

The Head Teacher writes ...

DRAMA! DRAMA! DRAMA!

We are delighted that we have 35 pupils from Years 3-6 entered for the Bromley Festival in March. Mrs Campbell, who has a background of drama teaching, in addition to her other skills, is working with the children to learn and present their individual poems. We look forward to hearing how they all get on.

Having recently carried out an audit of drama provision throughout the school, it is clear to see that our aim of incorporating the subject across the curriculum is being fully embraced! We very much appreciate the value to all our pupils of having opportunities to present, perform and 'have a voice' in many different ways. In just the last few weeks, Year 5 enjoyed a Macbeth workshop during which they acted out scenes from the play, as well as undertaking a 'speed dating' exercise with planets in science!

Our younger pupils love to perform a class poem to the rest of the school in assembly, as well as role playing and 'hot-seating' in history and French. Year 2 are currently working hard on their next production to be performed to parents in a class assembly. Such opportunities continue to encourage and develop confidence in all our pupils; something that is frequently commented upon by visitors to the school.

Several parents have asked whether the children will be entered for LAMDA examinations this year. Rest assured that plans are indeed underway for the summer term and that we are intending to extend the range of drama provision right across the curriculum.

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 1ST MARCH

Advance warning to start thinking about a costume to wear on this day. Come to school dressed as your favourite book character.

Be as creative as possible – no football kits!



All classes had fun with numbers last Friday and enjoyed watching the teaching staff undertake various challenges in assembly. Amazingly, when all the coins brought in were counted by some willing volunteers, we discovered that between us the grand sum of £425.00 had been raised for NSPCC. The continuing generosity of our St David's community knows no bounds. Thank You!

Mrs Kinnes asked the pupils to make some estimates of the challenges and the following children from each class came closest:

Reception – **Danique**, Year 1 – **Albert**,
Year 2 – **Anoushka**, Year 3 – **Nalani**,
Year 4S – **Martha**, Year 4B – **Sarah**, Year 5 – **Rufus**,
Year 6 – **Niamh**

Anti-Bullying Leaflet

All pupils in years 2 to 6 should have an updated leaflet on this subject. This is an area we feel is vital for the whole school community to be aware of, although fortunately we see very little bullying of any kind at St David's.

Please take time to go through the leaflet with your child and discuss with them any concerns they may have.

Hopefully, you will have now managed to return the signed **internet safety leaflets** to school. Our aim is always to keep everyone safe and happy, both within and outside of school.

Thank you to Mrs McHugh and Mrs Campbell for producing these.



Reception have been learning all about the Chinese New Year! They are getting excited about presenting some of their work in our whole school assembly on Monday February 19th. They will be telling the story about why the Chinese call each year after a different animal, singing a Happy New Year song called 'Gung Hay Fat Choy', and displaying their animal masks and Chinese script writing! In the afternoon, we will be celebrating with a party. The children have the opportunity to dress up, eat a selection of Chinese food and even experiment with chopsticks! Watch this space for more news and photos after the event!



Coming up after half term:

FEBRUARY

- Monday 19th Year 4 trip to National Gallery
Reception: Chinese New Year
3.30pm Parents Evening
— sign-up sheet
- Wednesday 21st NSPCC assembly KS1 & KS2
- Friday 23rd U11 ISA Regional Netball at Lingfield Prep
- Saturday 24th PTA Quiz night
- Monday 26th Parents' Interview week
Year 5 Maritime Museum
- Tuesday 27th Year 4 Sensational Science
- Wednesday 28th Yrs 3 & 4 Football v Riverston (H)

MARCH

- Thursday 1st World Book Day — dressing up as your favourite character — no sports kit!
- Friday 2nd Author visit
- Saturday 3rd ISA Cross Country finals at Rugby
- Monday 5th Reception — West Wickham library
Yrs 3 & 4 Netball v Rosemead (H)
- Wednesday 7th Quiz Club competition at Bishop Challoner
- Thursday 8th Life Bus
Yrs 1 & 5 Bugman

Year 5 had a visit from the 'Young Shakespeare Company' and took part in a Macbeth workshop. They used drama and music to act out the whole play. Can you guess which characters we are?



Joshua says: 'I enjoyed that we could answer a certain question to get a part, how the play was arranged to make it completely unique, and also how we had the music, which gave it atmosphere.'

Seb says: 'It was fun. Everything was FABULOUS! I don't have a favourite part because it was all great. It really brightened up my day. Out of five I would give it 10,000, it was just magnificent.'

Rebecca says: 'I enjoyed acting out the witches' spell and I did the sound of the wolf in the wood.'



Harry says: 'I loved everything. I liked being Macduff, we all got a chance to be part of the play. I learnt new things I didn't know before.'

Zach says: 'My favourite part was when Macduff killed Macbeth because Macbeth murdered many people and he deserved to die. The workshop was interesting because it links up really well with our English topic.'

Arthur says: 'I enjoyed the big battle at the end because he put on sound effects and narrated it.'

'Is this a dagger which I see before me ...'