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The benefits of Coding

"Why play a video game when I can make one?" Year 6 pupil.

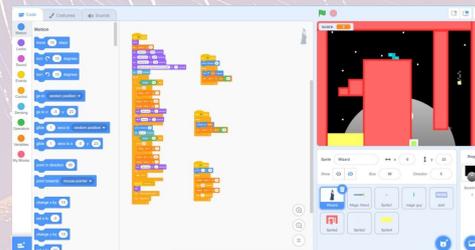
The Computing Room has been a hive of activity this term. After welcoming all pupils back with some activities on Internet Safety, children in Years 3 - 6 were challenged to create different styles of games using a coding software called Scratch. It is a free a block-based programming language created by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Media Lab for children ages 7 and up. The software enables children to program their own stories, games and animations. Scratch is intended to help young people learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively – essential skills for life in the 21st century. If you're wondering what a block-based programming language is, look at the pictures below showing the coding behind some of the games created.

Take a look at the range of excellent games pupils have made from Years 3 to 6. As you can see, the challenges get harder as the children get older. The tasks enable those who are confident coders to bring in skills they've learnt in previous years on top of what they have just studied to create some fun and interactive games. My favourite line that ends every lesson is "If you could have created this when I was at school (in the early 90's) you would have been a millionaire by the end of the lesson." It has been extremely rewarding to see pupils begin their coding journey and the success they achieve when they actually begin to produce technology... not just consume it. It is this transition from consumer to creator that is so important for pupils to experience. As they say... 'Stay calm and keep on coding!'



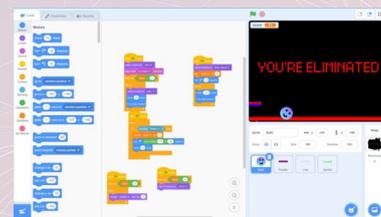
Maths Game

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/740186864>



Pong Game

<https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/741952362>



Friends of St Faith's

Hopefully lots of you have been and explored the Parents' Library by the Year 3 classrooms, and found yourselves a good book to read! Stock changes regularly and donations are always welcome if you've got a book you'd like to share!

Don't forget to wrap up warm on Sunday for the fireworks - doors open at 4pm and we'll have the usual burgers, sausages & sweet treats on sale as well as veggie options - and it's the first mulled wine opportunity of the season! We'll also have a selection of light-up toys for sale (we take card and cash).



If you bought tickets but now can't attend, please let us know so we can refund you and let our waiting list know - email us at friendsofstfaiths@yahoo.com

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday for some ooohing and aahing!!

Jennie & Sophie
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Head's Corner

At the start of the week, we heard about the Halloween antics of many pupils with safe trick or treating and family parties. As we begin November, we have been drenched, blown and sun-kissed this week! Nonetheless we have been impressed with the resilience of our pupils particularly the fantastic girls U11 Football teams smashing their way to victory again in their matches on Wednesday.

The best of luck to the boys in their McCarthy cup final on Tuesday, next week!



SLT Assembly

This half term when studying PSHEE we will be 'Celebrating Difference'.

We will recognise and celebrate that we are all similar in some ways but our differences make us unique and special. Some of our differences are visible - such as hair, skin colour, or style of dress. Some of our differences are less easy to see: how we feel, our favourite colour, food or beliefs. Whatever our difference we celebrate difference and uniqueness!

Have you examined your fingerprints - your unique feature? Dip your finger tip lightly in ink and print onto paper or take a photograph of your fingertip and then zoom in to see your finger prints.



We shared the uniqueness and special features of different animals.

Did you know?

- slugs have 4 noses
 - bees have hairs on their eyes
 - Snails can sleep for 3 years.
- Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur
Dolphins sleep with one eye open



House Charity Cake Sale

Congratulations to Sycamore and especially their House Captains for the spooky cake sale they ran on Monday and Tuesday. This was all the children's work from the original idea for a spooky cake sale through to the wording of the email home to parents and the actual running of the stall. It is a testament to the school community that pupils are keen to go the extra mile and create opportunities to support their house charities. Days like this show the very best of our school, the house system and the ethos of our community.

Thank you for your support in raising over £170 for the Evie Dove Foundation...Bravo!



Sport Report



On Wednesday the U11 Girls Football teams hosted Spring Grove. The A team were fantastic all over the pitch, leading 1-0 at half-time; the goals went in freely during the second-half including a fantastic strike from Zara. It was an outstanding 4-0 win. The B team also had their chance to play. Jen and Willa were strong in defence and Cleo managed to score the vital goal of the game to win 1-0.

On the same afternoon, The boys travelled to Spring Grove to play in a triangular against Malborough House Spring Grove. St Faith's beat Spring Grove 2-0 and 4-0. However, a strong and Malborough House team managed to beat us 3-0 and 2-0.

Players of the matches went to Zara van Ritbergen, Cleo Parkinson, Hugo Jarlett and Roy Benayahu.



Yesterday, the U9 Girls travelled to Northbourne Park to play their next Hockey matches. Playing indoors was a new experience for the girls. However, they played well to win one of their games 3-0 and lost the other game 3-0. On the same afternoon, the U9 Boys Football teams hosted St Lawrence College which turned out to be a goal fest. All 3 teams were comfortable winners. The A team won 8-0 with 4 goals from Myles; the B team won 5-0 with 4 goals from Aiden; and finally the C team won 13-0 with 7 goals from Bertie.

Players of the matches went to Hannah Robinson, Emily Daw, Javier Ungufe-Bailey, Aiden Gibson, and Bertie Hampshire.



Well played everyone!

