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St Faith's Allstars

An occasional series focusing on some of our children who have already reached an exceptional level in their specialist area.



This week a Musical Star

We are so proud of this girl who has recently passed her Grade 5 Music Theory examination. For children taking ABRSM examinations, Grade 5 theory always provides a barrier to Grade 6 on an instrument or in singing. Passing it is always a challenge, particularly as Grade 5 Theory is considered equivalent to Music at GCSE. It makes the achievement all the more remarkable when you realise that she is only 9 years old! Together with her teacher, Miss Gregory, she spent a huge amount of time over the Summer working through practice papers and also had to adjust to an online exam, taken at the end of August. Mr Ainsworth interviewed her to find out about her flute and piano playing, together with her amazing achievement in Music Theory.

Q: Why do you like music?

A: My whole family have tried an instrument, which made me want to have a try as well.

Q: Why do you like playing the flute?

A: It's great fun, I have always wanted to play the flute. My older brother can play the piano, my mum plays piano and trumpet, so they have inspired me too.

Q: Of course, you also play the piano to a high standard. Which do you prefer?

A: The flute! I find it much easier and there are no bass clef notes to read!

Q: What was the preparation for your Grade 5 theory like?

A: I was nervous because I had never done a theory exam before, but also excited when I was preparing for it.

Q: How did you feel when you realised you had passed?

A: I was very relieved and happy!

Q: What do you hope to achieve next?

A: I'd like to take Grade 6 flute and also Grade 4 piano.

Q: Will you take Grade 6 theory?

A: Probably not!

Q: How do you see your musical future?

A: I'd like to join the orchestra at my next school and would also like to audition for the Guildhall Junior School in London.

Friends of St Faith's

With the ever-changing rules regarding Covid 19, we are very disappointed to report it is now looking very unlikely that we will be able to hold our Fireworks Spectacular this year. As long-standing customers of Viking, the company are kindly allowing us to postpone our event without charge, for which we are very grateful. We will be sure to have a big celebration when we can all come together once again as a whole school community. In the absence of fireworks, we are determined to have some Halloween fun and therefore, would like to invite all children to participate in a Halloween mask and hat parade on the last day of half-term (Friday 23rd October).

Children can design and make their own mask or hat (or both if they are feeling particularly creative) and wear them to school.

We will have a Grand Halloween Parade during the afternoon where we can share the children's creativity in the safety of our bubbles. Entry will cost £1 (on the day) and there will be a treat for every participant. Apart from masks and hats, usual school uniform should be worn on this day please. Please do get in touch if you have any FUNdraising ideas for us that are social distance and bubble appropriate!

Thank you, have a lovely weekend.

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Vicky, Alison & Zoe
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Head's Corner

Each day we return to a little more normality and long may that continue.

Thanks to Mr Ward and Miss Massey the chickens are back and it was lovely to see nursery down there and chasing the chooks in the run.

Thanks also to Mr and Mrs Plummer who donated gazebos for us to stand under during the cold and wet 'drop off' and 'pick ups'.

Parent power continues to support us so well and I thank you all for your support and loyalty, over what is a very tricky time.



Music Report



In record time, the children who took their ABRSM exams last week now have their results. Firstly, well done to Anaïs, for getting a distinction in Grade 4 singing and a merit in Grade 4 cello. Grade 4 was also awarded to Arabella with a merit in her clarinet exam. Arabella now has a combined Grade 9 across singing, musical theatre, clarinet and piano! Congratulations also to Hermione for her success in Grade 2 singing and to Clara who was successful in Grade 1 piano. Sami and Elsie also took Grade 1 piano, Sami getting a distinction and Elsie a merit. Roy took his first cello exam and got a merit - well done Roy! Finally, well done to William in his piano Prep Test, Amelie and Harry for their Prep Tests on the flute, Sail's Prep Test in singing (at the age of 4!) and Sophia with her Prep Tests in both cello and piano. Congratulations to everyone on these brilliant achievements!

Sport this week



This week a full schedule of matches was played in the St Faith's Cup with St Faith's Lightning looking to hold onto their lead at the top of the table. However, the other teams were not going to give up easily. After Wednesday's U11 events, the Falcons had taken the lead by winning 6 out of the 10 matches played. On Thursday, during the U9 event, the Lightning responded winning 6 matches to return to the top of the leaderboard on 127 points.

Have a look at the sports board for all of this week's results. There is only 1 week remaining in the competition and all four teams are still in with a chance of winning.

Outstanding STEAM Provision!



As proudly reported in our Social Media pages, we have been shortlisted for the ISA Award for Outstanding STEAM Provision. Well done to all pupils and staff. The judges said the quality of entries were very high and they were particularly impressed by the work taking place in our school.

We are one of only 3 schools in the finals...Good Luck St Faith's



Reception

Je m'appelle **Léo**. !



This week in Reception we were very excited to meet Léo during our Modern Foreign Languages session.

Léo introduced himself by singing a song in French. We learnt that he likes to play, (his favourite game is 'Hide and Seek!') In turn the children told Léo all about their favourite activities. Charlotte said "I like to ride on Super Sam, my pony."

Léo taught us to sing his song...

Je m'appelle Léo,
Et j'aime jouer.

We enjoyed making our own puppets and are looking forward to meeting Léo's friend Lulu next week.

