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Friday 24th May 2019

PTA SUMMER FAIR
SATURDAY 8TH JUNE
2019
1.00PM TO 4.00PM

Mrs Foulger writes, with pride:

Great Teamwork on Monday!

I thought it was time to remind you all of the amazing staff we have here at St David's as we approach the final half-term of this year. They constantly give their all and turn their hands to most things. You certainly need to be flexible and willing to be part of the St David's team and last Monday highlighted what a great bunch of staff I work with. Early Monday morning, probably before most of you were up, Mrs Sowter was in school sorting the last bits of equipment and paperwork in preparation for the Year 6 trip to Wales. A new venture and venue this year, responsibility rested very much on her shoulders, fortunately she was soon joined by Mr Hunter and Miss O'Sullivan as they greeted the eager pupils who arrived before 7.00am with their bags of luggage and bags of excitement! Just before 7.30am, the merry band set off and I'm pleased to report they are having a brilliant time!

Next, the turn of the athletes from Years 3, 4 and 5 who were awaiting their coach to take them to the inaugural Wishford Schools athletics meet at Reading. A big day for them all. No one knew quite how the day would go or how St David's would manage to compete against the other schools with the whole of Year 6 missing – we need not have worried, see report later! Accompanied by Miss Bonner, Mrs Page, Mrs Kinnes, Mrs Skelton and Mr Mayes, we knew they would be in safe hands.

So, what about those still in school for the day? For those in EYs and KS1, it was pretty much business as usual. However, the pupils from KS2 had a different day which included plenty of learning but in some fun and innovative ways. Thank you to Mrs Campbell, Mrs Stock, Mrs Younger, Mrs Merritt, Mrs Thorpe and our parent volunteer, Mrs Cooper, who helped the children learn about design, problem solving and shared stories, to name but a few of the activities they enjoyed together.

Meanwhile Mrs McHugh and myself were so engrossed in timetables for next September that we had to be reminded to go for lunch – we know how to have fun!

So, a good day was had by all, everyone did their bit, covering duties and keeping everyone safe.

Thank you, team and enjoy half-term!



SPECIAL AWARDS – WELL DONE!

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

RECEPTION: Scarlett, Thendral and Elisa for their writing

YEAR 1: Shreya and Daksh for their Research work and Louis for his 'Estate Agent' poster

YEAR 2: Esha and Thor for their Interpretive art and Thor for his Lego model of a mosque

YEAR 3: Rayanna for her athletics, Ellie for her attitude at the athletics meet,

Margaret for her excellence in athletics

George (4) for his distinction in music theory, Rosa (5) for an excellent, persuasive letters

EYFS Moderation Visit

Last week, Miss O'Sullivan and Miss Brabham had a visit from two Bromley Local Authority moderators to check their ability to accurately assess our Reception pupils. We are delighted to say that their findings were all extremely positive and complimentary and we thought it would be good to share some of the comments made in the report.

'Children's verbal contributions are highly valued. Adults constantly listen to and discuss what they have done and achieved'.

'It was an absolute pleasure to work with Miss O'Sullivan and Miss Brabham and share the children's achievements and progression. They are passionate about their children and know them so well'.

Well done to all the staff who work so hard in our Early Years throughout the week, giving all our youngest pupils such a great start on their St David's journey.



HEIGH HO, HEIGH HO, IT'S OFF ON A HABITAT WALK WE GO!

Linking in with topic work on human and animal habitats, Year 1 set off on a beautiful, sunny morning to High Broom Woods. Here, the pupils learnt about different woodland features and had fun playing pooh sticks and counting the number of owls on the carved wood sculptures. We took time to stand still and listen to the bird song all around us. Pupils commented:

'I really liked the sculpture and counted 14 owls on it'

'I liked throwing the pooh sticks in the water'

'I didn't expect that there could be badgers living in the woods.'

Thank you very much to Mrs Thorpe for setting up an exciting trail of arrows and pictures to find and to Miss Slim who accompanied us.



A surprise visit for Year 2, when Bob Stewart MP for Beckenham, popped in during their lesson on 'telling the time'.



WISHFORD ATHLETICS

JOINT 2ND OVERALL FOR YEARS 3 - 6

We are super proud of the St David's children who represented us at the very first Wishford athletics day on Monday 20th at The Palmer Park athletics stadium in Reading. It was a first for all the children (especially year 3 for even competing in athletics) and what an experience for them all. Despite not having the Y6 children, as they were away in the Brecon Beacons, we achieved excellent results. The children learnt how to be self-motivated for their individual events as well as how to respect other schools showing good sportsmanship after the events and at the end of the day.

Bring on next year!

