



9th February 2024

Dear Parents,

An interesting half-term but we have been inspected and survived!

Thank you to all those of you who completed the Parent Survey and shared so many positive comments with the inspection team. Whilst we were not given details of individual responses, we were led to understand the positivity was overwhelming. Staff and pupils from Years 3-6 were also invited to complete surveys which, we are pleased to say, were also largely positive. 'I think your staff like working at St David's...' being one comment. And of course, we all do. The main complaint around the inspection days from staff was that they wished they had had more opportunity to showcase the amazing stuff that happens in every classroom, every single day.

It will be a few more weeks before our inspection report will be finalised as it goes through quite a process before we even get a glimpse. There has been much in the news over the past year about inspections and particularly their impact on staff and leadership teams. I am glad to report that our experience this time was very positive and as stress-free as is possible. Both the 'home' team and the 'visiting' team acted with the greatest care, respect and professionalism at all times.

Great job, team!

Julia Foulger

BROMLEY FESTIVAL

What a wonderful response to the verse recital entry!

We have a record 65 children entered.

As soon as we hear detail on dates and times, we will let you know.

In the meantime, all children entered have received a copy of their poem and we would be grateful if they could try to learn it off by heart over half term.



"Poetry: the best words
in the best order."
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge

SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING

Last Friday 2nd February saw our annual Swimming Gala take place. As always, the excitement from the children was electric both before the evening and on the night. The pride we had from seeing the children push themselves in all areas was quite moving; from children who worried about being in the deep end, to those not thinking they can swim a full length. We have a lot of strong swimmers here at St David's and seeing them all swimming together and cheering each other on was very special. The iconic Year 6 raft race was also a highlight, resulting in a convincing win for Georgina's team!

Obviously being inter-House there had to be a winner and this year the trophy went to Justin! Well done to Justin! However, huge congratulations to all that took part and to all the teachers who gave up their Friday night to come and help and support.

BIATHLON

We are incredibly proud of seven of our children from years 3 to 6 who have qualified to compete in the National Biathlon championships to be held in Bath towards the end of March. The children took part in a qualification round back in October which involved different distances in both swimming and running, depending upon their ages. We wish them all good luck and can't wait to hear how they get on.

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE CHALLENGE

Preparations have been made for our Year 6 team to enter into the First Lego League where they will be judged on robot design, a robot game, an innovation project and core values.

Good luck all the team who will be competing in Birmingham during half-term.
Thanks to Mrs Campbell and Mrs Sowter who will be accompanying them.



FIRST LEGO League Challenge

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS

Pre-Rec	Jai McA	Matilda R	Violet F-F
		Nikrouz K	
Year 1	Avyay A	Amyra K	Frederick L
	Annabel M (2)	Zach R	Holly R
	Euan R		Mrs Jones
Year 2	PARAKEET's CLASS		
	Ela A	Eliza H	Annabel C
	Gianluca M	Rohan P	Astrid P
	Logan B	Aris S	Mayven D
Year 3	Saskia A	Aanya B-R	Thomas C
	Christian F	Kush K	Livia M
	Hannah M		Nia P
Year 4	Sofia B	Mayra C (2)	Gozde C
	Gul C	Darcey D (2)	Eden E
	Ella E	William J	Aoife O'H (2)
	Roma O'R-O	Aria P	Magnus S
	Dharshan V		Alex W
Year 5	Sahyuri B	Chidera N	Edie M
		Lale C	
Year 6	Esme J	Mabel S-B	Georgina W

OXFORD UNIVERSITY COMPUTING CHALLENGE

Well done to Guhan, Toby and Mia for taking part in this high-level computing challenge.

We are very proud of all three of you!

WELL-BEING



The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is 'My Voice Matters'.

Children watched a live lesson in their classrooms which focussed on why our voices are important. There was a lot of discussion around how we, as children and adults can support our mental health and some examples were: sleep, being out in nature, being kind to others and having a healthy diet, just to name a few.

