



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust you all had a restful half term and certainly enjoyed the lovely weather.

Since the last newsletter, some children have had some significant adventures! Our Year 5s went to the Isle of Wight for their residential school visit. They had an amazing time! Our staff and the PGL staff were so complementary about their behaviour and encouraging attitudes "they were an absolute delight!" (member of the PGL team). They had many highlights but from chatting to them, I think the dragon boating and the giant swing came out as the most popular. We are so pleased that they developed their resilience and enhanced their team working skills, as well as being confident with being away from home for four days. Thank you to all of the staff who went with the children.

Year 4 also had a one day bikeability session in preparation for the full 5 day course in Year 5. Again they all seemed to enjoy themselves and were a pleasure to teach.

Year 6 completed their SATs and enjoyed the treat of a day in Horsham bowling as an end of week reward. Some of the children showed some very skilful bowling techniques.

Oak and Hawthorn classes also shared their assembly just before half term. Both classes spoke with clarity and confidence. Well done.

Since returning, we have thoroughly enjoyed our first week back at school. This week has been Art Week and the whole school has been looking at Renoir's 'Umbrellas' for inspiration for their learning. All of the classes have spent a significant amount of time working on a special piece of art, that has required a number of re-drafts for improvement with feedback from peers, in order to produce a finished product that will be framed and displayed in our St Paul's art gallery on Wednesday 19th June. You are invited to come and share in this special occasion and can purchase your child's creation if you wish. There are further details of this overleaf.

The children have also enjoyed creating group pieces in response to the theme of umbrellas as well as dressing up as an artist yesterday. A significant number of the staff came to school as crayons! We have tried to capture some of the costumes for you to enjoy.

We have had other successes recently. Green power raced their car at Seaford College over the half term. They all did tremendously well and were a real credit to St Paul's. They also won first prize for their portfolio; the description of the thought and preparation that has gone into the making of the car up to race day. Well done!

It is lovely to share these glimpses of life at St Paul's.

Wishing you a restful weekend, Mrs A. Alden

Reminder to Year 1 parents

Once you have picked up your child please could you move back into the lane with your child if you are waiting for a child from KS 2 and not allow them to play on the railings by the atrium door. These are not for swinging and a child is going to get hurt. Our KS 1 staff are reminding the children of this but your reinforcement would be valued.

Thank you



GreenPower receiving their award last Saturday—see over for more details.



Dates for the Summer Term (new info in RED)

- 12th June - Rowan Class Assembly
- 13th June - Juniper Class Assembly
- 14th June - Y4 Cake Sale
- 15th June - 12 to 3 pm, FOSPA Summer Fair
- 19th June - Y5 Language Visit at Ashcombe School
- 19th June - Ash Class Assembly
- 19th June—Art Exhibition
- 20th June - Cedar Class Assembly
- 21st June - Y5 to Sayers Croft
- 21st June - Y3 Big Sing at Ashcombe
- 24th June - Y6 Service, Guildford Cathedral
- 24th - 27th June - Book Fair (new date)
- 25th June - KS1 Sports Day, 9.30 am
- 26th June—New Reception Parents' (Sept '19) Evening
- 27th June Reserve date for KS 1 Sports Day (in case there was rain!)
- 28th June - Y1 to Brooklands Museum
- 3rd July - YR to Painshill Park
- 9th to 11th July - Y6 Production
- 11th July—Lime Class Assembly
- 15th July - KS2 Sports Day, 9.15 am
- 17th July—Reports go home
- 17th July—Reserve date for KS 2 Sports Day (in case there was rain!)
- 18th July - Y6 Leavers' Party
- 19th July from 2pm Open Afternoon including a second hand uniform and book sale
- 24th July - Y6 Leavers' Service
- 24th July - End of Term, 1.30 pm
- 5th September - First Day of Autumn Term for children

Dates for next year:

INSET days for 2019/20

WED 4TH SEPT 2019, MON 4TH NOV 2019

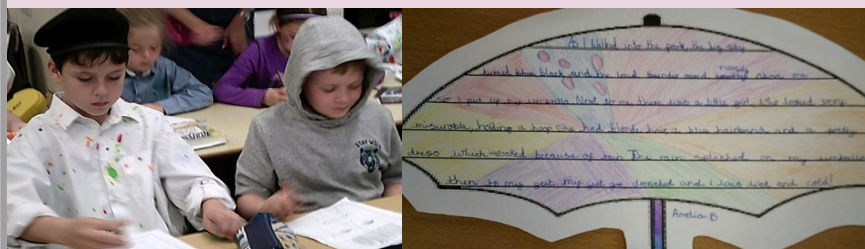
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MON 20TH APRIL 2020

Art Week

This week we have done Renoir proud! As a whole school we started by looking at his Umbrella painting and then we took the theme and each year group have worked on interpreting it in different ways – in Art and in English. Each child has produced a fantastic piece of art and worked together as a group to make a large scale piece as well. There has been an excited buzz around the school and paint everywhere! On Thursday, we all dressed as artists – you have never seen so many Banksies, Frida Karlos and colourful crayons in one place. So much imagination went into the costumes (thank you for that) – we even had earless Van Goghs and one Yayoi Kusama with her red spots. We can't wait to show you our finished pieces at our Art Exhibition on 19th June (in the Hall 2.45 – 5.30pm).

Year 4 perfected their face drawing techniques. Year 3 wrote as if they were in the picture, the whole school were involved in a costume parade, tie dying in Year 1 and dressing up as the picture (Year 2).



There are more pictures on the website and don't forget our exhibition in a few week's time.

ORCHESTRA REHEARSAL DATES

Monday 10th June
1.45 pm Full orchestra

Friday 14th June
1.45 pm Full orchestra

Both the Year 3/4 Choir and the Orchestra will be playing at the Summer Fair

Well done!

Our attendance is sitting at 97%, this is the highest it has been for a number of years! Thank you to everyone for all working together to make this happen.



GreenPower racing at Seaford College: Saturday 1st June 2019—reported by Phoebe

On Saturday, the GreenPower team went to Seaford College to race their car. At the start of the day, our car was checked by the judge to make sure that it was safe to drive. It was then time to give in our portfolio. We decided to make 3 portfolios so all of our achievements were shown.

Slalom: Each time there was a pusher and a driver. There were 6 rounds so we had 6 different drivers. The aim was to go through cones and park the car in a bay without running over or knocking into any cones.

Drag: The drag race was next where it was the fastest car to go in a straight line and stop before hitting the cones at the end.

Sprint: Before the awards, there was one more race, where our car (raced by Josh) was in a competition against 3 other cars. Josh drove amazingly well, narrowly missing out on the semi final.

Awards: We were eager to find out how we did as we had put in so much effort building the car and designing and building the bodywork over the past few months. We were shocked yet very happy to win the Portfolio Award.

What an amazing day!

