

St Faithian

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Animal Adaptations and Anglo-Saxon Artefacts Intrigue Year 3 Pupils

Year 3 pupils developed their scientific and historical enquiry skills in Canterbury when we went on a most enjoyable and very educational visit to the Beane Museum.

In the morning, we focused on learning about animal adaptations as part of our Science studies. There was an interesting presentation on a number of the animal exhibits in the museum and the children were particularly excited to see a narwhal tusk and a two-headed baby shark. Luckily, the latter being pointed out didn't cause the Year 3s to burst into song, which I'm sure would have happened if we'd been to the museum last term.

The children were able to get up close to a number of specimens in order to complete an observational study and they learnt about the importance of animal adaptations such as camouflage, poisonous spines and flippers. The children's creativity was unleashed when they took part in a crafting activity during which they created a collage of a habitat for one of the animals discussed in the presentation.

In the afternoon, our amateur archaeologists carefully investigated Anglo-Saxon artefacts. They measured and sketched them and wrote down their observations whilst trying to figure out how old they were and what they were used for. After being lucky enough to see locally-excavated Roman artefacts last term, the children were excited to be able to see artefacts discovered here in Kent from the time period we are currently studying in History lessons.



We all thoroughly enjoyed our day out at the museum and, as ever, the journey there and back by public bus and the visit to the museum shop proved to be very popular too!

Miss Franklin
Head of
Humanities



Friends of St Faith's

A big thank you to everyone that has supported the Wine and Wisdom Evening this Friday. We are looking forward to a fun-filled night hosted by our fabulous Quiz mistresses Mrs Gibbs and Mrs Latham.

Your support over the past months has allowed us to purchase some exciting new equipment for the nature garden. Gardening tools, poly tunnels and a bird box complete with web cam, have been delivered. We have also been able to provide the sports department with new equipment including new netball posts, a tactics board and rugby balls to name but a few.

On Friday 22 March we will be holding a treat night after school from 3pm in the Upper Nursery. If you are able to contribute with baked delights, please bring any donations to Mrs Crocker in 6G on the day.

Finally, the Easter Disco will be held on Friday 29 March. Please look out for the letter with full details, as sent earlier this week.



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Head's Corner

I'm always proud of our children and none more so than yesterday, on walking the Year 6s through Canterbury High Street and being stopped by two members of the public praising us on how well behaved and smart the children looked. The Year 6s (who were visiting the Marlowe to see War Horse) were also praised by members of the audience for their excellent behaviour and for sharing their tissues!

Thank you to all who are supporting the Wine and Wisdom Evening and for your continued backing of our Open Day.



Sport Report

Last Friday children from Year 5 and 6 travelled to the brand new Dover Leisure Centre to compete in the Dover School Games Swimming Gala. As so many of our children were unable to attend due to other school trips, the overall trophy was never in our grasp, but we did have some individual successes to celebrate. Read about them and our other Netball and Hockey games in our weekly Sport Report in the 'latest news' section of our webpage www.stfaithsprep.com



A little taster being a third place for our U11 Netball team at the Wellesley House tournament last Wednesday—a fantastic achievement. Well done all St Faith's team.



Hobbies—Chess



Last Tuesday 12th March, Lottie R, Austin, and Cassius T-B each sat their English Chess Federation Certificate of Excellence. It is a written multiple-choice test where they had to show their knowledge mainly concerning the rules of chess, including their ability to recognise checkmate and stalemate, find checkmate in one move, calculate which side is winning in a given position and all the rules of castling.

Toby and Martin tried an advanced form of chess training called blindfold chess. They sat as normal with the chess board between them but with no chess pieces. They had to indicate their move to the other 3 who had a hidden chess board with pieces. This is very good training for when they have to calculate many moves ahead. Any illegal or impossible move would lose the game. They both managed 6 moves each before a mistake occurred, which is very good for their first attempt.

The test papers will be sent to an English chess federation Grand Master who is the organiser for junior chess in England.

Assembly—Year 5



Laughter, camaraderie and Pringles. Three words that sum up not only the Year 5 Carrotty Wood assembly but also their week's residential earlier in the term. The assembly started with an excellent video made by the amazing Miss 'Spielberg' Arman, which showed off the highlights of what truly was an adrenaline filled week away.

The children then took to the stage to share their highlights of their friends' accomplishments. The idea for this came from our final group meeting of the week, where the children loved sharing their standout moment, most of which had been achieved by their friends. We had stories of bravery, perseverance and friendship, and it was so lovely to hear just how much every single child had accomplished. The assembly finished with the 'willing' support of Mrs Gibbs, Mr Andrews, Mrs Everton, Miss Franklin, Mrs Mellin and Mrs Rosenz, who completed the infamous Pringle challenge. Whilst trying to keep their Pringles intact, they were challenged to complete a Mexican wave, floss (which was taken very literally by Mrs Gibbs) and perform 'Head, shoulder, knees and toes'. Congratulations to Mrs Everton, Mrs Rosenz and Miss Franklin on their victory!

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of Year 5 for their excellent assembly (especially Aryan who stepped in at the last minute to cover extra lines) and for making it such an enjoyable residential!

Nursery this week!



If you checked the board outside lower nursery this week you will have seen that Dinosaurs ruled in the Turtle room while in the Dolphin Room it was jungle animals.