The children had the chance to complete an activity after the assembly which asked them to think about what they are grateful for and what they do to support themselves when they aren't feeling their best. The children had to list some of the things that they, themselves, value. There were some lovely answers across the school including: my voice, myself, my friends and family, the world, food, water etc.

We had an excellent day on Wednesday 7th February where the children came into school dressed in something that represented 'them'. The theme of 'dress to express' highlighted the importance of us each being individuals and that we all have different likes and dislikes and that we value that greatly. We had children in amazing clothes ranging from doctors to lawyers and astronauts to artists. Thank you to everyone for taking part, we really enjoyed ourselves and hopefully got an important message from the day.



NUMBER DAY



On **Friday the 2nd of February** we had a day full of Maths-themed fun and games.

We started with an extra special singing assembly in which we sang number related songs, including *'Count On Me'*, *'Three Little Birds'* and *'Seasons of Love'* (for the last of which, we learned how many minutes are in a year!)

HALF TERM SPECIAL AWARDS

Each class had a slot in the hall to play number-themed games. The Year 6 pupils explain and supervise these games for the younger years and they did an ex

At lunchtime we had a Maths scavenger hunt on the field. Those who chose to take part were given 10 maths questions to solve with the answers leading them to a numbered skittle with a letter on the bottom. They then had to work out which words the letters spelled before handing in their sheets.

Well done to the winners of the scavenger hunt:

Year 1- Neana

Most importantly, we raised a fantastic total of £284.65 for the NSPCC!

Thank you so much for your kind donations that will make such a difference.

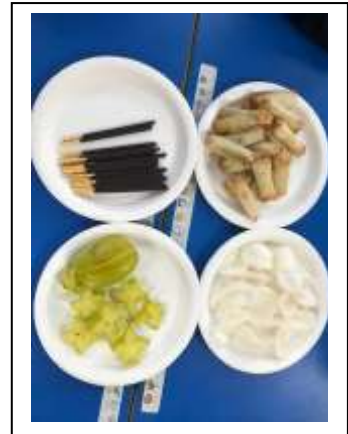
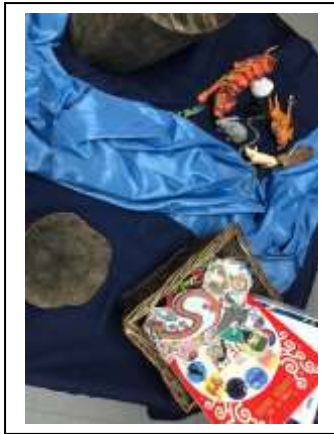


Nikrouz K	Pre-Reception	For finding his voice in the class and joining in with a range of activities.
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Arthur G	Reception Hedgehogs	For his fantastic attitude to learning, always giving his best and being an excellent role model to the class.
April M	Reception Robins	For being engaged in all learning, a busy bee in choosing time and a great friend to everyone. She lights up the classroom with her energy.
Avyay A	Year 1B	For making great progress through applying new learning to every task and working independently.
Partho B-R	Year 1R	For being amazingly positive, endlessly helpful and always trustworthy. A great role model to those around him and consistently focused.
Rhema A	Year 2W	For ongoing effort with handwriting and improved focus.
Aris S	Year 2P	For being focused on learning - curious about the way he works and strives to be his best in every lesson.
Amber S	Year 3B	For positive and determined attitude in all lessons and her willingness to help others - an absolute superstar!
Nathan C	Year 3M	For his mature attitude to learning and always trying his hardest. Great work in humanities and willingness to share his own ideas and experiences.
Darcey D	Year 4D	For her all-round effort, challenging herself and developing confidence.
Roma O'R-O	Year 4B	For being an all-round amazing student, showing great reliability and kindness to everyone.
Lale Coskunsu	Year 5	For growing academically! She has added depth and quality to her writing by using the new grammar she has learnt.
Toby M	Year 6	For being amazing! Consistently ready for learning and always putting in maximum effort.
Well Done Everyone!		

