

Faithian Flyer

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Easter Service... The Passion

Easter, as you know, is a Christian festival which is all about Jesus dying on a cross and being resurrected before making his way to heaven. Christians believe it is at the heart of Christianity. This year was extra special as St Faith's once again filled the church after two years of absence. The Year 2 children led the service and told the story of The Passion, which is about Holy Week and what happened over 2000 years ago. Songs and hymns were sung by the school and Reverend David Moulden gave a talk about Easter. It was lovely to use our local church once more and the children of Year 2 would like to thank all those that came along.
Happy Easter everybody.



Celebrating and the understanding of Easter

This week pupils have been undertaking cross curricular learning about the Christian festival, Easter. A practical lesson about the signs and symbols of Easter and Spring led to discussions about what we will see around us - chicks, eggs, palm crosses, hot crossed buns, daffodils and many more! The pupils designed beautiful representations of these signs and symbols.

An information text became our reading comprehension. Do you know when the first chocolate Easter egg was made? How many different activities do you know of that families take part in at Easter? Why are eggs given at Easter time?

Year 1 used their weighing and measuring Maths skills when making gingerbread spring biscuits, not to mention their mixing, kneading, cutting out and cleaning-up skills! Tasty cross curricular treats!

Cutting, colouring and decorating skills a-plenty were used, making personal Easter cards for our families.

Mindfulness moments, like those Jesus took in the garden of Gethsemane, listening to relaxing music and hearing about the story of Jesus' last week helped consolidate pupils knowledge of the Christian festival.

A purple and gold procession walked carefully through the village to our beautiful and renowned St Nicholas church where we came together to recognise the religious significance of the Easter story. Year 2 shared the story with confidence and enthusiasm, and we raised the roof with our singing!

How precious these times are, learning and practising skills that are life-long and coming together as a community, all of which we do so well at St Faith's.



Friends of St Faith's

What an egg-citing day! The children have had such fun today and will be coming home with a yummy treat to enjoy over the holidays.

Thank you to those who have signed up for the Wine and Wisdom on the 29th of April, it will definitely be a fun night. Excitingly, it's a full house now; what a great response... thank you!

Next term we will start planning the Summer Fair. We're looking forward to meeting with you all to hear your ideas of what we can do to make it a great event for everyone. Our next meeting is on the 6th of May, so please put it in your diaries! It's going to be so much fun to finally hold a Summer Fair again after such a long time.



Please remember you could have a chance to win the Friends lotto. It's simple to join, visit the PTA tab on the School webpage and follow the link to the online form to fill in your details. Good luck!

Vicky, Alison & Zoe please contact Vicky, via email Victoria.Crocker@stfaithsprep.com

Head's Corner

This has been the most busy term with lots of wonderful events and activities and many parents in attendance. It's all looking so promising for the future in terms of how we deal with illness and absence, so please read my end of term letter regarding more detail.

Have a lovely Easter holiday, be happy and stay safe.





Oh What a Lovely War - Related Visit!

Far from the freezing conditions and rat-infested trenches of northern France over a hundred years ago, the sun shone on Year 6 as they rounded off their study of World War 1 with a visit to the Ash Heritage Centre last week.

At the invitation of Mr Peter Ewart and the Ash Heritage Group, the children were treated to a fascinating afternoon discovering how the war affected people in Ash. A highlight of the visit was a walk down to the Ash War Memorial where the children found out about some of the actual people behind the names there. They also looked at some genuine newspapers and were even able to handle a precious 'Soldier's Penny' given to the family of a local man who was killed in action. Costumed volunteers explained how the village hall became a hospital during the war and we saw both the original patients' records and an autograph book filled with messages and drawings from the time - there were clearly some very talented artists amongst the patients!

Our knowledgeable children asked lots of perceptive questions to help them deepen their knowledge and a couple of boys even taught themselves Morse Code, tapping messages to each other on their water bottles!

We would like to thank Mr Ewart and his fabulous team of volunteers who gave up their afternoons to help us gain an insight into what the war meant to real people in our very own village of Ash.



Sport Report

Last Friday, the U11 Boys played in their last Hockey match of the season against St Edmund's School. The A team played really well and won comfortably 5-0 with goals from Isaac, Oliver, Samuel and Tim. The B team match was a close contest that St Faith's managed to edge 1-0.

Players of the Match Krish Bhide & Noah McCann.