Nursery explore Harvest Festival



It's time to celebrate Harvest Festival! This week Lower Nursery children have been exploring and understanding the meaning of Harvest Festival. They have developed an understanding of growth and changes over time through farmyard imaginative play, pretending to plough the fields with toy tractors and collecting all of the colourful vegetables from the ground. Through small group discussions, the children have been able to talk about some of the things they have observed through short harvesting videos, such as: scarecrows and their use, why harvest must take place and the importance of harvesting our vegetables to enable us to purchase them in the shops.

Additionally, Mr Ainsworth has been exploring autumnal songs with the children where they are able to make movements in response to music. The children particularly enjoyed singing and following the actions to 'Dingle, Dangle, Scarecrow' and 'Old MacDonald had a farm.' What joy!

What brilliant tractor marks this boy has made!

Week Commencing 5 October

Monday
9.00am KS1 KIC Theatre

Tuesday Year 1 Farming Experience Day
5.00pm Reception drop-in in Teams

Saturday
10.00am OPEN MORNING

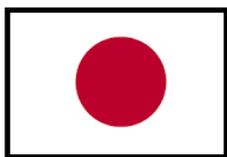
Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Guess the LOGO



Last week's answer:
INSTAGRAM

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser! What is the capital of Japan



Last week's answer:
Washington DC

Name the Chook

Meet our new environmental prefects who have sprung into action in their first week. They are organising a 'name the chicken' House competition.



Our chickens returned on Monday much to the delight of nursery children, but they were keen to know what they were called. These girls came to the rescue with this brilliant idea. All four chickens will belong to a House and have a House colour related tag, and all members of each house can provide a name with a winner being chosen from each house by the girls.

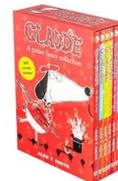
Mr Groves' four favourite names are 'Rugby', 'Mr G', 'Helen' and 'Headmaster'...what do you think? "I've always wanted a chicken named after me!" he says.

Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	05.10.2020
Monday	
Art Yr 3-6 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
Football Yr 1-3 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
Gym Upper Nursery upwards Un - Yr 1 3.25pm - 4.00pm , Yr 2 upwards 4.15pm - 4.55pm	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tuesday	
Basket Ball Yr 4-6 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
Chess Yr 3-6 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet up to Yr 1 3.45pm - 4.15pm	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Outdoor Adventure club Yr 2-6 4.15pm - 5.00pm	YES
Wednesday	
Art Yr 2 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
Ballet Prep & Primary Yr 2 upwards 4.15pm - 4.45pm	YES
Dance Ballet & Jazz Yr 2 upwards 4.45pm - 5.20pm	YES
Fencing Yr 3-6 8.00am - 8.45am	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Netball Yr 3 - 6 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
Thursday	
Computer & Robotics Yr 4-6 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Friday	
Football Yr 4 - 6 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES

Book Review

A Book Review from Dhiyana Patel (Year 5) **The Claude Series by Alex T. Smith**



I feel that these books are funny and so interesting. They are all about a dog called Claude and his friend Sir Bobblysock (a sock!) who have the most exciting adventures. They have fun all the time and meet some wonderful people. After a long day they like nothing more than a sit down with a nice cup of tea.

These books also have wonderful illustrations, so make sure that you look carefully at the pictures. They are suitable for children from 6-9 years old, but adults love them too. Mrs Allen said, "They are hilarious!"

I give these books 10 out 10. Look out for them in the school library!

STAR OF THE WEEK

RB	Jay Amin	For progress with phonics
RR	Evan Urquhart	For fantastic phonics this week
1CM	Emily Daw	For enthusiasm and confidence throughout the curriculum
2H	Amelie Coles	For increased confidence in English and Maths
2L	Flynn Leberl	For being amazing across the curriculum
3B	Harry Daw	For excellent effort with his handwriting
3P	Zara van Ritbergen	For enthusiastic work in all areas
4A	Timothy Lewis	For outstanding Maths work
4R	Jennifer Ainsworth	For approaching each task with enthusiasm and positivity
5A	Fraser Bunyan	For being quietly fabulous
5M	Arabella Porter	For exceptional levels of organisation and determination
6J	Harpriya Dhaliwal	For pushing herself to be the best she can
6W	Harleena Dhaliwal	For putting her best effort into every piece of work and being inspiring

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Romy Todd for her determination to complete her composition work

Ollie Bracey for exceptional Maths



BIRTHDAYS

Oliver Taylor, Jaspar Rae, Ethan Patel,
Miles Jaenicke, Thomas Ridings,
Dorothy Stead, Fred Giles



READING SHELVES

Kasen Wells, Evie Crocker, Emily Daw,
Luca Barnes, Florrie Brown

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Sami Ur-Rehman

ACCELERATED READER

Target 1

Cleo Parkinson, Henry O'Connor, Mia Sanders

Target 3

Anna Woodhead

Word Millionaire

Romy Todd

House	Points
Ash	120
Beech	99
Oak	122
Sycamore	124

TIMESTABLES ROCKSTARS

Accuracy

Holly Matravers

Speed

Freddie Heffer, Henry Bowyer,
Jennifer Ainsworth, Anaïs Andrews,
Oliver Corcoran

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Kaitlyn Gurubatham-Kanny for being kind and caring to one of their classmates.

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Dhiyana Patel for an outstanding trumpet lesson this week

