



St David's Prep

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 1



Dear Parents,

Surely the quickest half term ever, yet so much has happened. The move into the new classrooms and other spaces has gone seamlessly and it has been incredible to see how adaptable everyone has been and how the new way of doing things has so quickly become embedded and the norm.

Whilst we expected to be excited to see the development finished, we had no idea of the 'extra' benefits the buildings would provide. The children constantly comment on how calm, tranquil and quiet everywhere is and the difference is certainly palpable as we walk around the site and visit classes. The morning arrival and afternoon pickups are more organised and less frenetic and the way we use the hall space has transformed assemblies and lunchtimes.

I truly believe the design and colour palettes used have given our pupils the best learning environment and the whole concept of 'being in nature' is something very special. We feel incredibly fortunate.

For me personally it has been a strange few weeks, culminating in my future retirement becoming public knowledge and seeing the advert for my job online! It was lovely to speak to many of the Year 5 parents during parents evening last week and those of you I see in the mornings.

Thank you for the many lovely comments and good wishes for the future. However, there is a lot of this year still to go, and I shall relish every moment!

Change can be hard sometimes, but change can also be different and different can be good, as we've seen these past few weeks in our new spaces.

Meanwhile we need to get planning for 2026 and the 100th anniversary of our amazing school.

Happy half term everyone,

Julia Foulger





SPORTS

Sport at St David's has started the year successfully with a number of events and standout performances. The children have competed in cross country, football, netball, swimming and biathlon this half term.

To start the year, we visited Croydon High for their annual **cross-country** event. The Year 3 girls team stole the show coming 2nd overall and Elora the pick of the runners finishing in third place. It was great to see all 16 children participating in this event!



The u11 boys **football** team had challenging day at the London South Regional tournament held at Lingfield Prep. The standard of football on the day was very high and the boys did well to be competitive in all of their games. On the day it wasn't enough for them to get out of the group stages but they are looking forward to more fixtures in the near future. Owen was highlighted by other school teachers as a standout performer on the day, against boys who would have been mostly a year older than him. Well done to Kush and Alex who also stepped up to play a year above their age.



The **London Youth Games** 'Bee netball' was hosted at Bromley High this year with 28 teams from schools across the borough competing to represent at the finals. Our u11 girls went through the group stages unbeaten and without conceding a single goal! Bee netball is all about rotating positions and the girls adapted superbly to every challenge thrown their way. In the semi final they won 3-2 and will now progress to the finals day held later in the year!



At the regional **Biathlon** event we had 7 children compete through the day in swimming and running events. The year 5 girls team of Anna, Saskia and Adriana came 2nd overall! The athlete of the day was Anna who came 3rd overall in the Year 5 girls event!



Finally, our swimmers took on the **ISA South London Regional** qualifying event at K2 Crawley. All swimmers were fantastic on the day and the support from the children and parents watching was superb! Mayra won bronze in the year 6 50m breaststroke, Saskia won gold in the year 5 50m breaststroke, Adriana won gold in the year 5 50m freestyle and Aaron won two gold medals in the year 5 50m backstroke and the 50m freestyle. The gold medal winners will go forward to represent the school at ISA National Finals in late November!



The sports calendar only gets busier as the year goes on. To give you a flavour, we have 10 fixtures in November alone in football, netball, hockey, cross-country and swimming. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of sport at the school and especially for you supporting the transport of children to and from events.



Mr Wood - Head of Sport



Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to represent their classes on the Eco Committee.

Y1 Sycamore Class: Nico F-P

Y1 Hazel Class: Francesca M

Y2 Ivy Class: Grace F

Y2 May Class: Amalie D

Y3 Birch Class: Reuben B

Y3 Maple Class: Suvi P

Y4 D: Tom C

Y4 SC: Annabel C

Y5 F: Tuyanji F

Y5 H: Nia P

Y6: Ella E



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Dear Parents/Carers and Pupils

WOW! Once again St David's have blown us away by your very generous Harvest Festival collection! We cannot believe how many bags of food were delivered to us on Friday - we are so grateful to you all.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of you all and other schools in the local area, I have been able to lower our weekly Sainsburys delivery from £1800 to just £86 this week. **This is the lowest it has ever been!** Your support really does help us help those most in need in our community and change lives.

