

## Ford Engineering Challenge - Winners!



Mark Murray reporting...

As part of the Ford Higher Apprentice Challenge and STEM initiative, 2 teams from Sweyne Park spent the last few weeks designing and making a vehicle with a unique braking system. The competition was against other schools at the Ford Research and Development site in Dunton. The vehicle had to hold



an egg and run down a ramp stopping before hitting a wall 2 metres away without breaking the egg! Points were awarded for innovation, build quality, braking system and distance from the wall, among other criteria. Our team 'The Brakedancers' won the Engineering Challenge and we received an engraved glass award. The Year 10 team members: Winning Team 'The Brakedancers', Hassan, Lewis, Joe, Abbie and Mae and 'The Chimps', James, George, Dan, Aaron and Charlie.



### DUTY PUPILS

*Thank you for all your help:*

Abbie, Hayley, Jessica & Matthew (8MLw)

Jamie & Jim (8IMi)

Hannah, Rebecca, Daniel & Kacey (8NGa)

*Pupil Services*

## Book of the Week

**THE BOUNDLESS**  
by Kenneth Oppel

Travelling on a gigantic train, *The Boundless*, Will witnesses a brutal murder and it is up to Will to save the train. A rollercoaster of a read, with thrilling turns, dazzling characters and non-stop action.

ONE OF THE FREE BOOKBUZZ CHOICES  
FOR YEAR 7!



### MATCH REPORTS

*Mia (7RPI) reporting...*

On 26th September the Year 7 netball team travelled to Deanes school for a netball match. It was our first match as a team and we were all excited. With excellent playing from everyone and amazing shooting from Eden, Hanna and Ruby, we won 14-5. Thank you to both umpires for making sure we had a fair match.

On Monday 2nd October the Year 7 netball team played their second match. It was a home game against Cornelius. We played well as a team and everyone worked very hard. There was some great passing up and down the court and the match ended with another success to us. The end result was 18-7.

### Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

#### FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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#### PUNCTUALITY

Please can I ask parents and carers to discuss the importance of punctuality at home. This is vital for effective learning and also a key employability for life skill. Of course, when this is due to occasional delays on the school bus service, we fully understand this.

#### TERM DATES

A reminder that we break up for half-term on Friday 20th October 2017 at 3pm, and return to school at the usual time of 8.40am on Monday 30th October 2017.

#### 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



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# Château de la Baudonnière 2017



Un moment historique



Après le parcours de santé (on return from the 'health run')



Le tir-à-l'arc (archery)

## Mrs Stenson and Miss Wigg reporting...

In September this year, the largest group yet of 28 pupils from Years 10 and 11 spent nearly a week at the Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy, France. As usual, our activities included the 'Parcours de Santé' (an obstacle course in mud), bread making, team work activities and French lessons, to name a few. Pupils made numerous purchases at a local market and watched a film in French at a local cinema. We also visited Arromanches, namely Gold Beach where the British troops landed in Normandy in 1944. Afterwards we continued our historic tour to see the 'Tapisserie de Bayeux', an embroidered story board showing the Battle of Hastings in 1066. We finished our day shopping at a local supermarché, followed by sampling savoury and sweet crêpes in a Crêperie.

Instructions during all of the activities were in French - quite a challenge, which our pupils conquered successfully!

Furthermore, our pupils made history at the Château! All four dormitories scored 10 out of 10 for tidiness and cleanliness every day! Staff at the Château were so impressed with our pupils' enthusiasm, engagement, and order in the rooms, that Mr Hodgkinson received a letter of commendation.

Well done!



À la Crêperie (at the Crêperie, tasting savoury crepes called gallettes)



Le déguisement (dressing up for our French evening)



À Arromanches (at Arromanches, Gold Beach)



La fabrication de pain (bread making)