

St Faithian

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Wildlife Whispers

'A garden requires patient labour and attention. Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfil good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them.' Liberty Hyde Bailey.

Below is an excerpt from Mr Andrews' blog, which can be found on our website, together with more photographs.

Wow! This powerful quote struck a chord with me whilst I sat down to write the latest instalment of our 'Wildlife Whispers' blog. The 'expended effort' was particularly poignant as last Saturday a team of students, parents and teachers ably led by our 'hands-on' Headmaster, Mr Groves, took to the Nature Garden for a 3-hour session of clearing and planting to get the area up and running for the Summer term. The atmosphere was amazing as 70 bodies worked together to create a raised beds section around our Wendy house and a stepping stone trail. The working party also prepared the vegetable patch for the season's planting and cleared the final weeds from our concrete plinth. Whilst the parents worked like Trojans, their children were treated to an array of planting activities courtesy of Mrs Smith. In all, your seedlings managed to plant the following: sweet peas, strawberries, herb planters, runner beans, butternut-squash, pumpkins, sweetcorn, peas and tomatoes! Thank you to Mr Ward for nurturing these in his greenhouse until they are ready for planting. They also made milk carton watering cans and plant labels from old wooden spoons - excellent re-using!



Finally, thank you to all the parents who are volunteering seeds and spare equipment. We welcome any contributions you would like to make and we are particularly on the lookout for the following:

Hanging baskets, watering cans, old cds, shed, Log store or wood to make log store, sleepers, poly-tunnels, plants for garden, plants for a plant sale, large tractor tyre to make planters, compost and old terracotta pots

The Nature Garden is going from strength to strength and your support is fully appreciated.



Friends of St Faith's

With our Summer events approaching rapidly, the Friends are busy preparing. Thank you to all that attended the meeting on Monday. Minutes are available on the PTA section of the school website.

Thanks to your support we have been able to purchase four wooden tables to put in the Nature Garden so that children can enjoy the space as well as complete classwork comfortably when being taught in this special and diverse part of our school. Plans for the Summer Fair on Sunday June 9 are coming together. Thank you to those who have already donated raffle prizes. If you can help with the planning or running of this event or would like a stall we would love to hear from you (contact details below).

If you have not yet joined our 100 club, please visit the PTA section of the school website and join up. This scheme is instrumental in allowing us to provide treats and all those little extras throughout the year.

The big summer draw is coming up - you have to be in it to win it!

Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend.



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Head's Corner

Last weekend, we had a committed team of parents, children and staff toiling away in the Nature Garden and we achieved so much.

Thank you to all those who gave their time and energy for this work, which will hugely benefit the children. We are now well underway to having a wonderful facility where we can be at one with nature and all aspects surrounding the sustainability of our eco system.

This weekend an indomitable team of staff will brave the elements of, as forecasted, a wet and windy weekend to update our lifeguarding skills so that the children can safely use the swimming pool.

I am indebted to the staff who are giving up their Sunday to do this.



Sport Report



Tuesday 30 April

U11 Quicksticks Tournament at Goodwin Academy

The U11 Quicksticks team travelled to Goodwin Academy to compete in the Dover District competition. 13 schools were in attendance but the children were feeling confident after excellent Hockey performances from both the boys and the girls so far this year. In the first game they were up against St Margaret's Primary and whilst they took a little while to adjust to the small pitch and oversize ball they were still on top and won 3-0. They then played against Whitfield Primary, Hornbeam Primary and Lydden Primary winning 1-0, 3-1 and 4-0. This set up a semi-final clash against local rivals Cartwright and Kelsey Primary. Freddie B had a particularly good match scoring a couple of excellent goals to

win 3-0. In the final they were up against Sibertswold Primary who were also unbeaten in the whole competition. However, led superbly by sports captains Jonny I and Olivia B, the team saved their best for the final. They scored 3-0 to win the event and qualify for the County Final in June.



Wednesday 1 May

U11ABC Girls Kwik Cricket v St Lawrence College

Today the U11 girls hosted St Lawrence College on a lovely sunny afternoon at St Faith's. The 1st team batted first and scored 240 runs. They then bowled extremely well to restrict St Lawrence to 217 runs to win their first game of the season. The Development team managed to score 232 runs whilst they were batting but St Lawrence scored 250 runs in reply. The 3rd team batted very well to score 253 runs. They then restricted St Lawrence to 220 runs with some excellent bowling and fielding. Players of the match went to Mali N, Georgina D, and Isla C. Well played, girls a great start to the cricket season!

It's all about growing plants in Nursery



Lower Nursery are also enjoying the theme 'growing'. They have been developing their understanding of the world by discussing how and what makes plants grow, planting their very own sunflower seeds and taking part in a lovely spring walk around the school field to observe the seasonal changes and see what different sounds they could hear. We have also played 'Garden Centre Bingo' and talked about what different tools we would find in a garden centre to plant flowers.

PS: If anybody has got any spare pots or plants we would be very grateful.



