

The Big Bang Theory!



"We visited the Big Bang Fair on 1st March, which was organised by Miss Richards, and the three-hour coach journey to the NEC in Birmingham was worth it! We split into groups of four or more and looked around at all the exhibitions. Some of these included virtual reality, circuit making, forensic science and microscope investigation. At the end of the day we watched a couple of lectures called 'Body Hackers,' which was all about digestion and 'Survival Skills,' which we learnt a lot from and thoroughly enjoyed. *Amber, Georgina and Ellie*



"The Big Bang trip was very educational as there were many experiments. We learnt about the super computer in Glasgow and aerodynamics. As well as this, there were many activities that made the process of learning feel like we weren't learning but playing." *Nathan, Max and Tom*

"The Big Bang trip was very interesting and there were many things going on. The best part of the trip was the show at the end!" *Faith, Elizabeth and Scarlett*

Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to Year 10 who will, today, have completed their two-week work experience placement. Although many schools no longer offer this experience to pupils at Key Stage 4, we very much believe this provides a fantastic learning opportunity for all our pupils, and we have no plans to stop this in future years. I hope Year 10 will now return refreshed and revitalised, ready for a busy half term. With this in mind, please can I remind parents/carers that Year 10 Parents' Evening is on Thursday 11th May.

BUDGET UPDATE

On Tuesday evening our Parents' Forum asked me for an update on our budget. As

school budgets are getting a lot of media coverage at the moment, in a nutshell, what I explained to the Forum was that we are trying very hard to be resourceful and entrepreneurial, but there is no question that schools are facing unprecedented levels of financial challenge. Fortunately, we are in the unusual position of being fully staffed, and being able to recruit and retain high quality teachers which does shield us, to a small extent, from some of the consequences of austerity. I will, of course, keep you updated, but rest assured we are continuing to work incredibly hard to ensure we are in the best possible financial position going forward.

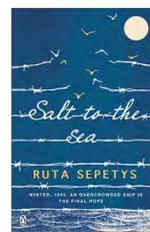
AND FINALLY

Just in case you need reminding, Monday is a Bank Holiday and school resumes at the normal time of 8.40am on Tuesday 2nd May.

Book of the Week

SALT TO THE SEA
by Ruta Sepetys

It's 1945 and we follow the story of four people and their journeys across Germany to flee from the Russians. Each story and journey is varied but they all come together to board the ill-fated *MV Wilhelm Gustloff*, (the worst disaster in maritime history with more lives lost than the *Titanic*). The stories are interwoven into a powerful and emotional read that will stay with you, long after you have finished reading.



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DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Teddy, Freddie, George & Bryce (7CCa)

Harvey, Lucy, Brooke, Jessica & Jacob (7MLw)

Lola & Emily (7SCm)

Pupil Services

THANK YOU

Mrs Gilson for donating school uniform.

HONESTY BOX

Thank you to Oscar (7HFe) for handing in some money he found.

SAFEGUARDING AT SPS

If you are worried about the safety of a pupil, please do contact a member of the Safeguarding team:

Safeguarding Designated Lead:

Mrs Whitcombe

Deputies:

Mr Bradley, Mrs Dempsey, Mrs Dines, Mrs Donovan, Mrs Jacob, Ms Morgan.

Our Headteacher, **Mr Hodgkinson**, is also a designated lead for safeguarding.

ON TUESDAYS WEEK B

12.25-1.55PM

THE SCHOOL NURSE IS AVAILABLE IN MEETING ROOM 1

PLEASE CALL IN IF YOU WOULD LIKE A CHAT ABOUT ANYTHING.





"I will remember this trip for years to come."
Michael (10LRi)



"I experienced so many great things I never thought I would be able to do." **Maiya (10LRi)**



New York City

Rachel Childs reporting...

On Saturday 11th February, 22 pupils and 3 members of staff embarked on a once in a lifetime trip to the Big Apple, New York City. This was the first Drama Department residential and international visit!

After an incredibly early start and a long journey, we arrived in the USA and commenced our tourist adventure. Pupils finished their first day of travelling by ascending to the 86th floor of The Empire State Building to relish the views of the bright city at night.

Over the up and coming days, the students continued to engage in a range of other exciting cultural opportunities including: The Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Radio City, The Rockefeller, Time Square and Central Park.

Pupils were also able to engage in activities relevant to their Drama and Theatre Studies. Starting with a wonderful Broadway performance of 'Aladdin', the next day provided students with an opportunity to move from the auditorium to the stage, with their participation in an acting workshop. They were able to interview one of the actors involved in 'Aladdin', which gave the pupils a valuable insight into life as an actor.

During the five fully-packed and exhilarating days in New York City, both pupils and staff gained extraordinary memories and built friendships for life. Our pupils represented Sweyne Park School in an incredibly respectful and mature manner. It was a real honour to take these pupils to NYC and the USA, especially as some members of our group had never visited before!



"Going to New York really was the best and certainly the most unique trip any of us could have asked for."

Megan (13SBo)

