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Black History Month

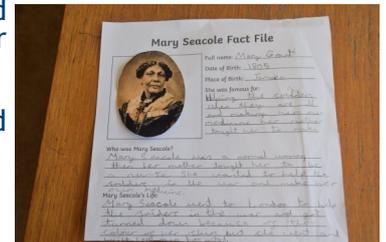
"I read a book in school about this last year, Rosa Parks is a lady who contributed towards a big change."
Willa Yr 4.

Across the school, this week, we have been raising awareness of Black History Month and recognising the contributions that people of African and Caribbean backgrounds have made to the UK over many generations. Children took part in Upper and Lower school assemblies, run by Mrs Ross and Mrs Coombs, in which we discussed diversity within our community and the importance of respect.

During these sessions the achievements of inspiring black British role models such as athletes, authors, poets, actors and musicians were celebrated. Each class then broke out into small groups and continued to discuss inspirational black role models. It was great to see the children recalling information from books they have read, news articles they have heard and assemblies they have participated in. All our discussions on this topic were dealt with in a supportive way, led by the children's questions and thoughts.

Following on from this assembly children have spent time in PSHEE lessons learning about other inspirational Black Britons. In the Upper School, some classes learnt about the life of Mary Seacole (the pioneering nurse who travelled to the Crimea in 1855 to help care for soldiers who were injured in the war there), a sample of this fantastic work is shown below. In Year 4, the focus was on the resilience of author Malorie Blackman who despite receiving 82 rejections from publishers, kept going, kept trying and the 83rd letter she sent to a publishing house resulted in her books going to press and being published for others to read. Another shining example of an 'I can and I will' attitude!

Well done to everyone involved and a special thank you to Mrs Ross and Mrs Coombs for leading two engaging, informative assemblies.



Friends of St Faith's

Thank you all so much for your fantastic support with our Christmas card fundraiser; we raised over £1200 in orders which equates to over £300 in commission that we will be able to spend on treats and resources for the children.

The children looked amazing in their masks and hats and thoroughly enjoyed parading this morning. Thank you to those of you that got creative and joined in the fun. We hope you have a restful half term and are able to recharge.

We look forward to bringing you some festive fun next term!



Vicky, Alison & Zoe
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Head's Corner

I breathe a great sigh of relief that we have managed to reach half-term without having to quarantine or isolate any individuals or a class due to one of the children or staff being infected with Covid19.

This is a true reflection of the commitment you have all had in helping us to stay safe by reducing any risk and adhering to the various procedures and guidance we have in place. I thank you for your continued trust and undying support for St Faith's. Our close knit community and effective parent/school partnership makes us a great school.



Music Report

Congratulations to all children who took part in the Afternoon Concerts on Tuesday. There were some wonderful performances and everyone adjusted incredibly well, especially given the strange circumstances in which the concert had to take place. Thank you to Mr Dunn for all his help with broadcasting the concerts on Teams.



We have had ABRSM examination certificates to award today. Some are from exams taken this term but others are from earlier this year which have been delayed due to coronavirus. Sami ur-Rehman, Elsie Rang and Clara Montgomery all passed Grade 1 piano, Elsie with merit and Sami with a distinction. Poppy Andrews has two certificates, passing Grade 2 piano and also achieving Grade 3 on the clarinet. Hermione Porter passed her Grade 2 singing exam this term and Romy Todd passed Grade 2 piano earlier this year and has had to wait for her certificate. Finally, Arabella Porter has two certificates with a merit in Grade 4 clarinet and a pass in Grade 2 piano, like Romy, taken in January.

The String Orchestra performed during Friday assembly and we also listened to Arnav playing the piano. This week's Music Star was Isaac Stroud.

Sport



Last Friday Year 5 and 6 took part in their House Football event. Beech were flying at the top of the House Sport leaderboard after winning the previous 3 football events. Could the other houses catch up? We had fantastic leadership and teamwork on display from all houses but Sycamore managed to win all their games to win the event. Oak were 2nd, Ash 3rd and Beech 4th. On Thursday it was a glorious afternoon for Year 3 and 4 House Cross Country. Everyone ran for their house and did their best to score points for their team. Matty O and Zara v-R won the Year 3 races. Samuel S and Honor L won the Year 4 races. However, which House won overall? Beech scored 73 points to win, Sycamore scored 62 points in 2nd place, Oak were 3rd on 45 points and Ash 4th on 40 points.

Well done to everyone for trying their best.

Mirror, Mirror on the wall, Reception are the fairest of them all!

Over the past few weeks, the children in Reception have been creating their own self-portraits. After learning all about reflections, they used mirrors to look carefully at their features. They have also been thinking about all of the things that make them unique.

The children started off by drawing the outline of their face and then added features, such as eyes and eyelashes using a drawing pencil. We then painted our portraits: thinking carefully about which colours to use.



News from the Nursery

On Tuesday the Upper Nursery children had the opportunity to visit the Nature Garden and enjoyed a Forest School session with our onsite practitioner Mrs P Smith. The session involved learning all about spiders. We collected spiders webs, hunted for different types of spiders and made spiders using conkers, pipe cleaners and palm drills. At the end of the session they had toasted marshmallows on the fire. We would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Smith as we had a fabulous time and we are very much looking forward to our next forest session.



The Bunnies are here to stay!

