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Happy New Year for the trees.

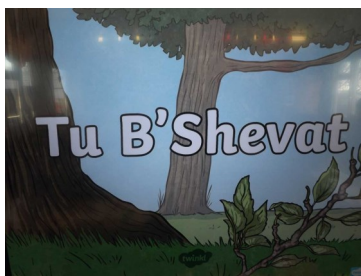
Last week Year 2 celebrated the Jewish festival of Tu B'Shevat. This festival happens once a year to celebrate trees in the environment as givers of fruit for us to eat. It is customary at this time for Jewish people to give what they grow to others or support their local temple. It is also a time for partying and celebrations, and that is just what Year 2 did !

They were lucky enough to be presented with two fruit trees for our school by Mr and Mrs Benayahu. The children were very excited when Mr Benayahu poured the compost into the plant pots. He told them that they mustn't eat the fruit for 3 years as it makes the fruit trees grow stronger. Keep your eye out children for anybody who tastes the fruit before that!!

The children also sang a Tu B'Shevat song, made trees, completed a word search, answered questions in a comprehension paper and tasted fruits which they have never tasted before. Who could have known that trees were so cross-curricular?

Thank you, Mr and Mrs Benayahu. What a delightful treat it was to have two trees donated to our year group. Hopefully when Year 2 are in Year 6 we can have a party and eat the fruit that the trees will provide. What fun!

Mrs Latham & Mrs Ross



Friends of St Faith's

Thank you to our wonderful supporters that came along for a yummy Valentine's breakfast today. It was a delightful start to the morning and encouraging to see so many families. A whopping £87 profit was made for the benefit of the children.

Next term we will be working again with children and staff to see what else they feel would benefit them in future purchases. We have noticed that the children in particular love the litter picking kits, which is wonderful to see.

We will not be holding a Summer Fair this year, but we do have something amazing in place to make up for it, so watch this space!!

We hope that you all enjoy your well-deserved break next week.



Vicky, Alison & Zoe
Please contact Vicky, via email

Head's Corner

Many have been wondering as to why there is a quiet eeriness around the school this week? The answer is in Carrotty Wood, where the Year 5s are having an amazing time, climbing high, clambering in mud, taking evening swims as well as cycling and go-carting to name but a few of the activities.

Of course we have missed them and wish them well for their rest and recovery over half-term. I do hope that you all manage to enjoy the break and take time to enjoy the family as well as any potential trips at home or abroad.



Sport Report— A hill too far!

Travelling to the pretty village of Temple Ewell, the football players were in high spirits, even though our usual striker was having fun with the rest of Year 5 and poor Eliot was at home feeling ill. Nick stepped in to cover Eliot at short notice and Philippe took on the role of striker. The boys started well and were passing confidently despite the pitch itself being difficult to work on, as it was very bumpy and on a hill! Eventually, St Faith's scored a goal to be 1-0 up, but within a few minutes Temple Ewell came back with an amazing volley to score. The match stayed 1-1 until about 7 minutes towards the end, Mason was really showing us all his developing skills as a goalie, and Jack and Jude kept on pounding the ball into our scoring box. Philippe had the best chance when a ball dropped right by his feet for him to score, but alas a bump on the pitch took him down and the ball shot by him! Temple Ewell then scored within a few minutes and our boys just couldn't keep running on the difficult terrain.



The scored ended up as 2-1 to Temple Ewell. Great effort boys. Never mind, we can now concentrate on the league again. - Coach Latham

Music Report



Thank you to Dhiyana, Hermione and Rosie for your trumpet trio during assembly this morning. We were also entertained by Mya who performed ABBA's 'Super Trouper'. In contrast to The Greatest Showman last week, 'Light up the Fire' was this week's school song. All year groups besides Year 5 have had Class Performances this week. In some classes, all children have performed something. For those who do not have private music lessons, many have just had a go on the piano or on the drums. This was also the case in Upper and Lower Nursery, as all the children played the drums. Some of them were a little tentative but others made a huge amount of noise—the musicians of the future!

Have a good weekend.

Art in Year 1



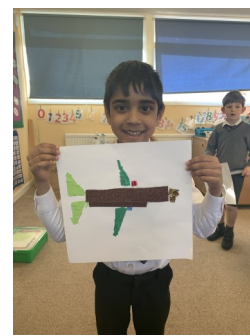
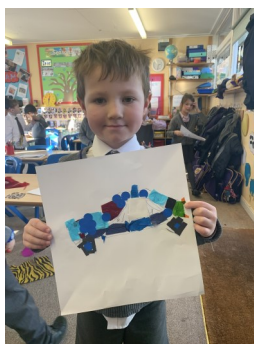
No, it's a snail! The children in Year One started their Art topic this term finding out about the famous French artist Henri Matisse and his work with collage. He is famous for his printmaking, use of vivid colour and collage.

Is it a mouth? Is it a face? Is it a tree? Can you tell what this is collage is of?

The children observed Matisse's abstract work looking at his use of shape and colour. They were asked to guess the title of one of his most famous pieces, *The Snail*. After practising the techniques for collage, tearing and positioning shapes they were challenged to replicate his creation.

The children then looked at vehicles as part of their study of transport in Humanities. They looked for shapes and the colours of the vehicles and sketched outlines of their vehicles using the shapes they could see. A fun afternoon, using a wide variety of materials to create a collage of their chosen vehicle, was had with plenty of glue and sticking!

