

St Faithian

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Year 1 get into Science

Can you make a balloon kebab? Can you make raisins dance? What happens if we drop Mentos into lemonade?

These are just a few of the questions asked in Year 1 this week and the answer to the first two was "Yes".

We experimented with household chemicals like bicarbonate of soda and vinegar, lemonade and Mentos to create explosions and eruptions. The classroom was filled with 'awe and wonder' as you can see from some of the faces!

Our curiosity was sparked and we asked many, many questions, and tried many different things!

Finally, we had a whole day investigating LEGO! We explored properties, found out about the inventor and designed and built the most amazing models!

What a fantastic way to recognise British Science week.



Friends of St Faith's

With end of term fast approaching, we are looking forward to treating all our children with a visit from The Easter Bunny and some sweet treats to bring home next Friday.

We fund all treats through events and this year especially through funds made via the Friend's Lottery. Please do consider joining the scheme. All details are on the Friends tab of the School Webpage and the more players we have, the better the cash prizes will be.

We will begin putting our tea-towel design together next week. Do remember to drop me a line at Victoria.Crocker@stfaithsprep.com if you do not wish for your child's portrait to be included (first names displayed only).

We will have these ready for purchase by the beginning of the Summer Term.



Please keep updated with our news in the flyer and via our Friends of St Faith Facebook page.

Vicky, Alison & Zoe
Victoria.Crocker@stfaithsprep.com

Head's Corner

We're almost back to normal and the children are comfortably embedded in the very heart of the school. With World Book Day, Science Week and Easter celebrations we are beginning to return to normal service.

Sports lessons have been taking place on the field and it won't be long before our teams will be match ready.

I still look towards the future in a longing way in anticipation of some sun and warm weather so that we can use the pool and get out onto the field more.



Sport

During lockdown, Years 1 and 2 missed the opportunity to have a go on the climbing frame in Guilford Hall as part of their PE lessons. This is always a popular activity and vital for developing confidence with climbing and overcoming fears of height. After a long break they had the opportunity to get climbing and all thoroughly enjoyed their session. Lots of children were pushing themselves past the fear barrier and feeling super happy that they achieved their goals. Some even managed to climb the rope!



Music this week



It has been lovely to be able to get back to making music with other people this week, after so many weeks of the children practising or singing at home by themselves. String Orchestra, Orchestra and Recorder groups have all re-started and there was Choir yesterday for Years 3 and 4, who were working on a song from the musical 'Matilda'.

Years 1 and 3 have had their Class Performance lessons this afternoon. All other year groups, including Nursery, will have their performance lessons next week. There is a chance for everyone to have a go, regardless of whether or not they have individual lessons.

Congratulations to Max (guitar) and Florrie (piano) who both performed during assembly this week. Bertie was awarded Music Star of the Week for his wonderful recorder playing. Paul Ainsworth

Current Affairs Assembly—a challenge is issued!

Tuesday morning's assembly focused around innovation and the inventions that have changed the world in the last 100 hundred years. As the session drew to a close Mr Groves and Mr Andrews took the assembly in a different direction as they discussed how many golf balls they both lose during a round of golf. In fact, things got so bad for Mr Andrews his mother actually found a stray ball of his on the beach during a lockdown walk. The moral here is that all labelled goods return to their owner, eventually. This drew much laughter from the Headmaster who then quipped that he had often wondered why a ball tracker had not been fitted to a golf ball yet... and a challenge was born. You have until Monday 22nd March to invent a device that will keep track of Mr Groves' golf ball. Over to you, our intrepid inventors!

Garden Sale supporting our ECO warriors—May 6 & 7 - Call to Action!

Over the Easter holiday are you having a good Spring clean/clearout? We are after the following items!

We would appreciate any donations of gardening items that are in good working order such as gardening tools, gardening books, water butt, guttering, bird boxes, bunting, seeds, plant pots, and plants of all varieties.

If anyone can help by growing plants such as courgettes, runner beans, sunflowers, peas, beetroot, lettuce, carrots, calendula and would like some seeds, just let Mrs Smith know!

If everyone could just help in some way, we could make this a fantastic event supporting our ECO Warriors and the message of REUSE, RECYCLE, REDUCE. Any leftovers will be donated to local schools and gardening charities.

Please bring them to school between 4th and 5th May so we can organise them for our Garden Sale on 6th and 7th May. If you need any more information, please get in touch with Mrs Smith.



Nursery News!

Spring is here and the Turtle Room have been enjoying lots of Spring related activities. The story book 'A Seed in Need' has helped the children to understand the process of growing a sunflower seed. From a little seed in the ground to a great big sunflower in our gardens; learning words such as stem and the purpose of the roots. Alongside this, the children have also been enjoying a variety of art activities: symmetrical butterflies brought a smile to all of their faces once opened. There is still lots to learn about Spring and even the opportunity to grow our own sunflowers and cress eggs; how exciting!



Upper Nursery

This week the Upper Nursery children have begun to make their Easter craft. They are all enjoying exploring the Easter table and are hopeful that a certain character with big ears and a fluffy tail pays a visit

A Fond Farewell



Last week we said goodbye to a member of our long- serving kitchen staff...Carol. We are lucky to have such a fabulous, hard working team within Holroyd Howe and Carol's salads were second to none.

We wish Carol every happiness in retirement. We will miss you!

