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Friday 17th May 2019

REMINDER

8.45am PARENT COUNCIL
FRIDAY 24TH MAY
The Cabin
All welcome

Mrs Grainge writes:

I cannot believe that a year has gone by since Mrs Foulger announced that we would be starting a Pre-Reception at St David's and asked if I would change from teaching Reception to Pre-Reception. I will admit that I did initially have mixed feelings about returning to teaching 3-4-year olds after twelve years of being with the older ones. However, I quickly came to appreciate that there are a million reasons why being a Pre-Reception teacher is so rewarding.

Yes, it has been quite challenging at times but in the midst of those difficult moments, I take a breath and think about how rewarding it has been to be able to experience things with these youngest children in the school, often for the first time. Every day has brought about a new development, a new funny moment for everyone to laugh at, unexpected challenges – and who knows what else! That's one of the many rewarding aspects of this job: it teaches you to embrace the unexpected parts of life, and accept the things you have no control over. These young children are hilarious, frighteningly honest and amazingly, they still believe in magic.

I have thoroughly enjoyed embracing my inner childhood; dressing up with the children as 'Wonder Woman', a fairy or a mermaid and dancing to the 'Macarena', 'Superman' and 'Baby Shark' to name just a few. We have had fun over the year at the 'dough disco' and enjoyed learning our phonics with a 'giraffe' named Geraldine.

The year has absolutely sped by but I could not have done any of it without Mrs Jackson, my amazingly fantastic TA. We are already starting to feel quite nostalgic at the thought of them moving up to Reception. However, we are also both looking forward to another exciting year which I am sure will be completely different but turn out to be just as rewarding as this one.

So thank you Mrs Foulger, for taking me out of my comfort zone and giving both Mrs Jackson and myself this opportunity. We aim to ensure that we can give all our children who start in Pre-Reception a happy and enjoyable experience that will help them grow and develop into responsible, creative and resilient learners.



DATES OF TRANSITION MEETINGS

A chance for parents to meet with their child's new teacher for 2019/2020. You will receive a Transition Booklet and hear valuable information about the year.

Tuesday 2nd July at 8.00am – Reception to Year 1 and Year 4 to Year 5

Wednesday 3rd July at 9.00am – Year 2 to Year 3 and Year 3 to Year 4

Friday 5th July at 9.00am – Year 5 to Year 6 and Year 1 to Year 2

Great Use of IT Beyond the Classroom!

Something to be proud of?

Python programming (Y6), research on the history of technology (Y5 - anyone remember floppy discs?), PowerPoints on sloths and other creatures (Y4), science research on platinum, surveys turned into charts, the Pied Piper poem (Y3) are just some examples of the recent wonderful **extra** work done on the computer at home by our Prep children. Kayla, well done for your own 'Kayla Times' newspaper complete with headline and photos of new royal baby Archie!

We are delighted that Y2 have signed their first Internet Safety leaflets last term and that last week Y1 have made and signed their brand new 'Cybersafety Pledge' sheets to keep safe. Pre-Prep are all learning to be smart on the internet just like Smartie the Penguin. Thank you to all families for your on-going vigilance in this area.

Hooray to all those children and families who take up the challenge of using technology wisely at home whether it is touch-typing or Scratch projects or effective and discerning research. You know who you are and how to impress!
Keep it coming...



SUMMER TERM DATES

Next week:

MAY

Monday 20th

Y6 School Journey week

Wishford Schools athletics Y3, Y4, Y5

Wednesday 22nd

Y2 NO SWIMMING

Friday 24th

PTA 'Own Clothes Day' Bottle Drop-off

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May Half Term

JUNE

Tuesday 4th

ISA London South Athletics

Travelling Books arrive (1 week)

Wednesday 5th

Y5 Rounders at Braeside Prep

Friday 7th

Y5 & 6 Athletics at Croydon High

Saturday 8th

1 – 4pm PTA Summer Fair

Monday 10th – Friday 14th SPORTS WEEK and OPEN WEEK

Wednesday 19th

9.30am New Pre-Reception Mtg

2.00pm New Reception Parents Mtg

Thursday 20th

'Come and Watch the Dance lessons'

Friday 21st – Sunday 23rd

Y6 Wishford Weekend

Wednesday 26th

9.30am Y6 Dress Rehearsal

6.30pm Y6 Production

Friday 28th

9.00am Prep Spotlight assembly

4.30pm Little Stars – Open lesson

6.30pm Y6 Production

JULY

Monday 1st

Y5 and Y6 Focus, St John's Church

Tuesday 2nd

Transition Meetings

Wednesday 3rd

Transition Meetings

Thursday 4th

Y4 and Y5 trip to Kew Gardens

2pm Pre-Reception and Reception

Sports Afternoon

Friday 5th

Transition Meetings

9.15am Sports Day Y1 – Y6

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12.00PM

Pre-Reception and Reception normal school finishing times

7.00pm Y6 Prize Giving Evening

Monday 8th

3.30 – 6.00pm Open Classrooms

7.00pm Musical Showcase

(Y5, Y6 and advanced musicians)

Tuesday 9th

9.30am Musical Showcase

(R, Y1, 2, 3, 4)

Wednesday 10th

Pre-Rec, R, Y1, Y2, Y3 trip to Kent Life

Friday 12th

TERM ENDS AT 12.30PM

HOLIDAY CLUB

Mon 15th – Fri 19th July 2019

'Who's been sitting in my chair?'

... were the words of Nicholas Bennett (Mayor of Bromley) to Tom, sitting at the head of the table in the board meeting room.

Year 5 went to visit our local mayor at Bromley Civic Centre. They were able to ask the Mayor of Bromley all their questions from what the job entails, to why it takes so long to get planning permission! Year 5 also got secret access into the Mayor's office and had a walk around the nearby stream.

Here are some of the things they learnt:

'I learnt that the Mayor is neutral when it comes to voting.' Stefan

'I learnt that the Mayor doesn't control everything in the borough.' Noah

'Historically the mace was used to hit people who got in the way.' Charan

'I learnt you have to be a councillor to be the Mayor.' Renata

'I learnt that the Mayor goes for a swim at 9pm at Beckenham spa!' Miss Bonner

