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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY— a positive message from Reception



The children in Reception have been busy making cards for Mother's Day on Sunday. They have shared their thoughts and talked about why their Mums are special.

Dorothy told us her mummy helps her to tidy up her playroom, whilst Brayden's mummy gives him cuddles and cooks him nice pasta for dinner, and Quinn's mummy gives her big hugs and makes her a lovely cup of tea in the morning!

Throughout the week we have listened to stories and poems, and we would like to share one of our favourite poems with you, "I am like a flower that is raised with love by you, you help me grow up big and strong, so thanks for all you do".

We hope that you all enjoy your celebrations on Sunday.

Friends of St Faith's

Thanks to a very organised Easter Bunny and some enthusiastic 'EGGAROO' delivery agents, all the children have received their Easter treats this week. It was wonderful to see excited faces all round!

Congratulations to the member of the Friends Lottery whose lucky ball, number 24, scooped the £60 February Jackpot. All details for joining are on the PTA tab of the Web Page; the jackpot will only increase as participant numbers rise!

As we move into coming weeks, we will continue to support our children and school community in any way we can and look forward to planning lots more social and fund raising events soon.



Vicky, Alison & Zoe Please contact Vicky, via email Victoria.Crocker@stfaithsprep.com

Head's Corner

It is with a great deal of sadness that we close today and the whole situation mystifies me as we end the term in our own little paradisiacal bubble with happy, healthy and enthusiastic children.

We will of course continue to remain open for the children who are specified by the Government and I will be available to you all on the school phone or email should you require my services.

Please all have a lovely Easter and I hope to see you soon.



A different kind of Assembly and a first for Mr Groves!

It is not often you help realise a long harboured dream of your Headmaster's. However, Wednesday was one such day!

Year 4 performed their Carroty Wood Class Assembly in front of the smallest audience of the year as only the parents were invited to see the live show. How did I make Mr Groves' day with such a low turn out I hear you ask? Well... we decided to stream the assembly live into the classrooms of all the other classes using Microsoft Teams. Thus turning not only our own children, but also our talismanic head teacher into a big screen star! Year 4 were fantastic to take away and they gave an enthralling assembly. The highlight of which was a Bin Bag fashion show - thank you to our lovely models Mr Groves, Mrs Mellin and Mr Mackenzie.



With a trademark, feel good factor assembly, Year 4 put a smile on everyone's face and reminded us that no matter what is happening in the world if we are kind, caring and work together we can achieve amazing things! Resilience! That is what residentials build and resilient is what our children are!



A Reading competition from Reception up to Year 6

Staff, children and relatives were wowed last Friday at the Junior Reading competition final. Pupils selected from each year group entered the final, reading a variety of material from poems to chapters! A raft of different voices and most unlikely sound effects emerged from the children as they climbed into their stories becoming each and every character. Some pupils chose information texts so that they could share their interest in Science topics, famous people and sports activities.



Many overcame incredible nerves to perform with confidence, volume and humour showing a real 'I can and I will' resilience and determination!



Every year the Reading competition lifts the awareness of reading and its status throughout the school. Every child from Year 1 upwards takes to the stage to run the gauntlet of reading in public, a challenge for many adults never mind children! The enthusiasm and focus of all children throughout the early stages of the competition certainly helps to justify the importance of reading as being at the very 'foundation of all learning'. Alison Stone, ex-headmistress and Ofsted inspector, was duly impressed as our neutral judge with all finalists and was amazed at the general standard of reading. In handing out the trophies, I read the engraved names of past pupils who have gone on to great things at their secondary schools with events like the reading competition at St Faith's acting as an appropriate spring-board for all aspects of life ahead.



Well done to all the finalists and happy reading to you all!

A private tour for Year 1 and 2 to the Museum



Year 2 accompanied Year 1 and went on a very exciting trip to The Dover Transport Museum on Tuesday. After teachers wiping the surfaces on the bus with anti-bacterial, wipes the children got on and set off on their adventure.

Year 1 watched the Arter Bros drill at work, using complex machinery to drill a piece of wood before the times of electricity. They loved being taught the controls of an old-fashioned train and experienced what it was like to hide in an air raid shelter whilst listening to messages from the Prime Minister. They stood on an open top double decker bus and were thrilled by playing with a giant train set which even left the adults in awe! As part of their topic Year 1 learnt about old cars and how they compare to our modern versions. Seeing real cars at the museum and noting their features really put into perspective how technology has moved on and how rapidly. The children were a credit to

St Faith's showing admirable focus, interest and behaviour throughout the day.

You can read about the adventures of Year 2 in the 'Stories' section on our website.

In the Nursery this week, the sun shone and spirits were high.

This week the children have enjoyed their PE sessions with Mr Burrett in the sunshine. They have been exploring their physical development by practising their throwing, kicking and catching.