YEAR 3

Margaret – 1st Ball throw, 1st 600m, 1st Girls Relay

Ellie – 1st Girls Relay

Mya – 2nd 150m, 1st Girls Relay

Kayla – 1st High Jump

Nathaniel – 3rd 600m

Efe – 3rd Cricket Ball Throw

Rayanna – 1st 60m, 1st Girls Relay

Kai – 3rd 150m

YEAR 4

George – 2nd 600m, 3rd 60m

Benjamin – 2nd Shot Put

Connie – 2nd 60m, 3rd Girls Relay, 3rd Shot Put

Emily – 3rd Girls Relay

Florence – 1st 150m, 3rd 600m, 3rd Girls Relay

Leylasu – 2nd High Jump, 3rd Girls Relay

YEAR 5

Noah – 2nd Long Jump, 3rd 75m

Stefan 2nd High Jump

Mia – 3rd 150m

Renata – 1st Ball Throw, 1st Shot Put

Alice – 1st Long Jump

Klara - 3rd Long Jump



HALF-TERMLY EXCELLENCE AWARDS



PRE-RECEPTION	Ahnay	For increased independence, focus and for always being helpful
RECEPTION	Felix	For showing perseverance, determination and resilience
YEAR 1	Danique	For super work attitude, helpfulness and constant smile
YEAR 2	Ellie	For improvement in English, and mature and hardworking attitude
YEAR 3	Ava	For having mature attitude to all areas of learning and school life
YEAR 4	Ben G	For always contributing in lessons and being so kind to others
YEAR 5B	Stefan	For an excellent attitude, self-motivation and dedication to learning
YEAR 5M	Olivia	For consistent effort and achievement in maths this term

SUMMER TERM DATES

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May Half Term

JUNE

Tuesday 4 th	ISA London South Athletics Travelling Books arrive (1 week)
Wednesday 5 th	Y5 Rounders at Braeside Prep
Friday 7 th	Y5 & 6 Athletics at Croydon High
Saturday 8 th	1 – 4pm PTA Summer Fair
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th	SPORTS WEEK and OPEN WEEK
Wednesday 19 th	9.30am New Pre-Reception Mtg 2.00pm New Reception Parents' Mtg 'Come and Watch the Dance lessons'
Thursday 20 th	Y6 Wishford Weekend
Friday 21 st – Sunday 23 rd	9.30am Y6 Dress Rehearsal 6.30pm Y6 Production
Wednesday 26 th	9.00am Prep Spotlight assembly 4.30pm Little Stars – Open lesson 6.30pm Y6 Production
Friday 28 th	

JULY

Monday 1 st	Y5 and Y6 Focus, St John's Church
Tuesday 2 nd	8.00am Transition Meetings Y1 and Y4 to Y5
Wednesday 3 rd	8.00am Transition Meetings Y2 to Y3 and Y3 to Y4
Thursday 4 th	Y4 and Y5 trip to Kew Gardens 2pm Pre-Reception and Reception Sports Afternoon
Friday 5 th	8.00am Transition Meetings Y5 to Y6 and Y1 to Y2 9.15am Sports Day Y1 – Y6 SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12.00PM
Pre-Reception and Reception normal school finishing time	
Monday 8 th	7.00pm Y6 Prize Giving Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm Open Classrooms 7.00pm Musical Showcase (Y5, Y6 and advanced musicians)
Tuesday 9 th	9.30am Musical Showcase (R, Y1, 2, 3, 4)
Wednesday 10 th	Pre-Rec, R, Y1, Y2, Y3 trip to Kent Life
Friday 12 th	TERM ENDS AT 12.30PM

HOLIDAY CLUB

Mon 15th – Fri 19th July 2019

STORYTELLING

Following the success of shared story telling during book week, the children now regularly enjoy early morning stories read by Mrs Foulger. However, if you had walked past year 5 last week, you may have had to pause and question whether you were in the right country. Year 5 were looking at stories from other cultures and had the pleasure of having part of a story told to them in Russian. They wrote their own versions of stories from Iran and compared Mexican stories about death - a truly international few weeks of English.



TERM DATES 2019/2020

AUTUMN TERM

(Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September – Inset Day)
 Wednesday 4th September (Reception, Years 1 – 6 start)
 Monday 9th September (Pre-Reception start) –
 Wednesday 18th December 2019
HOLIDAY CLUB Mon 28th October – Fri 1st Nov 2019
Thursday 19th and Friday 20th Dec 2019
 Half term: Mon 21st October – Fri 1st November 2019

SPRING TERM

(Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th January 2020 – Inset Day)
 Wednesday 8th January – Friday 27th March 2020
 Half Term: Mon 30th March to Fri 3rd April 2020
HOLIDAY CLUB Monday 30th March to
Friday 3rd April 2020

SUMMER TERM

Monday 20th April 2020 – Thursday 9th July 2020
 Half term: Monday 25th 2020 – Friday 29th May 2020
HOLIDAY CLUB Monday 13th to Friday 17th July 2020
Monday 24th to 28th August 2020