



Where did those summer holidays go? As we send out reminders and updates for the start of the new term and the new academic year, we thought you might appreciate one last glance back over the old year, with a special focus on Prizegiving and our Leavers.

PRIZEGIVING:

As always, the final few weeks of term gathered momentum until we found ourselves again in the beautiful chapel at Mayfield for a few hours to pause, to reflect and to celebrate on another great year for the school.

The last few weeks are always busy and exciting as well as emotional; the celebrations tinged with sadness as we prepare to say goodbye to the Y6 pupils and their families. This year in particular we have a lovely group of parents taking their leave. They have been so involved with the school for such a long time that I suspect they will be missed as much as their children! Their contribution has included being (in no particular order) faithful drivers to fixtures, makers of match teas, costume and set designers (Mr Ellis: that car with real headlights!) and producers, face painters, hair stylists, reading helpers, trip companions – the list goes on. I think the parents of this year group in particular have been remarkable for their consistent and gentle support and respect for the school ethos and the way we work. For some families it is the end of an era as their youngest child leaves the school so it is a proper farewell to the Blythes, the Gabriels, the Hills, the Griffiths, the Lloyds, the Sandays, the Mitchleys, the Ellises, the Berrys, the Clemens, the Collettas, the Bakers and the Torpeys.

As well as saying goodbye to leaving pupils and their families, sadly we have to say farewell and thank you to members of staff whose career or family circumstances dictate a move:

- Briony Wood: it has been a long and lingering farewell to Briony as she has been working remotely on marketing since her move out of the area. We welcome Mrs Dines, one of our school shop ladies, as she expands her role to take on responsibility for school marketing.
- Michelle French joined us 5 years ago for what she thought was a brief period of maternity cover. Michelle quickly proved herself to be efficient, capable, flexible (key specification at SH) and an asset to the admin team. She tells me that she has never stayed in a job so long so we will take that as a compliment as we wish Michelle and her family every success in the future.
- Susanne Clarke has seen many changes in the 24 years she has worked at Sacred Heart. Primarily in Y1 but latterly in the Foundation Stage and at times throughout the school, Mrs Clarke is the kind of person who quietly and gently makes a difference every day. Mrs HT and her colleagues put together a very special Learning Journey for Mrs Clarke in which every child without exception commented on how kind she has been, how she helped them when they learned to read or whenever they were upset. We wish Mrs Clarke a very happy 'retirement'.

We have enjoyed another fabulous year of fundraising thanks to the PTA, a small and dedicated team that works so hard, creating a happy and positive atmosphere for every event. On behalf of the governors and staff, thanks to the PTA for your tremendous contribution of **£7,000** which will finance not only the refurbishment of the ICT room during the summer break but also the purchase of new pupil laptops later in the year.

The final word belongs to our Y6 Leavers, each uniquely talented and brilliant in their own way. Their hallmark in the last couple of weeks of term was surely their musicality. From the frankly brilliant performances in 'My Poor Orphan', through to the humour of Leavers' Assembly, reverent reflection at Leavers' Mass and their contribution to Prizegiving, their singing was joyful and uplifting – yes boys, even you!

Remember those words from your final assembly: you *are* who you are meant to be; each of you, one of God's miracles. Believe in these words, look forward with hope and eager anticipation, make a difference!



*'Look out 'cause here I come
And I'm marching on to the beat I drum
I'm not scared to be seen
I make no apologies, this is me'*

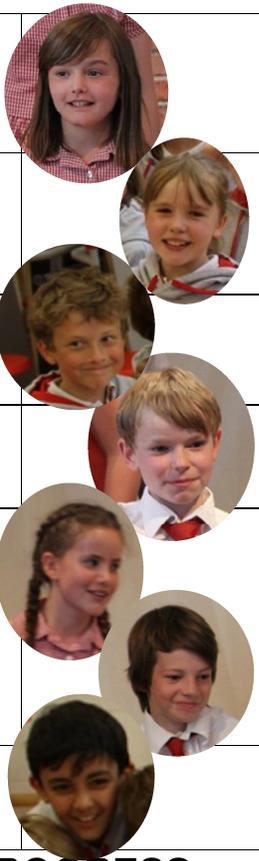


BOOK PRIZES were awarded to pupils who have demonstrated significant Achievement, Effort or Progress across the curriculum throughout the academic year.

