



# ST FAITH'S PREP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## IT'S BEHIND YOU!

Friday saw Years 1 to 6 enjoying an afternoon of boos, cheers, and laughter as they watched Sleeping Beauty at the Marlowe Theatre.

Three coachloads of very excited children (and teachers) arrived in Canterbury and made their way through the streets to the theatre. After a quick healthy snack of an apple to keep energy levels high, we made the most of our prime position in the front 5 rows of the stalls. The children loved every second and gleefully jumped up to do the 'it's the law' lunge, boo the baddie, and roar with laughter at the various antics on stage.

The highlight of the afternoon though had to be when the Dame declared her love interest to be Mr Mackenzie, and "ooooh helllllooooo David" rang across the theatre. Cue some very substandard kazoo playing and an extremely relieved Mr Ainsworth while the children were beside themselves with delight.

There was of course, the obligatory slosh scene, and our prime position at the front of the stalls soon became very soggy as the cast soaked the children and teachers alike with their water pistols.

As always, this was a lovely trip out for the children and a chance for them to experience the uniquely British phenomenon of pantomime. They were, of course, their usual polite, well behaved selves and we all thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. OH YES WE DID!



## THOUGHTS FROM THE STUDY

Having been gently eased into the new term with a STEAM Day and a Pantomime, the girls have managed to stamp their mark on the New Year with impressive Netball successes against Kent College this week. I am proud of the tenacity, competitiveness and determination that they all displayed.



## SPORTS REPORT

On Wednesday, the U11 girls had their first Netball fixtures of the year against Kent College and what a fantastic start it was. The A and B teams played away at Kent College and put all their hard work before Christmas into practice as both teams won comfortably. The A team were excellent in defence as well as attack to win 11-2 and the B team won 6-2.

Our C and D teams were playing at home, with the C team match a close contest. With the score 0-0 at half time, Kent College managed to be more precise with their shooting in the second half to win 2-0. The D team had a thrilling finale with Imogen scoring in the final few seconds of the match to win 2-1. Players of the Match went to Holly M, Imogen N, Amelia M and Gaby O. Well done girls! A great start to the Netball season.

Next week the U9 Netball team have their first matches of the year against St Lawrence College. There are also U9 Rugby fixtures to look forward to.



### SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

**Finlay Ross**

For his excellent catching in PE lessons

## MUSICAL MUSINGS

It has been good to get up and running with Music groups again this term - thank you to everyone who has come along, particularly if it has meant giving up a play time.

On Thursday next week, our Early Years children take centre stage in our first concert of the term. The Nursery and Reception children have been working hard preparing their songs, recorder pieces and solos. Parents, family and friends are all welcome to come along - the concert starts at 8:40am.

Our Year 5 children have also been working hard to learn words for their Young Voices concert on Friday 20th. The children are very excited and looking forward to their trip.

During assembly this week, we listened to Adhik and Nathaniel playing the piano.

### MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

**Amara Fernando**

For her overall contribution to school Music



## RECEPTION CLASS

While the rest of the school were at the panto, Reception came out to play! A little army of 'secret explorers' set out to thoroughly investigate all the parts of the school that they don't usually get to explore.

The children found a variety of jigsaw pieces in Years 6 and 5, and were very excited to see several other 'Jerrie' Cats! (Check out the article below on our Jigsaw Assembly to find out more about this!) They also found a very lonely chicken sitting on Mr Mackenzie's desk...they left him there in the hope that he doesn't get lost!

The intrepid explorers then decided to venture into the office. After a 'Goldilocks moment' where they tried out all the various desks and chairs (and definitely absolutely and completely did not at all venture into Mr Groves' office) they spent some time with Mrs Bourne getting to know our school mascot, Faith!

It was a lovely afternoon, and a chance for the children to make the most of having the school to themselves!



