



The School Business Manager writes...

At St David's we love a school outing! Although our children learn great things in the classroom there is no substitute for visits out into the wider world. School trips provide opportunities for our pupils to gain experiences in a different way and generally enhance their learning and development. We are extremely fortunate to be surrounded by so many fantastic places to visit and our pupils and staff are able to enjoy the luxury of free travel on public transport. What's not to like?

This week Pre-Prep travelled by bus to the Churchill Theatre in Bromley to watch a performance of The Gruffalo. The performance they enjoyed brought to life a book that the children regularly read both at home and at school. For some of them this was their first time travelling with their friends and teachers, a gentle introduction to a new world of growing independence and adventure. Skills they will develop and draw on in the future.

Both my children were pupils at St David's and when they get together with their Davidian friends, it's not the maths lessons or the geography lessons they talk about, but the memories that were made on trips and visits. Year 6 school journey, holds a special place in many Davidian hearts!

Yesterday, I received a WhatsApp message from Alice, my daughter. She is currently away travelling in China and at this point is in Xian visiting the exhibition of the Terracotta Army, (incidentally she says it is not to be missed and should be on everyone's bucket list!) The message she sent simply said, 'show Mrs Page and tell her where I am'. I did as instructed and Mrs Page knew exactly why. In Year 4, some 12 years ago, Mrs Page took Alice's class to The British Museum where they viewed the model Terracotta Army exhibition. I had completely forgotten, but Alice had not. The memories of that whole experience, a visit with her classmates, was special for her and maybe part of the inspiration for her present journey to China.

Life for all our children is full challenges and risks but we can play our part in teaching them the skills to react positively, assess carefully and relish new experiences and opportunities.

The world really is their oyster ...

Year 2 are off soon to the Maritime Museum in Greenwich, more memories to be made.

RECEPTION

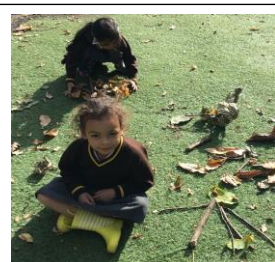
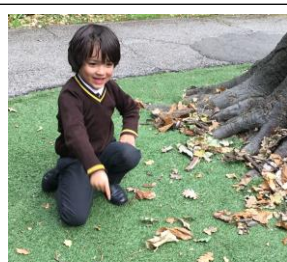
In Reception the children have been learning about 'Ephemeral Art', understanding that their pictures would be temporary and would remain outside. 'Outdoor Classroom Day' provided us with the ideal opportunity...

We went on a nature walk around the school with the children collecting items from the ground; fallen leaves, petals, twigs, cones, acorns, conkers, seeds, etc.

When we returned with full bags they each chose an area to create their picture. First they emptied their bags and reviewed their collection of materials. We encouraged the children to plan and make decisions about what they would like to create. As the children made their pictures, we reminded them about shapes and textures.

They made an amazing assortment of pictures, changing their strategies as needed. We looked at the photos on the television afterwards where they reviewed their own masterpieces and enjoyed each other's.

A great experience for everyone!



YEAR 4 had fun training to be Roman Legionaries in History.

They were challenged to create 'The Turtle', 'The Wedge', 'The Orb' and 'The Repel-Cavalry'.

Training continues...



LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SATURDAY



NEXT WEEK

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 14TH

Tuesday 17th

Friday 20th

OPEN DAY INTERNATIONAL DAY

Junior Transport Ambassador Meeting

STEM Morning

6 – 8pm Prep Swimming Gala

Half-Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 3rd November

HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 30th – Friday 3rd November 2017

November

Saturday 11th

Bromley Primary School Cross Country
Year 5 & 6

PTA Fireworks

Tuesday 14th

Friday 17th

Travelling Books for 1 week

Children in Need at St John's Church

7.30am Rehearsal

7.00pm Concert

U11 ISA London South Football

Parents Evening

8.45am Parent Council

Year 2 Maritime Museum

U11 Football v City of London (H)

Flu vaccination R, 1, 2, 3, 4

Wednesday 29th

December

Saturday 2nd

Thursday 7th

Friday 8th

PTA Christmas Fair

Years 5 & 6 Singing in the Glades

6.30pm Carol Service at

St John's Church, Eden Park

Monday 11th

9.30am Pre-Prep play: Dress Rehearsal

1.30pm Pre-Prep play to parents

2.00pm Years 5 & 6 to Focus Group

Happy Puzzle Day

Tuesday 12th

Wednesday 13th

9.30am Pre-Prep play to parents

Prep Cinderella at Greenwich Theatre

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas

lunch

Thursday 14th

Friday 15th

11.30am Term Ends

REMINDER: HOLIDAY CLUB

Come along for lots of Autumn fun at the
Half Term Holiday Club

Monday 30th, Tuesday 31st, Wednesday 1st,
Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd November

£42.00 per day

8.00am to 6.00pm

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