ST FAITH'S PREP SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 10 March 2023

READING COMPETITION

Reading is the foundation of all learning...and it's fun!" These words can often be heard echoing through the classrooms and hallways here at St Faith's, and our annual Reading Competition provides the perfect opportunity for our children to share a passage from their favourite book, as well as develop their public speaking skills and grow in confidence.

Every single child in the school selects a passage from a book of their choice. It doesn't matter if they aren't all reading at the same level, this is an exercise in sharing the joy of reading, and practising speaking to an audience. With book choices ranging from Funnybones to Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, each class selected two children to go through to the finals.

For our Reception children, this is the first time they have taken part in the Reading Competition, so their finals are held in the classroom, where the finalists read their books to the Headmaster. Reception Champion was Sienna Plummer, with Felix Kinden taking the Early Years Trophy.

Over in the Lower School, finalists from Years 1-3 read their passages to an audience of children, teachers and parents. Winners were Holly Prosser (Year 1), Millie Maclachlan (Year 2) and Aiden Gibson (Year 3).

Finally, our Upper School Champions were Arabella Jarlett (Year 4), Madeleine Taylor (Year 5 and Henry Bowyer (Year 6).

As always, the standards were incredibly high, and it was a tough task for the judges to select winners. All the children should be very proud of themselves for their efforts.

THOUGHTS FROM THE STUDY

Our children ended the week with a bang(literally) with our Science Spectacular. Led by Mrs Ainsworth we welcomed a gang of sixteen scientists for the day to wow the children with all sorts of scientific marvels and magic. Many, many thanks to these clever people for giving up their day to spend it with our children and give them such a treat!

SPORTS REPORT

On Tuesday, the U11 girls Football team were in action against Sibertswold Primary in the Dover and Deal League. The girls were looking to extend their lead at the top of the table, and did so in superb fashion.

Katherine, Penny and Martha were solid in defence as always, and at the other end of the pitch, Madeleine was driving the team forward from centre midfield. Honor, Gabby and Jalia kept their width in the wide positions and Zara was ruthless in front of goal ,scoring a hattrick as the team won 4-0. Player of the match for her fantastic finishing went to Zara. Well done girls!

On a wet and chilly Wednesday afternoon, the U11 boys braved the conditions to take on St Edmund's in their next Hockey matches. The A team had a competitive match with some high-quality Hockey from both teams. However, St Edmund's managed to secure a 3-1 win.

The B team were 1-0 down at half time but very much in the contest. Alex, Kishore and Henry were superb in defence and they had chances to score at the other end of the pitch. George manged to score in the second half after nice play from Leo but it wasn't quite enough as St Edmund's won 2-1. Players of the match went to Alex W and Henry O. Great effort boys!

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Millie Maclachlan

for excellent enthusiasm and effort in lessons and at cross country] running

MUSICAL MUSINGS

It was a busy day of music yesterday, beginning with almost six and a half hours of ABRSM exams. The results should come through over the weekend, so fingers crossed for a good outcome! Well done in particular to Jake, who had to wait all day to take his exam and still got some brilliant comments from the examiner in his cello Prep Test.

Yesterday evening, the Chamber Choir were at St Edmund's School for a rehearsal before the Gala Concert at Canterbury Cathedral next week. The children have been rehearsing the soprano part all term, but last night was the first chance they have had to experience singing with other sopranos, together with the altos, tenors and basses. When the Cathedral choristers and an orchestra are added in too, the concert should be quite an experience!

There were no musical performances during Celebration Assembly, but congratulations to Kasen who was Music star. He is working brilliantly through his Grade 2 exam pieces. Well done to you, Kasen!

