



NOVEMBER - 11
30th November

Mrs Wright writes ...

At an Inset session for teachers in September, Jenny Burrett (Wishford's Director of Strategy) asked us to list what we most enjoyed about teaching. Mrs Skelton raised an aspect that resonated with us all: experiencing the seasons and events of the school year through the eyes of the children. No two years are ever the same as each class brings new experiences and attributes to each occasion. They frequently show us fresh perspectives and angles to explore. We feel privileged to have been entrusted with the education of your inspiring children and enjoy working in partnership with such supportive families.

As we launch ourselves into the last few busy and festive weeks of term, these aspects combine. We look forward to welcoming you to the Carol Service and the Pre-Prep Christmas production, both very special events to share in and celebrate the many talents of the children. For all of us, it is an opportunity to witness the growth of confidence in the children, to see how they have developed and flourished over their time here. Pupils who were gently coaxed and encouraged onto the stage for their first Pre-Prep Production are now, further up the school, presenting themselves confidently and relishing every opportunity. It is a joy to see and we look forward to enjoying your company at these forthcoming events.

**PRE-PREP PLAY TICKETS AVAILABLE
FROM MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER**

**NO LATE ROOM –
FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2017**

Christmas Holiday Club

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd December

This course is open to all children from

Reception to Year 6

8.00AM – 6.00PM

Forms available from the school website or
Chloe Slim at office@stdavidscollege.com



PREP CAROL SERVICE – FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2017

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

251 EDEN PARK AVENUE BECKENHAM BR3 3JN

7.45am Orchestra - Church

8.35am Year 6 readers – Church

Rest of Prep School will walk down to Church after registration for rehearsals. No bags or games kit needed but warm coat, gloves and school hat for walking to and from the Church.

6.20pm INSTRUMENTALISTS AT CHURCH

6.40pm ALL CHILDREN TO ARRIVE

7.00pm CAROL SERVICE

Coffee and mince pies served in the church hall from 6.15pm

CONGRATULATIONS, MEGAN!

On a very cold Saturday in Solihull, Megan achieved 2nd place in the British Modern Biathlon Championships. In a very competitive field, her 50m swim time of 34.7 seconds and 800m run time of 2.40.31 were both PBs.



HOPE4MALAWI

We have all been so impressed by the way the children have been talking about fund-raising for this wonderful charity. Mr Hunter has interviewed **Alice (4)** and **Isobel (5)**

How much money have you raised? **A: £171.70 I: £150.00**

Wow! How did you manage this amazing amount?

A: I spread the news about our assembly to our friends and neighbours, then Mum and I made cakes and cookies which we sold. My Dad took them to his work. I also gave some of my pocket money.
I: My sister Ava (2), Mum and I baked cakes and made leaflets and a donation tin and then Dad took them into work.

What made you take on this challenge to raise money?

A: I wanted to help the people in Malawi as they don't have as much as us or the education we have.

I: I wanted to do something more than just ask for money and I felt it was unfair we get so much and others so little.

CROSS COUNTRY FESTIVAL

On Monday, we held the first inter-school cross country competition on our school field for Year 3 and Year 4 children. Mr Hunter and Mr Mutti went out during the morning to set up the course, put up gazebos and assemble our new outdoor PA system which had been kindly bought for us by the PTA. At 2.00pm, the visiting schools began to arrive with their teams ready for the first race at 2.30pm. Our Year 6 children were excellent all afternoon helping show visitors to the field, acting as course marshals and assisting in helping us run this extremely successful event. A special thank you to Megan and Zaccy who were the 'hares' and ran ahead of the competitors. Read below a few words from Mrs Harris and Lucy (6) who were with us all afternoon.

Mrs Harris says ...

On Monday afternoon, four local schools visited St. David's to compete in our inaugural cross country cup. Year 3 and 4 runners from Farrington's, Poverest, Wickham Common and Oak Lodge joined our own competitors in fierce battles fought across the school's new cross country route: a 2-lap dash around the field's perimeter, behind the tennis courts and along the woodland lane. Parents came to spectate, music was playing, refreshments were on offer and everyone cheered on their team mates.

Leading performers from St David's included Connie (6th position Y3 girls), George (8th position Y3 boys), Sarah (5th position Y4 girls) and Stefan (9th position in Y4 boys). Farrington's took home the cup. However, we look forward to March when we have the chance to snatch it back, with the same schools returning for a contest for Years 5 and 6. So get training, guys! All prep pupils are welcome to attend cross country club on Tuesdays and Fridays.

St David's pride and loyalty was on display in every race, with the children supporting each other from start to finish - great team spirit! The afternoon was also a chilly, but thankfully dry, reminder of how lucky our children are to enjoy a leafy 6 acres of grounds. A big thank you to Mr Hunter for organising a fab event.

Lucy (6) says...

The cross country day we hosted was very exciting. The Year 3 and 4 runners worked really hard and persevered throughout the afternoon. When they first arrived, Mr Hunter took them on a walk around the course. First the Year 3 girls ran, followed by the Year 3 boys, Year 4 girls and finally the Year 4 boys. The afternoon grew colder but that didn't stop the running – some of the children even had short sleeves and many ran so hard their faces were bright beetroot!

I helped with the marshalling and enjoyed cheering on the children and listening to the music playing. There were a lot of parents watching and I think they enjoyed the tea, coffee and hot chocolate that was being made for them with donations going towards our charity Help4Malawi.

Everyone worked so hard – well done!



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