Thank you so much again - Emily



MUSIC

An opportunity from St Martin in the Fields

I've seen that your school has a fantastic music department (and we already have two of your pupils in our Junior Choir!) so I wanted to get in touch to share details of an exciting choral opportunity for any of your pupils aged 8-13 who may be interested.

Although it is very early to be thinking about Christmas, we are delighted to announce our next Children's Singing Day, led by the Choral Team from St Martin-in-the-Fields and hosted by our partner venue St George-the-Martyr Southwark, (SE1 1JA). It will take place 10am-4pm on Saturday 20th December.

The day is free to attend and offers a wonderful chance for young singers of all experience levels to take part in a day of inspiring music-making, culminating in a free, public Family Carol Concert (3-4pm) where friends and family can come along and hear the results of the day's work. The children will sing alongside musicians from London's leading conservatoires, accompanied by professional organists and instrumentalists.

This is an excellent experience for any pupils considering music scholarships for senior schools, wanting to support their instrument-learning, or who would simply enjoy trying something new during the festive season.

To register their child(ren), parents should complete the short form via the link below:

[Register here via Eventbrite](#)

Booking has just opened, and in previous years all spaces have filled very quickly, so I wanted to let you know now to ensure your students don't miss out.

Thank you in advance for sharing this opportunity with your school community - we'd love to welcome some of your pupils to St George's on Saturday 20th December, for what promises to be a very special day of festive music-making!

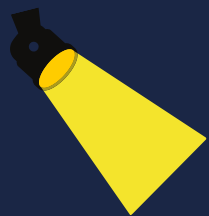
Kind regards,

Phoebe

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Associate Choral Leader
Junior Choir and Schools Engagement

**St
Martin
in
the
Fields**



Student Spotlight!

Your children do amazing things everyday not just in school but outside of school too. This is your chance to shout about their achievements, big or small. If you'd like share something in the next Newsletter just contact isi.king@stdavidsprep.com



Arthur
Year 5F

Arthur in Y5 won a chess tournament at CCF Chess! He and Old Davidian, Wilfred Abel, took their Level Three Chess Institute Exams at CCF and both passed with distinction (96 and 98% respectively!). They then took part in a recent chess tournament there for Level Four players, which Arthur won.

Congratulations Arthur - a fantastic achievement for you (and your brother!)

Annabelle
Year 3M

Annabelle has achieved so much with her gymnastics! Mum says: 'She works tirelessly at it and has just been moved up to "Masters", the top level in her club as one of their youngest members. She has a competition during half term and has opted to spend most of the first week practising rather than go on holiday!

Just before she moved up in September, Annabelle was awarded "Mini of the Term" which combines the awards for hardest working gymnast and best presentation into the best overall gymnast award.

Annabelle has also been working hard at her maths this term alongside her sports and we are really proud of her overall efforts'

Well done Annabelle!





Student Spotlight!



Partho
Year 3B

Partho has been working really hard on his running recently. He achieved a new PB in his 2k junior park run this week of 9.21! Mum says 'He has pushed himself really hard to get here and has been running regularly to improve. He always goes back to pick up his little sister Lara after he finishes and help her to the finish line'

What a kind thing to do! Well done Partho - keep up the great work.

Freddie
Year 2 - Ivy Class

Freddie was recently awarded the Chief Scouts Bronze Award. This is the highest award a Beaver can earn. To earn it, he completed all of the challenge awards as well as four activity badges.

This is incredible - huge well done Freddie for your dedication and hard work. It has really paid off and we are all super proud of you!