On the same afternoon, a group of Year 2 children walked over the road to compete in their first Football match for the school against Cartwright and Kelsey Primary School. The excitement amongst the children was at fever pitch and they could not wait to play and begin their journey of playing in sports fixtures for the school. Under the guidance of Mrs Latham, the children gave their all and had a really enjoyable afternoon. The result was a 4-4 draw. Well done to all involved.

Player of the Match Emily Daw



On Monday, the U11 Boys played their last fixture of the term, and it was a league decider. The A team were playing against Wingham Primary with both teams unbeaten in the league. Despite some children being absent, the boys played extremely well to win 5-1 with goals from Oliver T, Fraser B and Austin S. The B team also got a run out and demonstrated what they could do, winning 6-0. **Players of the Match Jasper Rae & Teddy Law.** Well played, boys!

Also this week, the children in the Upper School competed in their House Netball tournaments. The standard was high but team work and house spirit were also very evident, which was great to see. The house captains took on leadership roles and did a fantastic job in selecting and organising their teams. The Year 5 and 6 event was won by Oak. However, the Year 3 and 4 event was cancelled due to poor weather. All the points gained will be added to the overall total for each house. The winning house will receive the house sports trophy on speech day at the end of the year.

Mix It Up!

Colours are everywhere and what a wonderful experience to see how they can be mixed together to create an array of new and exciting shades.

The children in Reception were inspired to explore this concept further after listening to the story of 'The Mixed-Up Chameleon'. by Eric Carle. An inventive story about a changing chameleon that wants to be a little bit of everything; handsome like a flamingo, smart like a fox and funny like a seal. However, with each transformation in size, shape and colour the chameleon learns that maybe being yourself is the best of all!

We used scientific thinking to observe, predict and compare as well as experiment with cause and effect. The children showed a deep curiosity as they responded imaginatively and used rich, descriptive language.

Within the Early Years Foundation Stage, the area of Expressive Arts and Design fosters imagination, curiosity, creativity, cognition, critical thinking and experimentation alongside collaboration, interaction, engagement and sustained shared thinking. Multi-sensory, first-hand experiences help children to connect and enquire about the world.

We think you will agree that the children's chameleons really are captivating and very colourful.





Music Report

Well done to the 21 children who took an ABRSM examination yesterday. The examiner was a man called Vincent Barrella who certainly wasn't as 'scary' as some of the children may have thought! Examiners never give anything away, but we are hopeful for a good collection of results when they are released in a few days' time.

Congratulations to all the musicians who took part in the Talent Show this week - you were all wonderful! Also congratulations to Lucy, Aiden and Henry on your performances in Friday assembly today. We were all very well entertained!

After today of course, we have a few weeks off school so, hopefully, lots of time for some extra music practice!

Finally, this term's award for Music Effort was, as usual, a difficult decision given all the possible choices but Freddie was chosen on this occasion.

Well done, Freddie!

Assembly this week

On Tuesday, 4R performed their class assembly. After a couple of busy days at Carrot Wood, the children were set the challenge of putting together an assembly in only a few short days. Thankfully, the theme of the assembly was **CHALLENGE!** And wow - did they rise to it!

The children spoke about each letter of the word 'challenge', linking it to an important word that began with that letter.

C was for *children* - the most important word!

H represented the *hard work* they all put in each and every day.

A was for *adventure*, the double

LL was for *loving life*,

E stood for *enjoyment* and

N was for *non-stop* - a trait that Year 4 certainly have!

The final two letters

G and **E** represented *great expectations*, something that we all had as we embarked on our journey through Year 4.

As an extra challenge, the children were tasked with learning the words to A Million Dreams from the Greatest Showman, along with the sign language for the chorus. They performed this beautifully on the day, making everyone incredibly proud. To round off the assembly, each child shared their favourite memories from our fantastic trip away to Carrot Wood.



Week Commencing 25 April 2022

Monday First Day of Spring Term
Whole school STEAM Day

Tuesday

Wednesday
8.15am Second hand shop open
2.00pm U11 AB Mixed Kwik cricket v Wellesley House HOME

Thursday

Friday
8.40am Fantastic Fred Experience
Celebration Assembly

Clubs & Activities

THE CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE SPRING TERM WILL BE PUBLISHED FRIDAY 8 APRIL WITH A CLOSING DATE OF MONDAY 18 APRIL

Parents will be emailed the time table and booking links



Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Guess the Spring flower

Last week's answer: TULIP

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What was the missing word in the Disney song?

