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MUSIC CHRONICLES



What an amazing time Year 5 had at the O2 last Friday night! They were part of a choir numbering 7556 children with a professional conductor and a fantastic live band. On top of this, the children were backing singers for country duo, The Shires, past winner of The Voice, Ruti and former lead singer of Spandau Ballet, Tony Hadley.

After a delicious lunch at Frankie and Benny's the children had a final rehearsal to ensure they were

ready for the concert. After a short break they were back in their seats in the O2, waving at lots of random groups of people in the hope of

finding parents and relatives!

The concert included a Queen Medley, Shiny Happy People, a Pop Medley and a selection of 'scary' songs entitled Frightfest. Luckily, there was no repeat of last year's snow as we walked back to our coach. We arrived back at school at 11:45pm, with the weekend to recover, ahead of another busy week of school!



Thank you to all parents for supporting the children in learning the lyrics, and particularly those who were able to come to the O2 to see the concert. We hope you enjoyed it!

If you attended assembly this morning you would have enjoyed a mix between singing and signing with the song - 'A Million Dreams' from 'The Greatest Showman', with signing provided by Miss Jackson and the children in Year 2.

Congratulations to everyone who took an ABRSM examination yesterday. Some children have already received their certificates but those taking Grade 1 or above will have to wait a couple of weeks. Next week we have Rock School exams for some of our guitar, drum and ukulele players. Good luck everyone!

Friends of St Faith's

As you will see from the photos online, The Friends have purchased new vests, gloves and litter picking equipment for our eco warriors to aid them in looking after our lovely surroundings as well as shiny new football goals! This wouldn't be possible without your support and on that note, thank you to everyone who has supported us by joining the Friend's Lottery, it is very much appreciated and enables us to provide extra treats for the children throughout the year! Check our page on the website for information about joining the lottery.

Our next social event is our annual Wine and Wisdom on Friday 6 March. Tickets are £10.00 (to include a delicious

two course meal). We'd love to see you there.
Our next meeting will be on Friday 6 February at 8:15am or after drop off in the school house. Please sign in at reception before coming to the meeting room for a coffee and informal chat about our upcoming events. Everyone is welcome.



Have a wonderful weekend.

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

Head's Corner



With a cracking win for the U11 Girls netball team and a round of ABRSM music exams the term is well and truly established and underway.

Spirits are high and the classrooms and playing fields herald a host of happy children. It won't be long before winter has passed and we'll be back using the sports field for breaks which will delight both the children and staff.

Now we all have to band together and make Brexit work!

SPORT REPORT

Thursday 23 January: U9AB Dodgeball v Cartwright and Kelsey
The first fixtures of 2020 involved a trip to Cartwright and Kelsey to play in dodgeball matches. In a very friendly environment, the children really enjoyed playing the games. There were some great catches taken from Anna W and Fraser B. The team spirit and enthusiasm were excellent from all 4 teams. St Faith's Yellow team ended up winning the round-robin tournament but in truth the enjoyment that all the children got from playing on the afternoon was most pleasing to see. Player of the match went to George S for good listening and effort throughout. The U11 team play today, their results will follow next week.



Wednesday 29 January: U11 Girls Netball v Wellesley House

The U11 girls Netball team played their first match of the season. They hosted Wellesley House

in a match which over the last few years, has typically been a good contest. They started with an excellent attitude and good shooting from Rosie and Zara meant the girls were leading 11-0 after the first quarter. The match, in truth, was already won. Therefore, Miss Tucker decided to rotate positions so they could experience other positions in a match environment. The final score was 20-0 which is a good confidence builder for tougher fixtures to come. Player of the match went to Jessica Wynn.

Thursday 30 January: U9 Netball v Wellesley House
The U9 team also had their opportunity to play their first Netball match of the year away at Wellesley House. They started nervously and, after the first quarter the score, was 1-1. However, the team then relaxed and got into their stride. Excellent energy and goal shooting meant they pulled away and eventually won 12-2. Player of the match for an excellent and energetic performance went to Sophia B.

Next week the U9 Netball team have their next match against Northbourne Park. All the U11 girls travel to Kent College to play in 4 Netball matches and we have the much-anticipated ISA Hockey Tournament at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. We also have the first Dover School Games event approaching fast with a swimming gala at Dover Leisure Centre.

Good luck to all involved.



No need for VAR here!

Thanks to the Friends, goal scoring at St Faith's will surely be on the increase over the next couple of months. The children have been given two Flick Urbans to improve their accuracy of scoring, along with two new goalposts which will not bend in the middle after our footballers have been scoring into them over a long period of time. The goalposts will soon be in action over the next few weeks as both boys and girls compete in the quarter finals of the Stabbs Cup. Good luck teams and once again a huge thank you to the Friends.



Phonics Evening

Thank you to all the Year 1 parents who were able to attend the phonics evening. We hope you found the session useful and that it gave you a greater insight into how phonics is taught.

This informal talk discussed the Floppy's phonics scheme used in Year 1 with examples of how it is used daily in the classroom. Mrs Powlter provided information about the lower school reading scheme and shared guidance regarding spelling strategies.