Music Report

Rehearsals are well underway for Christmas performances and we all sang 'White Christmas' during assembly this morning. It may only be the start of November, but it's not too early for Christmas music! There will be Nativity performances for Nursery and Reception while Year 1 will present a Christmas show. Year 2 will be leading our Christingle service and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will all be taking part in the Christmas Service during the last week of term.



Congratulations to both Martha Bartlett and Florrie Brown on their assembly performances this morning. For Martha, it was a debut flute performance while the assembly gave a chance for Florrie to practise one of the pieces for her upcoming Initial Piano exam.

There were two Music stars this week - Sophia Gudge and Sophia Holden. Both girls worked extremely hard over half term to catch up in their theory books.

Week Commencing 7 November

Monday	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 8.40am 3.30pm	Year 6 Bikeability Year 5 WW2 Assembly U11 Boys McCarthy Cup finals at Warden House AWAY
Wednesday 8.15am 1.30pm 2.00pm	Second hand shop open U11 Football tournament @Junior Kings AWAY U11 AB Girls Hockey v Northbourne Park AWAY
Thursday 2.00pm	U9 AB Boys Football v Junior Kings HOME
Friday 8.40am 11.00am	Celebration Assembly Remembrance Service

Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What 3 colours are on the Union Jack?



Last week's answer: Neil Armstrong

Deputy Head Boy & Girl's Teaser!

What is the name of the cowboy in 'Toy Story'?



Last week's answer: A noise

Get Snapping

It's not too late to enter the St Faith's Photography Competition 2022.

The theme this year is 'Colour' and you can use filters and crop images. The competition is open to children from Reception to Year 6 and it is one entry per child.

Send your entries to the following email address: photography.competition@stfaithsprep.com
Deadline for entries is Friday 11th November - so get snapping!



Outside Achievements

Dylan Patel was awarded a trophy for great football at Betteshanger Park club

Clubs & Activities

Week Commencing	07.11.22
Monday	
Gym Un - Yr 1 3.35pm - 4.10pm	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 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
Chess Yr 3 - 6 4.10pm - 5.10pm	YES
LAMDA (During school hours)	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES
Wednesday	
Chess Yr 1 3.10 - 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 to	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 - 5.00pm	YES
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 4.10pm - 5.00pm	YES
Music (During School hours)	YES

Wellbeing

It's the 4th of November and already I've sung Christmas carols, thanks to Mr Ainsworth's whole school singing assembly preparing the children for the plethora of celebrations we have at the end of this term. Singing is indeed good for the soul and seeing the children in full voice was delightful.

It has been a busy week on the charity side of things at St Faith's Prep and my wellbeing thought for the week is - GIVING BACK - taking part in activities within our community, or helping a friend with something they need to do is one way of improving our own wellbeing. Many of you have supported 'GIVING BACK' this week by supporting the Sycamore cake sale or the Poppy Appeal. We appreciate your support. As we look forward to Bonfire Night I am going to make sure that I 'stay in the moment' (as the gurus would put it) and enjoy the various displays this weekend. Bonfire Night was always one of my favourite nights of the year as a child and I'm looking to regain that awe and wonder as I watch my boys enjoy the festivities this year. Fingers crossed the rain holds off. Enjoy!

STAR OF THE WEEK

RB	Jaffraj Singh	For working hard in Phonics
RR	Navin Vishwanathan	Being a Maths wizard this week
1CM	Kell Sanders	For becoming a Maths Wizard and whizzing through this week
1P	Emilia Douglas	For her enthusiasm and love of Maths
2H	Matilda Hill	For a fantastic effort across the curriculum
2L	Elias Dubignon	For Amazing Maths
3B	Brayden Ingram	For his fantastic work on the solar system
3R	Gigi Evans	For her enthusiasm towards reading
4C	Mya Wood	For her consistently positive attitude
4R	Lily Meredith	For her excellent attitude and enthusiasm for learning
5A	Molly South	For resilience and positivity in all areas
5M	James Quinn	For an all-round great effort
6W	Jessica Hurst	For taking everything in her stride
6J	Freddie Heffer	For sharing his fantastic geographical knowledge

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Sophia Gudge and Sophia Holden for working hard to catch up their Music Theory over the half term



HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Evie Crocker and Fred Giles for excellent poetry



Brayden Ingram for his amazing 'rocks' information leaflet

Digger Hulme, Kell Sanders, Beau Nikraz & Penny Iverson for their wonderful tractor designs

READING AWARDS

Reading shelves

Navin Vishwanathan, Benji Ludlow, Neve Jaenicke, Sienna Plummer, Teddy Mc Donnell, Emila Ball, Felix Kinden, Miles Jaenicke, Mia Patel, Wilfred Marshalsea, William Giles, Beatrix Riley

Accelerated Reader

Target 1

Ivy Ward, Fred Giles, Tabitha Thompson, Hannah Robinson, Javier Ungufe-Bailey, Florence Brown, Tilly Howell, Alison Thomlinson

Target 2

Francesca Savin, Aaliyah Levene, Brayden Ingram, Eva Wyon



TRAVELLING BOOKS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you to everyone who attended the travelling Book Fair. Together we have raised **£882.17** for our school to spend on books

BIRTHDAYS

Beau Nikraz, Florence Osborn



SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Miles Jaenicke for excellent dodging in dodgeball session

House	Points
Ash	68
Beech	91
Oak	82
Sycamore	86

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Adhik Palanisamy is extremely kind, always helping his friends and teachers in the classroom. If something needs doing Adhik will do it!

LIBRARIES 4 SCHOOLS

During the summer holidays one of our parents entered the school into a competition to win some books for the library. I'm pleased to say we were one of 20 schools out of hundreds to win.



At the end of the half-term our senior library prefect graciously accepted the free books.

Thank you Libraries 4 Schools