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THE BIG STEAM DAY



“What have you done to my lovely STEAM room?” asked Mr Groves as he walked into a myriad of activity as children from all year groups haggled over the different materials on offer to them. “STEAM doesn’t have to be clean, Mr Groves!” replied Rosie and ,just like that a new catch phrase is born!

There was much anticipation and excitement ahead of our first whole school STEAM day of the academic year, and, as ever, the day did not disappoint! The children were transported to Bangladesh and the fictitious ‘Watu Island’. Here the children were given the challenge of creating a flood-proof home for local farmers. The morning consisted of three workshops incorporating all of the STEAM elements. Children were taught area and volume (depending on their year group) and had to apply this knowledge practically to create a flood-proof model of the required dimensions. They learnt about ways houses had been ‘flood proofed’ around the world and about the properties of the materials they were going to be working with in the afternoon.

The pièce de résistance of the morning activities was the opportunity for each child to colour in a recycled plastic bottle using a Sharpie pen. Each child’s work has been used in a collaborative art project to turn recycled plastic bottles into a contemporary chandelier for the STEAM room. The children have full ownership of the room as their work is literally hanging from the ceiling!



After lunch the children were given the chance to put their new knowledge to use and in their respective houses they began to construct their flood-proof homes. Once a design was in place the children could come to the STEAM room and collect the resources they required. The children did not stop smiling and showed impressive resilience as they encountered problems with their designs. At the end of the day each group brought their model for ‘testing’ which involved Mr. Groves being ‘The Flood’ (with the help of a hose pipe). The enjoyment on the children’s and Headteacher’s face was clear for all to see and it brought a fitting end to another great activity, improving our children’s ability to collaborate, engineer and apply their Maths skills.



‘I just loved STEAM days so much,’ chirped Krish ‘I learn so much without even realising it’s just so much fun!’

Friends of St Faith’s

As we get into the swing of the Autumn Term, the Friends are busy planning our next community event. Our Fireworks Spectacular on Sunday 3 November promises to be a fun -filled evening. Please do let us know if you can help at the event. We would especially welcome those alfresco chefs amongst you to help with the BBQ!

In the next couple of weeks your child will bring home their personally-designed Christmas card, information leaflet and order form. These masterpieces can be made into cards, wrapping paper, labels and thank you cards. This scheme is always popular and this year we will be using any funds raised to provide a Christmas Disco for the children in the last week of term.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Vicky, Alison & Zoe
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Head’s Corner

Having been away for two days inspecting another school, I return to our school with a sigh of relief coming back to our close knit family community and full of confidence in what we are doing as a school to provide the best possible educational experience for our children.

It is a great joy for me to return to so many happy faces, supportive parents and our excellent team of staff.



SPORTS REPORT

Friday 20 September

U11 Girls Hockey v Dover College



On Friday the U11 girls travelled to Dover College for their first match of the season. They have been unbeaten against this opposition for a few years in this sport and were looking to keep that run going. Rosie H scored an early goal to settle any nerves and then the girls were on top throughout the match. Zara and Rosie were controlling the middle of the pitch and Genevieve and Skye were secure in defence. The girls were 0-4 up at half time which allowed for some rotation of positions. The girls were still in control in the second half and managed to win 6-1. Great start to the season, girls!

Tuesday 24 September

Unfortunately, Ash Rugby Club's visit to deliver fun Rugby sessions was postponed due to bad weather. However, has been re-scheduled for next Tuesday.

Wednesday 25 September

U11ABC Boys Football v Junior King's

It was another fantastic week for the U11 Football team as they travelled to Junior King's, Canterbury for their next matches. The teams are starting to gel together nicely in preparation for the upcoming tournaments. The 1st team were fantastic on the afternoon and deservedly won 7-2. The development teams had really close contests with chances galore at both ends. The scores ended up 4-3 and 2-3 to make it an excellent afternoon of Football. Well done, boys!



Next week

Next week Year 2 have their House Football event during their lessons, the U11 and U9 Football teams host St Lawrence College for Football matches and the U11 girls travel to St Lawrence College for their next round of Hockey matches. Good luck to all involved.

Year 1 at the East Kent Ploughing Match



Wellies were at the ready on Wednesday morning as Year One kept their fingers crossed for little rain for the much-awaited Ploughing Match in Shepherdswell. The morning brought some welcome sunshine along with a few sprinkles of rain and the children cheered when the coach turned up! On arrival at the farm, we were greeted with a beautiful rainbow stretching from one end of the ploughing field to the other- it was going to be a great day! The coach in front of us got stuck in the carpark so we were quite happy to slosh through the mud taking us to the schools tent. St Faith's choir did us proud with some wonderful Autumn and Harvest songs causing quite a round of applause and calls for more! They had clearly been practising lots.

Next stop was an early lunch to dodge the showers followed another splash through more mud down to the field. We were met by six powerful ploughing horses ready to demonstrate the hard work and skill involved in turning the soil with heavy ploughs. We continued our journey through the history of farming, next seeing Steam Ploughs powered by coal- most of us got dirty hands but we enjoyed hearing them whistle to one another and the smell of the steam. Finally, we saw present day tractors with huge wheels taller than all the teachers and counted the furrows along each plough. Our day ended with a walk around the fair where we watched logs being split with machinery and appreciating traditional crafts such as knitting. What a fabulous day in the countryside!



