

Amazing Arts!

Lisa Charge reporting...



Over the last year, many talented students have completed their Arts Award in an area of the Performing Arts sector. I am pleased to congratulate 40 pupils who have passed, being awarded either a Bronze or Gold qualification. It has been an exciting few years with our first cohort of Gold Arts Award students completing the award as part of their curriculum enrichment in the Sixth Form, and receiving their qualification which is equivalent to a Level 3 in Performing Arts. This award has played a significant part for our students, strengthening their UCAS applications for university and equipping them with many

skills that can be transferred throughout their lives. One of the highlights was the students organising a wonderful performance celebrating the talent of our pupils across the school in dance, drama and music.

Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

YEAR 11 MOCKS

Good luck to Year 11 who begin their important mock exams next week. Pupils have been working very hard on their revision over the last few weeks, and hopefully all their hard work will pay off.

LEARNING REVIEWS

Thank you to Year 11 parents/carers who have come in to meet with senior staff for Year 11 Learning Reviews, and a reminder that Parents' Evening for Year 11 is on 25th January 2018. Year 10 Learning Reviews will begin on 4th January, and letters will be going out to families during week commencing 11th December.

SNOW CLOSURE

Hopefully we will not have to contend with any snow in the immediate future; nonetheless it is getting colder so I thought

it appropriate to update parents/carers on the snow closure procedure, in the unlikely event that we have to close the school. If we do have to make this difficult decision, we aim to post this on our school website by 7.45am (a reminder also that you may need to click the "refresh" button on our website to ensure the information is updated). You may also visit the Essex County Council website: <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-closures.aspx> (or just search for: Essex County Council Emergency School Closures), as local radio stations no longer routinely broadcast this information.

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



Book of the Week

HOME LAB

by Robert Winston

Shortlisted for the Royal Society's Young People's Book Prize 2017. Stir up some sticky slime, build a solar system with rubber bands, power a speedboat using soap, and construct an erupting volcano, all with Home Lab, exciting experiments for budding scientists. Including a foreword by Professor Robert Winston, Home Lab is packed with 28 brilliant science projects, using clear step-by-step instructions, everyday ingredients that can be found around the house and amazing photography to guide you from start to finish. Plus fact-filled panels explain the science behind every experiment, as well as real-world examples providing a context to better understand scientific principles. Perfect for budding scientists and crafters.



DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Caitlyn, Katie, Jake, Jamie,

Madeleine & Millicent (8Mi)

Harry & Brett (8MLw)

Tommy & Ellie (8SCm)

Pupil Services

THE SWEYNE PARK SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER
AT 7PM IN THE MAIN HALL
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
PUPIL SERVICES
£3 FOR ADULTS
£2 FOR CONCESSIONS



UNCLAIMED LOST PROPERTY

Our Year 9 pupils will be selling unclaimed lost property as part of Enterprise Week next week. Please do encourage your child to have a look. We have mainly coats which are good quality and some jumpers and pe kit. All donations will go to charity. Thank you in advance.

Pupil Services



Have YOU got Jungle Fever?

If you could give one of the contestants a book to read in the jungle, which book would you choose and which celebrity would it be for?

This is just for fun, so let Mrs Waghorn in the Library know your suggestions – the best ones will be put on display!

Here's a couple of starters –

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte for the first challenge

Or *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins for any of them!





Operation Christmas Child

One World Culture Week - Good Neighbours

Marie Taylor reporting...

This year our One World/Culture Week enabled us to consider what makes good neighbours on a **local scale**, on a **national scale** and on an **international scale**. It was a thought-provoking question with no right or wrong answers, we were simply interested in the thoughts and comments of our pupils who gave us some incredibly insightful responses. We heard phrases such as being respectful, looking out for others, being an ally, acknowledging responsibility, respecting rights and addressing the needs of others. We continue to be incredibly grateful to our pupils and students who prove themselves to be respectful, kind and caring youngsters who show great empathy towards others not just locally but also nationally and internationally. Our pupils and students address the needs of others on a regular basis and have the most imaginative ways of raising funds for worthwhile causes at home and away. They certainly can consider themselves to be **Good Neighbours**.



Some of our Year 7 pupils who held a Bake Sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support



Cake made by Joseph (7CCa)