

Faithian Flyer

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A trip to Dover Museum for Year 6

"But the roof didn't lift up!" complained George following 6W's enthusiastic shout of "Three thousand, five hundred years!". They may not have literally raised the rafters but Year 6 were still amazed at the age of the boat that they were learning about in Dover Museum last week - and just a bit proud that they were looking at the oldest known seagoing vessel in the world.

The children have travelled through thousands of years already this term, moving from the earliest known human settlements in Britain (approximately 300,000 BC) to a mere 2500 years ago and the dawn of the Bronze Age, the focus of our trip. In preparation for visiting the boat, our creative pupils made a clay version and used their detective skills to investigate a range of genuine and replica artefacts from prehistoric times. The children were quick to spot items that contained copper and several were very keen to model the woollen skirt. There is still some controversy in 6W over who was the first to identify the yew withies used to secure sections of a boat together, while other items stumped us all. Luckily, archaeologist (and former teacher), Diana, was on hand to guide everyone in the right direction and answer the many questions from our inquisitive young historians.

The day concluded with a visit to the shop, where a wide variety of souvenirs were purchased. It has to be said that these were not all related to Ancient Britons, but I'm sure that the plastic swords, bouncy balls and beanie geckos will still provide an excellent reminder of a great day out. The staff at Dover commented on how polite, knowledgeable and generally enthusiastic our children were and we'd like to thank them for giving us such an enjoyable and informative day learning away from the classroom.



Friends of St Faith's

Thanks to a great idea from one of our lovely parents, we have this week launched the Parents' Lending Library. Located outside the Year 3 classrooms, it's a space for us grown-ups to share the joy of a good book and model the enthusiasm and enjoyment for reading that we love to see in the children. Book donations are very welcome. Do go and have a nose through the cabinet and see if there is anything that takes your fancy.

We've also had a fairly intense few hours battling cobwebs in the Friends Shed, sorting through all the various random props, accessories and bits and pieces that we use at our events. (These items include 2m of drainpipe and a loo - both of which we use every year!) Mr Andrews did valiant battle with a spider the size of Aragorn, and it is now all shipshape and ready for this year.



Before we sign off for half term - another shout out for anyone able to volunteer some time to help serve up food and drinks at the fireworks - we could really use an extra couple of pairs of hands so please let us know if you could spare even just half an hour at the Fireworks event on 6th. Drop us a line on friendsofstfaiths@yahoo.com

Have a fab half term!
Sophie & Jennie xxx



Head's Corner

With the groundworks up and running for the building of the new Sports Hall, many of the children have been fascinated by the big machinery which has added a new aspect to play at break time. With the days flashing past, it won't be long before I'm in there swinging my badminton racquet and competing for the golden shuttlecocks.



Music Report

Shortly after half term, some children will be taking music exams, so the half term break will hopefully give a chance for some extra practice. Fred and Patsy have both taken their drum exams this week - we hope they went well!

This week has seen Class Performance lessons for all classes and a chance for children to bring music/instruments/drumsticks and perform a piece to their friends. Well done to all children who took part - in most classes, everybody was happy to have a go.

Congratulations to both Cleo and Lucy on their performances in this morning's assembly. Cleo played a Grade 1 piano piece called 'The Detective' while Lucy also played the piano, performing 'Camptown Races'.

This week's Music Star was Samuel in Year 6. He chose to do trumpet in Class Performance, a difficult piece to play. Well done, Samuel!

Sport Report

This week the boys had their opportunity to prove themselves in the McCarthy Cup on Monday. St Faith's hosted the qualifying round with the top 2 in the group progressing to finals day. With a big crowd in attendance, the boys started nervously in their first match against Sibertswold Primary. Fortunately, they grew into the game, which resulted in a draw. Their second match was against Eastry Primary and they played really well to get a vital goal from a corner to win 1-0. As they went into their last match against Wingham Primary, they were aware a draw or win would qualify for the finals. They were on top throughout and deservedly won 1-0 to win the group. **Player of the tournament went to Teddy Law.**



On Wednesday, the U11 House Cross Country and House Football events took place in glorious October sunshine. The House Cross Country was keenly contested with great determination displayed by all. The results are now up on the sports board to view. The



House Football was organised by the house captains and they did an excellent job in supporting their teams. The event ended as a 3-way tie on points. Therefore, the event was decided on goals scored. Beech managed to score the most goals and won the event with Ash taking the runners-up spot. Well done everyone for taking part.