Imaginations are sparked in Year 1 Role Play



Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed getting into character this week through role play. They pretended to be a Butterfly Explorer and made 'phone calls home' about their adventure. The children's imaginations truly came alive and some fantastic language was heard as they described their campfire breakfast, walking across a jungle bridge, spotting Golden Birdwings, boating on a lake and then turning in for the night to their tents. We are looking forward to some wonderful writing next week as a result of this! Fantastic effort year 1!



St Faith's Litter Detectorists



The St Faith's Eco Warriors were delighted when my request for a set of high-vis vests, gloves and litter pickers to be purchased to enable them to safely litter pick was kindly agreed to by the lovely Friends of St Faith's.

On Friday, a large group of the Eco Warriors went on their first hunt for rogue bits of litter and they were quite surprised by the number of items they found in such a short time. The Eco Warriors are keen to do their bit to help keep the school environment clean, but over the next few weeks they will be working to remind everyone of the importance of working together to help keep our school litter free. When the weather is better, we also hope to get out into our local community to continue detecting and collecting litter. Well done Eco Warriors!

Week Commencing 3 February

Monday **Rock School Exams**

Tuesday

8.30am **Pilates**

8.30am Second hand uniform shop open 2.00pm U9 Netball v Northbourne Park

3.30pm Twilight concert 1 5.00pm Twilight concert 2

Wednesday 2.00pm U11 ABCD Netball v Kent College

Thursday House Music competition

3.00pm Second hand uniform shop open

Friday

8.30am Friends meeting Celebration Assembly 8.40am

U11 ISA Hockey Tournament at 12.30pm

Crystal Palace

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What is a baby goat called



Last week's answer: Sleeping Beauty

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Where can you find cities, towns, shops and streets but no people



Last week's answer: Simon Cowell, Alisha Dixon, Amanda Holden, David Walliams

ROCK STAR TABLES

Sam Matravers, Harry Ford

Newspaper Vouchers—The Sun

Thank you all so much for your support in our collection of vouchers from The Sun newspaper, as we work together to earn books for St Faith's. We have collected well over 2,000 vouchers but still have a way to go reach the target of 3,500. If you, or any family members, still have vouchers in a safe place at home, please would you pass them into the school office to be counted.

Many thanks again for your ongoing support. *Mrs Allen*

Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	03.02.20
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	NO
Drama Upper School Yr 2 - 6	YES
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)	NO
Music (During School hours)	YES

READING SHELVES

Hannah Robinson, Fred Giles, Quinn Hewett, Flora Bunyan, Harry Evans, William Lee, Flynn Leberl, Cobi Booth

ACCELERATED READER

Level 1

Edward Law, Freddie Heffer, Arabella Porter, Nick Fox, Thomas Solley

Level 2

Freddie Heffer, Arabella Porter

Level 3 Henry Bowyer

Word Millionaire Henry Bowyer

STAR OF THE WEEK

RR	Aiden Gibson	For excellent understanding of Chinese New Year
RB	John Lapworth	For going the extra mile
1CP	Amelie Coles	For fabulous creativity in English
1T	Evie Crocker	For excellent listening and always being caring and polite
2L	Zara Van Ritbergen	For developing her resilience in English
2R	Harry Daw	For excellent use of language in our Science lesson
3B	Lucy Harrop	For maintaining her concentration and energy during a busy week
3F	lvy Ward	For fantastic listening in class
4A	Dhiyana Patel	For excellent effort in English
4A	Alice Blease	For resilience despite being under the weather
5A	Oliver Walker	For making the most of learning opportunities
5M	Maddie Ward	For excellent levels of resilience and determination
6G	Nick Fox	For renewed vigour with his reading this week
6W	Logan Bouhours-Goodlad	For moving everything up a gear



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Kishore Chandrasegaran for his independent writing

Leo Alexander for his scientific investigations

Amelie Coles, Fred Giles, Henry Maclachlan & James Payne for their descriptive diary entry

Louis Hunt for his work on angles

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

This Year 2 competed at Starz UK dance nationals in Essex and she came: 2nd place Lyrical Solo 2nd place Ballet Solo 2nd place Lyrical Duet



She won these after being really poorly the week before and did very well.

Aiden Gibson received a silver medal for progress at Total Sports Football coaching

Cobi Booth achieved level 4 in the Swim England Learn to swim awards

STAR AWARDS BRONZE (100+)

Portia Taylor-Wilson, Cassius Tucker-Borges, Jack Manser, Jamie Coombes, Zara Head, George Overy

SILVER (200+)

Penny Ford, Martha Bartlett, Arabella Porter, Angus Solley, Jaspar Rae, Freya Ralph, Sofia Cresswell, Nate Page-Phillips, Holly Rooke, Romy Todd



Dhiyana Patel, Honor Urquhart, Portia Taylor-Wilson, Cleo Parkinson, Darcey Powell, Symphony Snow, Edward Ridings,



GOLDEN BALL

Freddie Heffer, Teddy Ridings, Zara Head



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK Jessica Wynn

PLAYER OF THE MATCH Sophia Baker, Jessica Wynn

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Poppy Andrews for being a calming influence to others at the O2, when some other pupils didn't like the heights!

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Poppy Andrews



House	House Points
Ash	113
Beech	117
Oak	118
Sycamore	165