

The Head Teacher writes ...

Once again, we have started the term at full pelt, spurred on initially by the glorious weather which, having given us a few days of sun, has sadly left us again. Thermals back out...

On Monday, we held our first ever RE day, led by a specialist RE trainer from Canterbury Diocese, who happens to be an old Davidian and my daughter! Leading on from an assembly reminding us of the 'golden rule' - to treat others as we would like others to treat us - the pupils participated in workshops throughout the day where they were encouraged to share their thoughts, think through some challenging questions and experience and consider the symbolism behind other faiths. At the end of the day, the staff had their own workshop where we were shown new ideas for developing children's thinking, not only in RE but across the curriculum and I know some of the ideas have already been tried out in Geography and Science.



Friday morning then saw the hall filled with Year 5 parents who eagerly awaited their chance to hear the 'real' story of the Year 5 residential trip to Carrot Wood just before Easter, another first for St David's. The children shared many inspirational accounts of how they had been taken out of their comfort zones but, by being encouraged to try new things, they felt proud of themselves and had grown as a result.



Business Enterprise Day was also on Friday, and what a day! Our Year 6s excelled and pulled off a fantastic range of events and provided services that proved popular with both pupils and parents. We look forward to hearing how much money was raised but the whole experience was about so much more than mere fundraising. This Wishford-driven initiative gives the children a chance to develop skills they never knew they had, allows them to take risks and, perhaps most importantly of all, gives them the opportunity to make the decisions.

Making decisions, having choice and being allowed to have their own opinions is so important for all our pupils and, I would suggest, is what links all the above events.

Gone are the days of Mr Thomas Gradgrind portrayed by Dickens as wanting nothing but 'facts, facts, facts' taught! Facts obviously have their place but a St David's education thankfully provides so much more.

At the end of an exhausting day, Mrs Sowter took time to reflect:

"Year 6 were changed today. They saw something in themselves they've not seen before and couldn't have imagined a few months ago".

And so week 2 begins...



Megan says... 'I was selected to run the Virgin London Mini Marathon, for the London Borough of Bromley. We travelled up to London on a team coach early on Sunday 22nd April. I was in the U13 race which was to run the last 5km of the marathon and ended in The Mall. I was really nervous while waiting for my race but as soon as I began to run it was really exciting. It was great to have so much support from the crowd, including my family. I achieved a personal best time and I was very pleased. It was an amazing experience, particularly as my Auntie was running in the marathon. She did really well and finished in a time of 3 hours and 52 minutes. I will try my best to be in the Mini Marathon next year!

Coming up:

MAY

Wednesday 2nd May

Yr 3 & 4 Science Museum

Friday 4th May

Yr 1 & 5 Bugman

Yrs 4, 5, 6 Norman Park practice

1.30 – 3.30pm

MAY

Tuesday 8th

Yr 1 London Transport Museum

Reception & Year 4 Bugman

Friday 11th

Yrs 5 & 6 Cricket v Oak Lodge (A)

6 – 7.30pm PTA Prep Disco

Monday 14th

ART WEEK/YEAR 6 SATs

Tuesday 15th

7pm Parent Information Evening

Monday 21st

Yr 6 School Journey (return Fri 25th)

Monday 28th

Half Term

JUNE

Tuesday 5th

London South ISA at Norman Park

Yrs 4, 5 & 6

Saturday 9th

PTA Summer Fair

Tuesday 12th

Travelling Books

Wednesday 13th

New Parent Afternoon

Friday 15th – 17th

Yr 6 Wishford Weekend

Monday 18th – 22nd

Open Week for prospective parents

Thursday 21st

Whole school photo

Wednesday 27th

9.30am Yr 6 Dress Rehearsal

(please note change)

6.30pm Yr 6 production

Friday 29th

6.30pm Yr 6 production

JULY

Monday 2nd

9.30am Pre-Prep Musical Showcase

1.30pm Yr 5 & 6 Focus Group

6.30pm Prep Musical Showcase

Friday 6th

9.00am Sports Day

(school finishes at 12.30pm)

7.00pm Yr 6 Prize Giving

7 – 9pm Open Evening

Monday 9th

Whole School to Legoland

Tuesday 10th

11.30am Yr 6 Term ends

Thursday 12th

12.30pm End of Term

Well Done Tom!

We are very proud to announce that Tom, in Year 6, has been awarded:

HIGHLY COMMENDED

IN THE

ISA HORSEY JUNIOR ESSAY PRIZE COMPETITION

MOST IMPROVED CHESS PLAYERS

SPRING TERM 2018

Year 4 - Noah

Year 4 - Charan

MUSIC RESULTS

Joshua P

Grade 3 Singing

Joshua P

Grade 2 Violin

Hollyann

Grade 3 Flute

Yari

Grade 1 Piano

Tameeko

Grade 2 Flute

Christopher

Grade 1 Flute

Michael

Entry Level Drums



NEW HOUSE COMPETITION FOR PRE-PREP

For the first time, Pre-Prep competed in their own Inter House Cross Country Competition, and they were all so excited and enthusiastic. Reception and Year 1 had to run once around our new 150m running track and Year 2 ran twice. They were amazing – not one of them stopped and they all ran superbly. This will now be a permanent fixture on the Inter House Competition list!