



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

'Life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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PGL MARCHANTS HILL

On Friday, the children in Year 4 set off on their residential to PGL Marchants Hill. The Year 4 residential takes place over two nights and three days and enables the children to push themselves out of their comfort zone. The children were split into Group A and Group B and had to get involved with a series of activities, ranging from the Giant Swing to Problem Solving. The smaller groups also meant that each child got to do the activities multiple times! Each child took it upon themselves to ensure they had no regrets by the time they left. The experience was both thrilling and rewarding. Over the course of the weekend, numerous instructors and teachers from other schools commented on how well behaved the children were and how they all wanted to push themselves. Many of these comments came during meals, where the children simply did what they do during lunchtimes at school. This is testament to the high expectations we have of behaviour at St. Paul's. I would like to thank Miss Draper for giving up her weekend and Mr Harris for driving the minibus.

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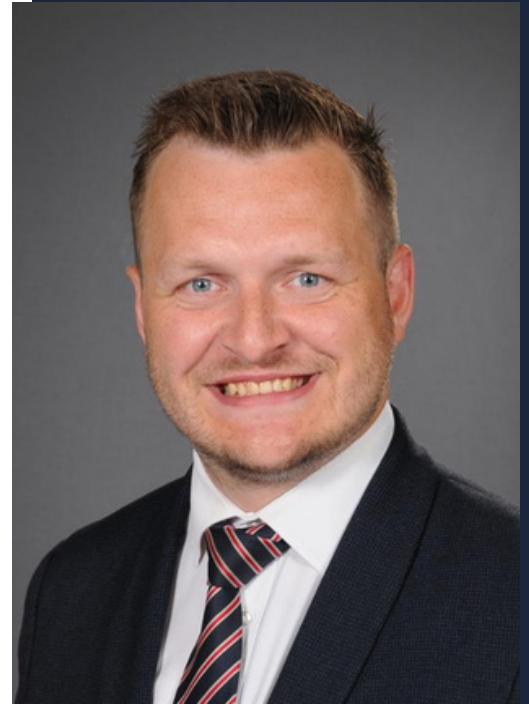
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MESSAGE FROM MR JOHNSON

Welcome back to Term 2. The second term is always busy with a residential, parent consultations, assessment and DT week, the Nativity and all things Christmas on the doorstep. Christmas in primary school is a source of wonder, unity, and valuable life lessons and I look forward to sharing this with you.

I would like to congratulate Year 4 on a successful residential. I was beaming with pride as I watched our children step out of the boat and enable themselves to flourish. Most importantly, I was very impressed with the way they conducted themselves. From the way they ate their meals to the way they behaved themselves during the activities, Year 4 represented the very best of St. Paul's. Many of the children who attended the Year 2 residential, also commented on how this had prepared them.

The value of this term is Honesty. Honesty in a school context is paramount. Just as in Proverbs 12:22, "The Lord detests lying lips, but he delights in people who are trustworthy," teaching staff and children alike to uphold truth. It fosters a culture of academic integrity, trust among peers, and the development of character, preparing children for success in both learning and life.



J Johnson

FOREST SCHOOL IN OAK

Oak Class have started their weekly forest school sessions. These lessons are designed to provide the children with unique learning experiences, whilst immersing themselves in the wonders of nature. Forest School fosters a deep connection with the outdoors, enhancing creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. It's a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore, discover, and grow in an open and natural environment. Under the guidance of our experienced forest school teacher, Ms Johnson, the children will be building shelters, identifying plants and wildlife, and learning outdoor survival skills. The Glebe offers the perfect backdrop for their sessions and allows the children to get the most out of the St. Paul's site. Oak will have these sessions until we break up for Christmas.



A VIEW FROM THE CLASSROOMS



BIRCH

OAK



BEECH

MAPLE

