn received a medal for taking part in the 'Survival Reloaded' event at Betteshanger Park

April Snow participated in 'Stars of the future dance' competition and achieved first place for her ballet solo, first place for her jazz solo and second place for her lyrical solo

GOLDEN BALL

Oliver Walker, Oliver Simms,
Sam Matravers, Teddy Ridings,
Alex Fox, Harry Ford,
Jamie Montgomery



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK Portia Taylor-Wilson

PLAYERS OF THE MATCH
Anna Woodhead, Honor Urquhart,
Oscar Farquhar,
Jamie Coombes

BIRTHDAYS Sail McCulloch Oscar Rae



FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Martha Bartlett for being more concerned about her friend (who actually injured her) than about herself during PE

House	House Points
Ash	37
Beech	90
Oak	88
Sycamore	52

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Guess the LOGO



Last week's answer: A Towel

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

You throw away the outside and cook the inside,
then eat the outside and throw away the inside!

What am I?



Last week's answer ' The Hungry Caterpillar'