

A "NOVEL" EXPERIENCE!



On 13th March fourteen members of the Library's Book Club were invited to attend the Essex Book Awards Ceremony, which this year was held at Essex Outdoors, Danbury. We were excited to meet five of the six short-listed authors and listen to them speak about their books and inspiration before the winner was announced. Sweyne Park pupils were pleased to discover that the winning book was *All the things that could go wrong*, by Stewart Foster. This is a fabulous and charming story of an unlikely friendship between a school bully and his victim, a boy suffering with OCD. The winning author also presented Keira (8NGa) with a prize for winning the Best Book Review of his book! Don't forget you can check out the winning book and all the short-listed books in the Library! *Michelle Waghorn*

"I really enjoyed meeting the authors. I found the stories of how and where they got their inspiration really interesting." Lily W (Year 9)

"I thought the Essex Book Award Ceremony was fantastic. The speeches performed by the authors were inspirational." Eloise T (Year 8)

Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Please can I remind families that term ends on Thursday 29th March at 12.30pm. After the Easter weekend, our Easter Revision school begins for Years 11, 12 and 13, and the first day back of the Summer term is Monday 16th April, when school will start at the normal time of 8.40am.

OPTIONS EVENING

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Options Evening on Tuesday. The evening was very well attended, and we have been very impressed with how pupils have been approaching this important time in their education. If you do have any questions about subject choices or pathways, please do not hesitate to ring

the school, and a reminder that the deadline for Options Forms is Wednesday 28th March.

AND FINALLY...

As Katharine Dines will be Acting Head next week, may I take this opportunity to wish you and your children a very enjoyable holiday when we break up, and let's hope the weather starts to improve soon! I would also like to wish Year 10 pupils the very best of luck in their forthcoming work experience placements. I am sure they will get a great deal from the experience.

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

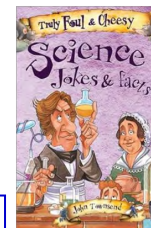


Book of the Week

**TRULY FOUL & CHEESY
SCIENCE JOKES & FACTS**

by John Townsend

A book stuffed with hilarious facts and cheesy jokes - all about Science! This is just one of the many books that author John Townsend spoke about during his visit last week. Check out all his books in the Library.



John Townsend was in school on 15th March!

DUTY PUPILS

Thank you for all your help:

Rebecca, Ami-Mai, Molly, Lucas & Ryley (8NGa)

Jessica & Lucy (8MLw)

Alex, Ricco, Bailey, Millie, Poppy & Mason (7KCo)

Pupil Services

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THURSDAY 29TH MARCH

£1.00 SUGGESTED DONATION

FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TO YEAR

GROUP CHOSEN CHARITY

THANK YOU

THE EASTER BUNNY HAS BEEN TO THE LIBRARY...

and has chosen 12 books he thinks you might enjoy

reading. If during the last week of term, you take out one of these books, you'll be in for a sweet surprise!



Happy Easter!



Kingswood 2018

Shah Monnan reporting...

On 9th March we embarked on the annual Gifted and Talented ICT trip to Kingswood, Norfolk, for the weekend. Mr Softly, Mrs Mauz, Ms Garwood and myself set off on the Friday morning with 38 eager Year 8 pupils filled with excitement and anticipation. The journey included a stop off at the charming town of Cromer where the pupils had a chance to absorb the picturesque coastal scenery and relish their famous fish and chips.

Once we arrived at Kingswood the enthusiastic staff led the pupils on to their first set of challenges. It was an action-packed weekend where our pupils engaged in activities such as Abseiling, Archery, Leap of Faith, Nightline and many more.

The pupils were also challenged cerebrally too by the ICT sessions where each pupil had to use GIS to analyse data collected from the beach earlier in the day. Over the weekend I was very proud to see our pupils progress through challenging themselves by stepping out of their comfort zone and also by supporting and encouraging one another. All pupils came back with new confidence, new skills, new friends and incredible new memories.



"Kingswood is an extraordinary trip to go on. The staff there are inspirational and will teach you how to be resilient and respectful. They say in all activities that teamwork is key and it is."

Shayla (8SMY)

"I loved the experience of Kingswood. The activities really helped me to face my fears. The instructors are very supportive when doing activities."

Keira (8NGa)

"Kingswood has encouraged and convinced me to have more self-confidence and to chase things I never was able to do before."

Zain (8CWi)

"I really enjoyed and had great fun at Kingswood because the activities were really fun, and I learnt a lot."

Lucas (8NGa)



"I enjoyed all the activities and pushed myself further than I thought I would. It was amazing!"

Sydney (8SMY)

"The trip to Kingswood was fantastic. I did so many things that I never thought I could. I even overcame my fear of heights and abseiled! I made so many new friends and it was brilliant to work in a team. I made lots of great memories and it's a trip I will remember forever."

Maisie (8JFe)

"I really enjoyed spending time with my friends and doing different activities."

Anna (8SCm)

"I enjoyed The Leap of Faith and archery. The table football was fun and I liked the food."

Ronnie (8SCm)