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Kingswood Residential

What a fantastic week it was for Year 5

After an Olympic filled week, a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast, Year 5 were ready for the final challenges of their amazing week at Kingswood.

Friday morning saw the pupils face problem-solving, orienteering and abseiling! The children have all had a fantastic week and are bursting to share with you their stories and accomplishments when they get back to school. Make sure you have the washing powder at the ready!

Hopefully, you have caught up with the blog on the website (www.stfaithsprep.com) and seen some wonderful photos of your children looking happy and busy. In conclusion, it was an action packed week, filled with lots of laughter and fun and some jolly good grub was had too.

Here is a recap of some of the activities they have enjoyed.



Friends of St Faith's

After a short but busy half term, it was lovely to see all the children enjoying a treat at the cake sale on Friday and parents enjoying the opportunity for a coffee and chat with friends. Your support is very much appreciated and, as well as raising funds for new play equipment, this term we have been able to provide some lovely new headphones for the younger children to use with the iPads during technology lessons and when listening to stories and songs. We have also been able to offer Mr Ainsworth and the fabulous Music department at St Faith's some new instruments which the children will really enjoy.

Our next meeting is on Monday 19 February at 8am and we look forward to seeing you there. As always, please do contact us if you would like to know more about the Friends or have any fundraising ideas for us!

Have a wonderful half term.



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Head's Corner

Cold weather, mud and the occasional snow storm have not dampened the enthusiasm, energy and joy that our Year 5 children have displayed this week at Kingswood. Greeted by a sea of smiles and many, many hugs, during my day's visit I was then tricked into a 3G giant swing drop by Freddie, shot a million times in a frenzied laser gun shoot out and bamboozled by a handcuff problem-solving exercise which tied Danielle and I up in knots.

On top of that I had to eat a mountain of food (as did the children) at lunch time. I returned home in the evening satisfied and content that our children were, once again, challenged, safe and happy, even though for some it was their first time away from home and school.



Sport



To conclude half-term, we happily report on Hockey at Crystal Palace, Cross Country at Kent College and another great week of Netball. Our U9 Girls played in a Netball festival at Kent College and the U11 Girls 1st and the Development Teams had fantastic home games against Northbourne Park - a more than satisfactory end to the week. Read more of their matches and successes on our website www.stfaithsprep.com. We have fantastic children here who always prove to be jolly good hosts to the opposition.



Sir Roger Manwood's Maths competition



Nail biting is a dreadful habit but, on some occasions, it is the only thing to do. Watching some of our Year 6 pupils compete in the Maths Competition at Sir Roger Manwood's School was one of those times and my nails came off worse. Our two brave teams, having honed their skills in previous competitions at Sainsbury's and St Edmund's, pitted their mathematical brains against 17 others spread out across the floor of the school hall, while I was banished to the stage with only my fellow teachers and a suspiciously-smelling kettle for company.

The children had 6 tasks to complete in an hour so they had to plan their time carefully. Two tasks had to be handed in before 25 minutes was up and it was an agonising wait for me as I watched many of the other children march triumphantly to the front waving their coloured papers. Eventually, I was relieved to see a very calm-looking Oliver present his

first answer. The other team appeared a little less relaxed about the first deadline but eventually Charlotte scooted up brandishing her team's coloured sheets with seconds to spare.

As the fifty-minute mark approached, I was running out of nails and the activity at the tables was becoming increasingly frenetic: Aania's pencil was flying across the page and Maisie had abandoned her seat altogether so she could keep a close eye on what the Oliver's were writing. Eventually the final bell sounded and the results were tallied. Our teams gained very creditable scores: the 'Sainsbury's' (their chosen name) team did particularly well earning second place overall! They were all great ambassadors for St Faith's, showing initiative, determination, resilience and great collaboration to name but a few. Overall it was a great afternoon which we would all be keen to repeat, as soon as my nails grow back.

Mrs Woodhead

For Assemblies this week—Love is in the Air!

