

## A Life in the Fast Lane!



My name is Emma and I am in Year 7. My favourite sport is swimming and I belong to Runnymede Swimming Club. I train early in the morning before school starts and then again in the evening. I also train at the weekends and often take part in swimming galas. Recently, I took part in a club competition where I took first and second place in various different races. I came first in 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 200m Freestyle, 50m Backstroke, 100m Backstroke and 200m Breaststroke. I came second in 50m Breaststroke, 100m Breaststroke and 50m Butterfly. I was very proud to have come first in so many races. Last weekend I even managed to improve my county times which means I will be eligible to swim in the Olympic pool in London next year. The photo shows me with my trophies.

### Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

#### SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thank you to all those families who visited our Sixth Form on Open Evening; we were certainly very busy, which bodes well for next year. I would also like to thank all our existing Sixth Form students for being such excellent ambassadors, and answering so many queries from parents/carers and prospective students alike. Information about how to apply is on our website at <http://sweynepark.com/html/sixthform/admission.html>, and a reminder that the deadline for applications is 15th December 2017.

#### CROSSING PATROL OFFICER

Essex County Council has asked schools to remind parents/carers to be considerate in relation to their team of hard working Crossing Patrol Officers, in particular in relation to parking and potentially dangerous driving. As parents/carers may recall, we lobbied hard for a Crossing Patrol Officer several years ago, and to this end, I would like to thank our local Officer for her excellent service. Also, at this time of year, with the light fading

and more challenging driving conditions for motorists, can you please reinforce to your sons and daughters how important it is to take care, and show caution, when crossing the road, or walking along narrow pavements. Thank you, in advance, for your support in this matter.

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Sunday I attended the Rayleigh Remembrance Day Service with four of our Sixth Form students, who also laid a wreath. I was particularly struck this year by how incredibly proactive our pupils have been in school, selling poppies and wearing them with pride. Such acts of remembrance are extremely important and it is at times like this, I feel incredibly proud to be Head of our school.

#### AND FINALLY...

A reminder that we have an INSET day on Friday 24th November 2017.

### 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



## Book of the Week

### TIME OF BLOOD

by Robin Jarvis

The sinister Mister Dark is more powerful than ever and has enslaved young Verne to his will. Can Lil save her best friend before their enemy unleashes his most audacious and insane plan yet? Even with the help of new, surprising allies - a witch, a mysterious man of many disguises and the secretive aufwaders beneath the cliff - all seems hopeless. Whitby has never been a more frightening and dangerous place to live, and the murdered dead refuse to rest in peace.



ROBIN JARVIS

in school

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November!



### WHITBY WITCHES ON A WEDNESDAY!



On Wednesday, we were fortunate to welcome into school, popular children's fantasy author, Robin Jarvis to talk with Year 7 about his latest book *Time of Blood*. Robin spoke about how he became a writer and talked about his books, including his new thrilling series. The

first in this series, *The Power of Dark*, was short-listed for last year's Essex Book Award, and Robin was treated to a viewing of a short start/stop animation created by some of the Library's Book Club members. Robin captivated the pupils with his tales of Whitby, the witches and his mix of horror and fantasy, coupled with his extraordinary props! It's not often you see an illuminated robot's head in the school hall! Pupils were fascinated to learn of his previous work as a model-maker for TV and films. Robert spent over an hour signing copies of his books. We sold out but Robin kindly signed sticky labels that can go into extra ordered books when they arrive! Everyone agreed it was a fascinating and informative event and we were thrilled and inspired to get reading and writing ourselves.

## DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Jake, Lucy, Jessica, Aashi & Brooke (8MLw)

Shaun, Emily, Toby & Fern (8SCm)

Pupil Services

## THE SWEYNE PARK SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER  
AT 7PM IN THE MAIN HALL  
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
PUPIL SERVICES  
£3 FOR ADULTS  
£2 FOR CONCESSIONS



## LOST PROPERTY

PLEASE CAN YOU ENSURE YOU PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON UNIFORM, ESPECIALLY PE KIT. WE CANNOT RETURN UNIFORM WITHOUT NAMES.

WE WILL BE DISPLAYING LOST PROPERTY IN PUPIL SERVICES NEXT WEDNESDAY 22ND & THURSDAY 23RD NOVEMBER.

PLEASE DO COME AND HAVE A LOOK. ANYTHING UNCLAIMED WILL BE DISPOSED OF ON FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER.

THANK YOU  
PUPIL SERVICES

# Geography Department



The Crystal trip - cable car

## *Anne Wimpenny reporting...*

The Geography department have been involved in a wide range of fieldwork activities this half-term in KS3, KS4 and KS5. Year 12 students took part in a residential trip to Osmington Bay in September, to investigate sand dune succession along the Dorset coastline. The students were outstanding in the execution of the fieldwork techniques which they undertook and will now go on to use the data they collected to help with their exam questions. This half-term students will go on to participate in a human geography fieldwork activity in Rayleigh, which will allow them to make use of human geography techniques.

Our Year 13 students, also in September, made their way to a rainy Holkham in Norfolk, to help support them with collecting data for their individual investigation. This is the coursework section of the A2 exam and will make up 20% of their final exam mark. Students created a research question and undertook their own investigation by collecting data along the Norfolk coastline.

In addition to our A level trips, we have seen Year 9 visit The Crystal in London, a sustainable city exhibition which supported our pupils with investigating sustainable ways of living in an urban area. The trip also included a bird's eye view trip across the Thames on the Emirates cable cars. In addition to this, Year 11 pupils have been involved in a visit to Southend to collect data for their final exam in June.

## *Geography Fieldwork Diary 2017*

### **September 2017**

A level trip to Holkham, Norfolk  
AS level trip to Osmington Bay, Dorset

### **October 2017**

Year 9 visit to The Crystal, London  
Year 11 visit to Southend, Essex

### **November 2017**

Year 11 visit to Southend, Essex  
Year 12 visit to Rayleigh, Essex



Inside The Crystal



Osmington Bay



Pupils outside The Crystal building



Osmington Bay data collection