

# St Faithian

Autumn Term 4 December 2020

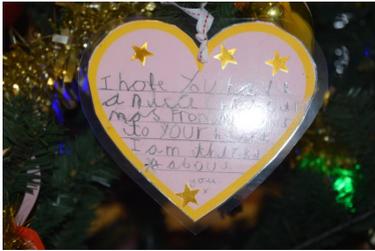


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## A warming Current Affairs Assembly for Lower School...Hugs on a Heart!



What does it mean to have a Christmas card? It means the recipient is thought of by someone, who cares for them and hopes to bring a little joy into their lives. Bearing this in mind Lower school have been creating 'Hugs on a Heart'. How better to cheer someone up than to send them a hug on a heart!

This week the Key Stage 1 Current Affairs assembly heard how a nearby school decided to send hugs to a local care home by writing caring messages to elderly residents on a heart shaped card. Inspired by this very thoughtful notion our Year 1 and 2 pupils were sent on a mission to brighten someone's day with a caring, thoughtful message. The Hugs have been decorated, ribboned, sparkled and sealed with love ready to be delivered to the Highview Oast Residential home in Ash.

The youngest members of our school community continue to impress with the empathy they have shown and show for others in less fortunate circumstances. Indeed, they have touched hearts with their kind words.



## Upper School Assembly had quite a different focus.

Should we preserve world heritage sites? Upper school assembly explored this question and looked at reasons why we should. We particularly looked at Stonehenge and the problem of the heavy traffic which travels along the road behind the ancient site. Wiltshire Council are planning to build a tunnel to help preserve the landscape on which it stands. Should they do this, or not?

## Friends of St Faith's

A huge well done to all our prize winners this morning! We hope that you enjoy the vouchers and treats!

Thank you all for supporting us and to our prize donors, sincerest thanks for such overwhelming generosity.

The last Friends event of the year will be the Friends Lottery Draw next week in celebration assembly. The Christmas jackpot is a wonderful £250.00.



Vicky, Alison & Zoe

## Head's Corner

It's that wonderful time of the year when I have the privilege of being front row of the audience (and the only one this year) for the Nativity Plays and Carol Concerts.

Whilst you weren't there in body I'm sure you all were in mind and due to recent investment in our audio and video technology the quality of the productions has been hugely enhanced, leading to a better experience for you all.

St Faith's proudly rumbles on with very little affecting the enthusiasm, vibrancy and challenge for our children and I continue to enjoy every minute spent with them!



## Sport Report



This week the upper school have braved the cold conditions and kept their spirits up during their Rugby, Netball and Football sessions. That was until the rain came! However, they were just as enthusiastic to participate in the dodgeball and benchball fun indoors. Year 1 were amazing this week during their gymnastics session and all received a star for their excellent effort and hard work. Reception had their first experience with using gymnastics equipment to jump and balance on and are looking forward to using it more after Christmas.



## Music Report

Another typically busy week of music ended today with Isabelle and Sophie performing on the piano during assembly. There were joint Music Stars as Mya, Hannah and Amelie were rewarded for their fantastic support of both Singing Club and Recorder Club.

Children in Years 3 to 6 are busy preparing for the Christmas Service which we will record in our village church next Wednesday, before it is broadcast on Teams the following day.

Thursday was a nerve-wracking day for some, with 24 ABRSM exams taking place, involving children from Reception to Year 6. Children who took the Prep Test will receive their certificates in next week's Friday assembly, with those taking Grade 1 and above having to wait a few days for their results. The examiner was Spencer Payne, Head of Music at St Edmund's School, so he was a familiar face to some of the children. Everyone came out of their exam happy, so fingers crossed for some good results!

## Reception Concert report



On Tuesday, Reception children performed a concert for their families and school. As we have had to run concerts this term in 'bubbles', it has meant that the brilliant children in Reception have missed out a little, so this was their chance to shine! There were piano, cornet and singing soloists, together with a chance for Reception Singing Club and Recorder Club to perform. The concert ended with a finale number for all to join in with. The children were brilliant not only in the way they performed, but also in the way they listened to the concert. Musical superstars of the future, if they aren't already! Thank you, yet again, to Mr Dunn and his technical wizardry in allowing the concert to be broadcast on Teams.

