

## The Head Teacher writes...

NEWSLETTER  
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We're into the last half term of the year and it's been busy...

Tuesday's weather made for an 'interesting' day of athletics at Norman Park. This is always a big day for St David's as we organise and host the event. This year we welcomed 18 schools from the ISA South East region. Despite the worst conditions in the fifteen years since we've been involved, the staff and children battled through in true Davidian spirit—see overleaf.

Thursday began early at St David's as several staff began constructing our own Polling Station before the children arrived. All the pupils and staff had a chance to cast their vote, having listened to the Year 6 prospective candidates present manifestos using their very best persuasive language. The result when it was announced was a 'hung' parliament, sound familiar??!!



A great comment from one of our parents on our Facebook post:

*'Thanks St David's for giving the kids a taste of democracy and an understanding of how important it is to have your say.'*

Thursday afternoon and evening then had the hall ringing with the sound of music as many of our pupils were given the opportunity to showcase their talents. From the youngest (Year 1) to the oldest (Year 6) and all points in between, the children gave their all. For those of us in the audience it was a joy and a treat to witness. Again we had some very positive feedback from parents who enjoyed watching the children. The atmosphere was relaxed and informal, maybe the glass of wine helped but the childrens' entertainment was amazing! Certainly events to be repeated.

**Thank you to all our terrific team of peripatetic music staff who have been so encouraging and supportive throughout the year to uphold our musical tradition.**

Prep school children who were not involved in the ISA Athletics enjoyed a busy morning in the dry! A carousel of activities was arranged, including improvised drama, sound recording, still-life sketching and a lively cahoots quiz. Something for everyone – and a good time was had by all!



### WELL DONE

#### HOLLYANN



Hollyann received her trophy last weekend for winning first place in the Spring Term St David's chess tournament.

She also came third in the CCF

English Chess Challenge semi-final and qualified for the final which is in August.



## POLLING DAY

LEARNING  
ABOUT  
DEMOCRACY



TUESDAY 6TH JUNE

**Eliz (Year 4) says ...**

What I enjoyed about Tuesday was the whole competition. I liked the passing and running in the relay. In my old school we never did competitions like yesterday so I'm glad I came to St David's. I like the way that we persevered with our running even though it was raining very hard. I love running, so I am happy I ran and I am happy I was included in the sport.

**Anika (Year 5) says ...**

I really enjoyed the ISA Regionals, and I had so much fun running, supporting and cheering while I was there. Since it was raining we couldn't do the field events but we still had fun in the rain. Sadly, in the 75m, I pulled one of my muscles and slowed down so I came 4th and I tried to do the 150m, which made it worse! I ended up coming 5th in the 150m but the last thing I was meant to do was the relay but I couldn't do it since I was in so much pain, but everyone was supportive so someone else took my place.

I was chosen to be part of the ISA and I was so proud to be asked.

I had a great time.

**Indigo (Year 6) says ...**

We are very proud of everyone who attended Norman Park Athletics and stayed all the way through the torrential rain and strong winds. I would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped do jobs at the competition including: the timers, the messenger runners, the result runners and many more—so thank you.

**Zaccy (Year 5) says ...**

What I liked: I liked running the 600m and representing my school while doing it. Also I liked spending a day off school to go and watch lots of sport! Finally, I liked cheering on my school while I wasn't doing any sports.

What I disliked: It was such fun that there was nothing I disliked. But I was quite upset that I didn't get into the Nationals for 600m—maybe next year!



## CONGRATULATIONS

**GABRIELLA & ALEX WHO BOTH  
QUALIFIED FOR THE 600M**

**THEY WILL REPRESENT  
LONDON SOUTH AT THE  
NATIONALS IN BIRMINGHAM  
ON 22ND JUNE**

**Daisy (Year 6) says ...**

As a school we are proud of everybody who competed at Norman Park and congratulations to all those who made it through to the Nationals. Also, thank you to everyone who came and helped throughout the day and we are grateful for the support that people gave.

**Chante (Year 4) says ...**

At the ISA I had great fun. I was a bit nervous when it was my turn to run. I think the ISA has encouraged me to do more running. In my relay I knew we would do well because we were a perfect team. It was cold and rainy but we still tried as hard as we could. The people who run 600m should be congratulated for how well they did. I think that I've done very well and I love the ISA!