Romy was quite right in observing that Mr Groves isn't always right! He said that whilst we would find the rabbits cute this would wear off and we would get bored with the rabbits once we had to start cleaning them out. On the contrary, we have a whole army of Year 6s who want to help and volunteer to do the dirty work of cleaning them out, locking them up at night and feeding every day. We never get bored or fed up with doing it. So Mr Groves... Lily and Rafi are staying!



Week Commencing 2 November

Monday	Class Speech competitions this week
Tuesday 8.40am	House Meetings
Wednesday	Year 6 Assembly in Teams
Thursday	
Friday	



Congratulations to Paul & his team for your nomination for the People Awards 'Team of the Year'!



Well done...richly deserved.



Are you looking for something family friendly to do this half term?

At Sandwich Guildhall Museum, Pierre our spooky mummified rat has been up to no good and created a mystery trail around the museum and court room!

Can you find his clues and unscramble his mystery?

£1 per child to take part in the trail (museum entry is free)

Open: Fridays & Saturdays
09:30-16:30

To avoid disappointment, please book a timeslot on our website, or contact us at museum@sandwichmuseum.co.uk
telephone - 01304 617197

This trail will run 23rd & 24th October, 30th & 31st October and 6th & 7th November.



The trail is recommended for ages 5-11 and takes about 20-30 mins to complete.

Children's outside achievements

Samuel & Isaac Stroud achieved the Safely Swim 1500m award

Congratulations to this boy who has been to two shows with his new pony and achieved double clears in all his classes. He won the much-coveted 'removable teddy keyrings'...now his constant companions.



The Book Corner!

There has been such a lot of reading going on at St Faith's so far this term. Children who are on Accelerated Reader are also busy taking quizzes to make sure that they really understand the books they have read. Year 6 children have taken 245 quizzes, Year 5 children have taken 166 quizzes, Year 4 children have taken 178 quizzes and Year 3 children have taken 340 quizzes. That is an incredible 929 quizzes in total, so far this term!

Remember, as Margaret Fuller said, "Today a reader, tomorrow a leader!"

Born in 1810, Margaret Fuller was an American journalist, editor, critic, translator, and women's rights advocate. She was the first American female war correspondent and her book 'Woman in the Nineteenth Century' is considered the first major feminist work in the United States.

By Hannah Ainsworth & Oliver Corcoran

Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	02.11.20
Monday	
Art Yr 3-6 4.10pm - 5.10pm	NO
Gym Upper Nursery upwards Un - Yr 1 3.25pm - 4.00pm Yr 2 upwards 4.15pm - 4.55pm	NO
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis R - Yr 1 3.15pm - 4.00pm Yr 2 - 6 4.15pm - 5.00pm	YES
Tuesday	
Badminton Yr 3 - 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
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	
Dodge Ball Yr 3 - 6 4.10pm-5.00pm	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Guess the LOGO



Last week's answer: ANDROID

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What is the capital of Australia



Last week's answer: MADRID

STAR OF THE WEEK

RB	James Gadsden	For beautiful story telling
RR	Matilda Hill	For fantastic Maths work using repeating patterns
1CM	Luca Barnes	For independent cursive writing, including punctuation
2H	Mya Wood	For an excellent Science topic
2L	Evie Crocker	For working hard in Maths
3B	Leo Harrison-Verrion	For trying his best in all subjects
3P	James Evans	For coping so well after illness and changes of routine
4A	Max Rooke	For challenging book choices and a great recount of Kensuke's Kingdom
4R	Henry Bowyer	For amazing reading
5A	Daniel Mathew	For a conscientious approach
5M	Jaspar Rae	For a fantastic work ethic
6J	Yuthushya Niroshan	For her mature and diligent approach to her work
6W	Elena Carmichael	For reaching a huge target

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Flynn Leberl for working incredibly hard during his Music lesson last week



BIRTHDAYS

Roy Benayahu, Finley McGuirk,
Evan Urquhart, Grace Nuvoletta, Edward Dove,
Akshara Nagarajan, Elena Carmichael



FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Cleo Parkinson for helping a friend when they were injured

GOLDEN BALL

Miss Johnson,
Anna Woodhead, Isaac Stroud



ACCELERATED READER

Target 1

Krishna Patel, Leo Harrison-Verrion,
Madeleine Taylor, Roy Benayahu,
Honor Leberl, Jessica Hurst,
Martha Bartlett, Ivy Ward,
Elena Carmichael, Sam Matravers,
Skye McGarry, Joshua Tucker, Daniel Mathew

Target 2

Henry Bowyer, Freddie Heffer,
Sienna Hirst

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Jessica Hurst

House	Points	House Champion
Ash	130	Chloe Russell
Beech	97	Oliver Bracey
Oak	86	Harry Evans
Sycamore	106	Isaac Stroud

READING SHELVES

Harrison Tomkies, Jay Amin, Elias Dubignon,
Primrose Snow, Mya Wood, Fred Giles,
Ava Riley, Luna Hulme, Miles Jaenicke

ABRSM EXAMS

The following children received their certificates for
passing the ABRSM exam (Also all mentioned in the
Music Report)
**Hermione Porter, Romy Todd, Poppy Andrews,
Sami Ur-Rehman, Arabella Porter, Elsie Rang,
Clara Montgomery**

TIMESTABLES ROCKSTARS

Effort

Martha Bartlett, Anna Woodhead

Accuracy

Cleo Parkinson, Henry O'Connor

MUSIC STARS OF THE WEEK



Isaac Stroud for the effort he put
into his Class Performance
evaluations