



SEBERT WOOD NEWS



Despite the damp weather last Friday, we held a 'Huff and Puff' for Sports Relief. Our thanks to Mrs Harvey and her fantastic team of Year 2 helpers who led the event so well. In addition to 'Huff and Puff', a group of 12 Key Stage 2 children took part in the 'Sport Relief Mile' event at the Abbeycroft Leisure Centre. The children did a great job running 4 laps of the track, along with other schools from the Bury Sports Partnership and raised an amazing £544 through sponsorship. Some of our Year 5 pupils also devised their own fundraising activities. Yasmin Johnson, Maisie Nunn, and Hayley Snell did a sponsored hop! Daisy Hopwood, Evie Lambert, Amelia Castle, Ellie Sadler and Maesie McKenna did a sponsored silence! The girls are still busy collecting and counting up their money, details of which will follow. In the meantime we would like to congratulate them on coming up with their own ideas for this great cause and for their hard work collecting sponsors and completing their activities, the sponsored silence was quite a challenge! Our Pelicans Breakfast Club staff and children also made and sold decorated biscuits during morning breaks and they raised £192. So far we have raised an impressive £778, with yet



more money still to come in! Our sincere thanks to everyone for their fundraising work and to those of you who have supported all our sponsored activities and kindly donated.

OTHER FUNDRAISING

Yasmin Johnson, Jessica Newcomb, Rose Cross, Katie Cross, Lucia Berry and Kali Sharman from Class 11 recently raised £34.60 by selling cakes they had made. The money has been shared between two great charities of their choice - Age UK and Cancer Research UK. Well done girls and thank you to everyone who helped and supported them!



BSP READING CHALLENGE

209 children took part in the recent Reading Challenge and we achieved an impressive total of 61,880 minutes reading time. Congratulations to each of the following class Reading Champions who received certificates in assembly. Gulona Khawaja (Class 3), Samuel Whiting (Class 4), Juliet Mead (Class 5), Gece Ozcan (Class 6), Ethan Deeks (Class 7), Matthew Sparkes (Class 8), Jayden Murphy (Class 9), Quinnlyn Holsinger (Class 10), Ellie Garcia Phillips (Class 11) and Zackariya Rahim (Class 12). Our overall Reading Champion was Quinnlyn Holsinger with 1270 minutes reading time for the week, a fantastic total! Congratulations also to Class 8 who had the most children take part (28) and Class 11 who had the highest total number of minutes—10,801! All our scores have been entered into the overall Reading Challenge between all the primary schools in the partnership.

TABLE TENNIS

A group of Year 5 children were shown a range of skills and took part in activities at King Edward VI School, led by members of both Bury St Edmunds and Thurston Table Tennis clubs. The coaches were ably assisted by Sports Leaders who also took on our children in range of singles and doubles match-play games. This all helped to enhance the children's technique and strategies and built on a racket skills day that the pupils had experienced in Year 4. It was an excellent introduction to the game and was very well supported by parents.



WHAT DO PUPILS DO WHEN THEY'RE NOT AT SCHOOL?

Charlotte Holmes (Class 10) was recently awarded Under 10 Player of the Week at Bury St Edmunds Hockey Club at Culford. She also won the Culford Junior Open (mini tennis red) tournament and the Titan Tennis tournament at Red Lodge. She proudly showed her trophies in assembly. Daisy Hopwood (Class 11) has completed another Karate belt. She achieved her yellow belt and certificate. Tymoteusz Kolodzinski (Class 7) recently took part in the West Suffolk Swimming Club championships at Abbeycroft Leisure. He came 2nd in the under 11 age group. He brought his trophy into school. Jack Harpley (Class 10) brought in his Go-karting trophy to show us. He received this for 1st place in the Wildtracks Club competition during the half term break. This is his 12th trophy! Barnaby Hunt (Class) has just set an English Field Archery Association National record in the Cub Boys Under 13 Bare-bow Recurve division for the marked Forester round. He now holds an impressive two National records. Fantastic achievements by all our very multi talented pupils! Well done!

If you have a hobby, interest or achievement outside of school, in any field, please let Mr Dewhurst or the school office know about it and you may get a mention in the newsletter. You can send a note in via your child's class outlining the key information or send an email via the admin email address.



Bikelife Project

Pupils, teachers and parents from Sebert Wood have been taking part in this cycling project along with 7 other schools. The project was funded by Suffolk County Council and delivered by Outspoken Training, with the aim of developing a sustainable cycling culture within schools and encourage everyone to cycle to school more often.

