



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy couple of weeks since I wrote last. The children have been involved in a whole range of activities both in school and beyond. The preparations for the production have really stepped up and we have heard snippets of super singing and lots of children dressed up in unusual costumes! I think we are in for a real treat next week—if you haven't bought your tickets yet, there are a few left so do pop to the office to find out about availability. Half of the school have the pleasure of watching the dress rehearsal today and the other half will on Monday. They will no doubt share with you how impressed they are once they have seen it.

I am always so proud when our children go on trips out of school and staff report back that people have commented how impressed they are with the behaviours and attitudes displayed by our children. Recently has been no exception. On all of the school trips of late we have been told our children are so respectful, affirming of one another and a delight. Thank you for your great parenting that has helped to make this the case.

Year R, Year 5 and Year 1 have been out on whole school trips and we have taken various children to sporting events in the last fortnight. The hottest news off the press is that we did amazingly well in Pixham Athletics last night and ended up as the winners for boys and overall winners! A huge thank you to Miss George and Mr Monk and all of the other staff for the hours they have invested in clubs this term to help make this happen and to the children who have faithfully attended and tried their best week on week. There are a range of reports within the newsletter that share some of the delights of the last days.

It was lovely to see so many of you at Key Stage 1 Sports Day last week. The 'rain off day' proved to be just about the best day of the week and the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a range of activities that kept them on their toes for the morning. It was super to see the feisty, yet supportive, competitiveness of the teams. Well done to all, including Miss George and the Year 5s, who were great helpers/runners, for a super event. Well done to Sapphires who were the overall winners. Looking forward to seeing you at Key Stage 2 sports Day on Monday 15th July.

Thank you so much for your support and best wishes as I face the daunting prospect of treatment for breast cancer. I am so touched by the response of the whole of the school community. One of our school values is Hope and I strongly believe God has His hand in this and that as we say "at St Paul's obstacles do not have the last word, and good things can come from any bad situation".

Today our children have been raising money to support people in a bad situation in Darfur. Mrs Suggitt has organised a morning of activities to raise awareness of the challenges children face there and Patricia, from Kids for Kids, came in to lead our collective worship, to help the children understand where their raised funds are going and what a difference it will make. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Wishing you a restful weekend, Mrs A. Alden

On Monday Year 3 had a visit from the Brass Teacher. He brought all sorts of brass instruments into school for us to try. These included trombones, trumpets, french horns and cornets. We learnt how to play three different notes and accompanied the teacher to the theme of Star Wars. We discovered that it can be very hard to blow a note and we all had sore lips and cheeks by the end of the session. It was a fantastic opportunity and if any child would like to learn any of these instruments **please contact the office** with regards to starting lessons.



YEAR 5 Science & Music Adventure at The Priory School

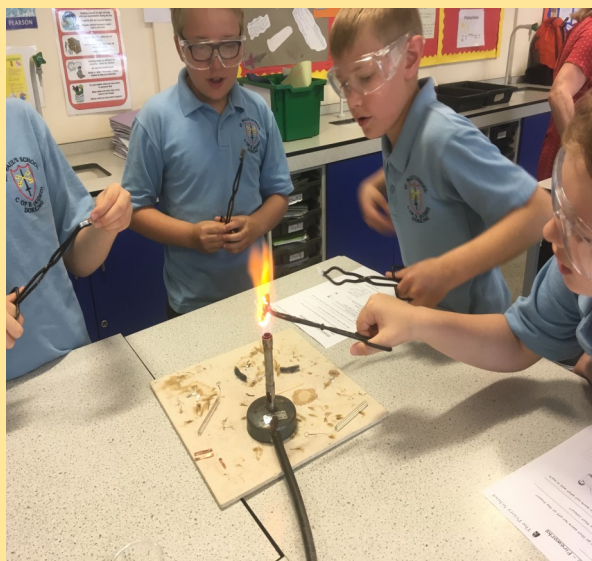
On Monday 24th June, Year 5 yomped over in the sunshine to the beautiful Priory School campus to experience what Music and Science are like at a Secondary School. We began our morning in the Music studio (or in the Science labs for Cedar) where we were treated to a fantastic rendition of Wimoweh; The Lion Sleeps Tonight from The Lion King, played on the steel drums by some incredibly talented Year 8 pupils. The music teacher then told us that by the end of the morning we would also be playing that same song! We must admit that we were a little sceptical, but game for a music adventure. We started out by learning the rhythm on the djembe drums and then added the singing parts. The year 9s then showed some of us how to play the melody and the bass on the steel drums. We stopped for a break for a drink and a biscuit in the school restaurant before moving onto our next activity.

Lunch smelled amazing but we, unfortunately, were not staying for that, maybe next time?

