



ST FAITH'S PREP SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Wishing all our families a very Happy Lunar New Year! We have been learning all about Chinese New Year, exploring foods, crafts and traditions.

Wednesday, saw a delicious Chinese New Year themed lunch and we enjoyed spring rolls, sweet & sour chicken, tofu with black bean sauce, steamed rice and prawn crackers, as well as a fortune cookie and a lucky red packet.

The serving tables were all decorated in keeping with the Lunar New Year theme, and the children gleefully embraced getting to grips with chopsticks (even if some were using them to eat jacket potato with cheese and beans).

This year's zodiac sign is the Rabbit, which is a 'symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity' in Chinese culture and 2023 is predicted to be a year of hope. Those born in the year of the Rabbit are believed to be clever, compassionate and generous.



THOUGHTS FROM THE STUDY

A Wishford Governance Inspection this week, yet again highlighted the excellence of our children with their happy outlook on life, independence, confidence and all round achievement. I am so lucky to be working with these wonderful children.



SPORTS REPORT

On Thursday, the U9 girls were up against Kent College. All the girls had an opportunity to play but it was a tough day at the office against some strong Kent College teams. All 3 teams lost but they all demonstrated excellent team spirit and determination to keep going until the end, and the fantastic match tea provided some consolation. Players of the match went to Tabitha T, Evie C, Margot R-A

On the same afternoon, a group of children walked over to Cartwright and Kelsey Primary School for some friendly dodgeball matches. The St Faith's team named 'Nacho Cheese' were victorious and won all their matches. However, overall the team contest was a draw. Players of the match went to Ethan S and Patsy P.

Next week, the fixtures come thick and fast. The girls travel to Thamesmead for the county Football finals, there are more Netball matches against Northbourne Park and to finish the week the U11 girls have their ISA Netball tournament to look forward to. Good luck to all!

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

John Lapworth

For his good fencing skills

MUSICAL MUSINGS

This week, saw another Afternoon Concert, giving some of our more able musicians a chance to perform as soloists. We also heard from pieces played by the String Trio and Wind Orchestra. Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Also this week, we have had another set of ABRSM exams. These were held in the Music Room and the children performed for an examiner called Chris Brannick. Most results are likely to come through over the weekend, but Evie and Roza's Prep certificates were awarded during assembly.

At the end of last week, Year 5 had their chance to sing with thousands of other children in the Young Voices concert at London's O2. Everyone had a great day with memories which will last a lifetime. Year 5, you were brilliant all day (and night!) and a pleasure to spend time with that day.

During this morning's assembly, we were entertained by two children in Reception: Poppy and Rex. They both played the piano and performed with great confidence - well done, you two!

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Cleo Parkinson

For performing with flair and resilience in this week's concert



YOUNG VOICES 2023

The brilliant children in Year 5 took part in their now customary Young Voices concert in London on Friday evening.

Young Voices is the largest children's choir in the world, bringing together primary school children as they sing in choirs of thousands at arenas usually the domain of chart-topping stars. Imagine being able to tell your mates you performed live at the O2 - our children can do just that!

Following a quick getaway after assembly, we travelled by coach to Frankie and Benny's in Greenwich for lunch before continuing our journey to the O2. On arrival, we were delighted to find that we had pretty much the best seats in the house, with two suites in front of David Lawrence, the conductor, and just behind the band.

The children performed with the incredibly talented violinist Anna Phoebe (aka Amelia and Lucy's mum!) who was one of several solo performers taking part, alongside the brilliant Beatbox Collective and former lead vocalist of M People, Heather Small. We also worked with street dance crew Urban Strides and the brilliant Andy Instone, making the concert all the more special.

During their Music lessons at school this year, the children have been learning the Young Voices songs, including a Pop Medley from Trolls, numbers from Disney and a clever musical arrangement of some of Spike Milligan's poetry. These songs, and more, were performed by our fantastic children along with over 8000 others from schools across London and the south-east.

After the concert, we all gradually made our way back to the coach, holding a rope and with regular headcounts from the staff! A return to school at about 11:15pm wasn't as late as expected and hopefully the children had a good weekend to re-charge their batteries.

Thank you to Mrs Allen, Mr Mackenzie and Mrs Fidock for helping Mr Ainsworth with looking after the children.



YV YOUNG VOICES

MORNING CONCERT

This week, saw another impressive Morning Concert with children from Years 2 to 6 represented. There was a sizeable audience of children, school staff and parents, both in person and on Teams. I am always hugely impressed by the composure and confidence shown by our children. It must be quite daunting standing up to perform, or sitting at the drums, in front of over 200 people - not that many nerves were on show from the wonderful children who took part.

