

# St Faithian

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## A new Current Affairs Assembly *"Is it wrong to refuse help?"*

Our assemblies have been rebooted for the new academic year and we have added an additional morning assembly on Tuesdays. Split into Upper School and Lower School, the children will be introduced to different news items each week and will then go back and discuss the item further in class, taking part in some cross curricular activities to deepen their understanding.

Our first piece of news was the Brazilian president's decision not to accept help from other countries to tackle the fires burning in the Amazon rain forest. The assembly in the Upper School centred on the picture, as shown, and included information from a Newsround article as well as our resident journalists Aryan and Rosie. Meanwhile, in the Lower School, the children focused on where Brazil is in the world and why the rain forest is so important. Both assemblies concluded with a discussion about the British Values and what the meaning of respect is. The children were bubbling with ideas and there were some exhilarating debates and mathematical quizzes.



## Kent Test...tis done!

The cheering could be heard round the school as Year 6, having been impressively quiet for most of the day, ran out on to the field to celebrate the end of their Kent Test papers. As usual, most of the children chose to take the test this year and they have been working hard in preparation, with many of them even spending considerable time at home over the Summer making sure their Maths and English skills stayed in tip top condition.



Of course, our pupils were exemplary in their behaviour and concentration today, impressing the visiting invigilator from a school in Ramsgate. They relaxed in the afternoon with a feather-decorating Art activity organised by Mrs Bowyer but will be back to normal tomorrow working hard in class and at their different prefect responsibilities that keep the school running smoothly. Some children are taking the Dover

Tests on Saturday and we wish them every success in these. Well done, Year 6!

## Friends of St Faith's

Wow, two weeks into new school year already: how time flies! Friends of St Faith's would love more parents to get involved, so we are planning our first social event of this school year. We will be holding a coffee morning at school on Friday 20th September from 8am, so come join us, say 'Hi', drink coffee, eat pastries & find out what plans the Friends of St Faith's have & how you can get involved. No commitment required! Sign in at the office & be directed to the relevant meeting room.

If you can't make the coffee morning, our first committee meeting will be held on Friday 11th October, where we will be talking all things Fireworks (our event taking place on Sunday 3rd November). Discussion will also include how we will spend some of the money we have raised. We'd love you to join us & we welcome fresh ideas.

Hope to see some of you at one or both of the meetings.  
Have a great weekend all.

Vicky, Alison & Zoe  
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## Head's Corner

Four very intrepid adventurers accompanied Mr McCulloch down to the Nature Garden to help introduce a small shoal of rudd and roach to our pond.

Mr McCulloch kindly donated these fish with Nigel the Newt who is now safely ensconced with his fishy friends.

Within a week of filling the pond we have evidence of mosquito larvae and water fleas which our new fish can feast on. Many thanks to the McCulloch family for this very lively donation. If you wish to see me and you see a sign on my door saying, 'Gone Fishing', you know where I am!



## SPORT



This week the children have been continuing to work hard during lessons. Mr Andrews and Mrs Latham have been impressed with both the boys and girls during Football sessions. They are looking forward to fixtures starting next week with matches against Northbourne Park, Spring Grove and Lorenden. The girls also get to play their first Hockey match of the year when they travel to Dover College.

Year 6 have been taking on leadership roles and are being asked to deliver the warm-up section of certain lessons to help them develop. Sports captains Eliot and Genevieve have led the way and have been excellent in their role.

## MUSIC



Despite the Year 6 children being otherwise engaged on Thursday, orchestras still went ahead this week. The children learnt about starting and stopping when indicated and began work on a piece called 'Down by the Riverside'. The String Orchestra also started rehearsing this week. We are so lucky to have such a large number of talented instrumentalists. At the end of Friday assembly, children in Years 5 and 6 were told whether they had been successful in



their Chamber Choir auditions. Pictured are some of the children in Year 2 having their weekly music lesson. As usual, Year 2 are leading our Harvest Festival service next month and they are learning a song which they will perform at church. They have also been learning some new notes on the recorder.

## The Maths revolution has begun!



Starting this September, the way in which Maths is being taught at St Faith's has changed. Pupils from Reception to Year 6 are now being taught in skill-based blocks. This new curriculum allows children the opportunity to delve into and explore the main concepts of Maths such as place value, the four operations and fractions, with more time being spent building their confidence and understanding. Through the use of hands-on resources and manipulatives, peer group collaboration and targeted questioning, children are



being challenged to prove and explain their understanding, with each year group starting with the building block of number: place value. The days of just completing rows of sums are now long behind as children are being stretched with reasoning and problem solving questions, where they have to prove, deduce and justify, all matched to their ability.

This is an exciting time for Maths here at St Faith's, with an interactive times table app also in the pipeline. The children seem ready and eager to face the challenges ahead of them.

## Introducing Cluckingham Palace and a chuck called Dorothy



On Tuesday evening Miss Massey and Mr Ward arrived to school with 4 very anxious chickens together with all the paraphernalia of a run, coop and food. After a good hour of hard work, a large crowd of parents and children were soon watching them settle in to their new home in the nature garden.

We've named one Dorothy but they all look alike and, as Jamie and Michael know, I always have great trouble in distinguishing twin brothers and sisters, so to me they are all called Dorothy! Two eggs on and they are clearly happy but still troubled by the constant attention from the hordes of little people that are keen to pick them up and cuddle them. I have every confidence that they will soon get used to their fan-club and lay more eggs for their hungry headmaster!



They say every picture tells a story, and here is the evidence of the two eggs collected so far.