Book Review

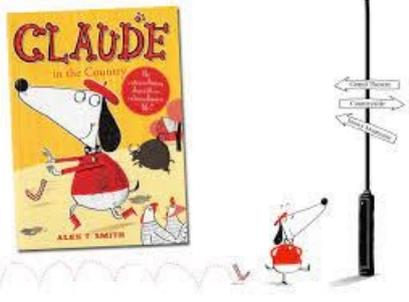
Claude in the Countryside - by Alex T. Smith

Reviewed by by Dhiyana Patel

I am a huge fan of Claude books and I think they are the best! I would love to read even more as I have almost read them all.

This book is particularly exciting because Claude goes on adventures and he sees loads of new people. Sir Bobblysock accompanies him into the countryside and they visit a farm, milk the cows and see lots of other animals.

I would give this book 10/10! It is fantastic!



Story Time in Reception

Children work hard and are encouraged to play fairly in Reception. Following on they enjoy their well-earned rest time. One of the much anticipated highlights of the week for the children is coming together for story time. Usually on a Wednesday both year groups meet up to listen to a story. Sitting together on the mat here they are captivated by this week's story, 'How to Catch a Star', with Mrs Baughan.



Week Commencing 22 March

Monday

Reports out to parents
St Faith's Book day

Thursday 08:40

Spring Assembly

Friday

Last day of term

Clubs & Hobbies

The new Summer term clubs & activities pack will be published to parents on Tuesday 6 April

BIRTHDAYS

Krishna Patel, Matyas Oprchal, Lucy Harrop,
Harry Ford, Jamie Montgomery,
Dylon Patel



Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What increases the more you leave behind?



Last week's answer:

An egg

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

That naughty person has been scribbling on the books again! Can you work out which book this is to help Mrs Allen



Last week's answer:

The Gruffalo

STAR OF THE WEEK

RB	Finley McGuirk	For excellent progress with his reading
RR	Sail McCulloch	For being fantastically creative
1CM	Ava Riley	For super investigative work during Science activities last week
2H	Sophia Gudge	For an enthusiastic approach to our Spring assembly
2L	Flynn Leberl	For creating a lovely poem for the Spring assembly
3B	James Quinn	For his resilience and positivity when he was hurt
3P	Alice Thomlinson	For excellent contributions in Maths
4A	Flynn Marsh	For thinking carefully about rainforest conservation
4R	Martha Bartlett	For her wonderful persuasive writing about rainforests
5A	Ella Dibb-Fuller	For excellent effort
5M	Kit Dearson	For his excellent attitude on our return to school
6J	Yuthushya Niroshan	For excellent perseverance in Maths and writing a wonderful playscript
6W	Kitty McCullin	For some fantastic work with shape drawing in Maths

ACCELERATED READER

Target 1

Kaitlyn Gurubatham-Kanny, Oscar Irwin,
Tim Lewis, Amelie Coles, Jennifer Ainsworth,
Oliver Corcoran, Isabella du Toit, Sam Matravers,
Skye McGarry, Jasmine McGuirk, Poppy Ward,
Yuthushya Niroshan, Gideon Wade, Honor Leberl

Target 2

Madeleine Botha, Isaac Stroud, Noah McCann,
Elena Carmichael

Target 3

Madeleine Botha, James Quinn, Arnav Siddappa,
Penny Ford, Freddie Heffer, Henry O'Connor,
Dexter Stavri

Target 4

Max Rooke

Target 5

Harry Evans

Target 6

Harry Evans, Francesca Savin

Word Millionaire

Joshua Tucker, Thomas Mills

READING SHELVES

Isabelle Dalglish, Finley McGuirk, Miles Jaenicke,
Evan Urquhart, Matilda Hill, Sophie Dalglish,
Sail McCulloch, Charlie Vine, Aarav Patel,
Hannah Robinson, Tommy Ridings, Nour Al Ayoub,
Remi Page

STAR AWARDS

SILVER (200+)

Imogen Norman, April Snow, Molly South,
Zara Van Ritbergen, Sophia Baker,
Harper Skudder-Acaster, Fraser Bunyan,
Oliver Taylor, Daniel Mathews, Edward Dove,
Oscar Irwin, Austin Smith, Jamie Montgomery,
Katy Payne, Ethan Smith, Tabitha Thompson,
Noah McCann, Sienna Hirst, Edward Ridings,
Poppy Ward, Yuthushya Niroshan

GOLD (300+)

Henry Bowyer, Gurveena Dhaliwal,
Freddie Heffer, Anna Woodhead

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Yasmin Amin & Kitty McCullin

have worked incredibly hard since returning to school on some tricky practical Maths skills. They both quickly learned how to accurately use a protractor and a compass, and used these skills to draw accurate 2D shapes. Both girls worked hard on estimating angles and produced the most carefully presented and impressive angle work.



GOLDEN BALL

Austin Smith

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Katie Payne

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Bertie Hampshire for his amazing
recorder playing



FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Penny Iverson, for being a lovely friend, kind and
considerate to all

TIMESTABLES ROCK STARS

Accuracy

Cassius Tucker Borges, Penny Ford, Honor Leberl

Effort

Freddie Heffer, Anna Woodhead

NUMBOTS

Effort

Gigi Evans, John Lapworth, Kasen Wells, Ava
Riley, Braydon Ingram, Luca Barnes