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Science and Engineering Challenge

On Tuesday, four of our scientific Year 5s were invited to take part in the Thanet Science and Engineering Challenge being held at St Lawrence College. The children, who were selected due to their keen interest in Science and Engineering, spent the day completing challenges, working as a team and even getting to watch a Chemistry magic show! Sami said, "The Chemistry show at the end was great - a chemical was poured into a cup and the cup just disintegrated!" One of the team challenges saw the children having to build a tower out of spaghetti! Katherine revealed that, although she really enjoyed developing her physics knowledge to build a tower to support a Kinder Egg and that, as a team, they had lots of "eggcellent" ideas, she was disappointed that they didn't get to eat the egg at the end! Elizabeth and Sami discussed how they really enjoyed learning about the chemical H_2O_2 (Hydrogen Peroxide) and how they used it to extract enzymes from a potato.



It was a real joy to see how enthused the children were coming back from their enrichment day and it just goes to show how exciting and varied the wide world of Science really is. I think the success of the day was summed up perfectly by Dexter who said, "I DEFINITELY want to learn more about Science after being there yesterday!" A big thank you to St Lawrence College for organising and hosting such a wonderful day.

Science Week 2022

'Growth' was the theme this year for British Science Week and we had some great fun, getting imaginative with this topic. Each class participated in a bonus Science activity with Mr Andrews.

Year 1 headed down to the nature garden to learn about trees and they were surprised to find out that when a reasonably-sized tree grows, other living things also grow with it and live around it.

Year 3 were staggered to learn that the collective noun for a group of sharks is a 'shiver'. They learnt that scientists have shown that the length and age of a shark are linked. They used a graph (age versus length) to estimate the age of other sharks. The longest shark was estimated to be 392 years old! Our Year 3s took part in an investigation to determine if height is a good measure of pupils' ages in the class.

They used Excel to create some groovy graphs.

Year 4 learnt that their body contains thousands of tiny machines, called proteins.

They built their own tiny machines and thought about how their sequence and shape matters.

Year 5 got to grips with the school's DynaKar software and used it to investigate and prove the relationship between the height from which a car is dropped and distance and speed it would travel. They used a program called Logbook Graphing to prove the relationship. Whilst Year 6 got creative with shadow puppets; they and retold the argument between Isaac Newton and Robert Hooke and their disagreement over the spectrum of colour.

Congratulations to all the children for their enthusiasm and creative thinking in all these sessions.



Friends of St Faith's

A big thank you to everyone that has signed up for the Wine and Wisdom Evening on Friday 29th April. We are looking forward to a fun-filled night hosted by our fabulous Quiz Mistresses Mrs Bourne and Mrs Latham.

Please do join us if you can. Simply fill out the form attached to the email sent home last week to reserve your table and let us know your team name. Start revising to ensure that The Headmaster's Team will not secure their first victory!



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Head's Corner

It's that time of the year when we get out of bed after sunrise to a dawn chorus of nesting birds. This also heralds break time play on the field and sunshine to go with it. It's a delight to see the children enjoying the first throes of summer and it adds a whole new dimension to their play. More sunshine and fun to come!



Current Affairs Assemblies - Upper School

'Do one brave thing and soon enough you'll be climbing mountains' Wildspark by Vashti Hardy. Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 congregated in K Hall to look at what it means to be brave. We looked at the actions of Volodymyr Zelensky who has bravely refused to bow down to Russia, as his country of Ukraine endures an attack. We started by agreeing on what bravery means and decided on the definition of showing no fear of dangerous and difficult things. We then considered the question 'How important is it to show bravery as a leader?' As a collective we thought about our leader, the inspiring Mr Groves, and thought about the qualities that he possesses. The children were clearly after extra house points as adjectives such as 'caring', 'compassionate', 'influential' and 'problem-solver' were all used to describe him. Next, we looked at a range of scenarios and decided which ones we would need to be brave to do. They included picking up a spider, taking part in a sports competition and most importantly telling a grown-up if you have a problem. All of these require bravery. Mr Andrews then introduced the notion that bravery can be learnt - children were reminded to think positively, tell themselves they can do it and that they are brave. Also we discussed that sometimes you need to recognise and acknowledge your fear. We looked at breaking a scary activity down into smaller goals and that talking to someone you trust to help you get support and encouragement in your pursuits. Finally, we accepted that sometimes being brave may feel uncomfortable and that children should not be afraid to be afraid.