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Kasen Wells

for the amazing progress he is making on the piano

3B ASSEMBLY

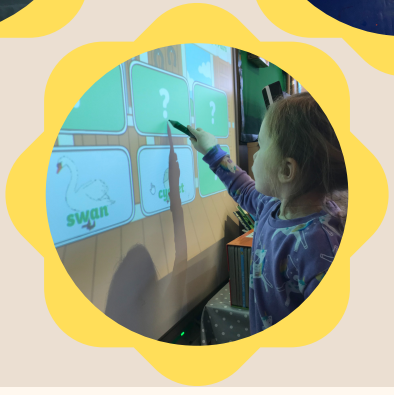
A somewhat rainy afternoon was brightened up considerably by 3B's Assembly, which took the form of a play called True Colours. The play explored the different strengths of grass, nettles, duckweed, redwood trees & white snake root. The children had all learnt their lines so well, and the acting was wonderful, with the children really projecting their voices across Kerruish Hall.

The main characters 'Duckie', 'Nettie' and 'Grassy' - along with a surprise appearance by Doctor Who & his sidekicks Dan and Sam, helped the plants realise that they were each perfect in their own unique way.

The theme of our assembly was based on our science lessons, where we have been looking at different plants and flowers. We took our audience on a journey with a very positive message, focusing on the fact that we all have special talents and are different in our own way.

LOWER NURSERY

The children in Turtle Room have been looking at the topic of Spring. They have been learning about farm animals and getting to grips with the mummy and baby names of cows, pigs sheep as well as lots of other animals. They have also been investigating changes in weather, flowers growing, blossom on the trees and most excitingly, they had a little visitor in the home area - which has been turned into a farm !



STARS OF THE WEEK

RB
Emilia Ball
for progress with her writing

RR
Henry Dibb-Fuller
for an all round fantastic week

1CM
Valentina Panteli
for blossoming like a flower in Spring

1P
Beatrix Riley
for excellent independent writing

2L
Phillipa Alexander
for Maths Mastery

2H
Sail McCulloch
for his fabulous Reading

3B
Charlie Douglas
for independent work in Maths

3R
John Lapworth
for his imaginative ideas in English

4C
James Payne
for his exceptional effort in English

4R
Evie Crocker
for her amazing adaptability and determination to do well

5A
Zara Van Ritbergen
for being quietly wonderful in all things

5M
Ashmitha Palanisamy
for being an excellent friend to all

6W
Samuel Stroud
for being an amazing ambassador

6J
Gabriela Osborn
for pushing herself in English

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 8.40AM FRIDAY

WELLBEING

I hope you have all enjoyed our termly no homework week! I overheard some parents in the playground calling this 'Parents' Wellbeing Week', and decided that I like the tone of that.

As parents, our approach to a busy week can rub off on our children. In the Andrews household our evening preps have been replaced by games of table tennis (I need the practice after losing 6-1 to Mr Groves this week, something he has only mentioned approximately 400 times since) and the opening of a new set of felt tip pens for colouring (alongside a little more TV time than usual too).

As I look out of the window, this weekend's homework feels rather tongue in cheek, but it is to find a glimpse of spring and take a photo of it. Fingers crossed the howling wind and freezing rain do not put any of you off adventuring outside in search of the 'perfect photo'.

Children in Years 4-6 - please check your TEAMS for information on how to enter your photos. Those in Years R-3, please ask your parents to email in your photo of Spring to wellbeing@stfaithsprep.com. We plan on making a collaborative glimpse of spring from all your work! Happy hunting - P.S. a big tip from Molly in Year 4, she spotted some daffodils on a cycling trip last weekend - get snapping!

ONLINE SAFETY

When Apple unveiled the iPad in early 2010 (it still feels like yesterday to me), they almost single-handedly rewrote everyone's idea of what of a portable computing device was capable of – and sparked a tablet revolution.

There are several very respectable imitators on the market now, but the iPad remains the standard-bearer for tablet computers, and still routinely shifts upwards of 40 million units every year.

