



### Head's Message

Dear Parents,

Once more, we are at the end of another busy year, but one which has not progressed in the way we would have predicted in September. It is an excellent time for us all to look back and reflect on all aspects of the year, but I am sure most of us will focus on the unusual experience of lockdown and remote learning. As a school, our most significant achievement was that we were able to get our remote learning programme up and running in a very short time frame. The teachers did very well and used the technology available to them to present exciting and creative lessons to the children remotely. As lockdown progressed, the School moved over to Teams, and the teachers were able to make direct contact with the pupils and deliver live lessons.

Eventually, the time came for us to welcome our pupils back to school. There is no doubt about it; preparing for lockdown and remote learning was really challenging. However, preparing for a phased return to school was even more complicated. After waiting for guidance, a number of options were considered, all of which raised further problems which required solutions. Finally, a plan was devised, a risk assessment was completed and on Tuesday, 2 June, our Year 1 and Year 6 children arrived. Later that week, Nursery and Reception joined them. This week, the remaining year groups have had the chance to experience a little bit of school life before we break up for the summer. It really is wonderful to see the children skip and smile their way back into school – they missed us and we missed them. I thank you all for your positive messages of support for the School during what has been a challenging period for the staff, governors and management. It was incredibly motivating to receive the good wishes and notes of thanks.

It is very easy to forget what school life was like before the outbreak of the virus and the subsequent lockdown. I am most thankful that the small matter of the 11+ and 13+ exams were completed before this drama unfolded. The results at 11+ and 13+ were outstanding and make us incredibly proud. This year, a total of 9 pupils received 13 scholarship awards, and 89% of the Year 6 cohort managed to secure places at selective schools. This is a great achievement, marking the hard work conducted by the children's teachers since Pre Prep, the support of the parents and, most importantly, the commitment of the children to ensure their own success.

As a school, it is important that we provide enrichment opportunities for our pupils. Unfortunately, the virus halted the Year 5 production and the Year 6 production was a non-starter. Our Church Service which took place all the way back in November seems like a distant memory.

Of course, it is at this time of the year that we say goodbye to some of our staff. Four teachers are leaving us; Mrs Sarah Jee is not returning from maternity leave, Mrs Harriett Elworthy is moving to Cornwall, Miss Ruth Hackett has completed her maternity cover and, last but not least, Mrs Val Camp is taking an early retirement. We wish them well in their new endeavours.

We welcome Mrs Dagleish to Year 1, Miss O' Flynn to Reception, Mrs Malik to Year 4 and Mr Goss to Year 3. We welcome back Mrs Poster after enjoying her maternity leave during the pandemic. Miss Haley Pegg will replace Mrs Harriett Elworthy as Head of Girls' Games and Miss Ashton Payne replaces Mr Alex Goss as the graduate

sports TA.

Just before lockdown, we were extremely fortunate that the building works, including an extension to the PAC and the improvements to the Senior Department, were completed. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Governors and SASS committee for their tireless championing of our School and the Senior Management team for all their efforts in ensuring pupils have an outstanding learning environment. I thank all staff, both teaching and support staff, who make this School the terrific place it is and a wonderful place of work and learning. I offer congratulations to our pupils who so deserve to succeed. As the new academic year approaches, I am excited about our journey to continue to develop the potential of all our learners. Your partnership in this journey is so very important. I look forward to continuing to work with you and providing your children with an education he/she can be proud of.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming your children back on Thursday, 3 September.

Very best wishes,

Leonard Blom

## Welcome back Years 2,3,4,7 and 8!

On Monday this week, it was wonderful to welcome back the pupils of Years 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8. It was an opportunity for the children, for a few days, to see their teachers face to face and meet the friends they have not seen for several months. There were lots of excited, happy children on the site!



Last week, children in Year 2 were asked to create a food chain collage to demonstrate their understanding of where the producer, predator and prey fit into the scientific process. Here are some



excellent examples of the work they produced. Alex's piece of work on the left shows an eagle eating a snake which is eating a lizard which is eating a fly which is sitting on and eating an apple! Very well done!



Nursery children made the most of the lovely weather on Monday. Ella sang beautifully to the other children in her bubble who were all pretending to be sleeping lions.

The children in Year 2 have been exploring the paintings and artistic techniques championed by Gustav Klimt to create their own masterpieces. Here is the wonderful work of art produced by Richie in 2HL.



Lexi in 8SS has been taking her social responsibility very seriously over the last few weeks. Having been disheartened by the sight of so much litter during her daily



walk, she has taken it upon herself to collect what she finds and sort it for recycling. Well done, Lexi! Keep up the amazing work!



Congratulations to Charlotte in 7FG who was awarded a Headmaster's commendation this week.

Reception took advantage of the windy weather last week and made beautiful paper kites. The children were very excited to see them fly.



Orange and Blue Bubbles in RKO spent some quiet time outside to do some drawing. They also practised their balancing skills as they took part in an egg and spoon race in the Pre Prep playground.



Don't get caught by that summer reading dip! This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020, will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books! Our library staff recommend



that you sign up at [sillysquad.org.uk](http://sillysquad.org.uk) to join the Squad!



Year 5 Red Bubble experimented with the art of haiku on Wednesday last week. They wrote and performed



their own short poems with an accompanying quick sketch.

## Farewell to Year 6 and Year 8

Although it has not been possible for Years 6 and 8 to attend the traditional Leavers' Dinner, they did not leave the school without a wonderful send-off outside on the field. Pupils were treated to a picnic lunch, music and some wonderful dancing performances from Mr Glover and Mr Goss!



## Prize Giving

Yesterday, Years 3, 4, 7 and 8 were able to celebrate their achievements at Prize Giving. In the same way as Years 5 and 6, children received certificates, cups and trophies to mark the end of a successful year at St Aubyn's. Many congratulations to all the children.



## Years 3 and 4 Awards Presented by Mr Blom



Year 3 All-Rounder  
Sihaam 3NL



Classical Shield for Dance  
Emilia 3JA



Year 4 All-Rounder  
Oscar 4HS

## Year 7 Awards



Barlow Cup for  
Geography  
Jude



Jones Cup for Maths and  
Garkal Cup for Science  
Arvin



Ellis Cup for IT  
Ilya



Lancet Cup for English  
and Denne Cup for French  
Alayna



Crump Cup for RE  
Kyle



Collins Cup for Year 7 DT  
Emerald



Frederick Cup for History  
James



Allen Cup for Latin  
Afiyah



Colley Cup Year 7 All -Rounder  
Alayna

## Year 8 Awards



Montgomery Cup for DT and  
Wilkinson Vase for Science  
Jack



Ladbroke Cup for RE and  
Smalley Cup for Maths  
Tom



Stafford Cup for English and  
Mackenzie Gieve Cup for Geography  
Lexi



Jackson Shield for IT  
Vinay



Luke Wilson Cup for French and  
Thomas Cup for Art  
Mabel



Thwaite Cup for History  
Farhan



Pothlingham Cup for Latin  
Luke



Garkel Cup Year 8 All-Rounder  
Jack



Young Manager of the Year Shield  
Mabel