

Hayley Richards reporting... Tomorrow's World!



Just before Christmas 30 Year 9 pupils spent the afternoon in London thinking about some of the 'Big Questions' currently being discussed in science. They began their afternoon in the Science Museum where they interacted with many of the displays;

learning about their genetics, engineering a moon buggy, and exploring our social psychology!

After a busy afternoon, we made the short walk to Imperial College London to attend their annual Childrens' Christmas Lecture. This year, the lecture called "What's Changing our Climate?" was very informative and inspired us all to reduce, reuse and recycle!"

Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

WELCOME BACK

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable half-term break, and is ready for a productive half-term. Easter is early this year so please be aware that we break up on Thursday 29th March at 12.30pm.

BUSES

Unfortunately, First Buses have informed us that they are no longer able to run an additional late bus to Hullbridge on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. As a school we have pushed hard to make the case for keeping this limited extra flexibility, but to no avail as, sadly, we have no control over the contracts made by the County Council. We are very disappointed at this decision and are continuing to lobby. In the meantime,

pupils can still get the Number 20 bus from Rayleigh Station if they are staying later, and I apologise for the extra inconvenience caused.

REVISION CLASSES

Please can I remind parents/carers to encourage students in Years 11, 12 and 13 to attend the numerous extra revision sessions being offered by staff this half-term. This is a great way to get on top of revision, in a timely fashion, as it is vital not to leave this until Easter.

Thank you.

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

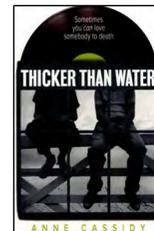


Book of the Week

THICKER THAN WATER
by Anne Cassidy

George and his cousin Lennie are drifting around the south coast of England picking up casual work. They have no family, only each other. George is savvy, but Lennie is a gentle giant with learning difficulties and George must protect him at all costs. They dream of having enough money to settle down, owning their own record shop. Lennie is always in trouble; how can George keep him safe?

Inspired by the classic *Of Mice and Men*, top YA author, Anne Cassidy, has brought the story up to date and with an English setting.



WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY MARCH 1ST



Staff will be wearing numbered badges with a book title on them. That book title will have something to do with their subject. All you have to do is fill in the missing book titles on this sheet. Hand your finished sheets into the Library by Friday morning! There will be a prize for the most correctly entered book titles!

Entry Forms can be found in the Library or downloaded from the VLE



DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

- George & Ella (8NGa)
- Ethan & Jacob (8SMY)
- Isabelle, Callum, Rosie (8EPO)
- Hollie, Emily & Isabella (8JBL)
- Matthew, Millie, Rebecca & Millie (8NGa)

Pupil Services

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember to clearly label school uniform with your child's name. If it is lost we can then return the items.

Please feel free to come and look at our lost property before we dispose of it again.

Thank you.

Pupil Services



DISNEY 2018

Shelagh Badger reporting...

STAR WARS was the theme of Disneyland Paris this year and was dominated by the arrival of THE FIRST ORDER en masse. At the end of January, a band of brave rebels from Years 10 and 11 arrived to do battle against the overwhelming odds. The pupils were faced by various challenges in The Magic Kingdom, including the updated STAR TOURS to the Death Star and HYPERSPACE MOUNTAIN which launched riders into the far reaches of the galaxy. Pupils had to master their fears on this high velocity ride and trust in the technology to bring them safely back to Earth.

In the Disney Studios regular appearances by Darth Vader and Darth Maul kept the visiting crowds on their best behaviour, entertained with demonstrations of marching Storm Troopers and re-enacted battles from this epic film franchise.

Pupils attended a range of activities to supplement their Media Studies GCSE, including seminars and a workshop, but also sampled entertainments such as Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show where Mr Woods was taken hostage by some villainous outlaws until being rescued by the US Cavalry. Yeehaww!

Despite the rain, sleet, snow and cold, the whole group made every effort to explore all that this trip had to offer and were an excellent advertisement for The Sweyne Park School.



Year 11 with Stormtroopers



Rhiannon, Sadie and Abby meet characters



Preparing for the nightly light show



Outside Disney Studios



Tower of Terror



Light sabres at the ready!



Keeping warm in the Magic Kingdom