Their immense popularity, of course, has made the iPad a familiar companion for children and young people: an auxiliary TV; an aid for schoolwork; and a blessing on long car journeys (although in my old school a parent told me of the moment they 'disposed' of the iPad via the car window along the A28 in France, as the arguing in the back reached a tipping point – you have been warned). That said, there are still some aspects of Apple's flagship tablet that parents and carers should bear in mind to help protect their child from online risks – as this week's guide explains.

The guide highlights possible hazards including the risk of age-inappropriate content, physical damage to the device and potential screen addiction. Please click here to access the guide.

RIDDLE ME THIS...

HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL'S TEASER

What is the most sold flavour of Walker's crisps?

Last week's answer
Mickey Mouse

DEPUTY HEAD BOY & GIRL'S TEASER

Who scored most goals in the 2022 World cup?

Last week's answer
An Egg

HOUSE POINTS

Beech 91 Points

Ash 84 Points

Oak 80 Points

Sycamore 73 Points

FRIENDSHIP COUNCIL

The Friendship Council would like to celebrate the effort of everyone in the school, and applaud the winners of the Reading Competition.
We would also like to remind everyone who took part that there is always next time, and another chance, as long as you continue to work hard. Everybody should be proud of themselves for taking part.

CHILDREN'S OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

SWIMMING

Ethan Smith was awarded his Stage 4 Safely Swim certificate and medal

Nour Al Ayoub was awarded her Stage 2 Learn to swim certificate and badge from the Swim England Awards

Miles Jaenicke received his Stage 2 Safely Swim certificate and medal

Neve Janenicke received her Stage 1+ Safely Swim certificate and medal

GREAT BIG SCHOOL CLEAN

The Eco Warriors have been working hard this term to help improve the sustainability of our school and to help limit the impact of litter in our local community. As part of their ongoing work, the Eco Warriors need your help! We have joined the Great Big School Clean 2023 challenge and have set ourselves the ambitious challenge of pledging 100 bags of litter. Between Friday 17th March and Sunday 2nd April, we would like you to head out into your local area and complete a litter pick. Remember – every act to protect the environment, no matter how small, makes a difference – a difference to our planet, to the wildlife we share it with, to our communities and to our own health and well-being.

To help share your incredible work, we would love you to send a picture of yourself and your family out completing your litter pick and showing how many bags of litter you have been able to collect. Please send any pictures and the total number of bags collected to david.mackenzie@stfaithsprep.com . You can also share your work on social media by tagging @stfaithsprep on either Facebook or Instagram and using the #GBSchoolClean

READING AWARDS

READING SHELVES

Benji Ludlow, Emilia Ball, Grace Nuvoletta, Neve Jaenicke, Valentina Panteli, Jacob Clark, Dylan Dawkins, Adhik Palanisamy

ACCELERATED READER

Target 1

Lucinda Hulme, Emily Daw, Luca Barnes, Noah McCann, Roxi Booth, Emily Mitchell, Safiya Dubignon, Kaitlyn Gurubatham-Kanny, Zara Van Ritbergen, Mya Wood, Lilly Meredith

Target 2

Charlie Douglas, Brayden Ingram, Nour Al Ayoub

WORD MILLIONAIRE

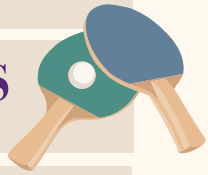
Luca Barnes

STAR AWARDS

BRONZE (100+)

Emily Daw, Florrie Brown, Quinn Hewett, Kasen Wells, Aarav Patel, James Payne, Tommy Ridings, Jacob Clark, Dylan Dawkins, Max Whorwood, Myles Andrews, Tilly Howell, Julia Godden, Dorothy Stead, Joseph Johnson

GOLDEN BALLS



Aarav Patel
Jalia Ungufe-Bailey
Luna Hulme
Harry Evans

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Tabitha Thompson

BIRTHDAYS

Freddie Heffer
Cobi Booth
Roxi Booth
Noah McCann
Molly South
Holly Matravers

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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