

## "Strictly" Brilliant!



Kelly (9ABu) started dancing at three years old and didn't realise her hobby would take her family all over the country! After coming first in a regional heat, last week Kelly's team from Wiggles Dance Studios qualified for the Dance Design Events (DDE) "That's Showbiz" semi-finals at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool. The top five groups within each age group qualify to enter the Grand Final at the Echo Arena in Liverpool in March 2017. Kelly's team won 2nd place in the Classic Genre and 3rd place overall within their age group and qualified for the final next year! It has been an amazing journey. Kelly is serious about a possible dance career and has at least 13.5 hours of lessons each week (sometimes more!). It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to pursue your dreams but it is SO worth it when all that hard work pays off. Kelly's team won the World Championships last year and in March this year they are going all out to win the competition in Liverpool. Winning isn't just about taking home a trophy (although that is always a bonus); it is also about doing what you love - that's when you know you are really living your dream!

### Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

#### INTERESTING STORIES

As you are hopefully aware, we do like to celebrate all kinds of pupil achievements in the Sweyne Park Times and, when we know of something that a pupil has done in school, we will often suggest to them that they write an article about it. However, sometimes pupils have interests out of school that we are not aware of and achieve great success. To this end, if your son or daughter has achieved success outside of school that you think we should celebrate, please do contact the relevant Head of Year to tell us so that we can celebrate their accomplishment in our newsletter!

#### ROAD SAFETY

Please can I ask you to remind your

sons and daughters about the need to take care on the roads, particularly as the nights draw in. Pupils should never "assume" that a driver has seen them and should always look to cross roads at recognised crossing points.

#### HOLIDAY DATES

For parents/carers new to the school, our website is always kept well up-to-date and holiday dates are available by clicking on the "Term Dates" tab. As you are no doubt aware, Heads can no longer routinely authorise requests for holidays as absence from school is very detrimental to learning. Thank you.

#### AND FINALLY...

Let's hope the weather holds!

## 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

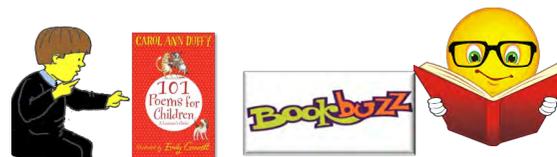


## Book of the Week

### 101 POEMS FOR CHILDREN

A LAUREATE'S CHOICE  
BY CAROL ANN DUFFY

A fantastic introduction to poetry, including new and familiar, chosen by the Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy. The poems are illustrated by award-winning illustrator, Emily Gravett.



## National Poetry Day Thursday 6th October

which means it's time for the

### Annual Library Poetry Competition!

Simply write a poem about **any subject** you like but if you're stuck for ideas this year's national theme is "MESSAGES".

Or, check out some of the poetry books in the library for inspiration: funny poems, silly poems, serious poems - we have something for everyone!

Please hand in your entries to

Mrs Waghorn in the Library

by MONDAY 31st OCTOBER



### THANK YOU TO

Mrs Kohlbeck for donating a roll of fabric.



### HONESTY BOX

Thank you to Maddie (11JFe) for handing in a mobile phone.



### DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Maddie, Grace & Jamie (8AHu)  
William, Harvey, Emily, Eve & Harry (8DGa)  
Callum & Gemma (8Cho)

*Pupil Services*

### THE SWEYNE PARK SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

13TH OCTOBER 2016

7.30PM

TICKETS £4.00

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & NIBBLES

CONTACT

MICHELLE - 07846 620554

TINA - 07973 765320

### PROM FAIR



THE SWEYNE PARK SCHOOL  
13TH OCTOBER 2016, 7-9PM

TABLES £15.00

TO BOOK CONTACT MICHELLE

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TINA

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### LOST PROPERTY

Please note that lost property which dates back to last summer or property from lockers belonging to pupils that have left will be disposed of after 7 days from the publication of this notice. Please contact Pupil Services if you wish to claim any items.

Presentation Evening to showcase HPQ Projects



Discussing a project with visitors



Daniel Dominey (HPQA\*)  
Supervised by: Mrs Hodgkinson

How far can we claim to be responsible in our use of antibiotics?



AIMING HIGH: LITERACY AT THE SWEYNE PARK SCHOOL  
*Maria Shangolis reporting...*

**Bin Rubbish Words!**

One of the simplest ways we can improve the quality of our speaking and writing is to avoid weak vocabulary. Unfortunately, the phrase 'a lot' has become commonplace in our day to day communication, and is often written incorrectly as 'alot'! So, in order to further raise our language aspirations, perhaps the phrase 'a lot' should be placed in the literacy dustbin! Here are some wonderful replacements that perhaps we could all try to use instead of 'a lot':

- numerous
- abundance
- wealth
- plenty
- plethora
- copious

Jess had a **tot** of knowledge about cars.

Jess had a **plethora** of knowledge about cars.

There are many more fantastic alternatives. Remember to use a thesaurus to expand your vocabulary and to improve your communication skills.

**"If it's not proofread, it's not finished!"**

At The Sweyne Park School, high expectations have been set once more regarding the importance of producing written work that is of a good standard. Pupils are encouraged to check their work before handing it to their teacher for marking and feedback. Here are some points to consider when thinking about the finished product:

- Have I read through my work and does it make sense?
- Have I used capital letters, commas and full stops correctly?
- Have I checked basic spellings?
- Have I used any advanced vocabulary?
- Have I used any subject-related vocabulary?

By checking our work, we show a maximum commitment to our learning and produce high quality written work, leading to further success and confidence.



Sophie & Tabitha with their display to support their projects

**Enquiry, curiosity and research at SPS!**

Following on from previous years, we have had another cohort of pupils engage with the highly-regarded HPQ (Higher Qualification Project). The qualification provides our pupils with the opportunity to ask some of the 'bigger questions' that make us curious and inquisitive, moving pupils' interests beyond the curriculum. Led by Mrs Clements and supervised by members of staff, pupils carried out wider reading and research on the chosen topics, often grappling with complex ideas and concepts. Pupils completed the process with a written project and interview to discuss their findings. This university-style project has seen a range of wonderful work, with some pupils gaining qualifications which are equivalent to GCSE and AS level! Congratulations to everyone for a wonderful achievement!

Sophie Baxter (HPQ A)  
Supervised by: Mrs Waghorn

Explore and evaluate how the progression of science has increased the risks and rewards of surgery and medicine.