## Fan-Boat STEAM Success in Year 5



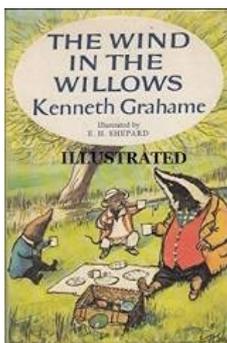
What a great start to the week! With some impressive collaboration and amazing ideas, the Year 5 children created the most amazing fan boats as part of their STEAM day on Monday. Using the Surface Go devices, to record each stage of the process, the children worked hard to think about the requirements of the task and how to create something that would stay afloat and move across the water with a propeller.

Archimedes provided a few useful tips about keeping the boats light and with a battery-powered circuit and a small motor, they worked out how to give the propeller the energy it needed.



Take a look at the photos on our website and Facebook to see these creative children and fantastic designs in action.

## Book Review



A review by one of our library prefects: *Hannah Ainsworth*

### **The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame.**

I found this book very challenging, but the story had a nice rhythm to it. The book has a combination of people and animals and is a story of adventure and teamwork. This is a lovely book but is has a huge amount of difficult words, so you may want to have a dictionary close by. You can take a lot from this story as it is about different personalities and characters working together.

## Book Fair Sales

Thank you to all who purchased books from the Book Fair. Despite restrictions it was a fantastic success and made a total of £493.57 for the school.

As Mr Groves always says

**“Reading is the foundation of all Learning”**

## Week Commencing 7 December

<b>Monday 7</b> 9.00am 2.00pm	Year 6 Music performance House Treat Day Reception Nativity in TEAMS
<b>Tuesday 8</b> 11.30	RR & year 5 Music performance Christmas School lunch
<b>Wednesday 9</b> 2.00pm	RB Music performance Year 1 Christmas show in TEAMS
<b>Thursday 10</b> 2.00pm	Year 2 Music performance School Carol service in TEAMS
<b>Friday 11</b>  2.00pm	<b>Christmas jumper Day</b> In exchange for £1.00 for 'Save the children' Class Christmas parties

### STAR AWARDS BRONZE (100+)

Hannah Ainsworth, Anaïs Andrews, Mia Sanders, Harpriya Dhaliwal, Krishna Patel, Holly Rooke, Romy Todd, Maddie Ward, Fraser Bunyan, Oliver Taylor, Daniel Mathew, Oliver Barker, Oscar Irwin, Austin Smith, Jasper Rae, Christopher Dearson, Isaac Stroud, Safiya Van Ritbergen, Sofia Cresswell, Honor Urquhart, Penny Ford, Max Rooke, Cleo Parkinson, Elsie Rang, Lily Read, Jessica Hurst, Sophia Gudge, Mya Wood, Henry Maclachlan, Hannah Robinson, Kaitlyn Gurubatham-Kanny, Imogen Norman, Clara Montgomery, Florence Brown, Sophia Holden, Emily Daw, Dorothy Stead, Ivy Ward, Anna Woodhead, Martha Bartlett, Holly Matravers, Harleena Dhaliwal, Josh Tucker, Jasmine McGuirk, Yasmin Amin, Julie Oprchal, Poppy Andrews, Sienna Hirst

### FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Ivy Ward for being kind and will do anything for anyone



### Snood

The Snood has finally arrived and is available to purchase from the office for £9. If you would like one please phone the office to pay and we will deliver to your child's classroom.

### Thank you



Mrs Lee recently donated a whole family of skeletons to the school. These are an amazing resource and will be well used by children throughout the school in both Science and Art lessons.

Many thanks.