Martha, Jen and Anna got the concert off to a great start with a String Trio performance of 'Consider Yourself'. We also had two pieces performed by our Wind Orchestra - one of the three orchestras we have at St Faith's. There were debut performances from Freddie on bassoon and Amara playing the harp - it was wonderful to hear our children playing such rarely heard instruments, and doing so incredibly well. We also had singing and Musical Theatre performances from Safiya and Cleo, a Grade 3 violin piece played by Holly, Grade 2 trumpet from William, together with drum solos played by Kasen and Sail.

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the concert!

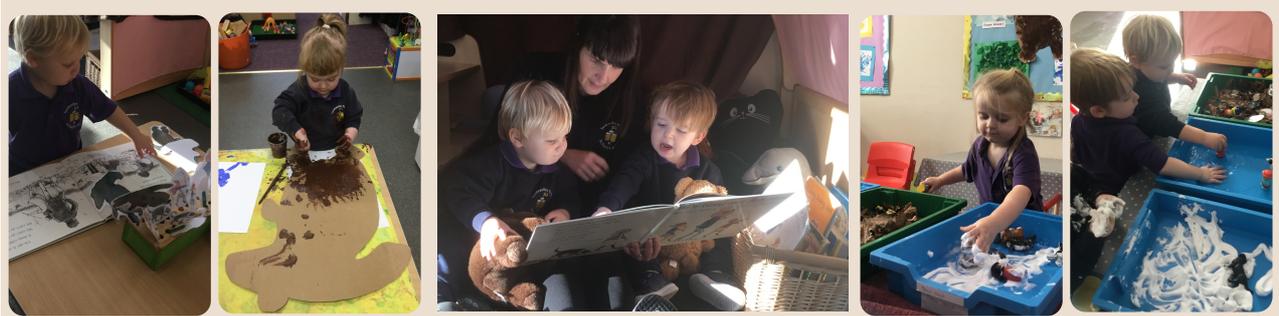


WE'RE GOING ON A BEAR HUNT

Lower Nursery have been participating in a variety of activities linked to their 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' topic. Most, if not all, parents will be familiar with this book by author Michael Rosen, and will know how the story goes.

The children began with listening to the story, before creating their own Bear Hunt collage, and searching for coloured bears in the sandpit. They have also explored a range of sensory activities, from leaves to water and even snow!

One particularly mischievous bear hid himself in the classroom and the children took great joy in hunting for him!



**STARS OF
THE WEEK**

RR

Edie Howell

for super
phonics and
Literacy this
week

RB

Benji Amos

for increased
confidence and
self-belief

1CM

George Horn

for resilience in
Maths

1P

Ophelia Dubignon

for her excellent
work in Science

2L

Elias Dubignon

for all round
effort

2H

Symphony Snow

for super spelling
and Maths

3B

Quinn Hewett

for a positive
attitude and
believing in
herself

3R

Florence Osborn

for her
descriptive
writing in English

4C

Hannah Robinson

for her
magnificent Maths

4R

Catherine Payne

for her wonderful
resilience in Maths

5A

April Snow

For enthusiasm
and energy in all
areas

5M

William Lee

for being a
wonderful St Faith's
representative at
Young Voices

6W

Tim Lewis

For fantastic
independence
with long division

6J

Elizabeth Birkett

For pushing herself
with punctuation

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 8.40AM FRIDAY



WELLBEING

Welcome to the well-being corner and what feels like 192nd of January. This month can really drag for some people and coupled with a lack of sunlight, cold temperatures and wind and rain it can definitely temper your mood if you let it.

However, a positive outlook can really boost your morale. Connecting with people is consistently cited as a way of managing your well-being. For me, the morning gate duty is the one time of the day when I can wave and greet people and really connect face to face. Seeing the beaming faces of children as they come up the drive just goes to show that a smile really can make someone's day. I also have my daily interactions with the 'Ash Locals'. A simple cheery chat and good morning really can make someone's day and I look forward to my daily exchanges with dog walkers and breakfast hunters alike. These interactions help to build a sense of belonging and self-worth and provide an opportunity to share positive experiences.

To any children reading this, remember that you belong to a very special group: the St Faith's Family. It is each and every one of you that makes our school so 'excellent'. Parents - you too are part of the St Faith's fabric and we really do value each and every one of you.

With that in mind, on the school run next week, why not say hello to a parent you have not met before and connect with them? Children, can you make a new friend next week? It all starts with a cheery hello, a wave and a smile!