The Nursery children have been learning about different animals that live in the zoo! We danced to Animal Boogie and played an animal memory game where we had to guess what animal went missing! They were very good at remembering all of the animals!



Week commencing 18 March

Monday	Year 6 Enterprise Sales day Year 6 Music performance (children only)
Tuesday 8.30am 8.30am	Year 6 Enterprise Sales day Pilates Second hand uniform shop open
Wednesday 8.40am 9.00am 2.15pm 3.00pm 3.30pm	Year 4 Assembly Explore Learning Workshops for Yr 2 & 3 U11ABC Netball vs Spring Grove HOME Second hand uniform shop open U11 Boys Football v Northbourne Primary Home
7.00pm	Safer Internet and social media use for Parents
Thursday 2.15pm 4.15pm	U9AB Netball vs Spring Grove HOME Transition talks with Year 6 parents in 6W
Friday 8.30am 2.00pm	Yr 1 & 3 Music performance (children only) Rock School examinations Able Maths Day U11 House Netball

Drive with care and attention

Please could we ask to check your speed when driving into and out of school. It has been noted by a grandparent who was concerned about safety and the speed with which some cars enter our children's school. He also spotted one parent texting whilst driving into school

Let's stay Safe!

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!
Which country has this flag?



Last week's answer: Belgium

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

How many colours are there in a rainbow?



Last week's answer: HOGWARTS

Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	18.03.19
Monday	
Art Club Yr 2 - 6	YES
Gym Upper Nursery upwards	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis Rec, Yr 1-4	YES
Tuesday	
Chess	YES
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet up to Yr 1	YES
Drama Upper School Yr 2 - 6	YES
Football Yr 1 - 3	YES
French Yr 3,4 &5	YES
Golf Yr 2 - 6	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Wednesday	
Ballet (Prep & Primary) Yr 2 upwards	YES
Ballet (Junior Jazz) Yr 2 upwards	YES
Fencing Yr 2 - 6 (8.00am - 8.45am)	NO
Music (During School hours)	YES
Musical Theatre Yr 2 - 6	YES
Netball Yr 3 - 6	YES
Thursday	
Football Yr 4 - 6	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Friday	
Netball Yr 3 - 6	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES

READING SHELF

The following children completed reading shelves this week:

Amelia Coles, Henry Maclachlan, Oliver Walker, Joshua Tucker, Yasmin Amin, Kitty McCullin, Evie Crocker, Aryan Bhide, Oliver Simms, Jude Leberl

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

RB	Remi Page	For super singing and always trying his best
RR	Sophia Gudge	For a fantastic Easter card
1CP	Ashmitha Palanisamy	For improved reading and reading comprehension
1B	Imogen Norman	For excellent effort across all of her learning this week
2E	Max Rooke	For fantastic independent writing in English
2L	Anna Woodhead	For being reflective towards her work
3B	Daniel Mathew	For excellent questions and showing an interest on the school trip
3F	Honor Urquhart	For being a fabulous form captain
4A	Poppy Andrews	For outstanding effort with her mathematical calculations
4M	Poppy Ward	For an amazing attitude at Carrot Wood
5A	Zara Head	For her work ethic and empathy towards others
5M	Lily Edwards	For excellent reflective work
6G	Alexandra Rooke	For working hard, playing hard, practising hard and generally being wonderful.
6W	Esther Kuruville	For taking positive action and making things better

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Nate Page-Phillips for being very accommodating to his room mates at Carrot Wood

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Skye McGarry for her efforts in Music lessons recently



Times Tables Challenge

Earth

Cleo Parkinson, Sami Ur-Rehman, Henry Bowyer, Freddie Heffer, Teddy Law, Henry O'Connor, Martha Bartlett, Penny Ford, Gurveena Dhaliwal, Alex Wynn, Anna Woodhead, Lily Read

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Abigail Heading

PLAYERS OF THE MATCH

Zara C, Jessica W, Joshua T, Jamie M

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Cobi Booth for excellent use of texture in a collage

Anna Mills, Isla Urquhart, Noah Van der Stam-Moyo for their war poetry

Esther Kuruville, Sylvie Brown, Bertie Taylor, Kavy Chandrasagaran & Thomas Dowle for their war poet biographies



BRONZE 100 STARS +

Zara Van Ritbergen, Sonny Smith, Roy Benayahu, Austin Smith, Lottie Rush, Flynn Marsh

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Emilio Lockhart won 'Man of the Match' for his Canterbury Rugby team on Sunday

Poppy Batchelor & Georgina Davis played in the Canterbury Girls Hockey team at Polo Farm in the Regional Development Tournament

Safiya & Zara Van Ritbergen received their Skiing ability badges from premiere Etoile

Harriet Bolton received a highly commended certificate for the excellent standard of performance achieved as a member of the choir for Bill Kenwright's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

House	House Points
Ash	165
Beech	127
Oak	111
Sycamore	142

GOLDEN BALL

Julie Oprchal x2, Caspian Finlay, Skye McGarry, Alexander Fox, Sam Matravars x2, Kitty McCullin, Oscar Finlay, Joshua Tucker



Birthdays

Holly Matravars, Genevieve Jeer, Mali Nicholls, Anna Mills, Dylon Patel, Nylah Kennedy, Jamie Montgomery, Noah McCann

