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Mrs Foulger writes:

A shout out for Year 2 this week! This September Year 2 moved over to the main building and despite planning carefully, we still anticipated some teething problems as they got used to being with the bigger children whilst still only in KS1. Six weeks on, there have not been any. Instead they, under the watchful and caring eyes of Mrs Blaza and Mrs Woodhouse, have set the benchmark in Justin Hall. They walk around the school quietly and orderly and so far, no one has got lost! Yesterday I had the pleasure of being in the classroom with Year 2 and helped them transfer their draft ideas for an information leaflet into their finished work. We talked about excellence, what they needed to do to make improvements and then worked in 'Golden Silence', which they loved. The level of concentration was amazing and they were able to articulate with real pride the changes they had made to improve. Never underestimate anyone in Year 2 – I certainly won't!

We have a new display in the entrance hall. Every child from Year 1 upwards has imagined and thought about what they want to be when grown up. Tying in with our Open Morning theme, it is great to see the range of ideas from lawyers to the inevitable footballers to pizza delivery drivers and everything else in between! Interestingly, the most popular future profession appears to be a vet, whilst very few pupils mentioned teaching – they obviously see the hours we work! Seriously though, it is good to have aspirations and it is something that we promote at St David's. Who knows what each of our pupils will go on to be, but in partnership let us keep encouraging them, giving them space to imagine and most importantly, never set limits or underestimate them.

### STEAM DAY – FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

*Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics*

Prep pupils will be set a range of challenges that they will complete in their house groups under the guidance of the Y6 House Captains.

Pre-Prep pupils will be having fun being creative with cardboard and masking tape.

Please can you bring into school any empty cardboard boxes, including egg, cereal and shoe boxes as well as any packaging you may have lying around.



### WELCOME!

After a rigorous interview process, we are delighted to have appointed Mr Anthony Walker (father of Oliver Y5) as our new Site Supervisor, he will be joining the team at the school on Monday.

### THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

We are so grateful to J'Aimes Gymnastics Academy who have sponsored our new football kit. I'm sure you will all agree that the boys look very proud and smart.

## DIARY DATES

### OCTOBER

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 9.30 – 12.00pm Open Morning  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> STEAM day  
 6-8pm Prep Swimming Gala

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

HALF TERM

HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 8am – 6.00pm

### NOVEMBER

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Travelling Books for 1 week  
 Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> PTA Fireworks Evening  
 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening  
 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> School Council  
 Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm St David's Dash  
 Y3 & Y4  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> PTA 'own-clothes' bring a  
 bottle day

### DECEMBER

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Choir concert at  
 St John's Church  
 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> PTA Christmas Fair  
 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm Y1 and Y2  
 Christmas Production  
 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Y1 and Y2  
 Christmas Production  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Prep Carol Service  
 (for all Prep pupils)

## SPECIAL AWARDS

The following pupil will receive a Special Award certificate on Monday from Mrs Foulger for his excellent story writing.

**Leonardo (Y1)**

Year 2 will also be awarded a whole class certificate for their amazing work creating an art gallery leaflet for their class display.



It was lovely to welcome Revd Liz Lander to our Harvest assembly last Friday – especially for Mrs Handy – ask the children why...

Thank you for all the harvest gifts the children brought in. The non-food items were taken by Mrs Stock to the Salvation Army homelessness drop-in centre in Regent Street. In their letter thanking the school, Captain Alison Stone writes:

*'Life on the streets isn't easy and is often cold, wet and even a scary place to be. Please thank the children and let them know that through their kindness life will be made a little brighter for those for whom life isn't easy.'*

*Thanks again so much.'*

Mrs Sowter took the food items to Living Well last Friday, when she witnessed the busy lunchtime service in full swing. She said: *'It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying food, friendship and conversation, a highlight for some who live alone. The welcome is for everyone.'*

## SUCCESS ALL ROUND!

We were extremely proud of all our pupils from Years 2 to 6 who, under the expert guidance of Mrs Campbell, took their LAMDA group exams. Mrs Campbell certainly challenged the children, as well as herself, with the first LAMDA entries she has undertaken.

Having never been solely responsible for preparing the children you can imagine her delight when she opened the results on Wednesday to see that the children all received either a merit or distinction. She hasn't stopped smiling! Congratulations to all the children who took part - you were awesome!

**YEAR 2 GHOSTS – MERIT**

**YEAR 2 RACKETS – DISTINCTION**

**YEAR 2 BURGERS - MERIT**

**YEAR 3 CHINESE – DISTINCTION**

**YEAR 3 BOXES – DISTINCTION**

**YEAR 3 PETS - DISTINCTION**

**YEAR 4 MIDNIGHT CATS – DISTINCTION**

**YEAR 4 QUESTIONERS – DISTINCTION**

**YEAR 5B - MERIT**

**YEAR 5M - DISTINCTION**

**YEAR 6 - DISTINCTION**

**YEAR 1's** work on 'Ourselves' has encompassed many curriculum areas. Firstly, they enjoyed being drawn around to create life-sized 2D versions of themselves which they decorated and dressed. Their height was measured and put into order. Data such as hair and eye colour across the class was represented in the form of bar charts. Pairs of eyes were used to assist in counting in twos.

The children especially enjoyed making lists of adjectives to describe each other and hearing all the complimentary things that their peers said about them gave them a warm and happy feeling!

Here they are outside their classroom.

