

DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Erin & Samuel (8CW)

Abbie & Jessica (8JFe)

Pupil Services

HONESTY BOX

Teagan & Connor (8SMY) & Cameron (8MLW), Carla (8IMI) & Jorja (8JFe) for handing in mobile phones.

Charlotte (11FON) for handing in a ring.

Josh (7RPL) for handing in some money.

THANK YOU

Mrs Straw for her wonderful donation of waistcoats.

Joanne & Samuel (6th Form) for donating materials for textiles.

Mrs Smith for her lovely donation of books.

To the anonymous Gentleman who donated DofE equipment.

WELL DONE

Heather (10ABU) for organising a bake sale in school to support Macmillan Cancer Support and raising £26.27.

JACK PETCHY AWARD PRESENTATION



Sue Donovan, Assistant Headteacher, attended the annual celebration event of the Jack Petchey Awards at The Paddocks Canvey Island, accompanied by some of our pupils.

Photographed are three of our pupils who received their medals: Hannah is accomplished at karate and has represented the school and the country at the World Championships. Hannah shared her grant between the Science, CPRE and Maths departments. Khushi received her award as she is always very helpful and encouraging towards other pupils, and she shared her grant

between the Music department and the Library. Nathan was nominated for his involvement in testing a new blood machine for diabetics. Nathan split his grant between the Science and Drama departments.

The event was, as usual, very upbeat and celebratory as we listened to the tales of some of the wonderful things young people achieve and contend with in the Castle Point & Rochford districts.

Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

- Wednesday 10th January to Wednesday 17th January 2018 - Year 13 Exams
- Wednesday 24th January to Wednesday 31st January 2018 - Year 12 Exams
- Thursday 25th January 2018 - Year 11 Parents' Evening
- Friday 9th February 2018 - Half Term begins at 3pm (returning on Monday 19th February 2018).

WELCOME BACK

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and refreshing holiday and that all our pupils are ready for a productive and successful term ahead. On behalf of all staff and governors, may I also take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very happy New Year.

KEY DATES

As always, Key Dates are published on our website, however you may like to make a note of the following:

Book of the Week

BAD DAD

by David Walliams

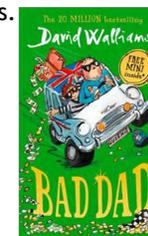
"Dads come in all shapes and sizes. There are fat ones and thin ones, tall ones and short ones.

There are silly ones and serious ones, loud ones and quiet ones.

Of course there are good dads.

And there are bad dads...."

The latest hilarious best-seller from top children's author, David Walliams.



Some of our Year 7 pupils pictured delivering Christmas Hampers to our neighbours

GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKETS 2017



At this time of year, Nicolaus is the most frequent traveller on the Cable Car in Rudesheim

Heike Stenson reporting...

At the end of our journey to Boppard on the River Rhine, we were greeted by a picturesque Winter Wonderland! It had snowed on the day of our travel!

As we arrived earlier than anticipated, we took a short walk in daylight along the Rhine, watching a river cruise ship dock. After dinner we took another walk and loved the sights and smells of Boppard's own Christmas Market.

On Monday, we took a small ferry across the Rhine from St Goar to St Goarshausen, and then on to Rudesheim. First of all, we rode the cable car to the top of the hill, and enjoyed our picnic lunch at the foot of the Germania statue, who has stood watch over the Rhine Valley since 1870.

Back in the village, we spent time tasting German sausages, Nutella Crepes and other delicacies. We also purchased a lot of different Christmas presents. The whole of Rudesheim town centre is occupied by Christmas stalls, selling food, sweets, crafts, clothing, and much more.

The evening we spent at the local Bowling Alley - we all had great fun competing against each other.

In Cologne the next day we created our own chocolate bars at the chocolate museum before walking along the Rhine. After another picnic lunch, we saw the Shrine of the Three Wise Men in Cologne Cathedral.

Afterwards we spent time at the Christmas Market outside the Cathedral. There were lots more crafts, foods and other goods which our pupils enjoyed. It was very impressive how adventurous our pupils were as they sampled a variety of unknown foods.

We finished our day with a Quiz Night at the hotel. Questions were based on information shared by Mrs Stenson and things we had observed. It was quite challenging, but lots of fun!

Thank you to Mrs Mauz, Mrs Waghorn and Mr Turner for joining us on the trip!



Alles in Schokolade! Strawberries, apples and other fruit (Rudesheim Christmas Market)



At the Lindt Chocolate Museum Köln - pupils created their own chocolate bars



After visiting the Lindt Chocolate Museum, Köln



At the base of the Germania memorial, Rudesheim am Rhein



Weihnachtsmarkt am Dom