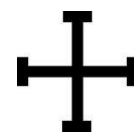




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Lighting the Path

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*Lighting the Path... Together: We Learn, We Share, We Pray, We Care
with Courage, Trust, Love and Hope*

We are fully back into the swing of things now and a number of events have taken place this week. The Year 6 team launched the Golden Mile initiative to the rest of the school, all of the flute players performed a concert and we took part in the Girl's football tournament at Kings'.

We started our week with the story of Esther, the Persian queen who showed great courage by standing up for her people against someone who wanted to kill all of the Jews. *Esther 2:19* We talked about the importance of having the courage to do the right thing. The Open the Book team retold the story of the boy in the temple *Luke 2*

Golden Mile Launch

Imogen, Oscar and Blair, our Golden Mile team, talked to the whole school about the Golden Mile on Monday under the guidance of Mrs Hanson. The team have set up the circuit in the playground with Golden Mile markers. Sixteen laps equals one mile. Year group representatives are currently being selected and Key Stage 2 children will start to count their miles next week. Each KS2 class has been allotted a certain playtime to walk or jog their laps. The Infants will be able to complete the laps in their playtimes but will start officially later on. The children are looking forward to counting up their miles!

Science in Key Stage 2

On Monday afternoon Years 3 to 6 started their new Science topics. Year 3 are learning about Light and had to think of a range of

vocabulary to describe shades of light and dark. Year 4 are learning about electricity and had great fun creating circuits which made buzzers make very loud sounds! They are learning



how to draw circuit diagrams and to use the correct terminology. Year 5 are learning about solutions and Mrs Wetherell conducted some interesting

experiments to demonstrate the meaning of a solute, a solvent and a solution. Year 5 were very interested to see polystyrene dissolve in Acetone and the shell of eggs dissolve in vinegar! Year 6 are learning about the different systems in the body, looking at the skeletal system, the muscular system and the digestive system. Ms John was very impressed with their prior knowledge about the digestive system which they learnt in Year 4 with Mrs Johnson.



Willow Class learn about the Union Jack



Willow Class are learning about the United Kingdom and have been making up the Union Jack by cutting out the flags of the four home nations and putting them on top of each other. The result is very effective and the children were able to clearly explain what they were doing and why.

Animation in Oak Class

The children in Oak class have been having great fun making their own animations by taking photos on the Ipads and moving the objects bit by bit. They have been working in groups and deciding what to move and when. One group worked with puppets and moved their mouths and limbs, one group built a tower and another group pulled a car across the carpet in small stages. They will now learn how to create their animations ready to watch.



Flute Concert

All of the children who learn the flute at school performed a very enjoyable concert to the rest of the school and their parents on Wednesday morning under the direction of our flute teacher, Mrs Wallace. The concert started with an explanation about how a sound is made with the flute and then the groups took it in turns to play their pieces. Some children had only been learning for one term and others have been playing for a few years. Flora, who is working towards her Stage 2, ended the concert with a solo called Autumn Leaves. Well done to all of those who performed!



Young Voices Choir looking forward to the O2

Miss Whiteman will be taking her Young Voices Choir to the O2 Arena in London next Thursday for the huge Young Voices concert. The forty children in Key Stage 2 have been rehearsing the songs since last September and have to know everything off by heart. They will be rehearsing with all of the other schools during the afternoon and will then perform the concert in the evening to a very large audience!

House Cup Winners of the Week

Congratulations to all of the children in **De Blois House** for working hard and for gaining the most House Points this week!



Workers of the Week

Well done to the following children who received certificates today: -

Oak: **Edward and Alastair**

Silver Birch: **Victoria and Max**

Willow: **Laurie and Thea**

Maple: **Elizabeth and Dylan**

Beech: **Sam and Lauren**



St Faith's Crosses

Harrison – for helpful tidying of equipment

Freya - for improved concentration in writing

Noah and Lila – for being consistently cheerful, helpful and polite

Jemima – for helping in the classroom without being asked

Lara – for being conscientious and trustworthy

Elizabeth and Sienna – for thoughtful attitude at lunchtimes

Molly – for consistent excellent manners

Alicia and Myla – for giving up their time to sort out new playground games

Poppy and Dylan – for always being polite and helpful

Old Bear Stories in the Infants

The writing in the Infants this term is based on the Old Bear stories by Jane Hissey. The children have been listening to “Old Bear” and reading extracts from the book. They have then written their own ideas thinking about the sequence of the story and exclamatory sentences. They have also paid attention to the use of interesting vocabulary.

*“...It's a long way up to the attic so we have to do something about it. I know, we could build a tower of bricks.” As little bear was putting the last brick on the tower came falling down. “How silly I am!” said Little Bear. **Rebekah Y2***

*...First they built a tower of bricks but when rabbit was putting the last brick on they all fell down. “What a silly idea!” said duck. **Henry Y2***

Girls' Football Tournament at Kings'

On Thursday afternoon Mrs Maundrell and Mrs Armstrong took eight of our Year 6 girls up to Kings' for a football tournament. The girls were amazingly enthusiastic in spite of the dreadful weather conditions! The team made up of Lauren(capt), Faith, Imogen, Imogen, Grace, Flora, Evie and Maddie kept going and came joint fifth out of the six teams. They said they enjoyed it and that they did not let the weather dampen their spirits!! Well done team!

Designers in Maple Class

Thank you very much for all of those who sent in cardboard for Mrs Landen. Mrs Landen says that she now has enough for the project. The children in Maple class have continued to evaluate different designs of objects this week and tested out a range of lemon squeezers and garlic pressers. They have also been evaluating different chairs in readiness for designing their own chairs. The working groups have been set up and the teams are learning how to use strengthening techniques when using cardboard. Thank you to all of the parents who completed their homework tasks! Maple will begin the construction of their chair designs on Tuesday afternoon next week and Mrs Landen would be delighted to hear from any parents who would like to come in and help!

Beech Class Slipper Fashion Show for parents

Beech Class have been continuing to sew their slippers this week and looking forward to presenting their fashion show on Wednesday 25th January at 2.30pm (not 2pm as advertised in last week's Newsletter)

Message from the St Faith's School Association

School Association Meeting Monday 23rd January – All welcome

Letters sent home this Week

Young Voices Choir – details re O2 concert

Year 3 - Recorder lessons

Football Clubs – information about changing

Please let the office know if you have not received these

Dates for your diary Spring term 2017

19th January – Young Voices concert at O2

23rd January – Home netball match Y5 & 6

25th January – Year 6 Fashion Show for parents **2.30pm**

2nd February – Netball tournament at Kings Y5&6

7th February – E-safety day and talk for parents 6pm

8th February – Infant trip to Milestones

15th February – Oak and Silver Birch Parent Outcome 3pm

16th February – Maple Class Parent Outcome 2.30pm

17th February – Willow Class Parent Outcome 2pm

20th – 24th February – Half term

20th -22nd – Holiday Camp On Your Marks Sports

10th March – World Book Day and Wells Book Shop

14th and 16th March – Parent Evenings

7th April – End of term

February Half-term Sports Camp

Following the very successful Sports Camp in the Christmas Holidays, On Your Marks Sports will be running a 3 day holiday camp on 20th, 21st and 22nd February from 9-3.30. £20 per day or £50 for all 3 days. See flyer for more details.

Names on everything please!!

Please could you make sure that all drinks bottles, jumpers, coats etc have names on. **Dawn James**