

The Karate Kids!



Bradley (11CSt) & Christian (9AGo) had a very successful United Nations of Jujitsu competition in Spain as part of Team GB. They competed against some of the top international Jujitsu teams in the world. Bradley won a Gold in Ground Fighting, Bronze in Weapons Kata and a Bronze in Random. Christian won two Silvers in Open Hand Kata and Heavy Sparring and a Bronze in Pairs Demonstration. Both were complimented on a number of occasions by many on their sportsmanlike behaviour and their level of progression through the sport, particularly as some of their categories had much older, more experienced competitors. Both will have a short break, then some preparation in the lead up to the British Nationals in April 2017.



Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

PREMISES UPDATE

As I promised in an earlier edition of the Sweyne Park Times, we have finally gutted and refurbished the last of our four stairwell circulation areas and this really has transformed the feel of the school. Despite austerity, I can assure you that we will continue to undertake as many projects as we can manage, to ensure our school is a pleasant and welcoming place in which to learn. Watch this space!

INSET DAY

Please can I remind parents and carers that we have our annual Inset Day on Friday 18th November, where our main focus will be looking at all the recent curriculum changes at Key Stage 4 to ensure our pupils are well prepared. As always, please can

you remind your sons and daughters not to visit their old primary schools on that day, should the thought have crossed their mind, as they will be in normal session then. Thank you.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thank you to those families who attended our Open Evening on Tuesday. Even though there are of course always areas to improve moving forwards, we are very excited about our lovely new Sixth Form and it was lovely to be so busy!

AND FINALLY

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



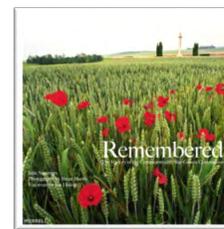
Book of the Week

REMEMBERED

(The History of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission)

by Julie Summers

Remembering the fallen 1,700,000 men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died in the two world wars, and the invaluable work of the War Graves Commission. Fantastic photography throughout.



DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Florrie and Amy-Rose 8AWE

Oliver, Falon, Grace and Millie 8ENi

Maddie and Mia 8CHO

Evan and Leonie 8AHu

Pupil Services

HONESTY BOX

Dakota (8ENi) for handing in a pencil case.

Asher (10LRi) for handing in some money.



Ella (7CCa) for handing in a mobile phone.

Freya (7EDo) for finding her friend's Pandora ring.



How should we spend your Council Tax? Rochford District Council is carrying out a Budget Survey to find out how you want your Council Tax to be spent. The questionnaire will be available until Friday December 30th at: www.rochford.gov.uk/budgetsurvey and is a chance to have your say on what the District Council's priorities should be when it decides its budget for the next 12 months. It is crucial that we have YOUR views as this is a time when all Local Authorities are facing increasing financial pressures, and must make difficult decisions about the services we provide. We want to ensure your Council Tax is spent on the services you want and value.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7PM IN THE MAIN HALL, 6TH DECEMBER

TICKETS £3.00 ADULTS & £2.00 CONCESSIONS FROM PUPIL SERVICES



REMINDER

YEAR 13 PARENTS' CONSULTATION EVENING

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17TH

TEACHERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 5PM - 7.30PM

Year 10



For nearly five years now, I have been a member of British National Scouting. I originally started off in Cubs as an Acting Assistant Pack Patrol Leader. In Scouts I was a senior patrol leader and now in Explorers I am training to be a young leader and I am soon going to start my Duke of Edinburgh which I am really looking forward to. During my time in Scouts I have earned over 30 badges including my Chief Scout Award Gold. Scouting is a great opportunity and teaches you skills such as building teamwork and leadership.

Connor (10LMO)

Year 10 have made a fantastic start to their GCSE courses. I have only had the pleasure of being their Head of Year since September but they have been impressive from the outset. I am sure that Year 10 will go from strength to strength and continue to demonstrate hard work, maturity and motivation! **Nicky Smith, Head of Year**



The pupils pictured above were some of the 248 pupils who achieved 100% A grades for effort in their first set of monitoring grades this year. Miss Charge organised a fantastic rewards breakfast on Friday 14th October. Well done to all!



I started my football refereeing course at the end of July and since then I have made a lot of progress. I have already refereed six games. I now have to sit an exam to obtain my full qualifications. I would like to go as far as possible being a referee. The experience has helped me to become more independent and have more responsibility. It's been amazing.

Ed (10PGa)



Shane (10MCu) will be making his debut in the Under 25s Essex Country Green Bowl competition in November.



I play football for Academy Boys FC. I have played football for most of my life, mainly left or right wing and also as a striker.

Casey, 10PGa

I have been in Scouting for 9 years, starting as a Beaver and now I am an Explorer Scout. I have had lots of opportunities to learn new life skills. For example, some of the skills we learn are making knots, camping, map-reading, first aid and survival skills and taking part in various competitions. Through Scouting I have become a Caving Instructor, earned various badges including Chief Scout, Bronze, Silver and Gold. I have nearly completed my Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award and am currently working towards my Young Leader Buckle as I am a Young Beaver Leader at 2nd Hawkwell. I enjoy this as I am able to pass my skills and knowledge onto the new up-and-coming Beavers ready for their Scouting journey.



Sophie(10GPa)



I have been playing the flute since I was in Year 5. I am currently Grade 4 and my aim is to be Grade 5 by the end of Year 10. I practise regularly and think that playing the flute enables me to be creative and show persistence.

George (10RCI)