

Double Champions!

Mitchell Jones reporting...



On Friday 21st April, Sweyne Park's Year 9 Rugby team capped off their perfect season. This season the team has shown an outstanding commitment to their rugby and progressed to the school's first ever Essex Cup Final. After a superb performance against West Hatch School at Barking Rugby Club, Sweyne Park were crowned champions with a 10-5 victory.



Sweyne Park experienced further success in the District Final by beating local rivals FitzWimarc School to become District Champions. Sweyne Park finish the season having gone 17 games without loss and being crowned double champions along the way, a fantastic achievement for which the boys should be extremely proud.

Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

EXAMS
 Congratulations to Year 11 who have made an excellent start to their practical GCSE exams, such as Dance, Drama, PE and Art, over the last couple of weeks. Exams are stressful times for all pupils and so please do encourage your son and daughter to talk to someone in school, such as their tutor, PFS or Head of Year if they are feeling in any way worried or over-whelmed - it is always good to talk! This advice is for all pupils taking exams and, of course, students in the Sixth Form. Well done also to our Year 7 pupils for the excellent start they have made to their first exams at Sweyne Park.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS
 Parents on low incomes and receiving certain benefits are entitled to claim Free School Meals for their child(ren). Full details and an application form are available online at www.essex.gov.uk/education.

Alternatively, please do ring Pupil Services at the school in confidence and they will be happy to advise you and help you with an application. If your claim is successful, a set amount will be credited to your child's account in our cashless catering system, which ensures anonymity.

It is well worth having - even if your child only uses it for a drink/snack to supplement a packed lunch!

Book of the Week

OPTIMISTS DIE FIRST
 by Susin Nielsen (YA)

Described as a "love story for cynics", this book is a heart-warming, heart-breaking, funny and entertaining read. Petula is a pessimist. Ever since the tragedy which struck her family, she sees danger everywhere. Anxiety and grief have overtaken her life and she's lost all her friends. But then Jacob joins the support group that she's forced to attend at school. Jacob is tall, confident and full of optimism; despite surviving his own tragedy. Can they help each other?



DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

- Ellie, Caitlyn, James & Annisha (8ENi)
- Callum & Maddie (8CHo)

Pupil Services

SCHOOL UNIFORM SUPPLIER

Please note that Danielle's (one of our uniform suppliers) will be opening a new shop on Saturday 6th May at:

Unit 5B, Claydons Lane, Rayleigh Weir (opposite McDonalds).

Tel: 01268 967542

THE PTA HAVE ADVENTURE ISLAND TICKETS FOR SALE:
BIG BANDS: £15.00
SEA LIFE TICKETS FOR £4.00
TINA: 0797 3765320
MICHELLE: 0784 6620554



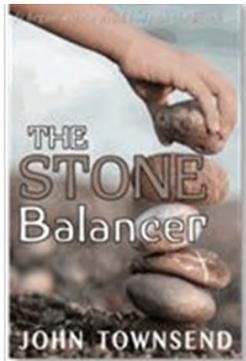
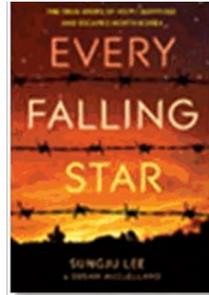
On Wednesday 23rd February I took 13 pupils from Years 9, 8 and 7 to the Deanes School for the District Gymnastics tournament. The girls came 3rd in the District which is a great achievement. They had spent many hours training from October to February and showed great enthusiasm and motivation during the day, which included individual floor routine and two vaults each. *Rachel Harris*

This year we have hosted author visits from **Sungju Lee**, **Derek Landy** and **John Townsend** with performance poet, **Adisa**, returning in July.

The Library

Michelle Waghorn reporting...

The Library has something for everyone and there is always something going on! There is a huge choice of up-to-date fiction, so you can be transported to another place or even another world! There are lots of non-fiction and internet resources to help with your home learning and research and plenty of fun facts, like the *Guinness World of Records*, to dip in and out of. Throughout the year, there are plenty of competitions and promotions; from football predictions to author events! Here are just a few of the things that have happened in the Library this year:



The Library's Book Club have also been busy reading, reviewing books, making films and meeting authors on various trips during the year.



Meeting Hayley Long in January.



Finding fame on author Dan Smith's Instagram account!



At the Essex Book Awards Ceremony in March, meeting FIVE authors!



Year 7 receiving their free Bookbuzz book in October

There are always competitions and promotions throughout the year - here are our World Book Day winners!



Connor, Amy, Molly, Lucas, Bethany, Frankie, Rheanne, Teigan & Lily



Summer-Louise & Evie with Mrs Waghorn