## Clubs & Hobbies

Week Commencing	07.12.2020
<b>Monday</b>	
Art Yr 3 - 6 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
Gym Upper Nursery upwards Un - Yr 1 3.25pm - 4.00pm	
Yr 2 upwards 4.15pm - 4.55pm	YES
Music (catch up lessons only)	YES
Tennis R - Yr 1 3.15pm - 4.00pm	
Yr 2 - 6 4.15pm - 5.00pm	YES
<b>Tuesday</b>	
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 (catch up lessons only)	YES
<b>Wednesday</b>	
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 (catch up lessons only)	YES
Netball Yr 3 - 6 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
<b>Thursday</b>	
Computer Yr 4 - 6 4.10pm - 5.00pm	NO
Music (catch up lessons only)	YES
<b>Friday</b>	
Dodge Ball Yr 3 - 6 4.10pm - 5.00pm	NO
Music (catch up lessons only)	YES
Tennis R - Yr 1 3.50pm - 4.35pm	YES

### Head Boy & Girl's Teaser! Guess the Teacher



Last week's answer:  
Mrs Smith

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



Last week's answer:  
Beijing

## STAR OF THE WEEK

RB	Charlotte Donaldson	For always 'getting on' and being an independent member of the class
RR	Primrose Snow	For being a star during Nativity rehearsals
1CM	Luna Hulme	For always going that extra step
2H	Sophia Gudge	For her enthusiastic learning across the curriculum
2L	Evie Crocker	For being extra helpful and for improving her handwriting
3B	Safiya Dubignon	For remaining calm under pressure
3P	April Snow	For positivity and enthusiasm in all aspects of school life
4A	Samuel Stroud	For outstanding creative writing
4R	Anna Woodhead	For an amazing piece of writing, wonderful language and structure
5A	Jamie Montgomery	For diligence and dedication
5M	Oscar Irwin	For always putting his all into everything he does
6J	Hannah Ainsworth	For never giving up with pesky long division
6W	Sam Matravers	For being brilliantly logical with algebra

### READING SHELVES

Amaari Patel, Symphony Snow,  
Charlotte Donaldson, Remi Page, Ethan Patel,  
Quinn Hewitt, Luca Barnes, Ava Riley,  
Luna Hulme, Myles Andrews

### ACCELERATED READER

#### Level 1

Safiya Dubignon, Nate Page-Phillips, Poppy Ward,  
Nila Nagarajan, Jasmine McGuirk, Thomas Mills

#### Level 2

Leo Harrison-Verrion, Ashmitha Palanisamy  
Holly Rooke, Jamie Montgomery,  
Zara Van Ritbergen, Ivy Ward

#### Level 3

Krishna Patel, Harpriya Dhaliwal,  
Harper Skudder-Acaster, Roy Benayahu,  
Cassius Tucker-Borges

#### Level 4

Roy Benayahu, James Evans

### TIMESTABLES ROCK STARS

#### Accuracy

Austin Smith, Teddy Law, Cassius Tucker Borges

#### Effort

Ella Dibb-Fuller, Oscar Irwin, Timothy Lewis,  
Lucy Harrop

#### Speed

Harper Skudder-Acaster

### NUMBOTS

Kasen Wells, Ava Riley, John Lapworth,  
Kit Kember, Brayden Ingram, Aiden Gibson,  
Luca Barnes, Myles Andrews

### CHILDREN'S ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

April Snow achieved distinction in both the ISTD  
Tap & Modern exam

### BIRTHDAYS

Nathaniel Thondhlana, William O'Connor



### GOLDEN BALL

Oliver Bracey (sixer), Anna Woodhead,  
Roy Benayahu, Alex Fox,  
Matyas Oprchal



### SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Isaac Stroud

House	Points
Ash	135
Beech	114
Oak	129
Sycamore	115

### MUSIC STARS OF THE WEEK

Mya Wood, Amelie Coles,  
Hannah Robinson for their dedication  
to Recorder and Singing club this term



### HEADTEACHER'S AWARD



Poppy Andrews, Julie Oprchal,  
Romy Todd Anaïs Andrews, Hannah  
Ainsworth,

Sienna Hirst, Poppy Ward,  
Nate Page-Phillips

for their excellent Bronze Age poster

Willa Bradley for outstanding work on the Ice  
palace