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Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO  
THE PTA FOR A FABULOUS  
FIREWORKS EVENING**

## Mrs Foulger writes...

This week included World Kindness Day, a day when good deeds are highlighted and the focus is on the positive power of kindness in our communities. I am fortunate in that I see many RAKs (Random Acts of Kindness) each and every day at school and in many ways, it is easy to take them for granted; it is what we model and what we expect.

However, it is often when the chips are down that many acts or words of kindness really come to the fore. In our school, as I said last week, when one of us hurts or is sad then it affects us all. People's reactions are different, some use beautiful words, others express themselves by writing a card or email, maybe sharing a memory, buying a gift or giving a well-timed hug. But some of us just want to help in a tangible way and leap into action!

One of our Year 6 pupils did just that. Olivia had been particularly touched by Tim's visit with his working dog Elliot in the summer. On hearing the sad news of his passing, she wanted '*to do something to help and support working dogs like Elliot who are so hardworking, clever and cute*'. And she did. Last weekend she offered to wash her neighbours' cars as a means of raising money for 'Canine Partners', the charity that trained Elliot to become Tim's helping dog. She managed to raise a total of £61.50 which she quietly presented to Mrs Handy on Wednesday – the day that just happened to be World Kindness Day. Well done Olivia, we are so proud of you.

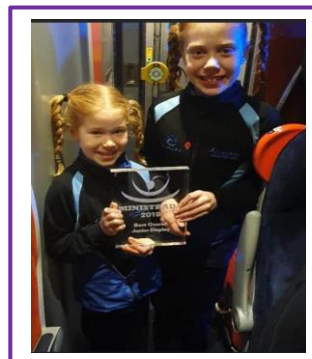
## EXCITING STAFF NEWS!

St David's are having a baby... well actually  
Miss Bonner is!

We are delighted to announce that Miss Bonner is expecting a baby due in mid-April. So far, she is keeping well although she is beginning to feel a little tired and permanently hungry! We are all super excited and will obviously support her all we can in the coming months. We are currently finalising our cover plan and will obviously share details with you as soon as it is confirmed. Suffice it to say, Year 5 will remain in good hands in the summer term.

Year 1 parents met the teachers who will be teaching the class in January following Mrs Wright's departure to explore new ventures.

Mrs Hills will be teaching Year 1 on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, before Mrs Jones takes over for Thursday and Friday. Both Mrs Hills and Mrs Jones have extensive experience of teaching different age groups but both love Year 1! They cannot wait to join St David's as part of the staff team and are particularly excited to meet all the children.



We are extremely proud of Harriet (3) and Mia (6) who left school a little bit early on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November and set off for Liverpool. They were going to spend the weekend competing with their gymnastics team, Allstarz in the British Ministrada.

After performing two fantastic routines, the Team were awarded the winners of the Junior Category and are now British Display Champions.

**CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!**

## SPECIAL AWARDS – WELL DONE!

The following pupils have been awarded  
Excellence Awards from Mrs Foulger:

Harriet (3) for Gymnastics

Mia (5) for Gymnastics

James (5) for excellent work in French

Evie (5) for excellent work in French

Lily (5) for her Maths perseverance

Olivia (6) for a random act of kindness

## SPORT

This week, I would like to give a shout out for our amazing Sports staff. Out in all weathers, they never fail to inspire and promote a love of sport here at St David's.

Frequently giving up their own time at weekends and after school, they support and encourage our pupils in a growing number of sports and range of fixtures.

In the past few years, our field has had a great deal of care and attention from our grounds team. Indeed, it was only when looking at some old photos of a St David's sports day, circa 1960 that we appreciated how far we have come!

The children all love our outside space and are desperate to get out every day.

However, the green and pleasant surroundings also have their downside as our courts quickly grow moss once the damp, autumnal days arrive. We are pleased to say our main court will be fully operational again from next week after some further treatment this weekend.



We are delighted that the children at St David's love books. A total of £950.00 was raised during our travelling books week which gives the school

over **£500.00** to spend on books.

Mrs Bishop will be purchasing new books for all classes and is especially excited to buy the books the children have specifically requested.

## Ever wanted to travel Jupiter?



Well you may think twice! If you were to go to Jupiter for the day, whilst your mass would stay the same, your weight would increase tremendously due to the higher amount of gravitational pull.

Year 5 have been studying the force of gravity in Science this week. Did you know that the mass and the weight of an object are different? The weight is measured in Newtons and your mass is measured in g/kg. Year 5 used force meters to measure the weight and mass of different objects in the classroom to see if we could find a link between the two. We did! The mass of an object will roughly be 100x the weight!

