

## On the Ball!

During July I travelled to London to take part in the Hockey Champions Trophy as a member of the Ball Patrol Team. The Champions Trophy took place at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre over two weeks with a men's and women's tournament, featuring the top six international teams from around the world. As part of the Ball Patrol Team I had to play a very important role in the games, ensuring the matches ran without stoppages for ball retrieval. There were many rules to follow and we had to have a smart appearance on pitch. This was achieved by having two uniform colours given to us to wear. I had to retrieve balls that left the pitch area promptly, so as to keep games moving at pace and making sure play flowed smoothly. During my time I saw many matches and had the opportunity to meet many of the players, including the Australian team. I had a great experience and a fantastic time, one that I would be happy to repeat! *Sadie (10PGa)*.



### Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

#### OPEN EVENING

Congratulations to all our wonderful pupils and sixth form students who helped out so superbly at Open Evening on Tuesday. It was an incredibly busy evening and visitors were extremely complimentary about the welcome they received. Certificates will be awarded to everyone who helped out and thank you once again.

#### SIXTH FORM BUILDING

Even though we are delighted with our current modular accommodation for the Sixth Form, looking ahead to the next 10 years, we feel we would benefit from a permanent stand-alone building and, to this end, we have now applied for planning permission to Rochford District Council for a 2-storey building with specialist facilities. We

will, of course, keep you informed, if we are successful, but we do not have any intention to expand our Sixth Form at the current time. Watch this space!

#### COMPUTERS

I am delighted to say that we have now been able to replace all the computers in the last two IT rooms with state-of-the-art new computers and, additionally, replaced those in areas such as Learning Development and classroom areas, to ensure our pupils have access to the best possible resources. This is great news for everyone.

Have a good weekend!

## 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

AN EAGLE IN THE SNOW  
by Michael Morpurgo

This story is inspired by true events, and concerns one man who might have stopped World War II. It's 1940, and during a train journey, Barney and his mother meet a man who tells them an incredible story. It is a story of a young man in the trenches of World War I, and a choice he made that night that has plagued him ever since - a choice that affected everyone!



ONE OF THE FREE BOOKBUZZ CHOICES FOR YEAR 7!



### DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:  
Olivia, Sophie, Robyn, Bobby,  
Sadie & Lauren (8SJa)  
Finlay & Lily (8LAs)  
Lily, Ben, Kiki & Molly (8DGa)

Pupil Services

### THANK YOU

Heather Hodgkinson for donating fabric to Textiles.

Mrs Terry for donating school uniform.



## PREM PREDS 2016/17

Can YOU predict the CORRECT scores?

Think you can do better than the football pundits?

The LIBRARY challenges you to predict the CORRECT scores for the premiership football matches this season. Staff and pupils will compete to be overall *Top Predictor*

Sign up in the Library NOW!



## ESSEX TEACHING AWARDS 2017

Do you know an inspirational colleague who makes a real difference to the education of pupils in Essex? The Essex Teaching Awards provide much-deserved recognition for the hard work and commitment of teachers, support staff and governors across the country.

Submit your nominations online at: [www.essex.gov.uk/teachingawards](http://www.essex.gov.uk/teachingawards) and help ensure they get the credit they deserve.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, 18th November 2016





# ECOWORLD



## ECO CLUB - THE SAVING PLANET SOCIETY



There are lots of things going on in our resident eco club, "The Saving Planet Society," this year. Anybody that is interested in joining please see Mrs Garratt in TX1 in the Food and Textile office to sign up from November. Meetings are every Wednesday after school 3-4pm with refreshments provided.

Activities this year are the following:

- \* Setting up the greenhouse in the SPS garden to grow on seedlings. We will start by planting onion, garlic and broad beans in Autumn for an early harvest. The aim will be to provide the Food department with some produce for food demonstrations.
- \* Creating an ecological concept to water the garden efficiently - vertical bottle gardens
- \* We are part of the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) and there are plenty of competitions to enter.
- \* Being involved in *Join the Pod* projects
- \* Working towards composting our kitchen scraps from Food Design & Technology lessons to be awarded a green start from the Young Essex Assembly
- \* Designing recycling posters and labels to encourage pupils and staff to use the correct bin for the correct type of waste
- \* Being part of the RSPB "Giving Nature a Home"

There are many more things to be involved in as well...



Bird feeders using recycled drinks and ketchup bottles!

The Saving Planet Society Competition - deadline January.

Any year group is welcome to enter and there will be a 1st and runner-up prize awarded in assemblies in February.

The Saving Planet Society would like you to design and create a habitat or feeding solution for a small mammal, bird or insect of your choice using recycled materials. Please provide a drawn design with labels and a description of your idea. The idea chosen will be made by the Eco-warriors and placed in the garden to hopefully attract wildlife to study

Good luck with your entries!



A bug habitat using old house bricks

Each Eco-warrior has a badge which pupils designed and made themselves. To be more sustainable, off-cuts of MDF were used on the laser cutter in Resistant Materials!



Energy Month is about changing our habits to save energy. Using too much energy increases our carbon footprint which has an effect on global warming and makes our school's energy bills higher. If you would like to be one of our energy monitors, please see Mrs Garratt.