	ACHIEVEMENT VERY GOOD WORK ALWAYS OF THE HIGHEST STANDARD	EFFORT CONSISTENT HARD WORK	PROGRESS ACHIEVING & EXCEEDING YOUR GOALS
Reception	Susie	Alice	Amber
Year 1	Millie	-	Seren and Myles
Year 2	Lettie	Baxter & Liberty	Felix
Year 3	Josephine	Digby & Sophie	Belle
Year 4	Florence	Olivia	Milly
Year 5	Elena	Ava	Sophie

 <p>SPIRIT OF SACRED HEART BADGE</p>	<p>Y1 – Winnie Y2 – Charlie Y3 – Sofia Y4 – Amelie</p> 
<p>KINDNESS PLATE <i>In memory of Katharine Monk former head of Nursery, this plate is awarded at the end of Foundation Stage to a pupil who has been a member of the school since Nursery</i></p>	<p>Olivia (Reception)</p>

YEAR 6

<p>GIRLS HOCKEY PLAQUE <i>Awarded to Amelia for determination on and off the ball and great improvement throughout the season</i></p>		
<p>NETBALL PLAQUE <i>Donated by Tucker Family</i> <i>The Netball prize awarded to Hannah for outstanding movement around the court and accurate passing into the circle</i></p>		
<p>FOOTBALL PLAQUE <i>Awarded to William for great all-round improvement and strong defensive play</i></p>		
<p>RUGBY <i>Awarded to Hugh for effort and enthusiasm in matches</i></p>		
<p>P.E. CUP <i>The Girls' Cup is awarded to Sophia for representing the school in every team and always performing at a high standard</i> <i>The Boys' Cup is awarded to Oliver who has represented the school in every team and is always encouraging to his team mates</i></p>		
<p>ART PLATE <i>This is awarded to Aaron who is clearly creative, particularly in design</i></p>		
<p>ACHIEVEMENT VERY GOOD WORK</p>	<p>EFFORT CONSISTENT HARD WORK</p>	
 <p>Rafferty and Victor</p>	 <p>Eleanor Millie Eireann Harry</p>	 <p>Hannah</p>

<p align="center">DRAMA CUP</p> <p><i>The cup is awarded to two pupils, Freya and Amalie, who all the staff agree have made significant contributions to drama in KS2; a particular highlight has been their performances in the recent musical 'My Fair Orphans'</i></p>	 
<p align="center">BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR CUP</p> <p><i>This cup has been specially awarded to Phoebe to ensure recognition for her performance in the musical. Her comic timing and hard work was outstanding</i></p>	
<p align="center">CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL LIFE PLATE</p> <p><i>Awarded to Sophia, who since Nursery, has always shown commitment and enthusiasm</i></p>	
<p align="center">PERSEVERANCE CUP</p> <p><i>This year our Perseverance Cup goes to Madeleine G who the staff feel unanimously has consistently given her best.</i></p>	
<p align="center">MUSIC CUP</p> <p><i>This cup is award to two pupils, Amalie and Freya who have both been fully involved in the musical life of the school, including Choir, and were particularly outstanding in the musical.</i></p>	 
<p align="center">GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PLATE</p> <p align="center">Awarded by the Griffiths Family</p> <p><i>Awarded to William, who is extremely knowledgeable and remains curious, displaying a fantastic memory for general knowledge facts.</i></p>	
<p align="center">HISTORY CUP</p> <p align="center">Awarded by the Griffiths Family</p> <p><i>Awarded to Hugh who has shown an enthusiasm for this subject from Ancient Greece to World War II</i></p>	
<p align="center">GEOGRAPHY</p> <p><i>Awarded to Madeleine T. Throughout the year she has demonstrated enthusiasm for this subject, finding out about other places and their cultures.</i></p>	
<p align="center">CREATIVE WRITING</p> <p><i>Awarded to Martha. Throughout KS2 she has demonstrated a real flair and love for creative writing</i></p>	
<p align="center">ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p><i>Amelia is an extremely able pupil who excels in all areas of the curriculum. Not only has she gained a place at Weald of Kent Grammar School, but she was awarded Greater Depth in her writing this year. Everything she does, she does to the best of her ability and to the highest of standards</i></p>	
<p align="center">OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT</p> <p><i>Rafferty has gone from strength since those very early days when, inspired by 'Kung Fu Panda', he embarked on his Karate career. His rigorous training schedule requires commitment and stamina but his skill and dedication means he is rarely out of the top position in his age group. The current European Kata Champion and 2nd in the World for Kata and Kumite, Rafferty is currently ranked WIKF World Number 2.</i></p>	
<p align="center">SPIRIT OF SACRED HEART</p> <p><i>The whole staff feel that these pupils, Madeleine G and Phoebe, have embodied the aims of our Mission Statement, consistently living out the Gospel Values. They have both approached everything this year with a willing enthusiasm, kindness and sincere politeness. They are gentle, thoughtful and loving, always</i></p>	 