## LOWER NURSERY

This week, Lower Nursery have been looking at all things Winter mitten decorating, silhouette polar bear painting, fingerprint snow trees and a winter themed gluing station! We have been learning all about what Winter means... is it hot? Is it cold? Is it sunny? Or is it windy and rainy? How can we make sure that we dress appropriately? Do we need coats? Do we need hats? What do we wear on our feet to jump in puddles? The questions are endless!

In the holidays we also had LOTS of fun with our wraparound children! They enjoyed using their hands and feet to really explore with paint! Stomping, jumping, clapping and rolling around in it to make marks, the children enjoyed every second and couldn't stop laughing!



**STARS OF THE WEEK**

**RR**

**Saahil Patel**

For excellent 3D shape knowledge

**RB**

**Daisy Read**

For a settled start to the new term

**1CM**

**Beau Nikraz**

For his enthusiasm and super work ethic in everything he does

**1P**

**Jacob Clark**

For his excellent contributions to lessons

**2L**

**Charlotte Donaldson**

For overcoming her fear of the pantomime and enjoying it

**2H**

**Elliott South**

For his engagement and resilience during STEAM

**3B**

**Georgia Brown**

For a fantastic start to her new school

**3R**

**Aiden Gibson**

For responding to feedback with positivity and determination

**4C**

**Henry Maclachlan**

For his exceptional effort across the curriculum

**4R**

**Ethan Smith**

For a fantastic return to school and great enthusiasm for learning

**5A**

**Eva Wyon**

For a super start to the term

**5M**

**Flora Bunyon**

For excellent resilience

**6W**

**Isabella Culatto**

For being positive, polite and really pushing herself

**6J**

**Noah McCann**

For being an excellent role model during STEAM day

**CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 8.40AM FRIDAY**

## WELLBEING

Welcome readers to the Wellbeing Column for 2023.

I read an article this week which suggests 58% of the UK population will be making New Year's resolutions, that is about 30 million people. Parents of children in Year 3 would have experienced sitting down with their children as part of their homework to discuss their academic and personal goals for the year.

When discussing personal goals with my own son, it struck me that our children are actually quite good at suggesting resolutions and the steps they could take to achieve them. Interestingly, wellbeing is an area that is attracting national attention as an area for improvement. To make wellbeing goals achievable you could split wellbeing into the following six topics - relationships and connections, play and entertainment, relaxation, physical activity, creativity and emotional health.

This week I'm thinking about play and entertainment. Can you make more time this year to play more as a family, whether it is board games or and physical games - putting effort into doing this can really improve your family's wellbeing. My personal game of the year so far is Crocotiles. This fun family game kept the residents of Andrews Towers entertained over New Year and is currently a Saturday night mainstay. What will you aim to improve this year?



BOGGLE



BANAGRAMS



CROCOTILES

## BIRTHDAYS

**Kaitlyn Gurubatham-Kenny**  
**Peter Langdon**



# JIGSAW ASSEMBLY

Jigsaw is a whole-school PSHEE scheme. Each half term we focus on a set topic, and each year group tailors their class activities to suit the children, while still remaining connected to the overarching theme. This means that we are all working on one topic, which is great for school unity and bringing all the children together to remember and act upon the key messages.



Up until half term, the whole school will be thinking and talking about the pride we take in achievements and how we can support the challenges that we and others face when working towards a goal.

Working towards something really important to us can sometimes feel a little like riding a rollercoaster, with ups and downs along the way. It can also feel a bit scary at times, but resilience, hard work and 'stickability' are key to perseverance; it feels wonderful to achieve goals and dreams that you have worked hard towards.

Do check out our Children's Outside Achievements Section below to see some of our amazing pupils who are already working hard towards achieving their goals.

This half term, we will be creating a whole school display of our dreams and goals. We would love as many people as possible to contribute; please feel free to come and add yours!

