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Friday 22nd November 2019

**DON'T FORGET TO
BOOK CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY CLUB**

Mrs Foulger writes...

Sunday morning and Twitter was awake, the news was out... The time had come, or rather The Sunday Times had come, into newsagents, shops and letterboxes, bearing the latest rankings of the UK Independent Prep schools. Would we feature? And if so, where would we be? In the top 50 for the past two years, we were hopeful to be somewhere in the list. So there were whoops of joy and delight as Mrs Handy opened the paper and shared the great news – 19th! Amazing news and positive reinforcement of our 'excellence' awarded earlier in the year. We will continue to look for improvement at St David's but it is nevertheless nice to be acknowledged in this way! We received a number of affirming messages on Sunday that we were able to share with staff on Monday; this one from a Non-Executive Director of Wishford sums them up:

'Many congratulations to everyone at St David's (especially the pupils...!) for the school's high placing in the SAT tables in today's Sunday Times. I hope everyone arrives tomorrow morning feeling properly chuffed'.

Suffice it to say, we did!

St David's Dash

On a cold but bright afternoon, we were delighted to fill our field with competitors and supporters from 8 local schools for our Years 3 and 4 cross-country event. The children all ran 2 laps of our course, a distance of approximately 1300m. Competition was fierce with the first 5 runners in each of the 4 races receiving a rosette. Honours were split across many of the schools participating, including Flossie, Zac and Nathaniel from St David's. Parish School proved, once again, to be the overall winning school and proudly retained the trophy they won last year.

Congratulations to Mr Hunter for organizing and mobilizing the team of staff who made the event such a success. A similar meet will be held for Year 5 and 6 runners in March.



St John's Church, Beckenham

**CHRISTMAS CHARITY
CONCERT**

Friday 6th December 2019
at 7.30 pm

**ST DAVID'S PREP CHILDREN'S CHOIR
THE KENTONES
SOL CHOIR**
(Community Choir for Eden Park)

St. John's Church,
251 Eden Park Avenue, Beckenham, BR3 3JN

Admission: £5
(Concessions £3)

All proceeds will going to
Leukaemia UK and
Bromley Community Counselling Service

SPECIAL AWARDS – WELL DONE!

The following pupils have been awarded
Head Teacher Awards from Mrs Foulger:

Mia (6) – for Cross Country

Oliver (6) – for Swimming

Victoria (2) for excellent English

Daksh (2) for excellent English

Alisa (1) for excellent Christmas poem

Naima (1) for excellent Christmas poem

Parent Council

Last Friday, Miss Slim and I spent a pleasant hour in the cabin with parents who all enjoyed the pastries and coffee provided! The purpose was to listen, share and discuss any ideas and suggestions to further improve the St David's experience for our pupils. Never knowing what might be mentioned, Miss Slim comes armed with notebook and pen, while I try to respond in a helpful way. It is a session (held once a term) that we both enjoy and find useful as we get to hear things from a parents' perspective or from 'the other side'. Things discussed this time included clubs, sports kit, menus, notice of future events, photograph packaging, provision of breakfast at early club and dressing up days. It was also encouraging to receive thanks for the messages we give through our assemblies and the desire for families to give gifts to charity at Christmas.



PRIMARY MATHS CHALLENGE

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 recently took part in the National Primary Maths Challenge. Faced with a set of demanding and imaginative Maths problems, their brain cogs chugged and whirled as they solved the problems set before them. Everyone who entered received a certificate with the highest scorers awarded Bronze, Silver and Gold. We hope our top achievers will go forward to the next stage in the New Year. Well done all!

Bronze:

Lottie (6)
Tom (6)
Daisy (6)
Naomi (6)
Thomas (6)
Ashley (5)
Jessica C (5)

Gold:

Rohan (6)
Renata (6)
Olivia (6)
Stefan (6)
George (5)

Silver:

Jack (6)
Noah (6)
Charan (6)
Rosa (6)
Carys (6)
Christopher (6)
Michael (6)



Busy, busy!

Y6 working hard on their Robots for the Lego League in December.



INTER-HOUSE SPOOKY STORY COMPETITION

Thanks to Miss Bonner, who set some spooky titles for all pupils from Reception upwards to inspire them to write an independent story after half term. The winners were announced this week:

Reception – Charlotte and Elena

Year 1 – Felix and Scarlett

Year 2 – Leonardo and Mia

Year 3 – Jayveer and Zach

Year 4 – Mia and Kieran

Year 5 - Jessica C and James

Year 6 – Charan, Martha and Daisy



St David's Junior Travel Ambassadors, Charan and Elianna (Y6), launched their first competition during an assembly before half-term. The brief was to design an 'Active Be Bright Mascot' and to think about how to incorporate a road safety and sustainable or active travel theme.

Charan and Elianna had fun looking at all the entries and choosing which prizes to award. They eventually agreed upon the following:

1st Florence (Y5)

2nd Evie (Y5)

3rd Iris (Y5)

Congratulations to everyone who entered and received a prize but in particular, to Florence, whose entry will now be sent forward to be judged against the entries from the other Bromley Primary Schools.