Reception



With Valentine's Day fast approaching, love has definitely been in the air in our Reception classes this week. On Tuesday the children performed their first year-group assembly in front of the school and parents. Yes you've guessed it, it was all about 'love!' After sharing their recipe for love, which included hugs, smiles, sharing, friendship and kisses, the children told us about who they love and why; Safiya said "I love my Daddy because he plays puzzles with me" and Ashmitha loves her Mummy because "she is the best!" After a tuneful rendition of 'Love is Something if you Give it Away', the children gave out handmade hearts to share their love. Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Baughan were very proud of all the children who were all true stars on the stage. So hopefully you are all now feeling the love and will share it with someone special on February 14!



Year 4A



Dear Dads, Valentine's Day is next Wednesday... I repeat Valentine's Day is next week on Wednesday. If you are stuck for that perfect present and in need of some inspiration look no further than a member of 4A, for their class assembly focused on how Valentine's Day is celebrated around the world. Had you been present, you would know your 'gaekkebrev' (Norwegian love letter) from your 'giri choco' (Japanese chocolate). 4A delighted in informing the school that some people in Germany, who are looking for an extra special present, gift a pig to their true love (disclaimer: it doesn't have to be a real pig; pictures or drawings will suffice). The final stop on 4As' whirl-wind trip was Chile, land of the poets, with each class member reading out their own poem about love. As a class, 4A concluded that just making the time to tell your loved ones how special they are is the best gift you can give. Congratulations to all the children for projecting their voices. You're all awesome and we love you!

Safer Internet Day 6 Feb! Visit www.saferinternetday.org.uk for free educational resources, campaign materials and more. Together we can make the internet a better place #SID2018 @UK_SIC

Safer Internet Day 2018 has turned into Safer Internet week! We teach children about e-safety constantly, but once a year we have a special focus on it to coincide with Safer Internet Day. This year, we decided that we could cover the subject in more depth through classes rather than an assembly. The theme is 'Create, Connect and Share Respect'. The children have taken the time to think about the impact of the things that they say on social media and other chats, including the use of 'likes' and 'dislikes'. They considered the feelings of harsh or unkind comments on the person that reads them and had some very lively debates on the subject of whether 'likes' are actually important.

Week Commencing 19 February

- Monday**
8.00am Friends Meeting
- Tuesday**
8.30am Pilates
- Wednesday**
9.00am Tiny Toots
2.15pm U10 Netball vs Wellesley House HOME
- Thursday**
9.30am Yr 5 & 6 Girls' Transition Talk
2.00pm Yr 5 & 6 Boys' Transition Talk
2.15pm U9 A & B Netball vs Lorenden AWAY
- Friday**
- Saturday**
10.00am All Years Cross Country at Kent College Junior

READING SHELF

The following children have completed Reading shelves this week:

Harry Evans, Millie Dixon, Max Rooke,
Nila Nagarajan, Zahra Horne, Poppy Andrews,
Rafael Brennan-Ray, Nicholas Fox, Mabel McGuirk,
Freya Ralph, Thomas Solley, Amber Vince, Lily Read,
Freddie Heffer, Anna Woodhead



Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Name four days of the week that start with 'T'



Last week's answer: A Teapot

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Unscramble the letters to make a word

loicsudel

Clue: The cake sale will be this!

Last week's answer: VOLKSWAGEN

Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	19.02.18
Monday	
Art Club Yr 2-6	YES
Gym Upper Nursery upwards	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Newspaper Club Yr 3-6	YES
Tennis Rec, Yr 1, 5 & 6	YES
Tuesday	
Chess Yr 2-6	YES
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet up to Yr 1	YES
Drama Upper School Yr 2-6	YES
French Yr 2,3 & 4	YES
Hockey Yr 4-6 (second half term only)	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Wednesday	
Dance Ballet & Jazz Yr 2 upwards	YES
Fencing Yr 2-6 (8.00am - 8.45am)	YES
LAMDA (During School hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Netball Club Yr 4-6	YES
Thursday	
Computers Yr 4-6	YES
Football Yr 4-6 (second half term only)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis Yrs 2, 3 & 4	YES
Friday	
Music (During School hours)	YES

Kent College Canterbury Cross Country Relays

The following children took part in the Kent College Cross Country Trials

Leo Alexander, Harper Skudder-Acaster,
Julie Oprchal, Freddie Mc Mullan, Beatrix Hatton,
Oliver McMullan, Matyas Oprchal

It is safe to say that it was a very cold and wet Saturday morning at Kent College for their cross country running event. Despite the weather there was good attendance and St Faith's got off to a cracking start with a fantastic win for Matyas who won the Reception race with a run through the mud. Harper then kept up his good performances at the event with a respectable 7th place in the Year 2 event. The older runners all ran well in very tricky conditions and completed the course. Well done to everybody who attended!