Assemblies this week

Black History Month is an annual tradition, followed by several countries, that gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. The theme for 2022's Black History Month is 'Time for Change; Action not Words'. Mr Andrews and Mrs Coombs led assemblies this week providing pupils with an opportunity for learning, reflection and change; to look at how things once were and to ensure we learn from the past to create a better future. We read quotes from influential people from Nelson Mandela, Jesse Owens, Barack Obama, Bishop Wilfred Wood and Benjamin Zephaniah.

Year 2 Harvest Festival



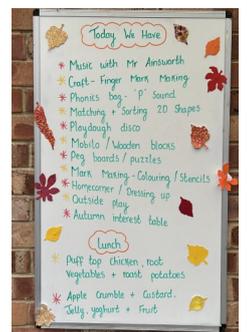
Year 2 produced a wonderful assembly telling the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and singing Harvest songs. The pupils had lots of fun performing the songs which they have been learning with Mrs Latham and Mr Ainsworth for the past term. It was wonderful to share this with parents and see the huge amount of food collected in aid of the Deal Foodbank.



Nursery News



The children in Upper Nursery have enjoyed creating their Mess-Free Sensory Autumn leaves this week. The paint is sealed away behind leaf cut outs so little hands don't get messy. This is a wonderful activity to explore the changing colours of the season and the children loved moving the colours around with their fingertips, watching them blend and change as they go. It's always magical for children to watch the leaves changing colour and they can make it happen right in front of their eyes with this activity.



Week Commencing 31 October

Monday	Year 6 Bikeability
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8.15am	Second hand shop open
2.00pm	U11 AB Boys Football v Spring Grove AWAY
2.00pm	U11 AB Girls Football v Spring Grove Home
Thursday	Year 6 Bikeability
2.00pm	U9 AB Girls Hockey v Nothbourne Park AWAY
2.00pm	U9ABC Boys Football v St Lawrence College AWAY
Friday	Year 6 Bikeability
8.40am	Celebration Assembly
6.00pm	Pre Reception Evening
Sunday	Friends Fireworks

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

Who was the first man to walk on the moon?



Last week's answer
TINKERBELL

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What can a child make that no one can ever see?

Last week's answer
IT DOESN'T... IT'S MADE OF GLASS

WELLBEING CORNER

This week brought an exciting new challenge to the school; who could find the biggest conker? Since Monday they have been piling up on Mr Andrews' desk for him to sift through comparing one against another to find out which is the biggest. This, of course, sparked much debate with a certain Maths teacher who went to great lengths to get a definitive answer regarding circumference vs Mr Andrews uninformed eye comparison. In fact, having performed lots of research during the past week into conkers (the children at Pelham Primary are lucky I didn't know then what I know now) I can recommend the Peckham Conker Club (PCC) website for all the conker tips you could wish for. What does this have to do with well-being I hear some of you ask? Well, this is prime conker season so why not head out on a family walk this week and find some conkers and teach your children how a game of conkers works? Please make sure that parents only prepare the conkers for battle. I'd be interested to see how you get on! Get outdoors, get walking and do something fun as a family this half term. Happy conkering and congratulations to this girl who currently holds the St Faith's record for biggest conker found! Or...is it the other one??