We have some budding artists here...can you guess the vehicles?



An important message from Reception children during their Assembly this week



Reception have been exploring Julia Donaldson books this half-term as part of their Literacy focus and it was with great excitement that they performed 'The Smartest Giant in Town' for their first year group assembly on Wednesday morning.

After wishing that he wasn't the scruffiest giant in town, George decides that it is time for a new look. After buying some smart, new clothes he heads home. On his way he meets some animals who desperately need his help...and his clothes! It doesn't take long for George to become the kindest giant in town. An important message for us all to remember: **it's not what you have, or who you are, but what you do that counts.** What could you do to help somebody?

Week Commencing 24 February

Monday	First day of term
Tuesday	LAMDA Exams
8.30am	Second hand uniform shop open
8.30am	Pilates
8.40am	Dragons Den Assembly
2.15pm	U9 Football v Northbourne Park HOME
Wednesday	
2.15pm	U11 A,B,C,D Netball v St Lawrence College AWAY
Thursday	
1.50pm	U9 A,B & C Netball v St Lawrence College HOME
3.00pm	Second hand uniform shop open
Friday	
8.40am	Celebration Assembly
10.00am	Tiny Toots
3.15pm	U11 Girls Football v Cartwright & Kelsey Home

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

In the film 'Stuart Little' what kind of animal is Stuart



Last week's answer: A hedgehog

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What is in front of you but can't be seen



Last week's answer: A Towel

Happy Valentine's Day

Thank you for supporting Friends Valentine's Breakfast. It was the perfect start to the morning.



Spreading the love!



Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	24.02.20
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	YES
Football Yr 1 - 3	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	EXAM
Music (During school hours)	YES
Outdoor Adventure Yr 2 upwards	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
Outdoor Adventure Yr R - 1	YES
Thursday	
Computers Yr 4 - 6	YES
Cooking club Yr 3 - 6	YES
Football Yr 4 - 6	YES
Music (During school hours)	YES
Musical Theatre R - 1	YES
Musical Theatre 2 - 6	YES
Friday	
Music (During school hours)	YES

READING SHELVES

Kishore Chandrasegaran, Summer Smith

ACCELERATED READER

Level 1

Zara Coombs, Filipe Papadopolous, Oscar Irwin, Freya Ralph, Angus Solley, Honor Urquhart, Jamie Coombes, Oliver Simms, Cassius Tucker-Borges

Level 2

Jack Manser

Congratulations to these 4 who recently represented St Faith's at the NYMA (National Young Mathematicians Awards) in Thanet. Visitors from Explore Learning presented them with their certificates in Celebration Assembly this morning. Well done!



STAR OF THE WEEK

RR	Ava Riley	For challenging herself in all aspects of learning
RB	Brayden Ingram	For excellent rhyming work this week
1CP	Henry Maclachlan	For fabulous effort across the curriculum
1T	Ethan Smith	For very impressive and confident reading
2L	Roxi Booth	For her reading and handwriting progress
2R	Ashmitha Palanisamy	For always producing the most beautiful work with attention to detail
3B	Portia Taylor-Wilson	For showing resilience through an illness
3F	Freddie Heffer	For being wonderful
4A	Jamie Montgomery	For outstanding effort in Maths
4M	Arabella Porter	For a sustained all round effort
6G	Jack Manser	For making excellent reading progress
6W	Oliver Simms	For excellent effort with reading

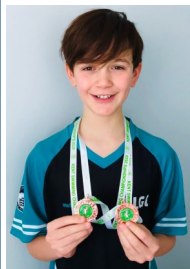
HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Florrie Brown
for being an amazing 'George'



CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

This boy competed over the past 3 weekends at the London Aquatic Centre and the Crystal Palace Sports Centre in London. Having qualified for 9 events at the Kent County Championships 2020 with only the fastest 15-28 swimmers in Kent & Greater London being accepted depending on swim distance - it was a very tough field! He achieved 8 long course personal best times, 4 top 10 placings, won 2 finalists medals in the 100m Breaststroke and 50m Freestyle and broke the Long Course 100m Freestyle Dover Life Guard Club Record.



ROCK STARS TIMESTABLES

Alice Thomlinson, Cobi & Roxi Booth

STAR AWARDS

Bronze (100+)

Michael Coombes, Nicholas Fox, Remi Page,
Flynn Leberl, Darcey Powell

SILVER (200+)

Safiya Van Ritbergen, Edward Dove,
Oscar Irwin, Daniel Mathew, Oliver Taylor, Krish
Bhide, Hermione Porter, Holly Matravers, Ivy
Ward, Jennifer Ainsworth

BIRTHDAYS

Lily Read, Edward Hickson, Emilio Lockhart,
Kasen Wells, Aryan Bhide, Diggory Hulme,
Leo Harrison-Verrion, Martha Rang,
Freya Ralph, Valentina Panteli, Ivy Ward,
Elias Dubignon, Sam Matravers,
Charlie Farquhar



GOLDEN BALL

Noah McCann, Anna Woodhead,
Henry Bowyer



MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK



Nila Nagarajan for her efforts
in Music lessons recently

House	House Points	House Champion
Ash	93	Sonny Smith
Beech	93	Zara Head
Oak	113	George Overy
Sycamore	136	Honor Urquhart

SPORT STAR OF THE WEEK Fraser Bunyan

PLAYER OF THE MATCH
Mason McCann