Nursery children had a lovely time visiting the nature garden this week and can't wait to hunt for more eggs.





## Week Commencing 16 September 2019

<b>Monday</b>	
10.00am	First class Reception photos
2.00pm	House cross country
<b>Tuesday</b>	
8.30am	Pilates
9.00am	Yr 4 trip to Sandwich
3.30pm	St Edmund's Maths challenge
<b>Wednesday</b>	
1.00pm	U7 Tag Rugby at Ash Rugby club AWAY
2.15pm	U11 Boys Football v NBP HOME
6.00pm	Upper School Introduction Evening
<b>Thursday</b>	
2.15pm	U9 A & B Boys Football v Spring Grove & Lorenden AWAY
6.00pm	Lower School Introduction Evening
<b>Friday</b>	<b>STEAM DAY</b>
10.00am	Tiny Toots
2.15pm	U11 Girls Hockey v Dover College AWAY

### Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive



### Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What starts with the letter 'T' is filled with 'T' ends with the letter 'T'



### PACE Soccer— Free September training sessions

PACE are offering all children in Year 1 the opportunity to train for free throughout September!

The session, as part of our PACE Academy, runs on a Monday 5-6pm at Sandwich Leisure Centre. The session will give players a fun and exciting introduction to football, as well as providing an excellent learning environment.

Anyone interested in the session should email [info@pacesports.co.uk](mailto:info@pacesports.co.uk) or contact us on Facebook at PACE Soccer.

### BOOK SALE

Our first book sale of this academic year will take place outside the Year 5 classrooms (by the play house) on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 3.15pm to 4.15pm**. All books will be 50p.

Donations to Mrs Allen's classroom (5A) please, in the mornings or at the end of the day.

## Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	16.09.19
<b>Monday</b>	
Art Club Yr 2-6	YES
Gym Upper Nursery upwards	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis Rec, Yr 1,2,3,4,5 & 6	YES
<b>Tuesday</b>	
Chess Yr 2-6	YES
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet up to Yr 1	YES
Drama Upper School Yr 2-6	YES
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
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Ballet Prep & Primary Yr 2 upwards	YES
Dance Ballet & Jazz Yr 2 upwards	YES
Fencing Yr 2-6 (8.00am - 8.45am)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Netball Yr 3 - 6	YES
<b>Thursday</b>	
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
<b>Friday</b>	
Music (During School hours)	YES

House	House Points
Ash	119
Beech	121
Oak	93
Sycamore	131

### LAMDA

The following children received their LAMDA certificates

Arnav Siddappa, Harry Evans, Leo Harrison-Verrion, Lucy Harrop, Nila Nagarajan, Willa Bradley, Cassius Tucker-Borges, Oscar Irwin, Daniel Mathew, Honor Urquhart, Krish Bhide, Sofia Cresswell, Kitty McCullin, Holly Rooke, Yasmin Amin, Safiya Van Ritbergen  
Top grades awarded to Aryan Bhide (5), Jack Manser (6)

Well done everyone!

## STAR OF THE WEEK

RR	Quinn Hewett	For a fantastic start to the year
RB	Luca Barnes	For settling in so well into his new school
1CP	Hannah Robinson	For making a fabulous start at St Faith's
1T	Cuthbert Hampshire	For setting a fantastic example of good behaviour
2L	Clara Montgomery	For a great start to PA duties
2R	Harry Daw	For sharing his excellent general knowledge with the class
3B	Elsie Rang	For stepping up into the role of form captain
3F	Freddie Heffer	For showing resilience and being brave
4A	Oliver Taylor	For excellent place value work in class
4M	Safiya Van-Ritbergen	For an enthusiastic start to Year 4
5A	Harleena Dhaliwal	For an excellent start to Year 5
5M	Oliver Corcoran	For making an excellent start at his new school
6G	Jack Manser	For a diligent approach and setting a good example to younger pupils
6W	Charlie Farquhar	For being focused, friendly, flexible and frankly fantastic

### CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

**Leo Harrison-Verrion** achieved 5m in the Learn to Swim awards and received 'Man of the Match' for Deal Town Rangers football club

**Thomas Solley** achieved stage 7 in the Learn to Swim awards

**Rosie & Daisy Robinson's** dog Holly was awarded 'Best in show' at the Staple dog show

**Cobi Booth** achieved 15m in the Swim England awards

**Lily Read** achieved a merit in the RAD Entry level award in graded examination in Dance

**Sienna Drury** was awarded a Faversham Fitness award trophy for her gym club

**Imogen Norman** over the Summer completed her level 2 swimming course, which included her 10m badge

**Eva Wyon** received her level 5 Learn to swim certificate and badge from the Swim England awards

**Harry Evans** completed the Space Chase Reading Challenge at his local library, received a 'Change of Rein' certificate and rosette with his pony Buddy and completed stage 2 in the Learn to Swim awards.

James Evans: Reading challenge

### READING SHELVES

The following children completed Reading shelves this week

**Cobi Booth**

### BIRTHDAYS

Chloe Russell, Alexander Wynn,  
Poppy Andrews, Anaïs Andrews,  
Alice Thomlinson, Emily Daw



### GOLDEN BALL

Nate Page-Phillips  
Penny Ford,  
Harper Skudder—Acaster



### SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

**Thomas Ridings**

### FRIEND OF THE WEEK

**Martha Rang** helped out a Year 3 in netball by showing her the rules and positions

### MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

**Charlie Broun** for an extremely good piece of written work in music