LUNAR NEW YEAR

This week in **Pre-Reception**, we have been learning about how some people celebrate Lunar New Year. We have made dragon masks and lanterns and learnt some songs and dances. We tried some different foods including spring rolls and star fruit and finally made our own stir fry noodles!



YEAR 2

Year 2 were treated to a visit from Grace's parents who told the children how they celebrate Chinese New Year.

Mr Hunter said, *'we all learnt so much and it was a great presentation!'*

Thank you so much.



YEAR 6 SCIENTISTS



HINDUISM

Year 1 have been learning about Hinduism in RE this term. Recently, they were lucky enough to have a visit from four parents who came to explain and demonstrate using artefacts, how they celebrate and worship at home.



Thank you to our parent volunteers for bringing such a wonderful, sensory experience into the Year 1 classroom.

PARKING!

Thank you so much to the vast majority of you that consistently park and use the roads around school in an appropriate, safe and respectful way. We will shortly arrange another meeting with a group of local residents to listen and discuss with them any issues or concerns they may have. However, we feel the whole situation around drop-off and pick-up times has greatly improved and therefore hope we will not be faced with too many comments or incidents raised by our neighbours.

Unfortunately, there have been a few calls and comments received in the last few weeks. Please do not let the high standards we have managed together slip. On my foray out in the rain this morning, I saw three or four examples of poor practice and I know Mr King witnessed similar. It is really not my best to have to speak to parents in a negative way but I will do so if road safety and courtesy are compromised.

Together, we can do this! Thank you.

COMING UP:

Monday 19th February: STAFF INSET DAY

Tuesday 20th February: TERM RE-STARTS

Tuesday 20th February: ISA London South, Cross Country at Radnor House

Tuesday 20th February: Year 6 'Bikeability' - Day 1

Wednesday 21st February: Year 6 'Bikeability' - Day 2

Tuesday 27th February: Life Space visit - Day 1

Wednesday 28th February: Life Space visit - Day 2

Friday 1st March: EDI Parent/Staff Forum @ 8.45am

Friday 1st March: PTA Comedy Night

Tuesday 5th March: Year 3 Parents 1:1 Devices Teams Meeting @ 7.00pm

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day

Saturday 9th March: Bromley Schools Cross-Country @ Crystal Palace (Years 3 and 4)

Saturday 9th March: Bromley Festival (Week 1)

Friday 15th March: Year 5 Parents Secondary Transfer Meeting @ 7.45am

Friday 15th March: Year 3 Assembly for Parents

Saturday 16th March: Bromley Festival (Week 2)

Tuesday 19th March: 'Little Stars' Show for Parents @ 4.30pm

Wednesday 20th March: Parents' Evening

Thursday 21st March: Open Dance Lessons

Friday 22nd March: Spotlights Show @ 8.00am and 'Little Stars' Show for Parents @ 4.30pm

Saturday 23rd March: Open Morning 9.30 - 11.00am

Monday 25th March: 'Musicathon' Event - details to follow!

Monday 25th March: PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday 27th March: TERM ENDS @ 12.30pm

RAINBOW CLUB

Tuesday 2nd - Thursday 4th April, Tuesday 9th - Thursday 11th April, Tuesday 16th - Thursday 18th April

SUMMER TERM BEGINS MONDAY 22nd APRIL 2024

Tuesday 23rd April: Y6 School Journey Meeting @ 7.45 am

Thursday 2nd May: EDI Parent/Staff Forum @ 7.30pm

Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday

Friday 10th May: ISA London South Athletics

Friday 10th May: PTA Prep Disco

Monday 13th May to Friday 17th May: Y6 School Journey

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May: **Half Term**

Saturday 15th June: PTA Summer Fair

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June: Years 5 and 6 Production with Year 4 supporting

Wednesday 10th July - Term Ends @ 12.30



Pancake Morning Stay & Play Special! Tuesday 13th Feb 10 - 12

Free entry! | **free pancakes!** | **No need to book**
crafts | **games** | **toddler area** | **and more!**

Activities for ages 0 - sch yr 6 | children must be accompanied throughout

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