The project has seen fantastic results, with every school increasing the number of pupils cycling regularly and supporting children and their parents to choose the bike over the car when making their journey.

We have taken part in bike checks, bike maintenance training, learn to ride courses/Bikeability training, fun activity days and competitions. Providing advice and information to parents has also been a key feature of the programme with the instructors talking to parents at the school gates.

Unfortunately funding for the project is coming towards an end, but we hope that for some of our families it will have had a lasting and positive effect, having raised the profile of cycling as a fun, efficient and healthy means of transport.

TESCO COMPETITION

Congratulations to the winners of the Tesco Easter Egg Colouring Competition. The quality of entries was very impressive. On Wednesday Mrs Harvey and Mrs Steven took our winners and runners up to the local store to receive their prizes from the Tesco Store Manager. As you can see they were very pleased with their Easter Egg prizes!



SCHOOL EVENTS AND PUBLICITY

We have had a very short half term but a very busy one! There is not enough space in a single newsletter for all the wonderful things that have been taking place in school so we are sharing many events and activities on our new Twitter account. This often includes photos of pupils and we have been checking permission forms and found that many children do not have permission. If we ask parents directly about a photo of a school event which their child is in they often express the wish that their child is included after all, and their permission form is updated accordingly. If you would like your child to be included on Twitter from time to time and you wish to change your permissions then please let the school office know and they can update our records.



Important Information

- **MDSAs**—We are recruiting Midday Supervisors. If you are interested in this important lunchtime role please contact a member of the school office team for an application pack.
- **Arrival at school in the morning**—Please note that unless children are attending Breakfast Club, they should not be on site before **8.45 am**. This is particularly important for pupils who make their own way to school. *Please also note that for the safety of all, ball games are not permitted before or after school.*
- **Safety**—Please do not walk along the driveway or through the main vehicle gate when entering or exiting the school on foot.
- **Uniform related matters**— If your child has pierced ears, studs are the best option for school. For PE lessons earrings must be removed. If a child cannot remove their own earrings then these should be removed before school on PE days. Please note that nail varnish and temporary tattoos should not be worn in school.
- **Scooters**—if your child rides a scooter to school, please make sure that once they are on the school site they walk their scooter.
- Thank you for your support and co-operation.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

EASTER HOLIDAYS—Fri 25 March to Monday 11 April
(School Term Starts on Tuesday 12th April)

APRIL 2016

Staff training day (School closed)	Mon 11
<u>Pupils return to school</u>	<u>Tues 12</u>
Nursery Open Morning (10.00—12.00)	Sat 16
Year 4 Sutton Hoo trip	Mon 18
Year 3 School Farm Fair trip	Thurs 21
Year 5 Kingswood Residential	Weds 27—Fri 29
Class 6 Parents to lunch	Thurs 28

MAY 2016

May Day Bank Holiday	Mon 2
Culford Tennis Taster Day 1	Mon 9
Culford Tennis Taster Day 2	Thurs 12
Class 3 Parents to lunch	Thurs 26
Class photos	Fri 27

JUNE 2016

New Reception children, Parents Induction Evening	Mon 6
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The Queens Birthday celebrations (details to follow)	
Year 4 Duxford workshops	Fri 10
Year 2 Castle Hedingham trip	Weds 15
Class 4 Parents to lunch	Thurs 16
Year 2 sports (9.30—11.30am) (details to follow)	Weds 22
Year 1 sports (9.30—11.30am) (details to follow)	Tues 28
Year 5 sports Abbeycroft Leisure track (1.00—3.00pm) (details to follow)	
Annual reports out to parents	Thurs 30

JULY 2016

Year 1 Lackford Lakes trip	
Pupils share their work with parents (3.30—5.00 pm)	Mon 4
Year 3 & 4 sports Abbeycroft Leisure track(1.00—3.00pm)	
Optional parent consultations following reports	Tues 5
Pupil transfer day—meet your new teacher	Fri 8
END OF SUMMER TERM	Thurs 21

The last word.....I read stories to the children in Nursery Class last week.....one of the children told their mum....."Mr Dewhurst came to see us today, he sat on a chair and read two books, one with the chicken, one with Humpty Dumpty. He looks after all the children. He's Father Christmas but without the presents!!

Have a safe, restful and enjoyable Easter break.....Peter Dewhurst and everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School!