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IT'S TIME FOR THE
PTA PREP SCHOOL DISCO
FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY
6.30PM TO 8.00PM

# **Mrs Foulger writes:**

### Another busy week at St David's!

On a Friday morning, looking back at the past few days, it struck me that the variety of opportunities made available to our pupils knows no bounds. In line with our aims, our main focus will always be developing academic potential. However, personal and social development are key to the whole process and the three are very much intertwined. When meeting with prospective parents, we frequently recount with pride the many stories of pupils that have joined our school and 'taken off' academically because they have gained confidence in other areas such as sport or music. I am absolutely convinced that a happy child, who feels comfortable in the school environment, will have a positive attitude to learning and make excellent progress. This is what we strive to do, lesson by lesson, day by day, term by term.

So, what have we been up to this week to develop these aspects of the children's development? Highlights have included:

- Emily (Reception) playing the piano to the whole school, and singing along!
- Bromley Festival entrants reciting their poems
- Year 5 thinking about their 'Happy Place' then creating a piece of artwork
- Year 6 investigating in maths for 'Pi Day'
- Year 1 visit to the National Gallery
- Years 3 and 4 Cross-country teams running at Crystal Palace
- Years 5 and 6 playing 'Quidditch' on the field in their games lesson
- Having fun and raising money today for Comic Relief
- Year 6 spending the day with the 'Bug Man' studying evolution
- Year 1 presenting their assembly, in French!

## I wonder what next week will bring...

















## **ECO-SCHOOLS**



Miss Brabham has been working hard, and with great enthusiasm, to set us up as an ecoschool, having previously had experience of doing something similar in another school. It is something we have wished to do for some time so are incredibly grateful that she has volunteered to head this up. A number of staff have already been recruited onto the Eco-School Committee and the next step is to announce the pupil representatives.

The children were all invited to complete an application expressing their interest in becoming a form representative. 41 applications were submitted and from those, 16 have been selected and their names will be announced on Monday in assembly. Pupil voice is a key feature of the whole project; it will be driven and inspired by them. Staff were impressed by many of the children's responses, which included topics such as wanting to protect wildlife and animals, litter in the school grounds, concerns for marine life and a general desire to save energy and raise awareness for all things 'eco'.

Thank you, Miss Brabham, for getting this off the ground and we look forward with anticipation to hearing more about how we can all become involved.

**Next week:** 

Mon 18<sup>th</sup>

#### **SPECIAL AWARDS - WELL DONE!**

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

Alice and Rosa (5) for composing a song for Inter-House Music Lottie and Renata (5) for English Carys, Alice and Olivia (5) for their ISA Shakespeare Monologues

### **Quiz Night and Charity Fund Raiser**

A number of staff and parents enjoyed the PTA quiz night last Saturday. The evening was great fun with the eventual winners being a group of Reception parents. However, I must add that I was especially proud, if not a little relieved, to say that the staff team managed to get full marks on a 'fun' SATs paper that was thrown in as an extra round! Apart from being a social evening, this was a charity event and we were delighted to raise £457.00 for 'Clic-Sargeant' in support of a former pupil, Elisha Jepson, who is reaching the end of her cancer treatment. Thank you to everyone who helped organize the evening and to the parents who supported.

#### **DATES**

1.45pm Y5 & Y6 St David's Dash

Tue 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 & Y5 Sensational Science
	10am Quiz Club Competition at
	Bishop Challoner School
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	ISA London South Cross Country at
	Oakhyrst Grange (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6)
	School Council
Thurs 21st	Y1 The Bugman – Rainforests
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Day
	9am - 11am and 3pm - 6pm
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bromley Festival
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Bikeability
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Bikeability
	Messy Easter
	Y5 Carroty Wood
Thur 28 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Carroty Wood
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Carroty Wood
	Term ends (Normal time)
APRIL	
	Monday 1st April to Friday 5th April
	Holiday Club 8am to 6pm
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Term begins
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	8am Y5 Secondary School Information
	Meeting
	Y5 Assembly – Parents invited
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup>	8am Y6 School Journey Meeting (The Studio)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mathematics Quiz Championships
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am – 11am Y4, Y5, Y6 Athletics Practice