Clubs & Activities

Week Commencing	31.10.22
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	
Badminton Yr 4 - 6 (second half of term on-	YES
Chess Yr 3 - 6 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Wednesday	
Chess Yr 1 3.15pm- 4.10pm	Yes
Chess Yr 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
Dance Pixies & Fairies Ballet Upper Nursery	YES
Ballet Prep Yr 2 - 6 4.15pm - 4.50pm	YES
Jazz & Disco Yr 2 - 6 4.50pm - 5.30pm	YES
Fencing Yr 3 - 6 8.00am - 8.45am	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Yoga & Mindfulness Yr 2 - 6 4.15pm -	NO
Thursday	
Art Club Yr 2 - 6	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Musical Theatre Yr R - 1 3.30pm - 4.15pm	YES
Musical Theatre Yr 2 - 6 4.20pm - 5.05pm	YES
Netball Yr 4 - 6 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
Newspaper (Read all about it!) Yr 4 - 6	YES
Friday	
Dodge Ball Yr 3 - 6 (second half term only)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES

CHILDREN'S OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

Kit Kember was awarded his Canterbury Tennis Academy Character Skills badge from Polo Farm

Elias Dubignon achieved Level 1, **Sail McCulloch** achieved Level 2 in the Swim England Awards

Cobi Booth competed in the British Gymnastics regional selection grades in men's artistic gymnastics

Flynn Leberl received the 'Man of the Match' trophy from his Junior Football club

Condolence Book sent to the King

Thank you to everyone who signed the book, it has now been posted to His Majesty the King



STAR OF THE WEEK

RB	Teddy McDonnell	For being a shape superstar
RR	Levi Bason	For a fantastic first half of term
1CM	Rex Page	For superb Maths, especially 2D shape
1CM	Harvey Evans	For super shape work in Maths
1P	Jacob Clark and Mia Patel	For their approach to assessments
2H	Theodore Panteli	Got his 'I can and I will' attitude during the class Harvest Festival
2L	Caleb Culatto	For settling into his new school and for being resilient
3B	Luna Hulme	For her excellent engagement in lessons
3R	Tilly Howell	For an exceptional effort with her times tables
4C	James Payne	For making fantastic progress this term
4R	Flynn Leberl	For his excellent work in English
5A	Connie Reppin	For a consistently hard-working approach
5M	Leo Harrison Verrion	For an excellent first term in Year 5
6J	Amelia McElligott	For a brilliant attitude to her own mistakes
6W	George Steed	For enthusiastic questioning and creativity during the Year 6 trip

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Samuel Stroud for his excellent trumpet playing this week



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Matilda Hill, Miles Jaenicke, Sophie Dalgliesh, Theodore Panteli, Primrose Snow, Millie Maclachlan for their Jacob Lawrence style paintings



Harry McDonnell, Freddie Plumb, Holly Prosser For their portrait sketches

Lachlann Aly, Jake Lapworth, Dylan Patel, Ishaani Patel for their butterfly symmetry

Beatrix Riley, Ophelia Dubignon, Adhik Palanisamy, Finlay Ross, Wilfred Marshalsea for their fabulous tractor designs

BIRTHDAYS

Joshua Johnson, Ishaani Patel, Roy Benayahu, Finley McGuirk, Elliot South, Evan Urquhart, Grace Nuvoletta, Evelyn Davies, Wilfred Marshalsea, Teddy Law



House	Points	House Champion
Ash	109	Ivy Ward
Beech	119	Eva Wyon & Molly South
Oak	115	Tabitha Thompson
Sycamore	113	Harry Daw

READING AWARDS

Reading shelves

Dylan Patel, Valentina Panteli, Ophelia Dubignon, Madina Gibson, Evie Streader, Elias Dubignon, Finley McGuirk, Edie Howell

Accelerated Reader

Target 1

Nour Al Ayoub, Sophia Holden, Lucinda Hulme, Harry Evans, William Lee, James Quinn, Martha Bartlett, Amelie Coles, Sophia Gudge, Tommy Ridings, Hector Kember

Word Millionaire

Kishore Chandrasegaran 1,007,597

TIMESTABLES ROCK STARS

Effort

Arnav Siddappa, Francesca Savin, Daisy Robinson, Alice Thomlinson

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Emilia Douglas for helping her friend when she was feeling sad at playtime

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Sienna Plummer for excellent throwing and catching

GOLDEN BALLS

Aarav Patel, Henry Maclachlan, James Payne, John Lapworth, Flynn Leberl, Luca Barnes, Joshua Johnson