

## Mrs Skelton, Year 4 Form Tutor and History Co-ordinator writes ...

As a passionate historian, it's easy to make grand statements such as "What's not to like about history?" but such presumption would be short-changing our pupils. It's up to us as educators to treat each topic and indeed each lesson as an opportunity to "hook" pupils in.

Each person of course has their favourite period of history, their favourite monarch and/or events but since our overriding aim is to maximise the potential that each and every lesson has to offer, then we must exploit whatever means are out there in order to achieve this – from engaging books, interactive websites and drama, to school visits, guest speakers and workshops.

Consistency is key and pupils in different years at St David's are all "history detectives", constantly questioning "why?" and "how?" as well as the more obvious "when?" and "who?". Questioning historical facts or more specifically their significance instils a sense of objectivity and seeing events from different perspectives gives the children some control rather than being spoon-fed facts and dates. This, in turn, prepares them for the higher level questioning they are exposed to as they progress through school.

A regular injection of fun always helps and, with this in mind, our forthcoming open morning will provide a little taste of the fun that history – and St David's – has to offer.



As with previous open mornings, we would love you all to come along. This time our theme is a 'Hop through History'. There will be lots of fun activities for everyone and we hope many of our pupils will enjoy showing prospective parents around. Parents come along and have a cup of tea and a jam tart in our Jubilee-themed hall.

### MUSIC FESTIVAL DAY – FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH

9.15 – 10.15 Beginners  
10.30 – 11.30 Intermediate  
1.45 – 2.45 Advanced  
SHOWCASE CONCERT

Featuring Orchestra, Recorders & Choirs

3.00 – 3.45

Refreshments available during the day

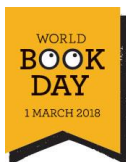
**GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR YEARS 5 AND 6 PUPILS WHO  
ARE TAKING PART IN THE BROMLEY FESTIVAL OF  
SPEECH AND DRAMA THIS WEEKEND**

**AND**

**YEARS 3 and 4 WHO WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE  
BROMLEY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY RUN AT  
CRYSTAL PALACE**

## FUN IN THE SNOW





## RESCHEDULED FOLLOWING RECENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Dress up as your favourite book character.

### Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March

David Lucas, writer and illustrator will be visiting St David's Prep



Book sales and signing from 15:15-15:45 in The Studio.



Books £6.00 each

**YEAR 6:** Over the past few weeks, Year 6 have been busily researching their chosen mountain ranges from around the world as part of their Geography work this year. Some pupils elected to work independently. However, most developed collaborative skills and all produced amazingly detailed presentations. The delivery method of choice was a slide-show presentation. However, we were also treated to a wealth of other formats from incredibly well-designed and detailed posters to presentations created on movie-maker with voice-over - from mascots and brochures to labelled papier mache mountain models.

Of the many skills developed and lessons learned throughout this process, I think the children have realised that a good presentation requires more than hours of research. They have been challenged with presenting information in a clear and succinct format with interesting illustrations whilst also needing to think on their feet when responding to questions. Many adults probably wish they had had more opportunities at school to prepare them for the world of work.



On Wednesday, the Quiz Club Area Heat was held at Bishop Challoner School and our team's valiant efforts earned them a super score of 1085. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were represented by Luke, Abraham, Charan and Emilio whose breadth of knowledge as a team was remarkable. Even the quizmaster was stunned when Emilio was able to discuss Olympus Mons, the tallest mountain in the Solar System. He paused the quiz to give Emilio – and the St David's team – a special round of applause.



**Well done, Team!**

### Coming up next week:

#### MARCH

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>

Friday 16<sup>th</sup>

World Book Day – Dressing up

Year 4: Sensational Science

Year 5 & 6 Football v Riverston (H)

Years 4, 5, 6 Street Dance workshop

8.45am Parent Council

9.30am Pre-Reception Launch Coffee Morning

Year 2: National Gallery

Reception: visit from fire engine

Bromley Festival (Yrs 3 & 4)

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

#### MARCH

Monday 19<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

Monday 26<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>

Cross Country Festival Years 5 & 6  
7.45pm PTA

Pre Prep Messy Church

David Lucas – author visit

Music Festival Day

Open Morning – 9.30 to 12.00pm

Year 5 to Carrotty Wood (until Wednesday)

PTA Easter Egg hunt

Year 6 Bikeability

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Term ends at 11.30am or normal time  
(details to follow)