## HOUSE POINTS

<b>Ash</b>	<b>112 Points</b>
<b>Beech</b>	<b>141 Points</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>116 Points</b>
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>146 Points</b>

## CLASS RESPONSIBILITY BADGE HOLDERS

### FORM CAPTAINS

2H	Evan Urquhart
2L	Harrison Tomkies
3B	Luna Hulme
3R	Tilly Howell
4C	Tommy Ridings
4R	Evie Crocker
5A	Zara Van Ritbergen
5M	Madeleine Taylor
6J	Noah McCann
6W	Jessica Hurst

### ECO WARRIOR

1CM	Ishaani Patel
1P	Emilia Douglas
2H	Matilda Hill
2L	Pip Alexander
3B	Charlie Douglas
3R	Dorothy Stead
4C	Amelie Coles
4R	Lilly Meredith
5A	Eva Wyon
5M	Matyas Oprchal

### SCHOOL COUNCIL

2H	Toby Laphorn
2L	Caleb Culatto
3B	Brayden Ingram
3R	John Lapworth
4C	Lucy McElligott
4R	Flynn Leberl
5A	Joshua Johnson
5M	Arnav Siddappa

### FRIENDSHIP COUNSELLOR

3B	Emily Daw
3R	Myles Andrews
4C	Henry Maclachlan
4R	Remi Page
5A	Kishore Chandrasegaran
5M	James Quinn

## RIDDLE ME THIS...

### HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL'S TEASER

What has many keys but cannot open a single lock?



### DEPUTY HEAD BOY & GIRL'S TEASER

I am orange and wear a green hat and I rhyme with parrot.



What am I?

## FRIENDS OF ST FAITH'S

A huge thank you to those of you who have brought in donations to the Friends' Uniform Shop. We are finding that more and more people are coming along to pick up items of second hand uniform so please do continue to support us; it's a great way to contribute to our PTA.

# CHILDREN'S OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS



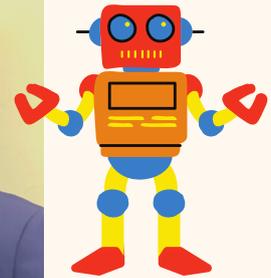
## SHOW JUMPING

One of our Year 5 girls jumped in three classes at Duckhurst Farm, and gained a joint first and two clear rounds.



## ROBOTICS

Another of our Year 5 girls has spent her spare time making this incredible moving robot.



## CRICKET

One of our Year 6 boys has been selected to represent East Kent in the U11 district cricket squad.



## DANCE

One of our Year 2 girls took her ISTD grade 1 dance exam in modern, primary ballet and primary tap. She received a merit in her exams. She also received her Bronze Water Safety Award for swimming



## OTHER AWARDS

### HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

**Sail McCulloch, Theodore Panteli, Amaari Patel, Pip Alexander, James Gadsden, Evie Ball, Evan Urquhart**

For their amazing Christmas Leaflets

### READING AWARDS

**Martha Bartlett, Amelia McElligott, Penny Ford, Cleo Parkinson, Ashmitha Palanisamy, Dexter Stavri**

For the Christmas Reading Challenge

**James Quinn**  
Accelerated Reader Level 1

### STAR AWARDS

BRONZE (100+)

**Primrose Snow, Theodore Panteli, Sophie Dalglish, Elliott South**



### FRIEND OF THE WEEK

**Aaliyah Levene**

For always being consistently kind and nice.

### CODING CERTIFICATES

**Lily Read, Elsie Rang, Penny Ford**

### GOLDEN BALLS



**Aiden Gibson, Joseph Johnson x2, Roxi Booth, Myles Andrews, Charlie Douglas, John Lapworth, Kasen Wells**

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

### CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Click the link to see which clubs and activities are running next week:

[Clubs-Timetable-Spring-Term-2023.xls.pdf \(stfaithsprep.com\)](#)

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Click the link to see what's on next week:

[Calendar - St Faith's Prep School \(stfaithsprep.com\)](#)

### SPORTING FIXTURES

Click the link to see what fixtures are lined up for next week:

[Sporting Fixtures at St Faith's Prep, Ash near Canterbury \(stfaithsprep.com\)](#)

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