ONLINE SAFETY

This week's column looks at a free online safety guide on Cyber Resilience. It offers advice on ways that you can keep your information safe and avoid data breaches at home.

In the last couple of decades, the volume of online traffic has increased exponentially but, by and large, people's awareness of the accompanying risks hasn't grown in line with it. To illustrate the scale of the issue, consider this: a report by the Internet Crime Complaint Centre found that in the United States during 2020, there was a successful cyber-attack every second. Yes: every second!

Criminals continue to find new and devious ways to attempt to hijack our online transactions and harvest our private information. To them, the smart devices that many of us now use as standard at home are simply a convenient back door into our networks and our lives. Check out the guide by clicking [here](#) for advice on beefing up your household's cyber resilience. In the guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks, such as how to use a password manager, how to back up your data and how to check for breaches.



**CYBER
SECURITY**

RIDDLE ME THIS...

HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL'S TEASER



Last week's answer

TEA POT



What gets bigger the more you take away????

DEPUTY HEAD BOY & GIRL'S TEASER

Last week's answer

All of them



What has hands and a face but cannot wave or smile???

FRIENDS OF ST FAITH'S

It's really great that so many of you are supporting the Friends by buying second hand uniform from us, but please can we remind you to re label with your child's name and remove the old label. It's also worth saying that there is quite a bit of unlabelled clothing in the Lost Property box, so if you're on the hunt for an escaped coat or jumper it would be a good idea to check there first!

Also - we are planning our first coffee morning of the year - keep your eye on our socials to find out when!

HOUSE POINTS



Beech 33 Points



Ash 42 Points



Oak 36 Points



Sycamore 28 Points

CHILDREN'S OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

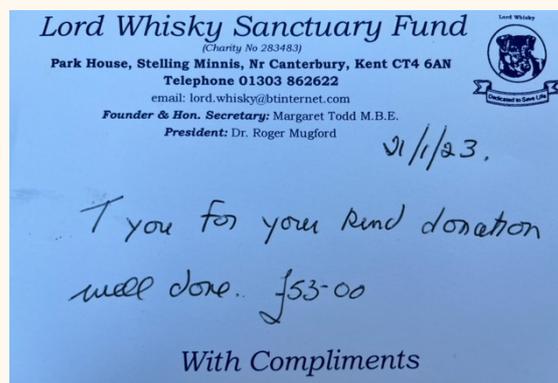
FUNDRAISING



At the Christmas Fair, four of our Year 5 girls ran a Quack a Duck stall selling their hand made jewellery and goodies in order to raise funds for the Lord Whiskey Animal Sanctuary.

The girls finally had a chance to get together to take the money they raised to Margaret who runs the Lord Whiskey Animal Sanctuary. Margaret was delighted with the donation of £53.00 and very thankful to the girls and the school for allowing them the opportunity to have a stall at the fair.

The girls were invited in to feed the pigs and see the animals which they really enjoyed.



THE BROWNIE PROMISE

Four of our children in Years 3, 4 & 5 took their Brownie Promise this week.

The Promise isn't about being perfect or the best at everything – it's about attempting new challenges and achieving your personal best. Much like our school motto 'I Can & I Will'.

Taking the Brownie Promise is about making a commitment and was a very special moment for the girls.



"I promise that I will do my best, to be true to myself and develop my beliefs, to serve the King and my community, to help other people and to keep the (Brownie) Guide Law."

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

James Gadsden

for describing Baba Yaga. He used impressive adjectives and described her well.

READING AWARDS

Reading shelves

Theodore Panteli, Symphony Snow

Accelerated Reader Target 1

James Evans, Sail McCulloch, Toby Laphorn, Elliott South,
Margot Rowland-Andrews, Brayden Ingram, Florence Brown, Sophia Holden

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Effort - Mya Wood
Accuracy - Amara Fernando

MUSIC CERTIFICATES

Roza Wells - Prep Test Singing
Evie Wiltsher - Prep Test Piano

STAR AWARDS

BRONZE (100+)
Henry Maclachlan, Evie Crocker,
Bertie Hampshire



FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Matyas Oprchal
for being kind, caring and inspiring confidence in others

CODING CERTIFICATES

Freddie Heffer Course F
Elizabeth Birkett Course E
Timothy Lewis Course C

GOLDEN BALLS



Myles Andrews
Aiden Gibson
Javier Ungufe-Bailey

BIRTHDAYS

Catherine Payne

James Payne

Leo Alexander

Dylan Dawkins

Romeo Page

Hugo Jarlett

Charlotte Donaldson



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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