

Mrs Campbell writes.....

STEAMING AHEAD!

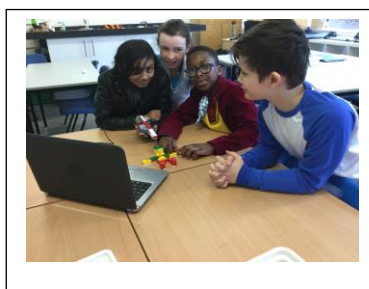
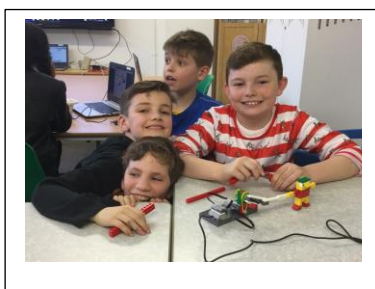
Thank you to all the children who have given extra time to computing and robotics this term. Running three clubs has been great fun! I often have children keen to show work they have done at home and keenly brandishing their named memory sticks. Excellent! Well done to Neha in Year Six for taking part in the Oxford Computing Challenge this week. She was selected following on from the Berbas Computing we did in the Autumn term, joining an elite nationwide group in this even more taxing challenge.

I was lucky enough to go to a Wishford Group STEAM meeting at The Mead recently and am very happy that here at St David's we are planning some **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics** for the future. One of the great joys of teaching, especially at primary level, is the ability to help pupils make connections between areas of learning with problem-solving, teamwork and creativity at the centre.

I have had a different hat on recently (not just the pink one I had on for being the rather unused pink wax crayon from 'The Day the Crayons Quit' by Oliver Jeffers for World Book Day!) while coaching the children for the Bromley Festival. It has been great to witness the effort the children have put in, not only in learning their poems but also to adding that extra bit of zest to their performance. Thank you to all for your support with this. A special well done to Zoe being placed 2nd for 'People Need People' and Megan 3rd for 'Insect Day' in their group and being awarded medals. Good luck to those in Years 3 and 4 who will be performing this Saturday.

As we prepare for the future, I think of Ada Lovelace, pioneer of computer programming (and daughter of poet Lord Byron) who wrestled with some very difficult problems whilst seeing the potential of computing, of putting in the hard work and steaming ahead.

Perhaps at St. David's we could be the dream STEAM team!?



2018/2019

We've had an amazing response to our announcement of starting a Pre Reception class in September 2018 and enjoyed welcoming many children and their parents at our informal session this morning. A great deal of planning has already taken place and we are in the fortunate position of having two early years specialists amongst our experienced staff team. As things stand at the moment, class teachers for September will be as follows:

PRE PREP		PREP	
Pre Reception	Mrs Grainge	Year 3	Mrs Kinnes
Reception	Miss O'Sullivan	Year 4	Mrs Skelton
Year 1	Mrs Wright	Year 5B	Miss Bonner
Year 2	Mrs Blaza	Year 5M	Mrs McHugh
		Year 6	Mrs Sowter

MARATHON FINISHERS

We have our first cross country marathon winners who have run a total of 65 laps since the opening of our new cross country course. At a recent assembly, we asked the children about cross country with the majority of children saying that the extra exercise had made them feel healthier and fitter.

Well done to the following children who received their certificate.

Year 3: George

Year 4: Stefan, Tom and Sarah

Year 5: Dylan, Harry and Zachary



BROMLEY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY AT CRYSTAL PALACE

Well done to all our Year 3 and 4 runners who took part in the annual Bromley Schools' Championship, especially Olivia who came 16th and Sarah and George who came 32nd. Thank you to the staff who went along and supported the children.



EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 16th April - Friday 20th April 2018

EACH DAY WILL HAVE A MIXTURE OF CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, SPORT & TEAM GAMES PAINTING & COLOURING!! WITH LOTS OF FREE PLAY, HOPEFULLY IN THE FIELD. TIME: 8.00 am – 6.00 pm

FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR SCHOOL WEBSITE

MUSIC FESTIVAL DAY – FRIDAY 23RD MARCH

9.15 – 10.15 Beginners

10.30 – 11.30 Intermediate

1.45 – 2.45 Advanced

SHOWCASE CONCERT

Featuring Orchestra, Recorders & Choirs

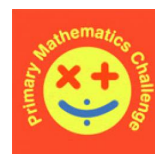
3.00 – 3.45

Refreshments available during the day

Coming up next week:

MARCH

Monday 19 th	Cross Country Festival Years 5 & 6 7.45pm PTA
Tuesday 20 th	Pre Prep Messy Church
Wednesday 21 st	David Lucas – author visit
Friday 23 rd	Music Festival Day
Saturday 24 th	Open Morning 9.30am to 12.00pm
Monday 26 th	Year 5 to Carrotty Wood (until Wednesday) PTA Easter Egg hunt
Tuesday 27 th	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 28 th	Year 6 Bikeability Term ends at 11.30am or normal time (details to follow)



You may remember that four of our Year 6 pupils Megan, Neha, Rahul and Tom were invited to take the Bonus Round in the 2017/2018 Primary Maths Challenge. They all did really well with Neha being awarded a bronze certificate and medal and Tom and Rahul, a silver certificate and medal.
WELL DONE TO ALL OF YOU!