

St Faithian

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Pfizer Science Jamboree encouraging our young scientists of the future!

"Look! I've got layers!" No, he hasn't contracted an unusual disease, Kuda was floating different coloured liquids on top of each other at this year's Science Jamboree, held at Pfizer on Thursday. The challenge was to identify the relative densities of up to 6 coloured liquids and add them slowly to a test tube so that they would float on top of each other. Our patient, talented scientists were delighted to be told that they were the first group in two days of the jamboree to have progressed as far as making 6 layers of liquid.

The day was a hair-raising experience for Mrs Gibbs as her class used her to experiment with static electricity. She wasn't the only one to feel the force as several children had the chance to be charged by the van der graaf generator. Om looked very surprised as foil trays started floating off his head and Ayshia developed quite a Mohican as her hair stood to attention as well.

In other workshops, the children were given a very candid description of the dangers of wandering on to a railway line and the chance to use both analogue and digital equipment to test resistance. The main Science show brought plenty of surprises too. There were 'ooohs' and 'aahs' as we saw the coloured flames caused by burning different chemicals, and gasps of amazement as we were shown how water will stay in an inverted glass, supported only by its surface tension. Martin rather let the side down by failing to pull apart two hemispheres held together by literally nothing (it was a vacuum!) but the greatest shock was the deafening bang made by a makeshift gun powered only by secret rocket fuel (hairspray - ssh).

Overall, it was a fascinating morning and the children were all encouraged not only to visit Pfizer for the Festival of Science being held in the Autumn, but also to consider Science as a career. With many scientists as parents and plenty of talent on show today, maybe our Year 6 pupils will one day be presenting workshops to school children themselves?



Friends of St Faith's

This is possibly my biggest 'Thank You' ever!! We are so lucky to have some extremely kind and helpful people in our community. The Summer Fair was a huge hit and next year it will be even bigger and better.

We were super lucky with the weather, which really helped. So many people helped set up and run stalls, we had our own little army going on! We had some wonderful singing from the choir and some very competitive people in the tug of war and egg throwing!! Because of all of you that came to support our event we raised an amazing £973, which will be used next year to fund lots of initiatives voted for by the children via the school council.

If you have any feedback we are happy to hear some. So far we've heard how yummy the burgers were and how the strawberries from Mansfield actually tasted of strawberries!! Special thanks to the parents who donated raffle prizes, your generosity was much appreciated.



Vicky, Alison & Zoe
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Head's Corner

Sadly, a very wet week has disrupted play time a little and we had to cancel our fixtures. However there is always a silver lining to everything and, being 'a glass half-full' man, I am pleased we were able to get the bog pond filled and the water butts topped up in preparation for the sunny weather to come. The class trips all went ahead and were not disrupted; we are hoping for a sunny window of opportunity for Early Years Sports Day on Saturday morning.

Many thanks to Friends for an amazing Summer fair...you are a fantastic team!



Sport Report

This week children from both the boys and girls Cricket teams hopped onto the local bus to travel to Kent Cricket Ground for their annual Schools Day Out event. The morning started with a bowling Contest; the speed guns were in operation and the competition was tough, even the staff got involved. These lucky children had the opportunity to soak up the atmosphere at Kent Cricket and watch the game in progress between Kent and Somerset. Later they moved on to a game of Rapid Fire Cricket, Boys v Girls! Their highlight of the day was the opportunity to meet England cricketer, Sam Billings, and Kent coach, Aland Donald. All the children really enjoyed the afternoon and represented the school really well.



Scheduled U9 girls Kwik Cricket fixtures were unfortunately cancelled due to inclement weather. All have been dodging the showers and trying to practise for Sports Day next week. Fingers crossed for a sunny day.

Dover School Games Update

Today, the U11 Mixed Kwik Cricket team are competing in the Dover School Games tournament at Betteshanger Cricket Club with the winners going through to the County finals in July.

Next week children from Year 3 and 4 will take part in the House Rapid Fire Cricket competition on Tuesday. Sports Day is on Thursday and then the U11 Kwik Cricket team play a match against Cartwright and Kelsey on Friday. We all hope for better weather!

