

THIS WEEK AT ST FAITH'S

22nd April 2022

Welcome Back

With a distinct feeling of Summer being well on its way, we welcomed the children back to school on Wednesday. We were delighted that Years 2 to 8 inclusive were able to gather together in the Ashburton Hall for the first time this academic year for our start-of-term assembly. In preparation for the term, we reflected on all the different ways in which we can learn, and we thought about examples of learning and working together in different species of the animal kingdom. Relating these to our St Faith's Learning Habits, we considered a range of animals, including the wise, listening owl, the collaborative bumble bee, and the curious cat.

Holiday Activities

Although many pupils and teachers were taking a well-deserved Easter break, there were still lots of activities going on at school during the holidays – from Bikeability to Trampolining. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the many members of staff who helped to run these events.

Our administrative staff, as well as our grounds and maintenance team were also hard at work during the Easter break, preparing the school site for the summer term, and we are most grateful to them too. The cricket square is looking particularly fine and enticing.

Marketing Department Update

This term, we welcome two new members of staff to the Marketing Department.

Helen Spurgeon is our new Marketing & Admissions Assistant. Helen is very well acquainted with St Faith's already as her father, Mr Richard Dyson, was Headmaster at the school from 1989-2002, and Helen has many fond childhood memories of living on site.

We are also very pleased that Diane Goddard, has joined us from Cambridge Judge Business School as Head of Marketing & Admissions. Diane has also previously worked as the Marketing Manager at The Leys, and Diane's three eldest sons came to St Faith's, so she is delighted to be back.

Raspberry Pi Competition

During the Easter holidays, I received impressive news that two of our Year 8 pupils, William and Ryan, have been selected as finalists for the PA Consulting Raspberry Pi competition.

The competition was open to school children between the ages of 8 and 18 and challenged them to invent systems that could benefit society using their engineering and coding skills, as well as a Raspberry Pi computer. The boys invented 'ElectroPi', a remotely controlled robot that allows the user to make small holes in soil, dispense seeds into the holes, and water the soil based on its moisture levels.

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In their feedback the judges said:

"This is a really impressive project. There has been a lot of work gone into this project and you've produced a very polished final product. The video brings across your passion and knowledge of your project and clearly shows it working."

The boys will go to the Science Museum in London with Mr Mitchell on Thursday 5th May to showcase their work.