ST FAITH'S PREP SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 5 MAY 2023

A VERY FUN FRIDAY

The bunting is up, the Union Jack is flying, Mr Andrews is directing traffic in a very British hat...it can only mean one thing - it's Coronation Weekend!

The children have dined in style today, wearing their crafty crowns with pride. Paul and our catering team whipped up a delicious Coronation party lunch and decorated the hall to the nines, and we even had a toast to the new King Charles III.

This afternoon saw 'The St Faith's Experience' Enterprise group launch their business with two pop-up cinema screenings. Both were extremely popular, and saw hordes of children relaxing in their pjs and onesies to watch a movie with their friends.

The Enterprise groups have all worked extremely hard to bring their business plans to life (as have Mrs Woodhead and Miss Johnson!) and as I type, Mr Hay is counting up their proceeds - check back next week to find out how they have all done!

We hope you all have a wonderful Coronation weekend!

THOUGHTS FROM THE STUDY

It's been so lovely to see the children playing on the field this week, and together with the beautiful countryside all around us, it all adds to the wonderful feel-good factor we all experience at St Faith's. Cricket, swimming and the nature garden all come as a bonus and sometimes it's like a happy holiday park with some very serious learning attached. Great to see so many happy children, it just makes my day!

SPORTS REPORT

This week has been Cricket-tastic, with both U11 and U9 age groups playing in matches. On Wednesday, every child in Years 5 and 6 was involved in a game. The sun was out and some excellent cricket was seen from all the teams.

Our hardball team bowled first and restricted St Lawrence College to 75 for the loss of 5 wickets. In reply, Hugo managed to score 28 to help get the team past the total with a couple of overs to spare. There were also 5 Kwik Cricket matches taking place with some excellent bowling noticeable across all the teams. All apart from 1 team were victorious on the afternoon which was a fantastic effort from all involved. Players of the match went to Hugo J, Penny F, Gabby O, Freddie H, James E, Isabella C and Lucy H. Well played everyone!

On Thursday, the U9 teams continued the friendly week of Cricket against St Lawrence College. The A team batted first and thanks to some big hitting from Henry, Tommy and Ethan, managed to reach 311 runs. They then bowled accurately to restrict St Lawrence to 269 runs. The B team had a marathon contest that ended in a win for St Faith's by 52 runs. The C and D teams travelled to St Lawrence College and all played well considering that for many it was their first Cricket game. They narrowly lost both matches but had a fun afternoon in the sun playing cricket. Players of the match went to Ethan S, Myles A, Florence O and Alex J. Fantastic effort team!

Over May half term Mr Burrett is taking part in a cycling challenge. Along with 3 other friends/relatives he will be cycling from London to Paris over a 3 day period, to raise money for the Evie Dove Foundation. The link should you wish to donate or share the page is below.

https://theeviedovefoundation.enthuse.com/pf/jamie-burrett

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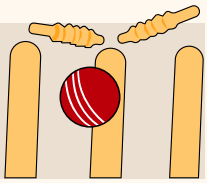
THE EVIE DOVE FOUNDATION

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Cleo Parkinson

for excellent improvement with her Cricket bowling



MUSICAL MUSINGS

Congratulations to everyone who took part in one of the two Twilight Concerts which took place this week. There were some wonderful solo performances from children in Year 1, all the way through to Year 5.

The Singing Club performed, along with the Year 3-6 Recorder Club and our Wind Orchestra. It was great to perform in front of such appreciative audiences, so thank you to all the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters who came along. It makes such a difference to see you all enjoying their performances!

There were more performances during this week's Friday assembly, as we were entertained by Evan on the ukulele and Hannah playing the clarinet. Well done, both of you!

MUSIC STAR OF THE WEEK

Elliott South
for his impressive general knowledge of Music

TADPOLE WATCH

The Lower Nursery has its first Froglet! The children have been looking after the tadpoles carefully, feeding them peas and broccoli.

They have shown great care and concern for living animals and very carefully separated the froglets from the tadpoles to ensure that the froglets have objects to climb on as they develop into frogs !

UPPER NURSERY

This term, our Upper Nursery children are learning all about mini beasts!

They have visited the Nature garden where they hunted through the hedgerows and under logs and stones to find a variety of bugs. The slugs and spiders seemed to enjoy the dark, damp soil under the logs and there were lots of small bugs flying around landing in the long grass.

They have also had a very special delivery of caterpillars this week and the children are extremely excited to watch how they grow and change over the next few weeks.

This learning about bugs is an important part of helping the children to understand the world around them, and they thoroughly enjoy it!

STARS OF THE WEEK

RB
Benji Amos
for progress with his reading and writing

RR
William O'Connor
for his super questions relating to our topic on Space

1CM
Rex Page
his resilient approach and using his initiative in his English work

1P
Emilia Douglas
for excellent work in English

2L
Maisie Hensher-Davies
for her effort in reading

2H
Sophie Dalgliesh
for an amazing piano solo in the Year 2 concert

3B
Kasen Wells
for his problem solving and reasoning in Maths

3R
Joseph Johnson
for great work in English

4C
Aarav Patel
for his excellent engagement in lessons

4R
Remi Page
for his independent work across the curriculum

5A
Molly South
for being an inspiration to us all

5M
Cobi Booth
for excellent work in all areas of the curriculum

6W
Penny Ford
for resilience and determination in everything

6J
Anna Woodhead
for striving for excellence in all she does

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY 8.40AM FRIDAY

WELLBEING

Could doing good be the secret to feeling good? New research might make you think so.

Helpforce's research suggests 56% of the UK public is willing to volunteer to support the health and well-being of people in their local communities.
When asked what would motivate people to volunteer, the most compelling reasons were making a difference to individuals (34%), their local community (28%), and having a sense of purpose (26%) .

