

Luke Woolnough reporting...

Charity Begins At Home!



This year's excellent Sixth Form Charity Week featured once again the now eagerly anticipated Staff vs Sixth Form football match. Mr Woods had planned ahead wisely so that the latest version would not be concluded in the gloom. Instead, we played on a bright afternoon and with a good crowd too. The organising committee was out in force to greet the numerous spectators as they strolled onto the AstroTurf, quite rightly expecting an even game

played in a good spirit.

Mr Field had kindly offered to referee the match between the Whites and the Blues played under blue skies. The match itself was largely contested in midfield, with moves started and broken up with regularity while chances were quite few and far between. In the end, the disciplined Staff side triumphed 2-1, with both goals scored by Mr Fernandez. Smiles abounded at the end as team photos were shot, the game raised a large sum towards the Charity Week total and the match was hailed a success.

Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

YEAR 9 PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you to parents and carers who attended our re-scheduled Year 9 Parents' Evening last night. Although I was only able to visit the hall a couple of times, due to another meeting which was scheduled prior to the new date, there was a real buzz to the evening and attendance was excellent, so thank you. We have all been impressed with how pupils in Year 9 are approaching their forthcoming options decisions and wish them well with their choices. As in previous years, letters inviting parents/carers to the specific pathway talks at 7pm on Tuesday 20th March will be going out at the end of next week, and pupils will receive their options booklet at the start of Aspirations Day.

YEAR 10 EXAMS

Congratulations to Year 10 for the way in

which they have started their Year 10 mock exams. Year 10 also start their two weeks work experience straight after the Easter holidays, on Monday 16th April, and we hope this will be a really useful educational experience for them. You may like to know that several years after government funding was cut for work experience, there are an increasing number of voices saying that work experience should, once again, be a compulsory feature for Key Stage 4 pupils in schools. Certainly this is something we have stuck to despite the funding cuts and we believe it makes a real difference.

DAMAGE TO THE SCHOOL FENCE

As some of you may have noticed, during our snow closure, a vehicle of some kind crashed into the school fence on Sir Walter Raleigh Drive. The fence is still secure, and clearly we will look to repair it as soon as we are able to. In the meantime, I apologise for the somewhat unsightly appearance! Thank you.

Your weekly link with the school

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DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Luke, Bailey, Mason, Kobe, Ella-Rose, Jo-Jo, Weronika & Madison (8JBI)
Brandon, Bailey & Freya (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

Book of the Week

**A WEIRD HISTORY OF SCIENCE
CRAZY CHEMISTRY**
by John Townsend

A fascinating look at Chemistry through the ages, with lots of amazing facts and snippets of bizarre information. This is just one of the many books author John Townsend may talk about during his visit next week. Check out all his books in the Library.



**John Townsend
in school
Thursday 15th
March!**



Science

SCIENCE WEEK - LIBRARY QUIZ WHICH ELEMENT AM I?



Science

Each day in the Library during Science Week (Monday 12th - Friday 16th March inclusive), there will be clues describing an element found in the Periodic Table. YOU have to identify that element and its chemical symbol.

By the end of the week (Friday March 16th) you should have 5 chemical symbols that, when unscrambled, will spell out the surname of a MEMBER OF STAFF!

Author of the Term John Townsend

We are extremely lucky to welcome back top Science author, JOHN TOWNSEND, to Sweyne Park School on Thursday 15th March as part of Science Week.

John has written over 100 books, how many can you find in the Library?



Janet Talbot reporting...



Just under two years ago, we embarked upon the new Child Development course which replaced the old GCSE option in the subject. It now has a distinct vocational element and gives us the opportunity to study within a whole variety of different child-based contexts. It operates at the same level as a GCSE course, delivers streamlined, up-to-date content and is assessed at a 'Pass', 'Merit', 'Distinction' or 'Distinction*' grade. I am thoroughly enjoying the practical-based approach and the pupils have been very positive about their learning.

Year 10 pupils have commented:

"I like the subject because it teaches me practical knowledge about caring for children. For example, we recently worked on child safety and I found out useful advice about how to treat a child who has had an accident. I have a younger sister so I can relate what we do in class to her." **Charley**

"Every lesson we learn something new. I really enjoyed the work we did on keeping children safe, especially when we watched a 'Pantosaurus' dinosaur videoclip which is part of an NSPCC campaign aimed at keeping children safe." **Charlotte**

"Child Development is different to all of my other subjects. I really enjoy it because there is a lot of discussion work which helps me to understand the topics. We get lots of chances to work with a partner and share ideas." **Izzy**

"I have a lot of experience with young children. In discussions, I enjoy giving my own opinions. In the future, I am looking forward to completing my work experience at a local playschool which will give me a chance to see how children interact." **Libby**

"I am glad that I chose Child Development because the information will be useful in the future if I have children of my own as I will know more about the importance of being a good parent." **Amber**

Child Development

The Year 11 group are busy applying the finishing touches to their coursework assignments which are worth 50% of the overall grade awarded. They will then focus upon an extensive period of revision in preparation for the written examination in the summer, which is also worth 50% of the final grade.

"I have enjoyed the course, especially when we produced a healthy, two-course meal for a four year old. My work on nutrition in GCSE 'Food Preparation and Nutrition' was really helpful. I also liked the practical, hands-on activities, e.g. using my left hand to imitate the fine-motor skills of a young child to make crafty bits and bobs."

Sydney-May



"I have been successful in getting a place to do an apprenticeship next year." **Beth**



"Child Development has inspired me to look into a career based upon children's development. I would like to pursue a career in paediatrics." **Layla**



"I'm really pleased that I used the support to become a lot more involved in my lessons and I feel that I am now succeeding. Going to workshops has given me extra one-to-one time with the teacher and I get more done. My advice to Year 10 about coursework is to just do it! Work steadily and don't allow yourself to get behind."

Maisey

"My advice to Year 10 is to go to after-school workshops to ask the teacher to elaborate on what you have to do so that you feel confident when you carry out the work." She also said, "In the child study, you have the opportunity to be with a child and plan activities which, as well as encouraging the development of skills, allows you to almost learn through play yourself!" **Holly**

"I have become really confident in this subject and kept on track." **Bethany**



Year 11 Child Development Students