



St Paul's School News

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Farewell from Mr Catchpole

The end of term always brings with it farewells, but it is more poignant this year as it is my farewell! My three years as Headteacher leave me with many fond, warm memories. The world of education in England has seen many challenges over the last three years, but with the invaluable support of parents, expertise of our amazing staff, commitment of the Governors and buoyant attitude of your children we have forded the waters together and come through strong! Such a large part of this is due to the Christian ethos that infuses the school. I wish you all every blessing over the Summer and for the years ahead. It's been a real pleasure!

Results to be proud of ... well done to all the children and staff!

This is the time of year that we receive results from various national assessments undertaken by the children. We are once again really proud of our achievements. A summary is below:

YR : children reaching a Good Level of Development = 76%

Y1 : children reaching the required national standard in Phonics = 83%

Y2 (end of KS1 assessments) : children working at the Expected Standard (or above)

Reading = 75% ; Writing = 73% ; Maths = 82% (no national data yet)

Y6 (end of KS2 assessments) : children working at the Expected Standard (or above)

Reading = 87% ; Writing = 83% ; Maths = 90%

Pirates Plunder YR

A lot of fun was had by YR recently—possibly even more so than usual!

The children and staff came into school dressed as pirates. They found a letter from Captain Redbeard who has set the children four challenges. If the challenges were completed the children could join Redbeard's crew.

The four challenges were:

- 1: Make a pirate hat,
- 2: Make some delicious pirate grog,
3. Go on a treasure hunt,
4. Walk the plank.

I am pleased to say that all children completed the tasks, and they will be joining Captain Redbeard any day soon ... !



Golden Boot & Green Welly Winners!

Congratulations to YR Ash and Y6Juniper who won the Green Wellies for the Greenest journeys to school, and YR Oak who won the Golden Boot for the highest Green change to their school commutes.

Important Dates for Your Calendar:

Do please note the following:

4 September - Inset Day

5 September - Children back in school

Some Sporting Highlights from this term are featured below, but there have been so many more!

A HUGE well done and THANK YOU to the numerous children who have taken part, teachers who have run clubs, and parents who have provided lifts.

Of course we must also extend much thanks to Miss George who has taken on the mammoth job of leading PE in the school. Her enthusiasm and passion for sport really shines through, and she is such an encouragement to others : "Thank you Miss George!"

St Pauls are Rounders Champions of Surrey!

There was tough opposition at the rounders but St Paul's managed to win all their games in the first round due to their amazing team work, impressive batting skills and superb fielding skills.

We were up against The Greville School in the semi finals, which was incredibly tight but our determination shone through, clinching the match 4 1/2 to 4. Very close!

We were into the final. Adrenaline was running high and having lost the toss, we had to bat first. We quickly gained rounders, eventually making 7. Time to field. We could not afford any lack of concentration.

The team could not have played better showing amazing sportsmanship and skill.



Y4 Tennis Success

Four talented Year 4s (Lexi, Abbie, Ruben and Lucas) took to the courts at the county finals for Tennis.

With a tough first round involving 5 games each, the team came away 2nd in their pool meaning that they went into the semi finals against Reigate Priory B. They worked so well and showed all the sporting values, especially determination, self belief and honesty. It was close but unfortunately Reigate won, meaning that we were into the 3rd/4th place play offs against Reigate A.

With a score of 1-3, we are very proud to say our amazing team came 4th in the whole of Surrey for Y4 tennis. What an achievement.



Pixham Athletics—Dorking Primary School's Competition

Our team of St Paul's athletes did the school proud at the recent Dorking schools Athletics competition.

Their behaviour was excellent and some even went round clearing the litter for all the schools! They also competed with vigour and commitment.

We had a successful evening, with the following achievements:

Overall winners of the Jumping,
Overall winners of Boys Track,



The Summer Term has flown by, but it has been packed full of so many exciting learning opportunities both in and out of school. Here are just a few of them ...



Y1 at Brooklands Museum

A marvellous time was had by one and all finding out about transport, and even sitting in Concorde!



Y2 Away Day To Australia!

Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic day learning about Australia. Rowan and Chestnut 'flew' to Sydney where they enjoyed eating their BBQ in sizzling temperatures : possibly hotter than Australia on that day! The children found out about places to visit in and around Sydney. In the afternoon we cooled off in the copse and listened to some Aboriginal style dreamtime stories.



Green Fingers in Y5 Lime

Lime class planted and tended potato plants this term. They had a superb crop of spuds, which they have now enjoyed eating!



Kids For Kids Activity Day

We had a great fun thinking about Kids For Kids. The children took part in many activities, like Goals for Goats Kicks For Kids, Water Relay, Pin the Hay on the Goat. We also raised about £350.



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