St Faithian

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St Faith's PREP SCHOOL

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Twilight Concerts

This week's two Twilight Concerts gave many of our musicians the chance to show off their talents. Whether they were soloists, in the orchestra or part of Singing Club or Recorder Club, all children performed with great confidence and skill.

Many of our youngest soloists played music from Dogs and Birds, ably assisted by Amanda Gregory who gave up her time to help the children. In the second concert, more of the older children had their chance to shine. Alexandra and Isabella sang beautifully and there were some lovely piano, brass and woodwind solos as well. Not many schools can boast three French Horn soloists in the same concert!

The orchestra performed 'Mellow Out', directed by Mr Ainsworth on the piano and ably led by Alexandra. Recorder Clubs and Singing Club also appeared, complete with waves to Mummy and Daddy in the audience for the youngest pupils.

The concerts were also the first 'outing' for our new Kawai keyboard, kindly purchased by the Friends. It is used during violin and piano lessons as well as concerts and examination days. Thank you to everyone who supports the Friends and enables them to help the children.

Also this week, we have had another ABRSM examination day before preparing for Christmas performances after half term.

Friends of St Faith's

It's difficult to believe that we are mid-way through October as the recent weather has been so glorious! On our return from the Half-Term break, the Friends of St Faith's will be hosting our annual Fireworks Spectacular on Sunday 4 November. Tickets can be purchased from the school office in advance (St Faiths pupils gain free entry but need a ticket).

On the evening hot food and drinks, mulled wine, cakes and treats will be on sale as well as a selection of glow toys and accessories. Please do let us know if you are able to help with the set up or running of this event, Emma and I can be contacted via email or phone (shown below).

Have a wonderful Half-Term break and we look forward to seeing you at the Fireworks Spectacular.

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Head's Corner

With ABRSM music exams, Kent CC Bikeability and two days worth of visits from our Wishford advisors, the school, staff and children come under a good deal of scrutiny this week, but have emerged from it all with 'flying colours'.

The children continue to proudly promote our values and virtues, and this is all so clearly evidenced in our Twilight Concerts, Open Day and sporting fixtures. In return I proudly support and mentor our lovely children who make each working day so worthwhile and indulgent.

Lawrence Groves

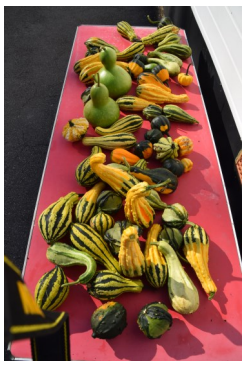
Sport Report

Lots to report on the McCarthy Cup this week for both the boys and the girls, and a fair bit of hockey too. Read our latest full sport report on the homepage of the our school website here. www.stfaithsprep.com

Towards the end of this week the children have been very busy competing in their house football competition. Winner of the Y3/4 event was Ash and I'm afraid you will have to check the Sport Report to find out the results for the older children

Wildlife Whispers—Nature Garden: written by Mr Andrews

"This is gourd fun!" Harleena.



After months of growing it, was finally time to harvest our ornamental gourds from our vegetable patch. The children couldn't believe how much they had grown and all the strange shapes and sizes that the gourds have grown in. At first I commended myself on getting the children to harvest the crop by shouting when they had found a gourd that was ready to harvest (the stalk is key here - a brown stalked gourd is ready for picking). Unfortunately, I soon became overwhelmed with excited shouts of 'Mr Andrews pick this one, pick this one!' Our load was an impressive one and it was lucky that so many children came to help otherwise I'm sure we would have had to enlist Mr Clark's help to get our crop up to the playground. The children were in awe of what they had grown and it was rewarding to see them showing off the goods to their parents at the end of the day. The gourds were arranged by Mrs Rosenz and her team of helpers ahead of our first open morning of the year! Our Nature Garden really is the gift that keeps on giving and one and all are enjoying celebrating the awe and wonder of growing our own crops!

Class Assembly—3B

The first class assembly of the year was brought to us courtesy of 3B, and what a wonderfully positive start to the new term it was.
They reminded us that it doesn't need to cost anything, apart from your time, to make a positive impact on someone's life. With empty buckets to represent their inner happiness the Year 3s took great pleasure in showing us how you could be a '*bucket filler*' and make someone feel great about themselves. If you invite someone to play a game, or share a joke with them you'll be filling their bucket. Perhaps you might tickle your friend or give out hugs and kisses. By telling someone you love them or saying 'please' and 'thank you' you can fill a bucket too. You could simply smile at someone and make their day. An amazing thing happens every time you fill a bucket…your bucket fills up too! After filling each other's buckets by acting out mini scenes 3B then took great delight in relaying surprise bucket-filler messages from the teachers to their colleagues.

Woodland Explorers—Reception

Creative Caterpillar has been very excited to join us in Reception this week; he has enjoyed singing, painting and even helped us to make a tree for our 'Woodland Explorers' display. Wordy Weasel has learnt lots of new sounds during our 'Floppy's Phonics' sessions and he has been busy looking for our focused words in sentences and around the school environment.
Make sure that you look closely for us outside the Reception classrooms.

Nursery

Anyone for Soup?

If a kind Grandad provides a pumpkin to Nursery, well the children simply have a good old investigation and then, isn't it obvious, they set to and make pumpkin soup. They took a look at the inside of a pumpkin and using tweezers they picked out the seeds. They then cooked the pumpkin flesh in order to make it easier to cut and, with a soup maker, they blended lots of vegetables together which was then enjoyed for snack with some freshly baked bread…yummy!

