

THE SWEYNE PARK TIMES

Wicked!



Jonathan Bourne reporting...
On 17th May, our Year 10 GCSE Music cohort embarked on an exciting adventure into London to experience the West End musical phenomenon *Wicked*. The musical is incredibly popular with its award-winning hit "Defying Gravity" which is a study piece in the new GCSE specification. Our students thoroughly enjoyed this experience and for some this was their first taste of musical theatre. Our trip was hugely successful and was a fantastic learning adventure for our music students who will no doubt find inspiration from this experience.

Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

WHITSUN REVISION SCHOOL

As in previous years, as well as our popular Easter revision school, we have a number of sessions being offered to exam classes over Whitsun. Details are on the school website. Please do encourage your son/daughter to attend if there is a relevant session for them, and also, although it is important to have a break over the holidays, please do stress the importance of structuring their revision, and not just preparing for the first exam when they come back! Our pupils have made an excellent start so far and, in particular, I would like to wish Year 11 and Year 13 the best of luck as they are now officially on study leave.

SCHOOL CLUSTERS

Glebe Primary School has now formally resolved to join us in a Multi-Academy Trust cluster arrangement next term, as previously explained in the Sweyne Park Times. We are excited about this as, by working together more closely, we hope we can not only achieve economies of scale during austerity but, more significantly, at Sweyne Park we feel it

will help us to improve our offer at Key Stage 3.

SHOW MY HOMEWORK

As previously mentioned in the Sweyne Park Times, we are proceeding with the introduction of Show My Homework from September 2017, and we will be providing families with more information on this nearer the time. We certainly believe it will take our practice forward, and make it easier for parents to be more engaged with the homework process. Watch this space!

ESSENTIAL WORKS

During half-term, there will be some essential re-surfacing work being carried out at school. We are finally able to fix the potholes! If you are attending a revision class or other event, please be aware that there will be no vehicle access to the school on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Pedestrian access will only be via the bridle path gate and Sir Walter Raleigh Drive with parking available in the bus bay. Thank you in advance.

HOLIDAY DATES

I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable Whitsun Holiday, and a reminder that school begins at the normal time of 8.40am on Monday 5th June, and the last day of the Summer Term is Friday 21st July, when school will finish at 12.25pm.

Your weekly link with the school

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26th May 2017

DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Lara, Maia, Madison, Olivia, Isaac & Chloe (7SCm)

Jessica, Joshua & Cameron (7CWj)

Pupil Services

THE PTA HAVE
ADVENTURE ISLAND
TICKETS FOR SALE:

BIG BANDS: £15.00

SEA LIFE TICKETS FOR
£4.00

TINA: 0797 3765320

MICHELLE: 0784 6620554



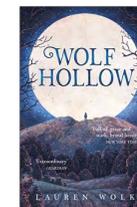
Book of the Week

WOLF HOLLOW
by Lauren Wolk

Annabelle's life is turned upside down when cruel and manipulative Betty comes to live with her grandparents. But then Betty disappears and suspicion falls on Toby, the slightly odd character who lives on the edge of town. Set in 1940s America, this is a story about attitudes and injustice beautifully told, with just comparisons to Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*.



SHORT-LISTED FOR THE
CARNEGIE MEDAL 2017
WILL IT WIN?



PREM PREDS WINNER 2016/17!

Congratulations to **Katie (9ACm)** who is this year's Prem Preds Winner! Katie fought off strong competition from pupils and staff to become the first ever pupil to win the Library's annual Premiership Predictions. It all came down to the final games of the season, where Katie correctly predicted three of the scores to overtake Mr Larry Butler (Premises Team) into first position! If you think you could predict the football scores next year, come to the Library and join the fun!



LOCKERS & MEDICATION

All Year 11 pupils should empty their lockers out once the exams are finished. Any property left will be disposed of.

Please collect any medications stored in Pupil Services before we break up for the summer holidays.

Thank you.



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Ofsted
Outstanding
2009-2010

YEAR 7 DEAF AWARENESS

Pupils recently took part in our Deaf Awareness programme to promote understanding of how good practice benefits all pupils. Pupils in each class produced posters highlighting simple strategies to use in their learning environment. An overall winner will be announced after half-term.



Watch this space!



Resource Base for Hearing Impaired Pupils

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE



Billy at Phab



James at WH Smith

Year 10 pupils all completed successful work experience placements, not only at *Phab* and *WH Smith* but also at *Alley Court, Lancaster School* and *Ashington Heights Kennels*.

CHALLENGE

OPPORTUNITY

PGL NETBALL TRIP



Last weekend I went on a netball rally with my school netball team. It was good, but very tiring. We got to meet an England player, Eboni Beckford-Chambers, which was exciting. I'm so glad I went.

Zoe, Year 7

VISIT BY AUTHOR, JOHN TOWNSEND



John Townsend recently visited Sweyne Park School to tell us about his new book, *The Stone Balancer*. There is a Deaf character in the book so he asked us to read it and review it for him. He replied, 'thank you so much for these delightful reviews... you are stars... maybe you'll allow me to quote bits on my blog.'

Olivia (Year 9)

SUCCESS

PERSEVERANCE

FIRST GIVE



We developed a presentation to promote fundraising for Kingsdown School in Eastwood. This was part of a competition. The winning presentation got £1,000 for their chosen charity.

Angel (Year 9)

YEAR 13

Our time at Sweyne Park School has been exceptional due to the immense amount of hard work and support from those around us. The seven years have been full of happiness, new friendships and a lot of stress, but it was worthwhile. As we begin to embark on our separate journeys, we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been there through the good and the bad and for the unlimited support offered. Thank you.

Before



After!



AWARDS EVENING

Year 7, 8 and 11 recently took part in awards evenings to celebrate their progress and achievements.

Lewis, Year 11



Left to right:

Lewis, Billy & Daniel (back row)

Jack, Alfi & Ryan (front row)

INSPIRATION

COMMUNITY