



## Newsletter 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear all,

Mrs Field, Dylan, Daisy, Alun, Nicola and I had a fantastic trip to Denver last week. Below is just an overview of our highlights.

The ISTE conference was huge! Over 20,000 educators in one place learning about a wide range of technology which can be used in our schools. There were speakers, workshops, presentations, exhibitions and opportunities to try the different technologies. The focus was on Artificial Intelligence and how this can be used in so many different ways, but the key is to teach children to use it responsibly and ethically. We have taken away so many ideas around this and other apps and programmes we would like to use in our school- it's very exciting!

On the Wednesday, we were all part of different table top presentations put on by the JDO Foundation. We talked to different people about the work we have done with other schools and the benefits the children have gained from collaborating with others and using Google applications and other technologies. Daisy and Dylan were fantastic throughout this and represented not just our school, but the UK, brilliantly!

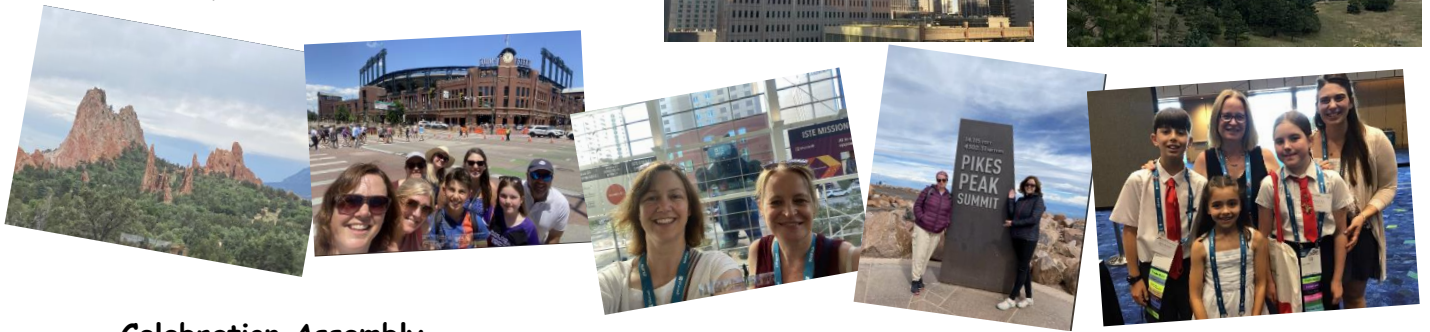
We met the teacher, Miss Klipfel, from the school in America that Falcon class have been working with all year on a range of collaborative projects, and one of the pupils from the class, Tess. Dylan and Daisy worked with Tess on their own collaborative project throughout the week. The class had written letters which Mrs Field gave to members of Falcon class on our return. The week really strengthened the relationship and we look forward to working with them next year.

We also had time for some site seeing and the opportunity to experience a different culture. We watched a baseball game, the Colorado Rockies, in a huge stadium in the city, and learnt the rules and tactics of the game whilst enjoying hot dogs and nachos! We stood on the 'mile high' step outside the capital building- Denver is located a mile above sea level. Mrs Field and I watched Diana Ross perform at the Red Rocks stadium, and Daisy and Dylan explored the natural history museum, learning about the T-Rex bones which were discovered recently, and enjoyed the water park! Our highlight was a jeep safari to the top of Pikes Peak in the Rockies- the view was incredible! We also ate a lot of food- the burgers and waffles were amongst the favourites!

The week really emphasised the importance of collaboration. We have an incredible opportunity in our school to collaborate with schools across the world through the JDO Foundation projects, to learn about different places and cultures, and through this gain a mutual respect and desire to work together. At this time, I don't think this has ever been more important.

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A few photos from our adventure!



### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the following children who received a **Golden Rules** certificate this week: Nora, Bonnie S, Zach J, Alexa, Lettie, Eleanor T, Sophia.

Congratulations to the following children who received a **School Values** certificate this week: Amelia B-T, Alfie, Nelly, Jack, Austin, Georgie, Polly.

### Sports News

#### Dodgeball

We had two dodgeball events at St Barts school this week. On Tuesday the girls team, and on Wednesday the mixed team. Both events were competitive, energetic and a lot of fun! All the children were fully involved in their matches, learning the tactics of this exciting sport! Well done to everyone who represented the school: Eleanor, Amelia, Leona, Alexa, Mollie, Daisy, Carter, Kacper, Sophia, Lara, Dylan, Pip and Ben!



### Sports Day

We have our fingers crossed for sports day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>! Children should come to school wearing PE kit, with sun cream already applied and a T-shirt representing their house colour. Please contact the office or speak to the class teacher if you are unsure of your child's house. Children will need a good sized water bottle, a sunhat and a packed lunch (school dinners are still available). Parents should arrive through the playground gates from 9.25am. Sports will start at approximately 9.30am and finish at midday. Families are welcome to join their children for a picnic lunch on the school field afterwards. At 1pm, all children will be lead back to their classes for the afternoon session. Last year the finish line area was quite congested, please respect the boundaries at the finish line and to the side of the track/field event areas to ensure we have safe gangways for children to make their way back to their groups. Whilst you are more than welcome to

take photos/videos of your children, please do not post any photos/videos containing other children on social media platforms. Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to a successful sports day!

### Hot Weather and Missing Jumpers!

The weather is getting hotter and children abandon their jumpers on the school playground in an effort to keep cool. They often get forgotten at the end of the playtimes and it's hard to reunite jumpers and cardigans with their owners when they aren't named. This causes frustration for parents and the school. Please label all items of school uniform your child has. We will put unnamed and unclaimed items out on the wooden structure by the bandstand, and anything not taken at the end of each Friday will be donated to FOBS to be sold as second hand uniform. Thanks for your support.

### Parking

Please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside of the school gate when dropping off or collecting your child from school. This is a traffic offence. It also blocks the view of oncoming vehicles when children and parents are crossing the road. Thank you for your support with this.

### Dates for the Diary

Each newsletter we will publish the dates of events happening during the term. Please be aware these may change and therefore it is important to check them each week. We will highlight changes in red when they first appear. Not every event is relevant to every parent. Look out for further information or letters with more detailed information for the events relevant to you.

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| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July  | Summer Concert- details to be sent out separately   |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July    | Reserve Sports Day<br>3.15pm FOBS 'flash' sale - everything £1 and must go!   |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July    | Moving up afternoon<br>Meet the teacher (current YR, 2 & 4) - time TBC  |
| Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July   | KS1 Multi-skills - selected children  |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July | 1.30pm Falcon Class play performance to parents<br>6.00pm Falcon Class play performance to parents<br>3.15pm-4.00pm KS2 Book club |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July    | Bags2School<br>Bank Cake Sale   |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July    | Y6 Leavers party in school  |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July   | 2.00pm Y6 Leavers assembly<br>End of Term   |