With this in mind, the Big Help Out will occur on May 8, the Monday of the coronation bank holiday. A palace spokesperson said: "In tribute to the King's public service, it will encourage people to try volunteering and support their local areas."

So why exactly does volunteering make us feel good? It doesn't have to be a big gesture you do; just taking part in a 5-minute litter pick near where you live would make a difference and enable you to say you were part of something! We form connections, learn from others, build confidence and new skills and feel valued.

If you enjoy volunteering, remember a Palace spokesman said: "Big Help Out aims to create a lasting volunteering legacy from the coronation weekend." You could be one of these people! If you will be too busy watching the Coronation this weekend, we have the perfect volunteering opportunity for you...next week, Saturday, May 13, is St Faith's Summer Open Morning and we invite you, our wonderful parents, to come along while your children are at Open Morning to help tend our nature garden and ensure it is in tip top condition for the coming Summer term. Camaraderie guaranteed, feel-good factor a given. If you have the time, we'd love to see you there!

ONLINE SAFETY

Wearable tech is an increasingly big business. More than 170 million smartwatches were sold globally in 2022, with Apple biting off the most significant chunk of the market (26% - some distance ahead of Samsung, in second with 9%). That's partly because more than 21,000 apps are available for their devices, allowing users to customise their smartwatch experience.

Both Apple and Samsung's products lean towards the higher spec end of the market – usually with price tags to match. However, sourcing a less expensive alternative often means inferior safety features to protect young wearers. That's just one of the potential hazards highlighted in this week's guide to smartwatches. In the guide (please click here to access it), you'll find tips on several potential risks, such as location tracking, causing distractions at school and the danger of theft.

RIDDLE ME THIS...

HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL'S TEASER

How much does St Edward's Crown weigh?

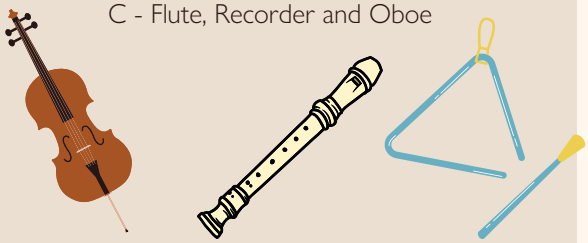
A - The same as a brick
B - The same as a potato
C - The same as a bowling ball

Last week's answer
a mushroom

DEPUTY HEAD BOY & GIRL'S TEASER

Which 3 instruments can King Charles III play?

A - Cello, piano & trumpet
B - Triangle, drums & violin
C - Flute, Recorder and Oboe



Last week's answer
the London Eye

FRIENDS OF ST FAITH'S

This year's Summer Fayre is on Friday 9th June, from 3-5pm. If you or anyone you know would like to have a stall, please ask them to contact Sophie on sophie.plummer@stfaithsprep.com.

If you are able to help with running stalls or setting up on the 9th please let us know - many hands make light work!

HOUSE POINTS

Beech **123 Points**

Ash **129 Points**

Oak **144 Points**

Sycamore **133 Points**

CHILDREN'S OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

AT THE pool

SPLISH SPLASH

It's been a busy week for our local swimming pools, with several children earning awards and certificates:

Poppy Spicer received her Stage 1 Certificate from Swim England

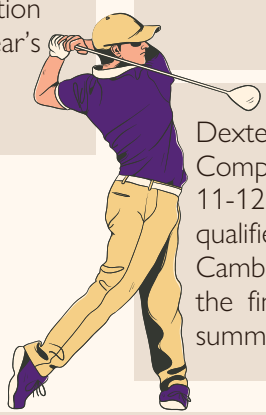
Finley McGuirk & Olivia Davis both received their Stage 2 Certificates from Swim England

Neve Jaenicke received her 15m, 20m and 25m awards from Safely Swim

Miles Jaenicke received his 50m award and his Stage 3 award from Safely Swim

A DAB HAND

This Year 5 artist entered Ash church Coronation Art Competition & came 2nd place in the 8-11 year's category.



HOLE IN ONE

Dexter Stavri took part in a Golf Competition in Essex and won the 11-12 age group. He has now qualified for the regional final in Cambridge in June, and if successful the final will be in Scotland in the summer.

ON THE BALL

Flynn Leberl travelled to Holland with his football club, and played in the U9's Easter Open for PACE Football. His team came in 4th place.

Also playing in the tournament were some other St Faithians, and Myles Andrews, Chester Andrews, Javier Ungufe-Bailey and Brayden Ingram all played extremely well and did their team proud.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS

Martha Bartlett, Elizabeth Birkett, Henry Bowyer, Freddie Heffer, Lily Read, Sami Ur-Rehman, Hugo Jarlett

for their Shakespeare presentations (watch their films here)

Teddy Law

for his poem recital

READING AWARDS

READING SHELVES

Maisie Hensher-Davies, Charlotte Donaldson, Evie Ball, Kali Pagidas, Freddie Plumb, Harvey Evans

ACCELERATED READER

Target 1

James Payne

Target 2

Charlie Douglas

Target 3

Kit Kember

WORD MILLIONAIRE

Fred Giles: 1,057,133 words

STAR AWARDS

SILVER (200+)

Roxi Booth
Kishore Chandrasegaran
James Evans
Kaitlyn Gurubantham-Kanny
Emily Mitchell
Imogen Norman
April Snow
Zara van Ritbergen
Teddy Law
Honor Leberl
Timothy Lewis
Katherine Mitchell
Lily Read

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

Amelia McElligott

For being lovely with the younger children

BIRTHDAYS

Aaliyah Levene

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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