



It's been a busy week as always at school, and we've enjoyed the lovely sunshine. Fr Keith attended on Wednesday to help with our ashes service and we had a wide range of activities to celebrate during Book Week. There was also lots of sporting success for our older pupils, as you will see below. Next week we have St Joseph class assembly on Friday morning at 10am and our first parents' evening of the term on Thursday evening. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing all of you again next week.

NETBALL UPDATE

On Tuesday our netball team travelled to Shirley High School to take part in a Bee netball competition. It was a different set of rules to what we are used to playing so it was a challenge in the beginning. However, we won all of our group games and reached the semi-final against Royal Russell. We started slowly in the semi-final, losing 3-0 at half time but we managed to claw our way back into the game, winning dramatically in extra-time on a 5-4 final score. In the final we played a very strong Minster team, and it was a competitive game but they got the better of us 5-3. Even though we were disappointed to lose the final, we were proud to have finished runners up overall out of 14 teams. Thanks to Mrs Haywood White and Mrs Davis for helping on the day.

Report by: Emilia and Neriya (St Benedict)



WORLD BOOK DAY

Mrs Lee organised another fabulous world-book day this week, with a range of activities across the week to stimulate a love of books and reading. We had an informative & fun illustrator visit on Thursday and as always, dress-up day on Friday was a great celebration of creativity and imagination. Our school will benefit greatly from the proceeds of the book fair this afternoon and Monday afternoon, so when you are treating your child to a new book, you will also be investing in our school's reading offer—many thanks!



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
Winners

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| Butterflies | Ezra Searle | Ladybirds | Rex Low |
| St Joseph | Zander Mendoza | St Elizabeth | Avery Klein |
| St Francis | Conall Ronan | St Anne | Amélie Christian |
| St Peter | Oscar Carter | St Bernadette | Lilly-Rose Momoh-Gaya |
| St Paul | Eden Mendoza | St Therese | Lily Dormer-Annand |
| St Martin | Leanna Lleshi | St Cecilia | Lilya Kamara |
| St Benedict | Emilia Krzyzewska | St Brigid | Maja Lingo |

GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Our 2nd football squad (our girls are so good that we have 2!) took part in the Croydon Yr5 / 6 competition at Archbishop Lanfranc on Thursday afternoon. It was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for a football tournament. In our group we played against four other schools, going undefeated and qualifying for the quarter-finals. There we played against Gresham, and the game finished 0-0 after full-time so we had to face the dreaded penalties.

Sadly we lost in sudden-death but we were pleased to have reached the knockouts.

*Report by:
Amelia (St
Benedict) and
Annabelle (St
Brigid)*



MORE GIRLS' FOOTBALL

Last Friday, our girls A team played against Heavers Farm in a top of the table clash. Heavers had beaten us earlier in the year so we were ready to battle for top spot in the league. Our girls played amazingly throughout, as they have all year and completely dominated the game, winning 6 - 0. Star player on this occasion was Abilene but there were great performances right across the team.

Well done girls — keep it up!



BOYS' FOOTBALL

Our boy footballers had a double header away against Orchard Way on Wednesday. Our team had been going well and are in contention to win our local league. The first game of the afternoon, didn't go so well and we lost 3-0. However, the boys showed great resilience to dust themselves off and win the second game 1-0. This was enough to take them to the top of the league table, with a final game to come next week against St John's. Well done boys and thanks to Mr Slater for his continued effort and enthusiasm in coaching the team.



CURRICULUM EVENING

Thanks to all the adults & pupils who came along yesterday evening to our curriculum evening. We had approx. 160 adults and 200 children in attendance. Hopefully it will have given you an insight into our maths curriculum and some ideas for how you can support your child's development at home.

ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Elowen (L5 swimming), Gabriel (rugby festival medal), Dylan (chief-scout's Bronze award), Justin (MOTM in football) and Prince (swimming amber award). Well done to all of you for your skills & talents.