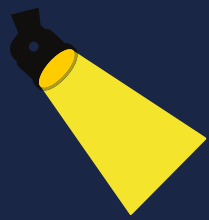
Reeva
Year 2 - May Class

Reeva recently did a 5k charity walk for GOSH - race for kids on Saturday 11th October. There were 25 family members walking/running in memory of her late cousin.

Mum says 'Reeva was super energetic and jogged a lot of it and completed it in under 1 hour!'

Huge well done Reeva for completing the course for such a special cause.





Student Spotlight!



Aaron D
Year 5F

Aaron has been doing extremely well with his swimming recently. He swims competitively for Bromley Swimming Club and is currently ranked number one in the whole of the UK for Backstroke and Individual Medley (IM) for 10 year old boys!

This is absolutely fantastic Aaron - a huge well done and you should be so proud of yourself as we all are of you.

Nia
Year 5H

Nia has been helping to fundraise for the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) by selling cakes and sweet treats at a bake sale.

Well done Nia for helping to raise awareness of water safety as well giving something back to your local community. We are so proud of you!



Oliver
Year 5F

Oliver stepped out of his comfort zone this term and presented a talk to our Reception classes all about Cystic Fibrosis -helping them understand all about his little brothers super power.



Well done Oliver!





Student Spotlight!



Isabella
Year 3M

Isabella in Year 3 did a wonderful job of babysitting her nephew (with the help of her Mum) taking such good care of him and ensuring he is well looked after.

Well done Isabella for showing such kindness and responsibility - true Davidian values!

Isla and George
Year 5F and Year 2 - May Class

George and Isla played in their first hockey tournaments of the season with George scoring 4 goals for U8 side and Isla 6 goals including a hat trick for the U10!

Well done Isla and George for showing grit and determination (and they had fun whilst playing which is the most important thing of all!)





So much to be proud of here. Thank you so much for all your contributions. We can't wait to see what the children get up to next half term.





Half Term Special Awards

Pre- Reception	Selah K	<p>Selah has made great progress with making good choices and following the rules. She is becoming very independent and shares with others and now uses our rainbow drops to regulate her emotions.</p> <p>We love having her in Owl's class!</p>
Reception	Selene McA	<p>Selene is a joy to have in squirrels class. She always shows our school values in everything she does. She loves learning, joins in with excitement and enthusiasm, and is a wonderful friendly frog to everyone around her.</p>
Reception	James H-K	<p>We are so proud of how well you have settled into Reception! You come into class with a smile and we see you growing in confidence every day. It's been wonderful to see you trying new things, joining in with your friends, and sharing your ideas with the class.</p>





Year 1 Sycamore	Aaron A	For being a consistently positive, kind and hard working member of Sycamore class. Aaron is thoughtful with his words and actions and loves to encourage others. He puts great effort into everything he does and cares about doing his best. He can be relied upon to do the right thing and our classroom is a happier place with him in it!
Year 1 Hazel	Violet FF	For consistently showing respect and kindness to everyone around her and being such a helpful member of the class.
Year 2 May	George B	For his consistent enthusiasm and commitment to learning. Alongside having a joyful demeanour in the classroom.
Year 2 ivy	Olivia B	Olivia is a very focused, self-motivated, independent learner and a wonderful role-model for the class.





Year 3B	Natalia K	For showing a fantastic attitude towards her learning, always being ready to learn and for completing every task to the very best of her ability.
Year 3M	Rosa M-B	For showing a fantastic attitude towards her learning, always being ready to learn and for completing every task to the very best of her ability.
Year 4SC	Naomi M	For her curiosity, creativity and increasing independence.
Year 4D	Mayven D	For working hard to demonstrate many qualities from our school's Language of Learning. Mayven shows excellent creativity, particularly in her English work, and enjoys sharing her brilliant ideas with classmates and teachers. She shows respect for our school environment and a good understanding of her responsibility as a student. Her growing independence and perseverance has enabled Mayven to thrive in the classroom this half term.





