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# 'MUSIC CAN INSPIRE'

I was delighted to be invited to be a judge last Wednesday for the inaugural St David's Inter-House Music Competition. Each House had prepared a group song, which included every child from Reception to Year 6. They also presented three solo or small group performances which ranged from voice to saxophone, violin, clarinets, drums, cellos and recorders, to name just a few.

The competition began and I was very impressed at how intently every child listened to all the performances and gave each one the recognition it deserved. It is not easy to stand in front of the whole school and sing or play, so well done to all the competitors. I was especially thrilled that the youngest members of the St David's community were present. Pre-Reception were sitting at the very front and seemed to be thoroughly enjoying the experience. Not only that – half way through the proceedings these small children entertained the whole school with three songs, one in Italian, accompanied on the guitar by Mrs De Freitas. The school gave them a hearty round of applause!

As judges, we were asked to score the Houses on four aspects - the presentation of their programmes, their House Song, their hosting of the performance and the solo/group performances. It was a very close competition and as judges, the five of us did not always agree! However, at the end of the competition each House had won one section, Wagstaff won the House song, Schove won the hosting, Justin's programme was the best, with its comment on one page 'Music can inspire' and the Oak soloists scored the highest. After the section winners were announced to the delight of each House, came the moment that the whole school had waited for. Which House had won overall? Mrs Foulger explained that three Houses had scored almost identical points but that the overall winners were the children from Oak.

Well done to all and thank you children for a most enjoyable morning.

By Mrs P Horsman, Wishford Education Board



JUSTIN

## OAK



WAGSTAFF



#### **SCHOVE**



## **RESULTS**

House Song: Wagstaff **Hosting: Schove** Programme: Justin

Soloists: Oak



**PRE-RECEPTION** 

**OVERALL WINNER** 

OAK

#### SPECIAL AWARDS – WELL DONE!

The following pupils have been awarded Excellence Awards from Mrs Foulger and will receive their certificates in assembly:

Chante (6) for her Science poster
Benjamin (4) Perseverance in Maths
Emily (R) for her musical performance on the piano



Following on from our Safer Internet Day assemblies, we have a focus on this area. All parents should have received an e-mail last Friday with an attachment containing top tips and addressing current issues.

Thank you to those parents who attended one of the talks on Monday evening or today before Parent Council. Please don't hesitate to contact us if we can help.

A big thank you to all parents for reading with your children and then signing and returning the 'Internet Guide 2019'. We were so heartened last year that all children signed it Y2 upwards and we are hoping for the same again this year.

The deadline is Monday 11th March.





BROMLEY YOUTH
MUSIC TRUST
Saturday 23rd March

An opportunity for primary pupils to try out various instruments. There will also be a free performance given by musicians from The Band of the Grenadier Guards.

#### **UNIFORM**





Our new summer dresses, which should be worn with short or long white socks, will be available from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at the school uniform shop, Graduates, High Street, Orpington. These are available for Pre-Reception to Year 5 (optional for Year 6) to be worn during the summer term. We also have two new additions to the uniform list:

- long and short grey socks with a gold stripe (available 11.03.19)
- a light weight navy blue 'cagoule' with the school logo which can be worn over the blazer during the summer term (available beginning of Easter holidays)

### **WORLD BOOK DAY 2019**

This year's theme for world book day was, 'Share a Story!' and that is certainly what St David's did yesterday. After a morning of listening to teachers' favourite stories in mixed year groups and classrooms, (with an added bonus of relaxing on cushions and rugs), they competed a competitive book quiz. Some prep children also took part in a live lesson run by the BBC! Can you guess which teachers' favourite books are the following?

- a. 'Little Jack Sprat and Betty Blue'
  - b. 'The Tiger who Came to Tea'
    - c. 'The Cat in the Hat'
- d. 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'
  - e. 'The Famous Five'
  - f. 'The Owl and the Pussycat'
    - g. 'The Jolly Postman' (answers below!)



(answers: a. Mrs Stock, b. Mrs Blaza, c. Mrs Wright, d. Mrs Page, e. Mrs Foulger, f. Mrs McHugh q. Miss Bonner)