We were then off to work with the Science teachers (and Cedar to experience the Music teaching) in the fantastic, purpose built labs, where we explored how fireworks were made and what gives them their brilliant colours. We donned our protective eyewear, very fetching, and carefully lit our Bunsen burners before heating a variety of different metals to find out what colours they created when exposed to heat and flame. It was an wonderful experience to be able to use the equipment and resources of a proper lab for our experiments – we felt like real scientists!

Both classes then joined together to perform Wimoweh all together. It was truly magical.

We really enjoyed our morning and were so impressed with the incredible facilities and welcoming and friendly teachers and children – they made our morning a really enjoyable experience.



Kids for Kids Charity Day

The whole school had such fun on Darfur Day. The children took part in lots of exciting indoor and outdoor activities. The saving water 'Running for Water' relay race taught the children how careful they have to be when carrying precious water. Other activities included Feed the Goat (blindfolded), Design a coat for a goat, Goals for goats, Kicking for kids.

The activities were all brought together with an assembly given by Patricia Parker who founded Kids for Kids. She talked about how raising money to buy goats for families in Darfur helps them to be more self sufficient. The assembly added a reminder as to why the day was being held and got the children thinking about Darfur. It also helped to raise awareness of some of the challenges facing children in Darfur. Well done everyone!



ATTACHMENTS TO NEWSLETTER

Details of the XL group which takes place at St Paul's church every Thursday. They are holding a taster session for Y3 in advance of the next academic year.

Also, details of dance workshops taking place in Dorking over the summer holidays.

ORCHESTRA VISIT TO YEHUDI MENUHIN SCHOOL

Last Thursday the orchestra had the amazing opportunity to go to a concert at the Yehudi Menuhin school. We were amazed and 'wowed' at the stunning performances of the children who were only a few months older than our children. One piece stood out particularly, the swan from the Carnival of the animals played by two girls, one on the harp and the other on the cello. "that was beautiful—I need to practice more!" We could have heard a pin drop! It was a delightful and inspiring morning for our budding musicians.



PARKING REQUEST

PLEASE DO NOT PARK INCONSIDERATELY AT OR NEAR HARROWLANDS PARK. WE HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM RESIDENTS SAYING THAT PARENTS ARE PARKING SO THAT CARS ARE UNABLE TO PASS, DAMAGING GRASS VERGES AND DROPPING LITTER.



Dates for the Summer Term (new info in RED)

- 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

MON 6TH JAN 2020, FRIDAY 14TH FEB 2020

YEAR R VISIT TO PAINSHILL PARK

On Wednesday Ash and Oak class had a lovely outing to Painshill Park in Cobham. Whilst there we took part in two workshops, we learnt how to use nature as art and also went bug exploring. We had a great day and loved the park but also really enjoyed the coach journey and packed lunch!



YEAR 1 TRIP TO BROOKLANDS MUSEUM

Year One had a lovely day at Brooklands Museum last Friday. They enjoyed looking at all the different types of transport – especially Concorde. They were amazed that the race track was the first of its kind in the world and it was built in Hugh Locke-King's back garden! Even Maple Morris had a good time! A really big thankyou to all of our helpers without who trips would not be possible.



Y5 - Sayers Croft

On Friday, 21st of June 2019, year 5, Lime and Cedar, took a trip to Sayers Croft, Ewhurst, to investigate more about their topic on rivers. Luckily, the coach ride wasn't long otherwise all the teachers would have headaches, the children were screaming so much in excitement. While they were there, they took part in a series of fun activities and experienced many new river things.

First, Lime enthusiastically headed off to river studies. During that short hour, they learnt all about the parts of a river. Including, the meander, which is where the river bends and curves, the tributaries, which is where other little streams join it, the estuary, which is where the river opens out into the sea and much more. But that was not all Lime did in river studies! They also measured the depth of the river and did a sketch of the meanders and banks. No one knows how they did that all in just one hour, however somehow they managed to.

Next, before lunch, Lime pulled on their wellies and prepared for a wet, soggy river walk. As they trudged down the river, they realised that their wellies were not high enough, and the water was soon up to their waists. Although they were soon soaked and needed to change clothes, they all agreed it was awesome fun. When they met Cedar for lunch, they kindly told them that it was extremely shallow and very disappointing. Little did Cedar know....

After, as their last activity, they learnt all about wildlife and how things grow and survive near a river. They completed many challenges, including creating homes for dormice, hiding (and finding) nuts like squirrels and having a closer look at all the bugs they found.

It was an action-packed day full of fun and soaking clothes. All the children were very well behaved so they and the grown-ups had 100 times more fun. Lime class all hoped Cedar class would forgive them for what they had sneakily told them.

By Holly Wellman and Jemima Roffey, Lime Class

