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The Head Teacher writes: **Happy Holidays everyone!**

It is hard to believe that the end of term has come. The last few weeks have been packed with a host of events, some of which you will be reminded of here. Yesterday we waved farewell to our Year 6s with tears in our eyes, but bursting with pride for all they have achieved. On Wednesday night we partied with them and their parents, having watched the football together first. It was a great night and one I am sure they will all remember. An England win would have been the icing on the cake but it was not to be. I have been impressed by the way this young team has conducted itself throughout the tournament which has given a very positive message to all our pupils and especially our leavers as they move on. Never forget the importance of being a team player.

I know many of you have thanked the staff personally, but I would like to corporately thank them all. Each one has been amazing, given their all and provided each one of your children with a year of creative, imaginative, fun and challenging lessons. As I write this, work has already begun in Pre-Prep this morning, rooms have been cleared and new flooring is being laid. Lots to do, as we constantly say, 'we never stand still'.



Enjoy the break!



LUCY AND TOM JOINTLY RECEIVE THE DAVIDIAN CUP!

At our Prize Evening last Friday, we were delighted to award the following cups to our Year 6 Leavers.

- Lucy Balmain:** Davidian, Drama & Luly Cup for Maths
- Nic Christoforou:** Computer & Moss Cup for Humanities
- Zaccy Flint:** Cricket Cup & General Progress in Maths
- Neha Iyer:** English Language & Literature & Computing Cup
- Rosemary James:** Swimming & Music Cup
- Zoe Langridge-Corbett:** Fergusson Cup for French & Schove Cup for Academic Excellence in English
- Rahul Mehan:** Moore Cup for Maths & Sportsboy Cup
- Joshua Pollard:** Singing & General Progress Cup
- Hollyann Reeves:** Head Girl Shield, Science & Art Cup
- Anika Selvarajar:** Wilkinson Cup for Maths & Foulger Cup for Effort and Achievement
- Tom Shaxson:** Head Boy Shield, Musical Performance, Mitchell Cup for Academic Excellence and Davidian
- Niamh Sheldon:** Hamilton Cup for English & Bourne Cup for Contribution to School Life
- Megan Slattery:** Cross Country & Webber Cup for Academic Achievement
- Hannah Stone:** Netball & John Arthur Cup for Endeavour
- Luke Tierney:** History Cup & Academic Progress Shield
- Oscar Venables:** Fernandez Cup for Contribution to School Life and Academic Progress Shield



END OF TERM AWARDS

Reception: Thomas
Year 1: Joshua
Year 2: Henry T
Year 3: Franklin
Year 4B: Renata
Year 4S: Tom Mc
Year 5: Sebastian

END OF KS1 AWARDS

Kindness Cup: Charlotte
Progress Cup:

Anoushka, Sofia & Orlando

PRE-PREP DAVIDIAN CUP: AVA

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS

Progress Shield: Stefan

JUNIOR DAVIDIAN CUP: MICHAEL



WHAT A SHOW!

By Rosheen Venables

Last week saw the long-awaited Year 6 play 'The Tempest' brought to life by the children. A Shakespearean play acted by 10 and 11 year olds is no mean feat, but the performances were marked by the commitment of the children, the staff and their parents. Each child embraced their roles, faultlessly delivered their lines and most importantly did it with huge smiles on their faces. It was lovely to see. But it's more than that. The play marks the beginning of the end of the children's journey at St David's. It's a rite of passage that embodies friendships, team work and tenacity. They are now almost too mature for St David's, but they will take what they've learnt here with them on their next adventure as they navigate their way through senior school. As a parent, that's all we can ask for.

What was also striking was that every teacher was there, from Pre-Prep through to Prep, contributing their time and effort as make up artists, prompters, photographers or lighting and sound technicians. And that's because they care. Year 5 students were also there to support them in their singing and of course, next year their time will come. Sitting there I realised that the play exemplifies what St David's does so well: nurturing, encouraging and instilling resilience and confidence. Showing the merits of working as a collective to achieve a common goal.

Ultimately, however, the final applause was for the actors. Take a bow Year 6, the stage is yours, well done on such a tremendous effort! You did it!



A brilliant event – well done
to the entire PE team
(parent)



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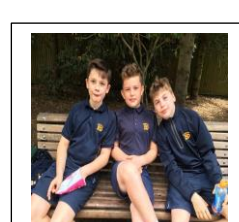
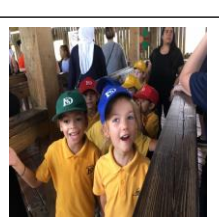
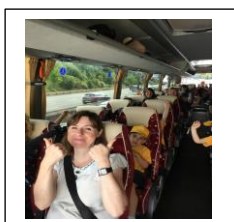
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This was absolutely amazing
... so proud to say my son
goes to this school! (parent)

GREAT EXCITEMENT AS THE WHOLE SCHOOL FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 WENT TO LEGOLAND FOR THEIR SUMMER OUTING.

We would like to say a massive thank you to all the parent helpers who went along to assist the staff – *we couldn't have done it without you!*



LEGOLAND®

REPORT GRADES

EFFORT GRADES

Above expectation	A
Expected	B
Below Expectations	C

ATTAINMENT GRADES

Exceeding	1+
Deepening	1
Expected	2
Developing	3
Emerging	4

YEAR 5: STANDARD SCORES

Standard scores provide a way of comparing individuals of the same age. All scores between 85 and 115 are considered to be in average range.

All scores fall into a particular range:

- Below 70: very weak
- 70 – 84: below average
- 85-89: low average
- 90 – 100: average
- 110 – 114: high average
- 115 – 119: above average
- 130+ : excellent

If your child is scoring 100 it means they are scoring exactly what we would expect for their age. It should be remembered that the scores provide a 'snapshot' of performance on the days tested and there may be variation from day to day.

SEPTEMBER 2018/2019

SEPTEMBER

Mon 3rd & Tue 4th
Wednesday 5th
Monday 10th
Wednesday 12th

Wednesday 19th
Thursday 27th

Inset Days

Autumn Term starts
Clubs begin
7.00pm New Parents Evening
(all new starters parents invited)
School Council
Class, individual and sibling photos

OCTOBER

Friday 12th
Saturday 13th
Friday 19th

9.00am Parent Council
9.30 – 12.00pm Open Morning
STEAM day
Half term begins
8am – 6.00pm Holiday Club

Monday 29th to Friday 2nd Nov

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR NEW DATES



A massive thank you to all the PTA for your hard work and dedication for the school.

This year they have raised money which has been used for our fantastic firework night, contribution to trips for all year groups and markings on the playground for the children to use at playtime. They have also agreed to purchase both football and netball posts for September.

Finally, they raised an enormous **£3,894.34** from the summer fair!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!