Week commencing 29 October 2018

Monday	**FLU VACCINATIONS Yr R to 5**
Tuesday	
8.30am	Pilates
1.30pm	U9 Mixed Football tournament at Goodwin Academy AWAY
Wednesday	
8.40	Class 4M Assembly
3.30pm	U11 Boys & Girls Football vs Aylesham Primary AWAY
Thursday	
2.00pm	U9 A & B Girls Hockey vs Spring Grove AWAY
Friday	**Class Speech Competition**
10.00am	Tiny Toots
2.15pm	U11 A & B Boys Football vs Dover College HOME
Sunday	
5.00pm	**Friends Fireworks Spectacular (Gates open at 4pm)**

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

GUESS THE LOGO

Last week's answer: **PEPSI**

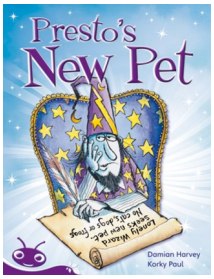
Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What do you call a funny mountain?

Last week's answer: **The Movies**

BOOK REVIEW

Presto's New Pet by Damian Harvey



Presto doesn't want a frog or a cat, so he goes out into the wide world to find a different sort of pet. Will he find one? My favourite part is the end because all of the pets from the wild went to Presto's home and then Presto wasn't lonely any longer! Suitable for everyone!

By **Charlie Farquhar 5M**

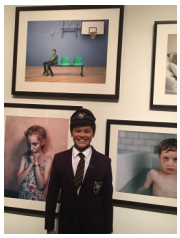
Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	**29.10.18**
Monday	
Art Club Yr 2-6	**YES**
Gym Upper Nursery upwards	**YES**
Music (During School hours)	**YES**
Tuesday	
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet up to Yr 1	**YES**
Drama Upper School Yr 2-6	**YES**
French Yr 3,4 &5	**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**
Musical Theatre Yr 2 - 6	**YES**
Netball Yr 3 - 6	**YES**
Thursday	
Badminton Yr 3 - 6 (second half term only)	**YES**
Computers Yr 4-6	**YES**
Music (During School hours)	**YES**
Friday	
Dodge Ball Yr 2 - 6 (second half term only)	**YES**
Music (During School hours)	**YES**

What's On over Half-Term

A photographic portrait of this boy has been shortlisted and is part of the 50 finalists from a selection of nearly 5,000 photos submitted from over 70 countries. The portraits were entered into the Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize 2018 and the 50 shortlisted finalists are now being exhibited at The National Portrait Gallery in London until 27th January 2019.

We think this is a lovely photo of our Year 6 pupil next to his portrait at the private viewing event for winners and finalists.



It was an amazing opportunity, though I was told he would much rather have performed at the school Twilight Concert than "go all the way up to London to see it!". But, if you are in London over the holidays you may like to take a look at all the exhibits.

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

RB	Remi Page	For learning to write his name
RR	James Payne	For fantastic work with patterns during our Maths this week
1CP	Arnav Siddapa	For responding to his targets
1B	Imogen Norman	For focus on her English writing and reading
2E	Willa Bradley	For fantastic English work
2L	Holly Matravers	For growing in confidence at school
3B	Dhyiana Patel	For her eternal optimism, polite manner and for being a lovely friend
3F	Oscar Irwin	For developing greater resilience
4A	Dylon Patel	For a positive attitude towards school life
4M	Chloe Russell	For a concerted effort in Maths
5A	Jessica Wynn	For showing resilience
5M	Mabel McGuirk	For continued hard work
6G	Esther Wade	For her impressive Maths recall and application
6W	Georgina Davis	For great work with information texts

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Oliver Barker for helping an injured friend to the office during games

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Eva Wyon for using Frida Kahlo as inspiration to adapt her self-portrait

Lucy Harrop for her amazing Science work

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Freddie Heffer competed in the IKK Karate Clicker Tournament 2018 and gained 1st place
Evelina Salvortori also took part in the Karate Clicker tournament and fought hard to get 2nd place in the blue belt category.

Portia Taylor-Wilson completed 70 metres in a jumping race on her horse Coco.

Isla Chambers won 2 rosettes for Gymkhana & Speed Games

Canterbury Area Festival Service

These two left a busy Open Day to take part in the Area Choirs Festival held at Canterbury Cathedral. They were amongst only five children in a choir of adults singing some exceptionally complex pieces but these little troupers rose to the challenge. Well done both of you

GOLDEN BALL

Jude Leberl, Thomas Solley, George Overy, Aryan Bhide, Edward Dove, Honor Urquhart, Oliver Barker, Jasper Rae, Mali Nicholls

MUSIC STARS OF THE WEEK

Meena Hay & Bertie Taylor for being excellent Music Prefects

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Krish Bhide

PLAYERS OF THE MATCH

Julie Oprchal, Genevieve Jeer, Poppy Batchelor

House	House Points	House Champion
Ash	190	Macey Jenkins
Beech	190	Abigail Heading
Oak	170	Safiya Van-Ritbergen
Sycamore	140	Honor Urquhart

Birthdays

Roy Benayahu, Toby Strickland, Finley McGuirk, Charlie Broun, George Overy Evan Urquhart, Mabel McGuirk, Beatrix Hatton, Teddy Law, Kitty McCullin, Sophia Baker, Daniel Mathew, Kuda & Noah Van der Stam-Moyo

READING SHELF

The following children completed reading shelves this week:

Oliver McMullan, Harleena Dhaliwal, Jasmine McGuirk, Oscar Farquhar, Imogen Norman, Lottie Rush, Kishore Chandrasegaran, Roy Benayahu Eva Wyon, Chloe Russell