These children are Stars of the week for all their effort in class

RB	Cobi Booth	For confidence on stage
RR	Harry Evans	For perseverance and not giving up
1CP	Flynn Marsh	For enthusiasm during our poetry lessons
1R	Jessica Hurst	For her work in English
2E	Oliver Barker	For fabulous Maths work
2L	Madison Harris	For better effort in all things
3B	Helena Overy	For excellent effort and attainment in English and a great attitude
3F	Sienna Hirst	For showing a mature and focused approach to her studies
4A	Rosie Hudsmith	For excellent team work when building a willow igloo
4M	Matilda Ford	For amazing inference and deduction skills
6J	Oliver Jeer	For having a wonderful attitude towards the House Music competition
6W	Luke Giffin	For fantastic story writing at home

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Lilly Toomey for looking after a new girl when she needed a friend

MUSIC STARS OF THE WEEK

Anna Woodhead, Lottie Southorn & Lily Read for their commitment to school Music clubs



Times Tables Challenge

Mars stage 9—Joshua Tucker, Thomas Mills, Chloe Russell
 Earth stage 4—Evelina Salvatori, Oscar Irwin, Sofia Cresswell, Edward Dove, Freya Ralph, Krish Bhide, Jamie Montgomery, Harper Skudder Acaster

**STAR AWARDS
Bronze (100+)**

Max Rooke, Penny Ford, Henry O'Connor, Jessica Hurst, Willa Bradley, Cassius Tucker-Borges, Yasmin Amin, Tom Mills, Maisie-Grace Burrell, Nicholas Fox, Matilda Ford, Michael Coombs, Martha Rang, Sancy-Louvre Carthew, Honor Leberl

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Millie Dixon for fantastic independent writing
 Holly Rooke for her English poem on the 'the sound collector'
 Jessica Hurst, Willa Bradley, Penny Ford & Cassius Tucker-Borges for persuasive writing

LOST & FOUND

Oscar Finlay has lost his beanie hat
 Elliot Finlay has lost his winter coat
 Oliver Barker has lost his school cap

**CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS
OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL**

Lottie Rush danced in the DAPA panto "Over the Rainbow" at the Margate Winter Gardens. She appeared in four dances: Ballet, Tap, Modern and Irish
 Yasmin Amin won the 'One Stop' design a Christmas card competition
 Charley Woodhead achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for level 1
 Anna Woodhead & Freddie Heffer achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for level 5
 Honor Leberl was awarded Badge 6 & 7 in the British Gymnastics proficiency awards and is working towards Badge 5
 Chloe Solley came first in two rounds and had a clear round in the Blue Barn Horse Show Jumping competition
 Lily Read received a Class Award in the RDA Pre-Primary in Dance
 Darcey Powell, Rosie Hudsmith & Zara Coombs were successfully examined in the Level 1 Award in Graded Examination in Dance Grade 1—Tap Dance
 Genevieve Jeer came second in a grade 3 Tennis tournament in Tunbridge Wells

House	House Points	House Champion
Ash	178	Romy Todd
Beech	168	Kuda Van der Stam-Moyo
Oak	172	Ella Dibb-Fuller
Sycamore	163	Florence Clarke

Birthdays

Leo Harrison-Verrion, Martha Rang, Freya Ralph, Charles Farquhar, Noah Lawrence, Gurveena Dhaliwal, Sofia Cresswell



SCIENCE INVESTIGATOR OF THE WEEK

Willa Bradley



GOLDEN BALL

Rosie Hudsmith x2
 George Overy
 Oliver Simms

