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Proud of our Y5 netball girls as a teacher from another school commented on their sportsmanship and particularly the way they encourage and support one another. It's not all about winning!

Mrs Foulger writes:

Monday whole school assembly is always a treat. It is a great way to start the week, we all meet together and generally have plenty to celebrate and feel good about – it sets the tone for the week! This last Monday was certainly no exception and took the meaning of 'whole school' to a new level as our Pre-Reception children joined us for the first time. Indeed, they actually sat at the front and entertained us with their telling of 'The Tiger That Came to Tea' dressed in tiger costumes, including Mrs Grainge and Mrs Jackson (no surprise there). This time last year the concept of having a Pre-Reception class had not even been considered, but now we are approaching the end of the first term of the year with them busy practising for their first St David's nativity, alongside Reception. Sneak previews suggest it's going to be a tear-jerker! It is a privilege to witness the progress these little ones make day by day at the beginning of their St David's journey.

At the other end of the school, I have been spending quite a bit of time with Mrs Sowter and other members of staff preparing references for our Y6 pupils. It is a task we take very seriously and give a lot of thought to. We know each of our pupils really well, how much they have achieved and the characteristics and strengths they all have – putting that into words and doing them justice is the challenging bit! We do our best ...

SPECIAL AWARDS

The following pupils received an Excellence Award certificate on Monday from Mrs Foulger.

Nell, Niama and Alisa from Reception for their designing and writing party menus and cards for Cheeky Chimps Party

Zac H (Y2) for Creative Writing

Florence I (Y2) for her maths work on fractions

WELL DONE!

Thank you to all those that have already responded to our SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL. We now have a box overflowing with gifts but it would still be lovely to receive even more.



THE ST DAVID'S DASH

This Monday Years 3 and 4 competed in our 'St David's Dash', along with teams from eight other invited schools. Now our second year of organising this event, it has quickly become a very popular fixture. Indeed, we had so many schools who wanted to participate that this year we made it an all-day event with races in the morning and afternoon. We are extremely proud of all our own competitors and hope the children learnt new skills that they can bring to our weekly cross-country sessions. Whilst cross-country builds the children's stamina and overall fitness, we hope that by having the opportunity to compete with other schools, the children's desire to run competitively will increase. Well done to Margaret (Y3) who came 3rd and George (Y4) who came 4th in their respective places. We would like to thank our Y6 pupils for coming out on a cold and wet day. The way they encouraged and supported the younger pupils was admirable. Refreshments were served to the adult supporters by Mrs Stock and Mrs Younger with donations amounting to £125.00 going to our Christmas charity, Hope4Malawi. Well done to Mr Hunter for organising the event. We look forward to the Y5 and Y6 St David's Dash in the new year.



YEAR 3 PSHEE

YEAR 3 used their brilliant acting skills to explore the subject of name-calling in their PSHEE lesson today. They discussed peoples' differences and then acted out some scenes from the story of the Ugly Duckling.



They all came to the conclusion that we should value our differences and treat each other fairly, irrespective of others opinions, beliefs, disabilities, family circumstances or appearance.

YEAR 5 SCIENCE

In their science lesson Y5 have been investigating air resistance and designing the perfect parachute.



YEAR 2



The 'Blazewood' Pop-Up Café was open for business this week but they had no change!

Children were charged varying amounts for their snack and had to select the correct coins to pay for their biscuits. Lots of fun and lots of learning!



ST DAVID'S DATES



NOVEMBER

Tues 27th 2.15pm Y4 Netball @ St Dunstan's
Fri 30th Y5 and Y6 Inter-house Football and Netball

DECEMBER

Tues 4th Y3 and Y4 Inter-house Football and Netball
Weds 5th Y6 First Lego League Tournament in Canterbury
Fri 7th 7.30am Choir Rehearsal at St John's Church
2.15pm Y5 & 6 Football
7.00pm Choir performing at the Christmas Charity Concert at St John's Church
Sat 8th 1 – 4pm PTA Christmas Fair
Mon 10th 1.30pm Y1 and Y2 Christmas Production
Tues 11th 9.30am Y1 and Y2 Christmas Production
1.30pm Prep to the Churchill Theatre
Weds 12th Pre-Prep Messy Christmas
Fri 14th 7.30am Carol Service practice at St John's
6.30pm Prep Carol Service (compulsory for Prep School children)
Mon 17th Pre-Prep Party
Y5 and Y6 to Focus Group, St John's Church

Tues 18th 9.30am EYFS Nativity Play
Christmas lunch
Wed 19th **11.30am End of Term**
11.30am – 3.30pm
Optional lunch & film afternoon
Thurs 20th 8am to 6pm Holiday Club
Fri 21st 8am to 6pm Holiday Club

JANUARY

Mon 7th Inset Day
Tues 8th Inset Day
Weds 9th **Term starts**
Weds 16th Y2 National Portrait Gallery
Tues 29th 8am Y5 Parents Carrotty Wood Meeting

FEBRUARY

Mon 4th Young Voices Concert at O2
Thurs 7th & 14th **NO DANCE LESSONS**
Fri 15th Inter-House Music Day
Mon 18th – Fri 22nd **Half Term**
Mon 25th Back to school after half term