YEAR 6 LEAVERS

It has been a year of great achievement for our Y6 pupils who have shown themselves to be accomplished all rounders, creative in music, art and drama and well as being strong academically. This year the school achieved its best results to date in the TW Arts Festival and School Choir has become more popular than ever. In their sporting endeavours the girls' apprenticeship in Y5 served them well as they emerged as a force to be reckoned with in Y6, winning a major Netball Championship and finishing hotly contested runners up in the Catholic Schools



Football Cup. Between them Y6 have been awarded 6 Scholarships in Drama, Sport (2), Academic, Music and the Mayfield Jubilee Scholarship. They received offers of 5 grammar school places and have otherwise been offered places at their 1st choice of school. There have been many individual triumphs to celebrate along the way and every child should be proud of their achievements as they move on to the next exciting phase of their education.

Hot off the press - last minute CONGRATULATIONS

- Oliver Y6 for passing his Grade 2 Piano
- Amalie Y6 passed her Grade 2 Singing
- Florence Y4 for passing Grade 2 Piano with Merit
- Francesca Y3 for passing Grade 1 Singing with Merit.
- Dean Y2 and Millie Y6 both passed their Prep test on the piano.
- Rafferty Y6 came 1st in the 20th European Karate and he also went on to win Bronze Medal in the team fight!
- Alana Y5 for passing her Grade 2 Singing with Merit
- Our programme design winners: Amelia Y6, Izzy Y4, Phoebe Y6, Amelie Y4, Olivia Y4 and Maddy T Y6



VOLUNTEERS

Our grateful thanks go to all our volunteer helpers who regularly give up their time to benefit the pupils, assisting with reading, outings, and sports fixtures. Your contribution really does make a difference; the children have appreciated your time and enthusiasm, as have the staff, and we hope that you have enjoyed the experience and will be encouraged to continue to offer your support next year.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

A reminder that at the end of our Summer Term we launched two challenges for the children to encourage them to read during the summer break. We asked the children to take photos of themselves reading in unusual or interesting places #caughtreadingthissummer! We also launched the Library Service's Reading Challenge: Mischief Makers <https://readingagency.org.uk/children/quick-guides/summer-reading-challenge/> It's not too late and all children (including Y6 leavers), parents, grandparents and staff are eligible and there will be a rogues' gallery in the Autumn. A small prize will be awarded to the most creative! Please send your photos to the office by the end of the first week of the Autumn Term. We can't wait to see the photos!

THANK YOU to pupils and parents for your kind comments and good wishes at the end of the academic year. It has been a busy but enjoyable term, as ever. We all hope you and your families have enjoyed a very happy and relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday 5th September 2018.