

THE SWEYNE PARK TIMES

Battle of the Somme 100th Anniversary



Steven (13SBo) reporting...

Last year marked the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme, and as such my brother and I visited the battlefields 100 years to the day when the battle started. On behalf of Sweyne Park School, my brother and I laid a wreath at La Boiselle on the site of several soldiers from the Essex Regiment who died in 1915. It was truly an honour to be at this very historical site at such an

important time. At the anniversary of the end of the Battle of the Somme, the BBC and several news agencies covered the story of the reburial of the Essex men and pictured above is the wreath we laid over four months earlier.

Headlines by
Andy Hodgkinson

WELCOME BACK

I hope everyone has been able to enjoy a well-earned break, and that our pupils are returning refreshed for the term ahead. On behalf of all

the staff and governors, may I take this opportunity to wish all families a very happy and successful New Year in 2017.

KEY DATES

As always, Key Dates are on our website but please be aware of the following dates this half-term:

- Wednesday 18th January - Year 13 mock exams finish
- Wednesday 25th January - Year 12 mock exams begin
- Thursday 26th January - Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Friday 10th February - last day of half-term, school finishes at 3pm

SNOW CLOSURE

Hopefully we will not have to contend with snow too often in the immediate future; nonetheless there is snow forecast tonight, so I thought it appropriate to update parents/carers on the snow closure procedure, in the unlikely event that we have to close the school. If we do have to make this difficult decision, we aim to post this on our school website by 7.45am (a reminder that you may need to click the "refresh" button on our website to ensure the information is updated). You may also visit the Essex County Council website: <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-closures.aspx> (or just search for: Essex County Council Emergency School Closures), as local radio stations no longer broadcast this information. Currently, we anticipate opening as normal tomorrow. Thank you.

Your weekly link with the school

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Book of the Term

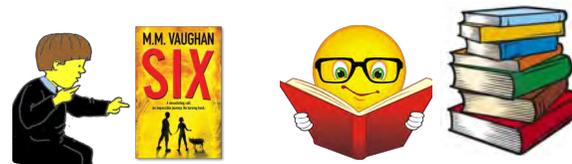
SIX

by M.M. Vaughan

Parker and his family have moved to America, where his Dad is involved in some unusual science research.

With advanced technology, the family can communicate by the power of thought. However, Parker's Dad has been kidnapped and it's up to Parker and his sister Emily to rescue him. "A sci-fi mystery of cosmic proportions."

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ESSEX BOOK AWARD 2016-2017
Will it win?



13th January 2017

DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Sophie, Leah, Megan,
Samuel, Hannah, William,
Lewis & Katie (8LWo)

Pupil Services

CONGRATULATIONS

To

BRAD (11CSt)

ON WINNING A GOLD MEDAL
AND TWO BRONZE MEDALS AT A
UNITED NATIONS JUJITSU
COMPETITION.



ENGLAND V JAMAICA NETBALL MATCH

On Tuesday 29th November, the Year 8, 9, 10 & 11 girls who are in the school netball teams went to watch the England V Jamaica netball match at the Copper Box in London. We were all really excited and couldn't wait to see professionals play at such a high standard of netball. Once we had arrived at the game, the whistle was blown and the game was underway. The movement of the players was incredible and the game was really quick! England, at the beginning of the game, were doing really well and kept on shooting. However, by about the 3rd quarter, Jamaica started to catch up and began getting a lot of goals too. It was going to be a close match. Unfortunately England lost. The overall score was 66-49. We learnt a lot from the game which we can put into our own games to hopefully lead us to success. We all really enjoyed watching the game and can't wait to put what we learnt into practice!

Olivia Parrott (8SJa)

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



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Year 8



Pupils enjoying the Rewards Breakfast

“The Rewards Breakfast was thoroughly enjoyable and I made some new friends.” **William (8DGa)**

“The Rewards Breakfast was great fun. I really enjoyed it!”
Chloe (8DGa)



The Year 8 Rugby Team have truly excelled on the rugby field, beating many local schools. The team had to show persistence, team work and determination in each game. In December, the team experienced more success on the field. The boys participated in the Essex County Schools Cup at Barking Rugby Club. It was a very tough competition which saw Sweyne Park beating schools such as Westcliff High, Anglo-European, Belfairs and Thurstable. This means the boys earned a place in the Final under the floodlights. Their opponents were De La Salle. Sweyne Park went ahead and led for much of the game but two late scores meant that they received a shield. They are the U13 Essex County Schools Waterfall 2016 runners-up. Well done to you all!
James Price, Head of Year.



Photos from the Book Trailer workshop. Pupils did “stop start animation” and are digital ambassadors for the Library’s Book Club.

Mollie (8DGa), Florrie (8AWe), Evie (8DGa), Sam (8LWo), Connor (8AWe), Lucas (8LWo), Lewis (8LWo) & Eloise (7SCm)



“On Saturday 19th November I represented Westwood Karate Academy in the England Open Championships in a karate competition at National level. I came second in the Kumite category which was a great achievement.”
Hannah (8LWo)



“In December, I competed at The Olympia International Horse Show in London. I was one of only 13 to qualify in the whole of England, Scotland and Wales. I cleared jumps up to 1.20 metres and finished in third place.”
Rosie (8LWo)