Thanet Music Festival

Pictured are two of the three children who took part in the piano section of the Thanet Music and Drama
Festival last week. Congratulations to this boy who took part in three classes, winning two and coming runner-up in the other. He was extremely proud of his trophy! The girl pictured played extremely well and just missed out on a medal in her class. Congratulations are also due to Romy (not pictured) who finished 3rd in her section. Well done to all three young musicians and their teachers!





Unfortunately, there was bad news for the instrumentalists, including the Upper School Recorder Club, who were due to take part this coming weekend. Their section of the Festival was postponed until the Autumn. It was such a shame as all the children had worked very hard to prepare for their performances.

Sport and we just keep going!

This week has seen all sports fixtures cancelled.



However, in school, we have tried to keep going whilst taking the necessary precautions. The children competed in the house Netball competition. The whole event was keenly contested but in a fantastic conject from every bourge at Necess 2 C. 4 spirit from every house. In Years 3 & 4 Beech won 3 out of 3 to win the event and take the lead from Sycamore at the top of the house sport table. Many more events are scheduled for the summer term so hopefully we shall return healthy, in bright sunshine and

ready to go again after the break.

Parent Teacher evenings

In the spirit of social distancing, the parents evenings n'ext week will not go ahead as planned. However we intend to use Teams (we will send support guidance) and have streamed conversations at the planned times.

BIRTHDAYS

Logan Bouhours-Goodlad, Krishna Patel, Matyas Oprchal, Lucy Harrop, Thomas Solley, Harry Ford, Jamie Montgomery, Timothy Lewis, Clara Montgomery,
Honor Leberl, Adhik Palanisamy,
Primrose Snow, Myles Andrews, Mya Wood,
Amelie Coles, Jack Manser, Penny Ford,
Florrie Brown, Ethan Smith, Michael Coombes,
James Coombes, Poppy Ward,
Rafael Brennan-Ray, Harry Evans,
Hannah Ainsworth, Nate Page-Phillips Hannah Ainsworth, Nate Page-Phillips, Flynn Marsh, James Evans, Harpriya Dhaliwal, Harleena Dhaliwal, Phillipa Alexander, Daniel Klosek, Jessica Hurst



Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What is the largest planet in the Solar system



Last week's answer: DEUCE

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What is next Friday



Unscramble the letters to find the answer Tsla yda fo mtre

| House | House Points |
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| Ash | 88 |
| Beech | 122 |
| Oak | 96 |
| Sycamore | 117 |

TIMESTABLE ROCK STARS

Alexandra Rooke, Oliver Walker, Harpriya Dhaliwal

STAR OF THE WEEK

| RB | Gigi Evans | For amazing presentation |
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| RR | Quinn Hewett | For working hard and making us all smile |
| 1CP | Amelie Coles | For enthusiasm in role play |
| 1T | Summer Smith | For enjoyment and positivity |
| 2L | Leo Alexander | For creative writing across the curriculum |
| 2R | Flora Bunyan | For excellent English work and letting her creativity shine |
| 3B | Elsie Rang | For excellent 'can do' attitude as 3B Form captain |
| 3F | Cassius Tucker-Borges | For a positive attitude towards a challenge in Maths |
| 4A | Sophia Baker | Excellent work in English-brilliant public speaker |
| 4M | Angus Solley | For challenging himself in Maths and English |
| 5A | Helena Overy | For being hard-working and helpful |
| 5M | Poppy Ward | For fantastic explanation in Maths |
| 6G | Rafi Brennan-Ray | For cheerfully doing his best in all lessons |
| 6W | Darcey Powell | For making the presentation of her work as good as the content |

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS **OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL**

Lily Read achieved level 4 in the Learn to Swim, Swim England Awards

Mya Wood competed in the Deal Gymnastics club Spring Intra Floor & Vault competition, winning her class

Zara Head took part in the BRC Horse Quest Arena Eventing, Qualifiers, finishing 5th



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Yuthushaya Niroshan for her exceptionally good story

STAR AWARDS

SILVER (200+)

Yuthushya Niroshan, Gideon Wade, Teddy Ridings, Safiya Dubignon, William Lee, Fransesca Savin, Leo Harrison-Verrion, Arnav Siddappa, Sam Matravers, Kitty McCullin, Jasmine McGuirk, Sophia Baker, Ella Dibb-Fuller, Honor Urquhart

Word Millionaire

Holly Rooke, Hannah Ainsworth, Penny Ford

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Alex Wynn

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

George Overy for his fantastic progress on the trumpet

READING SHELVES

Henry Maclachlan

ACCELERATED READER

Target 1
Flynn Marsh, Edward Dove, Oliver Barker,
Krish Bhide, Martha Bartlett, Genevieve Jeer,
Sienna Hirst, Sam Matravers, Skye McGarry,
Jasmine McGuirk, Helena Overy, Krishna Patel Target 2

Sami Ur-Rehman, Nicholas Fox, Filipe Papadopoulos, Chloe Russell, Oliver Corcoran Target 3 **Cassius Tucker-Borges** Target 4 Gurveena Dhaliwal Target 5 Freddie Heffer Target 7 Penny Ford Target 9 Henry Bowyer