

Oh no they didn't!



Rachel Childs reporting...

Last term, 56 Year 8 pupils went to the Prince Edward Theatre in London to watch the West End hit production of Disney's 'Aladdin'.

The glitz and glamour of the show captivated and dazzled our young theatregoers, with all of them walking out of the theatre wowed by the extravaganza they had witnessed. Pupils were able to link their recent classroom study of Genre to their theatre experience by engaging with the Musical and Pantomime elements included in this performance. In addition, pupils were able to observe first hand the production elements

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Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

EASTER REVISION
Timetables for Easter Revision for Years 11, 12 and 13 are now finalised, and are available on the school website. Copies of the timetable have been emailed to Years 12 and 13 and hard copies have also been given to Year 11 pupils. Please do encourage your son/daughter to attend where possible, as this really does help pupils with their revision.

UNIFORM UPDATE
Having reviewed the responses received this half-term about the proposed changes to the school skirt and trousers, and following on from this week's Parents' Forum meeting, the school will be proceeding with the changes as outlined in the recent edition of Sweyne Park Times. Please find below, answers to the three questions which have been asked:

1. Do girls have to wear a skirt? **No.** School trousers or the school skirt can be worn.

- Will financial support be available for help with uniform, as is currently the case? **Yes**, such support will continue to be available in special circumstances in confidence.
- Can the new uniform be purchased and worn before the planned introduction next February 2019? **Yes.**

FINALLY
Unfortunately, I have to go into hospital for a minor operation at the end of next week. To this end, Katharine Dines will be Acting Head in my absence, and I know that she will do an excellent job. I will return to work immediately after the Easter holiday. Thank you.

Parents' Time
A member of the Leadership Team will be available to see parents without appointment:
9:00am-9:45am Monday - Friday
5:00pm-5:45pm Thursdays

DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:
Isabella, Joseph, Eleanor, Samuel, Ellis, Kayleigh & Annabel (8MLw)
Shaun & Emily (8SCm)
Bradley & Jake (8MLw)
Pupil Services

PARENTPAY FOR CATERING
Please remember to top-up your child's account on ParentPay at least a couple of hours before lunchtime. If possible, please top-up the day before.

Book of the Week

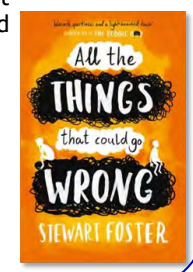
ALL THE THINGS THAT COULD GO WRONG

by Stewart Foster

Alex has OCD and struggles with his anxiety and worries. Life doesn't get any easier when bully Dan and his mates single him out at school. When the two boys are forced to work together after school, it becomes clear that Dan has problems of his own. A powerful read full of warmth and compassion that will have you rooting for both Alex and Dan.



WINNER!
ESSEX BOOK AWARD 2018



World Book Day



The enforced snow day may have prevented us from celebrating World Book Day at the time, but it didn't prevent us from celebrating last Wednesday, and with the Book Title Badge competition!

Eagle-eyed and tenacious pupils rose to the challenge to match the book titles staff were wearing as brightly coloured badges to the numbered sheet. These book titles related to staff jobs or teaching areas. The Librarian wore "The Borrowers", Mrs Smith in reception wore "The Phone Goes Dead" and kitchen staff badges included "The Hunger Games" and "Cupid Cakes". Special thanks to Mr Hodgkinson who bravely wore "Revenge of The Demon Headmaster" and Mrs Donovan who wore "The Number Devil!"

Congratulations to Annabel (7AJa) who identified an incredible 117 correctly listed badges. In second place was Hannah (7AJa) with 106.5 and in third place were Emma, Eden, Megan & Lily from 7RPI with 92 badges. Special mention also to Amber (7MSm), Abigail (7RJo), Emily (7LGr), Evie (7LGr), Ciara (7MSm), Lily (9LAs), Zarah (8AHu) and Ellie (7AJa) who all managed to track down 70-90 badges!

Congratulations to everyone who took part - we are genuinely impressed with every single person's participation. There was a special Awards ceremony held in the Library during Thursday break where an abundance of prizes were distributed ranging from Amazon vouchers, books and chocolates! Thank you to everyone for a successful World Book Day!

Nicole (13DHe) reporting...

We had the brilliant opportunity to visit the VIVIT experience, which showed a synthetic human cadaver dissection from the brain down. It was such an interesting experience as they showed organs (from pigs) and discussed ailments with expert terminology. It was a unique experience which furthered my interest in Biology.



VIVIT experience at South Essex College Group of Year 12 and 13 Biology Students

JACK PETCHEY AWARD

"I am very grateful to receive the Jack Petchey award and have decided to donate the prize money to the Science department as I have a strong interest in Physics. With the money we have bought a Rubens Tube, which will assist the teaching of Wave Physics using changes in gas pressure in a tube to alter the height of flames, therefore visualising the waveforms." **Cameron (13LSt)**



Science Department

UP, UP & AWAY!



On Monday 12th March, students involved in Rocket Club, made rockets and did a test launch at Stow Maries Aerodrome. Once we got there with our two rockets, we worked on them along with another school for about two hours until they were ready to launch and inspected by John 'The Rocket'. Once they were ready, two people from each team went out to launch the rockets. The rockets could have reached a taller height and we lost sight of the first rocket for a few minutes! Luckily both parachutes deployed so they came down safely. We have some improvements to make but overall it was a successful day. **Summer-Louise (9AWe)**

Hayley Richards reporting ...

Just before Christmas 30 Year 9 pupils spent the afternoon in London in the Science Museum where they interacted with many of the displays, learning about their genetics, engineering a moon buggy and exploring our social psychology!



Exploring the Science Museum



Completing the Faraday Challenge - designing a new attraction for Thorpe Park