Our assembly ended with the British fundamental value of 'mutual respect' and the message that bravery comes in many forms. A new or tricky situation may be challenging for one person but not another. We can respect our differences and support each other in difficult times.

Current Affairs—Lower School

The 'Healthy Me!' half term JIGSAW theme was launched Tuesday morning in assembly. Everyone undertook a few mindfulness minutes using our JIGSAW chime and revised the important to our wellbeing.

We compared ourselves to an Aston Martin Hybrid car, and decided there were many similarities in how we would keep ourselves healthy in comparison to this beautiful car...fuel, cleaning, rest, exercise and many more comparisons were made! We then played a game identifying which foods and activities we should carry out often or occasionally. We shared the experiences and thoughts from our own families before we concluded that everything should be in moderation.

Mr Andrews introduced our wellbeing week of mindfulness activities which all pupils are encouraged to undertake instead of regular homework. I wonder how many pupils will accept the challenge of 'EXTREME READING'.



Sport Report

This week the U11 Netball matches were unfortunately cancelled.

However, the U9 teams managed to play their matches on Thursday against Spring Grove away. The A team were 3-1 behind after the first quarter but fought back into the match really well. A tremendous team spirit and never-give-up attitude meant the girls finished the game drawing 6-6.

Flora scored a fantastic goal in the B team match but the girls were on the back-foot for much of the match. They battled hard but eventually lost 8-1. This was the final U9 Netball matches of the year but all the girls have made fantastic progress and should be proud of their efforts.

Players of the match went to Francesca S and Ashmitha P. Well done Girls!



Music Report



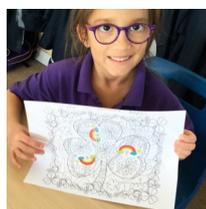
It has been an incredibly busy few days of music. The House Music Competition was a great success last Friday with Beech being declared the winners in a tightly-fought contest. Last Saturday saw the piano section of the Thanet Music, Drama and Dance Festival and the instrumental section takes place tomorrow. Congratulations to this girl who won a trophy for her performance!

We have also had the St Edmund's Gala Concert in Canterbury Cathedral, featuring the wonderful children of our Chamber Choir, which took place last night. There will be more on all of these exciting events over the next few days.

During this morning's assembly we were entertained by Isabelle on the piano and by Francesca singing. Alex was awarded Music Star for his incredible high notes on the trumpet



Year 1 celebrate St Patrick's Day.



After learning about the history of St Patrick and how the day is celebrated, Year 1 went looking for that lucky four-leaf clover on the field. Not sure they found one, but they had a lovely afternoon making Leprechaun masks, shamrock colourings and Happy St Patrick's Day cards.

Week Commencing 21 March 2022

Monday	Year 4 Residential to Carrot Wood
3.30pm	U11 boys football v Eythorne & Elvington Primary HOME
3.15pm	U11 Girls Football v Kingsdown Primary. HOME
Tuesday	Year 5 Music performance (pupils only)
Wednesday	Year 4 return from Carrot Wood
8.15am	Second hand shop open
2.00pm	U11 ABC netball v St Lawrence College AWAY
Thursday	Year 2 Music performance (pupils only)
2.00pm	Year 6 WW1 talk at Ash village hall
Friday	Year 3 & 1CM Music performance (pupils only)
1.00pm	Lunch time disco run by Year 6 Dragons Den
2.45pm	U11AB boys hockey v St Edmunds AWAY
3.15pm	Year 2 football v Cartwright & Kelsey AWAY

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser! Guess the Spring Flower



Last week's answer: CROCUS

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teasers

What is the missing word in the Disney song?

'You got a friend in....., You got a friend in...'

Last week's answer: SNOWMAN

Fund raising for a Plan UK Charity

Following the assembly Year 6 presented to school regarding our sponsorship of Albertine who lives in the Cameroon. They thought they would help to raise more funds for her schooling by drawing a giant map of the Cameroon in the playground and filling it with 10p pieces or silver coins. What a fantastic effort. The whole map was completed during morning break and a fantastic £206.20 was raised.

Well done everyone and thank you once again for your support and generosity.