Year 5H	Annabel W	For starting the year with great enthusiasm for her learning. For working hard at the things she finds difficult but never being defeated. She greets each new day with a smile and spreads joy around the class.
Year 5F	Adriana A	For exceptional work ethic, effort and perseverance, both in the classroom and in all aspects of her school and sporting life. Congratulations Adri!
Year 6A	Sofia B	For being consistently inquisitive and always asking questions to further her understanding. Putting her full effort into every lesson and making some fantastic contributions in class.
Year 6S	Eden E	For her meticulous and sustained effort so far this term and always being absolutely ready to learn with enthusiasm.

Well done to all!





Macmillan Coffee Morning

Once again our St David's community came out in full force for our annual MacMillan Coffee morning raising a huge **£621.65**

Thank you to everyone for donating and taking part.



Travel Explorer Ambassadors

This term we saw two of our Y6 girls, Anastasiia and Ella undertake their T.E.A investiture in Bromley, learning all about safe, active and independent travel within the school community. After their induction, they took a road safety quiz before finally meeting the Major. The girls are keen to share their learning and raise awareness of road safety with all members of the school so watch this space....



Karate News



Dear All

I am delighted to inform you, that following their continued training over the summer, the following students took and passed their Karate Grading (assessment), on Saturday 27th September:-

- Samuel B (Yr.2) - 9th Kyu **Orange** belt
- Thomas C (Yr.4) - 9th Kyu **Orange** belt
- Annabel C (Yr.4) - 9th Kyu **Orange** belt

~Sensei Sharon



Dates For Your Diary



RAINBOW CLUB DATES			
OCTOBER			
MON 20TH	TUES 21ST	WED 22ND	THUR 23RD
MON 27TH	TUES 28 TH	WED 29TH	THUR 30TH
DECEMBER			
MON 22ND	TUES 23RD		
FEBRUARY			
MON 16TH	TUES 17TH	WED 18TH	THUR 19TH
MARCH/APRIL			
MON 30TH	TUES 31ST	WED 1ST	THUR 2ND
MON 6TH	TUES 7TH	WED 8TH	THUR 9TH
MON 13TH	TUES 14TH	WED 15TH	THUR 16TH

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Dates For Your Diary



NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd	Y2 Trip London Transport Museum
Tuesday 4th	Year 5 and 6 -Football and Netball (H) St Mark's School
Friday 7th	Year 3 - 6 Cross Country at Rosendale Playing Fields
Saturday 8th	Year 5 and 6 Bromley Schools Cross Country at Crystal Palace
Monday 10th	Football (Boys and Girls) Oak Lodge (H)
Wednesday 12th	Year 3 and 4, St David's Dash
Thursday 13 th	Flu Vaccines (Reception to Y6) Book Fair
Friday 14 th	Parent Forum - 8:45am U11 Girls Football Farringtons (H)
Tuesday 18th	Y5 Boys and Girls Football Oak Lodge (H) Y6 Netball Croydon High (H)
Wednesday 19th	Year 1 Trip - National Gallery
Friday 21st	Own-clothes Day PTA bottle drop/jolly jar Year 5/6 Football and Netball Braeside (A)
Monday 24th	Year 6 Girls, Football Croydon High (A)

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 26th	Year 4 Football and Netball Farringtons
Thursday 27th	4pm Free trial @ New Street Dance Club
Saturday 29th	1 - 4 pm Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

Friday 5th	Year 5 and 6, Netball Blackheath (H)
Tuesday 9th	9.30am: Year 1 and 2 Nativity 2.00pm: Pre-Reception and Reception Nativity
Wednesday 10th	9.30am: Pre-Reception and Reception Nativity 2.00pm: Year 1 and 2 Nativity
Thursday 11th	6.30 pm Carol Service at St John's Church - compulsory for all children Year 3 to 6
Friday 12th	Boys Football and Girls Netball Farrington's (H)
Tuesday 16th	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 17th	Wizard Stories Pre-Reception to Year 6
Friday 19th	END OF TERM (12:30pm)

- (H) = Home Game
- (A) = Away Game

SPORTS DAY & FAMILY FUN



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