Last week's answer: ME

Nursery News

Following on from the children's favourite song Wheels on the Bus, we have been playing with and exploring different vehicles. Our activities have included painting with vehicles to observe the marks they make. This resulted in a car washing station to clean the 'dirty' cars. The children practised their fine motor skills using diggers in the sand. Creative skills were needed to make junk modelling vehicles, whilst also talking about shapes and colours of windows and wheels. Of course we enjoyed buying tickets to ride on the bus to the beach, Canterbury and London!



Effort of the Term

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| RB | Poppy Spicer |
| RR | Ophelia Dubignon |
| 1CM | Harrison Tomkies |
| 1R | Elliott South |
| 2H | John Lapworth |
| 2L | Quinn Hewett |
| 3B | Hannah Robinson |
| 3P | Flynn Leberl |
| 4C | Harry Daw |
| 4R | Molly South |
| 5A | Samuel Stroud |
| 5M | Aaliyah Levene |
| 6J | Kit Dearson |
| 6W | Hermione Porter |

HEADTEACHER AWARDS



Evie Wiltsher, James Evans,
Daisy Robinson for fantastic Fables

Harper Skudder-Acaster, Dhiyana Patel,
Oliver Taylor, Austin Smith for fantastic
Shakespeare Powerpoints

READING AWARDS

**The following children completed Reading shelves
this week**

Dylan Patel, George Horn, Florence Osborn

Accelerated Reader Target 1

Flora Bunyan, Remi Page, Ethan Smith, Harry Daw,
Kaitlyn Gurubatham-Kanny, Joshua Johnson,
April Snow, Oliver Bracey, Daniel Mathew,
Ella Dibb-Fuller, Sophia Baker, Jaspar Rae,
Rosie Robinson, Eva Wyon, Dorothy Stead,
Ashmitha Palanisamy

Target 2

Henry O'Connor, Flynn Leberl, Lilly Meredith,
Leo Alexander, Oscar Irwin, Isaac Stroud

Target 3

Luca Barnes, Brayden Ingram, Sophia Gudge,
Evie Crocker, Kit Dearson, Isaac Stroud

ROCKSTARS TIMES TABLES

Speed

Arnav Siddappa

Accuracy

Safiya Dubignon

MUSIC STAR OF THE TERM

Freddie Heffer



CHILDREN'S OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

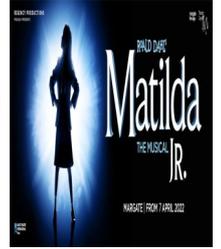
Harry Evans competed in a horse show and got placed. It was a very large class and both Harry and his pony Katre did really well.

April & Primrose Snow performed at the HDC annual show and both girls performed in 6 dances each and received medals. Primrose was also awarded one of the main star trophies that was presented to her in last week's assembly.

Brayden Ingram completed stage 3 in the Swim England Awards



This Year 5 girl is performing in Matilda JR next week at the Theatre Royal, Margate.



Theodore Panteli was awarded a stage one certificate from the Three Little Fishes Swim School.

Ophelia Dubignon was awarded Level 1 in the Swim England awards and **Safiya Dubignon** was awarded level 4

BIRTHDAYS

Navin Vishwanathan, Daisy Read,
Isabella Holden, Harry Evans, Saahil Patel,
Flynn Marsh, James Evans, Jessica Hurst,
Javier Ungufe-Bailey, Patsy Peck,
Pip Alexander, Jasmine Lapworth, Evie Horn,
Tabitha Thompson, Elijah Williams,
Ethan Smith, Florrie Brown, Honor Leberl,
Tim Lewis



GOLDEN BALLS

Leo Alexander, Kit Dearson,
Evelina Salvatori



SPORTS STAR OF THE TERM

Safiya Dubignon & Isaac Stroud

STAR AWARDS

Bronze (100+)
Patsy Peck

SILVER (200+)

Elliott South, Toby Laphorn,
Kaitlyn Gurubatham-Kanny, Molly South,
Leo Alexander, April Snow, Roy Benayahu,
Madeleine Taylor, Harry Daw, Harry Evans,
Francesca Savin, Myles Andrews,
Florence Osborn, Flynn Leberl