A Walk on the Wild Side—the best day out!

Accompanied by the sounds of the African savannah, we entered the wonderful world created by Percy Powell-Cotton. The children were amazed by the sight that met them; an incredible collection of natural history specimens, prompting so many questions. Why are they all here? Are they really real? Can we touch them? The children were enthralled by the stories about the animals and how they are now helping to save future species. The opportunity to see these beautiful animals at such close range inspired the children to sketch their own African landscapes. "Wow! I didn't know giraffes were that tall! How am I going to fit it in my picture?" one child quizzically remarked. A hands-on encounter offered the chance to touch and smell some interesting objects; look out for Steven Seagull and the elephant tooth if you visit. The children also found out how pots are made out of clay in the villages of Africa before creating their own impressive versions. We had such an incredible day, despite the awful



weather, and found out some great facts, like an ant-eater's tongue measures 30cm long, the same as our school rulers! If you want a super day out, follow in our footsteps (or maybe an elephant's) and visit this world-renowned museum.

Ramadan is over and it is time to celebrate Eid.



Eid al-Fitr also called the "Festival of Breaking the Fast", is a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide that marks the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting. To celebrate the day it is common practice to have a party and give gifts to family members. As we have Sami in Year 2 who is a Muslim, Year 2 decided to celebrate with Sami and enjoy a short party at school in the beautiful sunshine. Mrs Sheikh generously supplied traditional party food which Year 2 gobbled up enthusiastically and they also played some party games. Celebrating Eid is very special to Sami and all of his friends were very happy to share this special festival with him.

In the Nursery—Caterpillars to Butterflies



As part of our Insect and Growing topic, we purchased some caterpillars from a company - 'Insect Lore'. The caterpillars arrived with all of the nutritious food and moisture needed to enable them to develop into 'Painted Lady Butterflies'. The children observed the process from caterpillar to chrysalides and then the magical moment of emergence.

We fed the butterflies with fruit, sugar water and nectar-bearing flowers.

The butterflies were released four days after they emerged from chrysalides, our little friends will be free to continue the amazing life cycle all over again.



Class Gardening competition



The winner of the class plant pots this year is 1B. The sensory idea was quite unique as was the arrangement. Well done one and all!

Bean Bags arrive in school!



Nursery enjoyed using the new beanbags kindly donated by Mrs Plummer...thank you, all the school love them.

WEEK COMMENCING 17 JUNE

Monday 9.00am	Rock School Music Exams Nursery Nature Garden Adventure day 1
Tuesday 8.30am 8.30am 9.00am 10.00am 2.00pm	LAMDA Exams Pilates Second hand uniform shop open Nursery Nature Garden Adventure day 2 U11 Quickstick County Finals at Holcombe Hockey Club Year 6 Reflection afternoon at St Nicholas Church, Ash
Wednesday 4.15pm	Year 5 Chateau de Warsy meeting
Thursday AM PM 3.30pm	Sports Day Years R, 1, & 2 Years 3,4,5 & 6 Middle to upper Nursery transition
Friday 9.30am 3.30pm	Year 6 leave for Wishford Weekend U11 mixed kwik cricket v Cartwright & Kelsey HOME
Sunday 1.00pm (approx.)	Year 6 return from Wishford weekend

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!
Guess the logo



Last week's answer: **BMW**

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Which English King had 6 wives?



Last week's answer: **Hedwig**

Farewell to Jan Smith

Sadly we heard the news that Janet Adela Smith passed away recently. A team of staff and ex-parents attended Jan's funeral at Barham Crematorium and said their farewells for St Faith's. Jan was the very first member of staff to be employed by the Wrathalls and Jacqui Dredge, and was head of the lower school for over twenty years. She was renowned for her artistic and creative talent, and loved the outdoors. Jan would very much approve of the new nature garden and all the successes that continue at her old school.



Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	17.06.19
Monday	
Art Club Yr 2 - 6	YES
Girls Cricket Yr 3 - 6	YES
Gym Upper Nursery upwards	YES
Hardball Cricket Yr 4 - 6	YES
Multi Sports Rec - Yr 1	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Swimming Yr 1 & 2	YES
Tennis Rec - Yr 1	YES
Tennis Yr 2 - 6	YES
Tuesday	
Chess Yr 2 - 6	YES
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet up to Yr 1	YES
Jazz Age 4 - Yr 1 (2nd half of term only)	YES
Drama Upper School Yr 2 - 6	NO
French Yr 3,4 &5	YES
Golf Yr 2 - 6	YES
Kwik Cricket Yr 1 - 3	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	EXAMS
Music (During School hours)	YES
Swimming Yr 3 - 6	YES
Wednesday	
Ballet (Prep & Primary) Yr 2 upwards	YES
Ballet (Junior Jazz) Yr 2 upwards	YES
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	YES
Outdoor adventure club Yr R -1	YES
Kwik Cricket Yr 4 - 6	NO
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	Eshan Pal	For progress with his writing and letter formation
RR	Henry Maclachlan	For fantastic Maths work this week
1CP	Flora Bunyan	For embracing all that St Faith's offers and becoming part of our family so quickly
1B	Roxi Booth	For excellent sentences in English
2E	Nila Nagaragan	For super effort in English
2L	Holly Matravers	For RE writing about being thankful
3B	Fraser Bunyan	For settling so well into Year 3 and the new routines
3F	Jaspar Rae	For being kind and considerate
4A	Harleena Dhaliwal	For an outstanding clear voice in our play
4A	Julie Oprchal	For super team work and positive attitude
4M	Yuthushya Niroshan	For her organisational skills
4M	Harpriya Dhaliwal	For great attitude towards her work
5A	Aryan Bhide	For his maturity and kindness to those around him
5M	Daniel Klosek	For an act of compassion in the face of injustice
6G	Thomas Dowle	For continued effort in Maths
6W	Molly Allen	For great problem solving despite having a dodgy toe

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Sancy Carthew for being kind and caring as well as helping to support new girls younger than herself

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Cassius Tucker-Borges for working really hard on his piano playing



Times Tables Challenge

Earth

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

READING SHELF

The following children completed reading shelves this week:

Eshan Pal, Fred Giles, Sophia Gudge, Sonny Smith, Daisy Robinson, Arnav Siddappa, Angus Solley

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Fraser Bunyan

PLAYERS OF THE MATCH

CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Sophia Gudge was awarded Aire Trampoline Club Star of the Month

Genevieve Jeer played tennis for the Kent girls team at the LTA County Cup Qualifiers who won the qualifying round in Brighton. They came 3rd in the National finals in Sunderland out of 44 counties

Eshan Pal was awarded Stage Coach Student of the Week for reciting his lines for his production and listening to and following instructions

Amaari Patel has been awarded 2 silver medals in Kumon Maths and Reading.



SILVER (200+)

Clara Montgomery, Leo Alexander, Sonny Smith, Roxi Booth, Gurveena Dhaliwal, Daisy Robinson, Harry Evans, Matyas Oprchal, Ashmitha Palanisamy, Safiya Dubignon, Arnav Siddappa, Caspian Finlay, Alex Fox, Nathaniel Page-Philips, Gideon Wade, Aryan Bhide, Jamie Coombes, Mason McCann, Thomas Solley, Abigail Heading, Charlie Broun, Nicholas Fox, Matilda Ford, Jeea Hothi, Eliot Tucker, Mabel McGuirk, Michael Coombes, Jack Manser, Rafi Brennan-Ray, Filipe Papadopoulos, Meena Hay, Olivia Bywater, Alexandra Rooke, Dhiyana Patel, Isla Chambers, Oscar Finlay, Julie Oprchal, Sam Matravers

GOLD (300+)

Yasmin Amin, Poppy Andrews, Kitty McCullin

House	House Points
Ash	102
Beech	128
Oak	100
Sycamore	127

GOLDEN BALL

Om Patel, Oscar Rae, Mason McCann, Daniel Klosek



Birthdays

Isla Urquhart, Harrison Tomkies, Ava Riley, Esther Wade