A Stuart Era breakfast for Year 2

Year 2 had a real treat last week as part of their research into 1666 and the Great Fire of London. Mrs Bernard made everyone in the class a special Stuart Era breakfast of Queen Cakes and Spiced hot chocolate, just like diarist Samuel Pepys might have had the morning before the Great Fire! Staff were nervous about the hot chocolate though. Chocolate was considered a health food by many people at the time, but some physicians worried that it was too dangerous to give to women and small children as it may make them over excited! Luckily Year 2



enjoyed it and showed no ill effects. The Queen Cakes, flavoured with rosewater, raisins and cinnamon were also declared to be "superb!" and "marvellous" (well done for paying attention to your Literacy work on adjectives Year 2!).



Week Commencing 30 September

Monday

Tuesday

8.00am Second hand shop open
8.30am Pilates

Wednesday

9.00am Year 3 trip to Deal 2
2.00pm U11 A & B Girls Hockey v SLC AWAY
2.15pm U11 A & B Boys Football v SLC HOME

Thursday

2.15pm U9 A & B Boys Football v SLC HOME
3.00pm Second hand shop open

Friday

9.00am Science Spectacular
9.00am Reception class to Folkestone Coastal Park
10.00am Tiny Toots

Saturday

10.00am Nature Garden Working Party

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

How many months have 28 days



Last week's answer: **BLACK BEAUTY**

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What is the name of the cowboy in 'Toy Story'



Last Week's answer: **DOWNING STREET**

MUSIC

Congratulations to Arnav and Yuthushya who played piano and sang during this morning's assembly. It was lovely to hear you both performing!

Despite the wind, rain and a few technical issues, the Singing Club sang beautifully at the East Kent Ploughing Match this week. They performed 'Oh Soldier Soldier', 'The Runaway Train' and 'Skye Boat Song', together with the rather ironic choice (given the weather), of 'Oh What a Beautiful Morning' from the musical *Oklahoma!* The children all had a good day getting muddy, looking at the animals and seeing how ploughing techniques have developed through the ages. Thank you to all the children involved (plus the six guest performers from Year 4) for giving up your lunchtimes this term.



Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	30.09.19
Monday	
Art Club Yr 2-6	YES
Gym Upper Nursery upwards	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis	YES
Tuesday	
Chess Yr 2-6	YES
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet up to Yr 1	YES
Drama Upper School Yr 2-6	YES
Football Yr 1 - 3 (first half term only)	YES
French Yr 3,4 &5	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Outdoor Adventure Yr 2 upwards (first half term only)	YES
Wednesday	
Ballet Prep & Primary Yr 2 upwards	YES
Dance Ballet & Jazz Yr 2 upwards	YES
Fencing Yr 2-6 (8.00am - 8.45am)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Netball Yr 3 - 6	YES
Thursday	
Computers Yr 4-6	YES
Football Yr 4 - 6 (first half term only)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Outdoor Adventure Yr R - 1 (first half term)	YES
Friday	
Music (During School hours)	YES

Digital Dog meets Code-a-pillar



In Reception we worked with a partner to help Code-a-pillar navigate through obstacles to reach his target by creating a path for him to follow. Along the way he fills his tummy up on lovely, luscious leaves. Code-a-pillar introduces us to early programming and coding skills whilst also supporting our ability to problem solve, count and recognise numbers.

Digital Dog was on hand to remind us of the importance of staying safe online and to ensure that we were using our digital skills effectively.



STAR OF THE WEEK

RR	Aiden Gibson	For developing listening skills
RB	Kasen Wells	For his amazing knowledge of the world around him
1CP	Fred Giles	For outstanding design, planning and building during STEAM
1T	Evie Crocker	For fantastic ideas and problem solving
2L	Roy Benayahu	For being extra kind to others and great English
2R	Arnav Siddappa	For calmly helping a friend in need
3B	Flynn Marsh	For being organised and developing good routines
3F	Martha Bartlett	For being a superb shadow
4A	Evelina Salvatori	For outstanding problem solving across the curriculum
4M	Freya Ralph	For positivity in all areas
5A	Sam Matravers	For really conscientious work
5M	Sienna Hirst	For excellent enthusiasm in Maths
6G	Matilda Ford	For an organised, determined, conscientious start to the year
6W	Rosie Hudsmith	For getting on and helping out

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Roy Benayahu & Matyas Oprchal for their fantastic piece of English work



BIRTHDAYS

James Gasden, Benjamin Amos,
Maisie Hensher-Davies, Fred Giles,
Dorothy Stead



CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Connie Reppin won 2 rosettes for best rider and a rosette for leading in the Bluebarn EX SMP event

Henry Bowyer achieved level 2 Learn to swim in the Swim England awards

Aiden Gibson was awarded a medal for progression at his football training

Jack Manser competed at the White Cliffs swimming gala and was awarded six medals for the 6 different events that he competed in

Thomas Solley was awarded Highly Commended for his painted pebble at the East Kent Ploughing Match

Oscar Farquhar received a trophy for 'Thanet Wanderers' Community Day 2019 U10 winner

Fraser Bunyan received 'Trainer of the week' from Tankerton Football club

Sonny Smith received 'Man of the Match' for Deal Town FC

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Flora Bunyan

PLAYERS OF THE MATCH

Caspian Finlay, Jack Manser, Oscar Rae

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Mya Wood for the brilliant progress she shows in Music



READING SHELVES

William Lee, Roy Benayahu, James Evans,
Florrie Brown, Emily Daw

House	House Points
Ash	76
Beech	77
Oak	95
Sycamore	54