Clubs & Activities

Week Commencing	21.03.22
Monday	
Gym Un - Yr 1 3.25pm - 4.00pm	YES
Gym Yr 2- 6 4.15pm - 4.55pm	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Tennis R - Yr 1 3.15pm - 4.00pm Yr 2 - 4 4.15pm - 5.00pm	YES
Tuesday	
Chess Yr 3 - 6 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet Upper Nursery to Yr 1 3.45pm - 4.15pm	YES
Ballet Prep Yr 2 - 6 4.15pm - 4.50pm	YES
Jazz & Disco Yr 2 - 6 4.50pm - 5.25pm	YES
Football Yr 1 - 3 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Wednesday	
Ballet Prep Yr 2 - 6 4.15pm - 4.50pm	YES
Jazz & Disco Yr 2 - 6 4.50pm - 5.25pm	YES
Chess Yr 1 & 2 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
Computer club Yr 3 - 6 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
Cooking Yr 4-6 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
Fencing Yr 3 - 6 8.00am - 8.45am	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Yoga & Mindfulness Yr 2 - 6 4.15pm - 5.00pm	YES
Thursday	
Art Yr 3 - 6 4.15 - 5.15pm	YES
Languages Yr 3 - 6 4.15pm - 5.00pm	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Musical Theatre Yr R - 1 3.15pm - 4.00pm	YES
Musical Theatre Yr 2 - 6 4.15pm - 5.00pm	YES
Netball Yr 3 - 6 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
Newspaper (Read all about it!) Yr 4 - 6 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
Friday	
Football Yr 4 - 6 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES

CHILDREN'S OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

Sophia Gudge was awarded a medal for her performance at the Thanet Festival.
James Gadsden passed his level 1 Swimming certificate at the Dover District Leisure Centre and is now on level 2.
Flynn Leberl achieved his 50 metre Learn to swim award with Safely Swim.
Harry Evans for his success playing in the Ash Rugby Festival

WORD OF THE WEEK—Charity

'Charity', began with the Latin caritas, meaning 'dearness' or 'love'. The 12th century meaning of charity was 'a love of fellow humans'. Today, the word describes helping people in need as a result of this love towards others.

STAR OF THE WEEK

RB	George Horn	For fantastic progress with his phonics
RR	Leopold Taloen & Evelyn Streader	For working really hard at their phonics
1CM	Evie Ball	For great collaboration work to find out information about dogs
1R	Primrose Snow	For her resilience in Maths
2H	Florence Osborn	For being the most fantastic Form Captain
2L	Emily Daw	For fabulous fraction work
3B	Aarav Patel	For showing initiative and helping the teacher
3P	Nour Al Ayoub	For growing in independence in Maths Study Skills
4C	Leo Harrison-Verrion	For improvement in his reading
4R	Leo Alexander	For his super work in English
5A	Willa Bradley	For a mature approach and excellent social awareness
5M	Hugo Jarlett	For fantastic observations in Maths
6J	Edward Dove	For beautiful freeze-frame work in English
6W	Daniel Mathew	For thoughtful character work during freeze- frames

HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Maddie Botha for outstanding work in Maths

Matyas Oprchal, Jalia Ungufe-Bailey, Zara Van Ritbergen, Leo Alexander, Connie Reppin, Kishore Chandrasegaran for excellent self-portrait work in the style of Julian Opie

Amelia McElligott, Freddie Heffer for a super story for the ISA Writing competition.

BIRTHDAYS

Matyas Oprchal, Lucy Harrop, Rex Page



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Elliott South for excellent effort during PE and his good knowledge of the football rules

READING AWARDS

The following children completed Reading shelves this week

Valentina Panteli, Diggory Hulme, Lachlann Aly, Javier Ungufe-Bailey, Harrison Tomkies, Ethan Patel, Mia Patel

**Accelerated Reader
Target 1**

Jessica Hurst, Jalia Ungufe-Bailey, Zara Van Ritbergen, Henry Maclachlan, Honor Leberl, Tommy Ridings

Target 2

Lucy McElligott, Honor Leberl

Target 3

Safiya Van Ritbergen

House

Points

Ash	146
Beech	152
Oak	136
Sycamore	194

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Fred Giles for helping the Reception children to their class in the mornings

STAR AWARDS

SILVER (200+)

Penny Ford, Teddy Law, Honor Leberl, Henry O'Connor, Cleo Parkinson, Elsie Rang, Lily Read, Max Rooke, Samuel Stroud, Luna Hulme, Kit Kember, Ava Riley, Elizabeth Birkett, Henry Bowyer, Martha Bartlett

MUSIC STARS OF THE WEEK

Alex Wynn for his incredible trumpet playing this week



GOLDEN BALLS

Oliver Bracey, James Quinn, Leo Alexander, Joshua Johnson