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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this academic year, I am bursting with pride and joy when I reflect upon our wonderful school. We've received high praise from Ofsted, recorded a number 1 album, performed at the Barbican, won confederation sports, raised over £3,000 for Macmillan, performed a midsummer nights dream, made many different contributions to our local community including supporting the food bank and making poppies for the St Bart's Remembrance service. It is my true pleasure to lead such an amazing school. Next week you will receive an end of year letter from the governing body but, for now, I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you for all your support and wish you a very happy summer.

SUMMER FAIR

We would like to say a huge thank you to our POB's, they managed to raise a massive grand total of **£3,634.26** from the summer fair, which is an impressive **£484.08** more than last year! Such a fabulous result is only made possible by the amazing effort put in by all of the wonderful volunteers.

EYFS

How the year has flown - it's with a mixture of pride and sadness that we have been preparing the children for their transition into year one. We are so delighted and proud of how much they have all blossomed and matured over the year and we are full of confidence that they will rise to their new challenges and experiences. This week we encouraged them to choose their own individual topic. They designed activities around their choice, with some of them joining others for a group topic. We were surprised and very pleased with the variety and depth of their choices, including gymnastics, doctors, trains, cars, dogs, spies and scientists. The children are looking forward to hosting their tea party for their Grandparents (or an adult special to them) on Monday afternoon, and next week will involve special celebration and 'moving on' activities and worship assemblies. Many thanks for all your support this year, we have loved working with your children and wish you all a most enjoyable Summer break.



KS1

This week KS1 enjoyed a fabulous trip to West Wittering. We were met by the lifeguard who explained to the children how they could keep safe on the beach. We ran activities such as sand art where children made beautiful pictures in the sand, sandcastle building, fossil hunting and paddling, which resulted in some very wet clothes for Year 2 as many children 'accidentally on purpose' fell over in the water's edge! The children also enjoyed an ice lolly and a beach picnic. It was wonderful to see them all having such fun and the weary adults couldn't understand why they were all so lively on the bus on the way home. Hopefully they all slept well for you!



LKS2

In LKS2, year 3 have been planning pranks and writing play scripts based on Roald Dahl's 'The Twits'. They will be performing their plays to KS1 next week. In science they have been learning the different parts of a plant and how water is transported through the roots and stem. Year 4 have been investigating animals and their habitats. Each class spent a whole day dedicated to science in which they learned about food chains and food webs before going out to the school grounds to identify different habitats. They then collected specimens of animals, both invertebrates and vertebrates, and tried to identify them using field guides and their own knowledge. They then drew and compared different animals and considered how each animal is adapted to its particular habitat. Both year groups have been thinking about moving on and, as part of this, they have visited the church where they engaged in a journey of prayer. At each prayer station they considered people who have helped them on their own journeys and the journeys others have to take, including those of refugees. This thought provoking activity engendered a sense of great calm and peace in the children.

UKS2

It's been a theme of transition this fortnight in UKS2. Many in year 6 have had transition days with their new schools and year 5 have visited local schools to get a taster of secondary life and to consider where they would like to go next year. On the theme of transitions both classes have visited church where they engaged in reflective prayer activities on the topic of change with Sandy and church volunteers. It's also been a creative couple of weeks in both years. Year 5 have completed and published narrative writing and both year groups contributed to the fabulous St Bart's music night. Year 6 rounded off their year with their magnificent show The Pirate of the Curry Bean that was hugely enjoyed by children and parents alike. Not satisfied with just being great actors Year 6 children have also been entrepreneurs in the making! Japan and Sri Lanka have been busy working on their business enterprise project which they will be having sales for next week. Please see the rest of this newsletter for details.



CONFEDERATION SPORTS DAY

Children of St Barts were the Confederation Sports winners with our other team coming 2nd place. All children were fantastic and we are hopeful of further success at District Sports this week.



COMPUTING, DT AND COOKERY

Iceland class created shells of healthy salad with oily fish in their recent DT Food & Nutrition lesson. Year 1 prepared healthy, edible boats, wraps and filled pitta pockets this week at Cookery Club giving them picnic ideas for the summer holidays.



FREE eBook FOR YOUR SUMMER READING LIST

Grayswood/Barts parent Robert Guidi has written a book and is making it available to us for FREE. The book is aimed at readers aged 9+ and is full of great ideas and illustrations. It's about 14-year-old Isambard Kingdom Brunel in 1820 when the industrial revolution was just getting going and magic was still freely available. Things get complicated when Isambard and his friends uncover a conspiracy to kill the King....

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You will need to give your email address to get the download to work, but you can unsubscribe at any time. And feel free to forward these details to any individuals or groups that you think might like a free action/adventure eBook about what happens when science and magic combine. Rob is keen to get as many people to meet the Young Isambard as possible!



SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Thank you for collecting the Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's. We collected over 13,500 points which is amazing and these have been put towards play equipment for both playgrounds for use by the children at break times, cooking equipment and sports equipment.

TRIP AND LUNCH PAYMENTS – SCHOOL BANKING

Please ensure ALL outstanding payments for trips and lunches are paid by TUESDAY 18TH JULY so we can finalise our end of year accounts. Please check your SCO pay accounts for any outstanding balances, many thanks.

Yours faithfully,

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