RESPONSIBILITY BADGE HOLDERS—SUMMER TERM 2019

Class	Form Captain	Friendship Counsellor	School Council	Eco Warrior
2E	Penny Ford		Jessica Hurst	Guveena Dhaliwal
2L	Lily Read		Anna Woodhead	Timothy Lewis
3B	Harper Skudder-Acaster	Evelina Salvatori	Daniel Mathew	Krish Bhide
3F	Edward Dove	Austin Smith	Freya Ralph	Arabella Porter
4A	Yasmin Amin	Oliver Walker	Isabella Du Toit	Tom Mills
4M	Yuthushya Niroshan	Madeleine Ward	Alexander Fox	Nathaniel Page-Phillips
5A	Jessica Wynn	Aryan Bhide	Mali Nicholls	Abigail Heading
5M	Rafi Brennan-Ray	Zara Coombs	Jack Manser	Evie Parkinson
6G	Isla Urquhart	Beatrix Hatton	Martin Long Castro	Esther Wade
6W	Molly Allen	Toby Strickland	Harriet Bolton	Rose Carruthers

WEEK COMMENCING 6 MAY

Monday **BANK HOLIDAY**

Tuesday
 8.30am Pilates
 8.30am Second hand uniform shop open

Wednesday
 8.40am Class 1B Assembly
 2.15pm U11 Boys Kwik Cricket vs Spring Grove AWAY
 3.30pm ABRSM Event

Thursday
 2.15pm U9 Boys Kwik Cricket vs Spring Grove HOME

Friday
 10.00am Flower Festival
 2.00pm Grandparents afternoon
 3.30pm Cake sale in aid of Macmillan

Saturday
 10am OPEN MORNING

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What is the name of the bear in Jungle book?



Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Where do cows go to watch the movies?



READING SHELF

The following children completed reading shelves this week:

Ethan Smith, Freddie Heffer, Anna Woodhead, Henry Bowyer, Flynn Marsh, Michael Coombes, Martha Bartlett, Penny Ford



PLEASE REMEMBER TO APPLY SUNCREAM TO YOUR CHILDREN BEFORE THEY COME INTO SCHOOL

Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	06.05.19
Monday	
Art Club Yr 2 - 6	
Girls Cricket Yr 3 - 6	
Gym Upper Nursery upwards	
Hardball Cricket Yr 4 - 6	
Multi Sports Rec - Yr 1	
Music (During School hours)	
Swimming Yr 1 & 2	
Tennis Rec - Yr 1	
Tennis Yr 2 - 6	
Tuesday	
Chess Yr 2 - 6	YES
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet up to Yr 1	YES
Drama Upper School Yr 2 - 6	YES
French Yr 3,4 &5	YES
Golf Yr 2 - 6	YES
Kwik Cricket Yr 1 - 3	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Swimming Yr 3 - 6	YES
Wednesday	
Ballet (Prep & Primary) Yr 2 upwards	NO
Ballet (Junior Jazz) Yr 2 upwards	NO
Fencing Yr 2 - 6 (8.00am - 8.45am)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Musical Theatre Yr 2 - 6	YES
Netball Yr 3 - 6	YES
Swimming Yr 3 - 6	YES
Thursday	
Computers Yr 4 - 6	NO
Outdoor adventure club Yr R -1	YES
Kwik Cricket Yr 4 - 6	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Friday	
Music (During School hours)	YES
Radio Controlled Models Yr 4 - 6	YES

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

RB	Flynn Leberl	For careful counting and leadership skills
RR	Amilie Coles	For sharing her adventures with the year group
1CP	Daisy Robinson	For an enthusiastic start to the term
1B	Eva Wyon	For starting back to the Summer term with excellent focus and effort
2E	Martha Bartlett	For her super problem solving during our STEAM day
2L	Timothy Lewis	For bouncing into school
3B	Dhiyana Patel	For being ready to learn and for being thoughtful and helpful
3F	Safiya Van Ritbergen	For being independent and organised
4A	Dylon Patel	For an engaging talk on blood
4M	Gideon Wade	A mature attitude to STEAM
5A	Louis Hunt	For an amazing start to the Summer term
5M	Rafi Brennan-Ray	For a great team effort during STEAM day
6G	Meena Hay	For her fabulous Maths
6W	Kuda Van der Stam-Moyo	For his highly original homework

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Evie Parkinson, Oscar Rae, Rosie Hudsmith, Jamie Coombes for their excellent effort with their story writing



MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Judy Elanwar for the progress she has made on the trumpet



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Kuda van der Stam Moyo

PLAYERS OF THE MATCH

Mali Nicholls Georgina Davis Isla Chambers

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Henry Bowyer achieved level 1 in the Swim England awards

Eshan Pal achieved Duckling award in Swim England

Honor Urquhart attended Wellesley House cricket camp for two days over the Easter holidays and was awarded a medal

Rosie Hudsmith captained the Kent hockey team representing the county at the Regional finals in Norfolk

Genevieve Jeer won the Easter Bromley Tennis Tournament in Tennis

Evelina Salvatori received her badge for achieving her half-way mark to two stars at the French ski school at Easter, she also achieved the level of 7th Kyu advanced in her Karate grading and received her 200m swimming certificate from the Swim England awards.

Sami Ur-Rehman was awarded an 'Orange Belt' in Karate by the International Karate Kyokushinkaikan.



BRONZE 100 + STARS

Macey-Jaye Jenkins, Martin Long-Castro, Jasmine Marsh, Poppy Batchelor

SILVER 200 + STARS

Honor Urquhart, Danielle Aron, Ayshia Amin

House	House Points
Ash	142
Beech	140
Oak	136
Sycamore	167

Birthdays

Om Patel, Georgina Davis, Sienna Drury, Flynn Leberl



GOLDEN BALL

Freya Ralph, Arabella Porter, Edward Dove, Dylon Patel, Elliot Tucker, Aryan Bhide, Michael Coombes, Mali Nicholls, Charlie Broun, Jamie Coombes



These children have all taken ABRSM examinations in Music Theory, flute and piano in the last few weeks. There was a mixture of passes, merits and a couple of distinctions and all children worked extremely hard to prepare for their exam. Congratulations to all of them