

Harry, 8MLw, reporting...



What a Ride!

Last term I took part in a 35 mile bike ride for the *Helen Rollason Cancer Charity* with my auntie who convinced me to do this (she also convinced me to do a 14 mile bike ride for the *Bloodwise Cancer Charity* at Shrewsbury the year before).

The ride took me over three hours to do and it was exhausting. I managed to raise over £200 in sponsor money for the charity. The charity supports people whose lives are touched by cancer. There are support centres in Essex, London and Hertfordshire. The centres offer peace and quiet, treatments - including counselling, reflexology and aromatherapy and also support groups.

I may not do another ride next year but when I'm older I may try a more challenging ride, such as 60 miles.

Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

to provide some more benches in the vicinity of the Snack Shack. Watch this space!

OPEN EVENING

Please may I remind parents and carers that, as in previous years, school will finish at 12.30pm on Tuesday 19th September for Open Evening. Many pupils will be receiving letters inviting them to help out on the evening, and thank you in advance for your co-operation.

And finally...

Enjoy the weekend when it comes!

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



Your weekly link with the school

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15th September 2017

DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Max, Lacey, Evan, Noah, Jack, Rosie (8EPo)

Zoe, Connie, Sydney & Callum (8SMY)

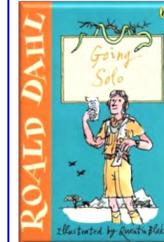
Book of the Week

GOING SOLO
By Roald Dahl

To celebrate ROALD DAHL DAY this week, why not read *Going Solo*? It's the second account of the famous author's autobiography, following on from *Boy*. You can read all about Roald Dahl's first job in Africa and his wartime exploits, including a terrifying plane crash in the Libyan desert.

ROALD DAHL DAY
WAS WEDNESDAY
13TH SEPTEMBER

Celebrating his
birth 101 years
ago!



CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

It is often hard to tell the difference between normal difficult behaviour/s and the signs of sexual exploitation. The more information you have about the dangers and risks that children may face, the better equipped you will be to keep them safe.

There is an opportunity for parents to take part in a free **Basic Awareness E-Learning training session**.

The Course:

Parents against Child Sexual Exploitation (Pace) and the Safeguarding Children e-Academy have teamed up to provide this short (20-30 minutes) course designed for parents and carers.

<http://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk/safeguarding-news/keep-them-safe/>

I hope you find it useful. As always, should you have any safeguarding concerns about a child please contact either myself or a member of the team.

Steph Whitcombe
Designated Safeguarding

PREM PREDS 2017/18 Can YOU predict the CORRECT scores?

Enjoy football? Follow a Premiership football team's results?

Think you can do better than the football pundits?

The LIBRARY challenges you to predict the CORRECT scores for the Premiership football matches this season.

Staff and pupils will compete to be overall **Top Predictor**
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UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

Please see attached a list of University destinations for Year 13 students. We are still collating employment and apprenticeship destination details and will share these soon.

Ypres, Belgium



Eaven, Georgina & Ryan lay the wreath on behalf of Sweyne Park School at the Menin Gate.

Debbie Hemmings reporting...

Last term the History department took 120 of our Year 9 students to Ypres, Belgium. Pupils started their day bright and early as we headed to the shuttle to take us across to France. The first stop of the day was at Sanctuary Wood, where pupils had the opportunity of looking at some genuine artefacts from WW1 and exploring some original trenches. The recent rain made this a muddy experience but a little more realistic. Pupils then had an opportunity to visit the Hooze Crater museum where they could watch original footage from the area during WW1. Pupils also visited Tyne Cot cemetery, the biggest Commonwealth war grave in the world. Despite its size and the amount of visitors that it receives, it is always a place of calm and respect. Pupils were then able to visit Langemark, one of the few German war graves in Belgium. The contrast between the two cemeteries is very clear and pupils learnt about different cultures' approach to death.

Pupils were able to do a little chocolate shopping before dinner and the day came to a close at the Menin Gate, where three of our pupils laid a wreath with Mr Thomson, on behalf of the Sweyne Park School; an act of remembrance and respect for those lost in all wars. We were incredibly proud of how our students conducted themselves throughout the day, always showing great respect and interest in what we were doing. It was a pleasure to take them.



Pupils looking at the names of those who lost their lives but were never found at Tyne Cot.



Pupils at the memorial at Tyne Cot after observing a minute's silence and laying a wreath.



Pupils exploring the trenches at Sanctuary Wood.