



SEBERT WOOD NEWS



Cross Country

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, we took two teams of boys and girls from years 3, 4 and 5 to the Bury Schools Partnership Autumn Cross Country Challenge. With around ten schools competing and 150 runners taking part on both days, we showed determination, stamina and running skills as our children took on the Hardwick Middle course. The year 5's ran 1.5 miles and were rewarded with a number of top ten finishes - Eleanor Walters 3rd and Akin Townend 4th were the top placed girl and boy. For the younger children on a slightly shorter course, Justin Clarke came 3rd and Megan Buckle 12th, as our best placed. All the children did a fantastic job and were a credit to the school. Our thanks to all the staff and parents who helped and supported at the event and helped with transport.



Co-space Robotics Competition Success!

On Wednesday, a group of fourteen year 4 pupils represented the school at the BT Co-space RoboCup Junior competition at



Adastral Park, Ipswich. They competed in teams of two against teams from ten other schools across Suffolk. You can see from the quote below how much they enjoyed the day.

"We had to programme robots in a 'war zone' to pick up blocks, avoid traps, deposit the blocks and teleport to World 2, another more complex zone! It was a hard day as it was very challenging but a really exciting day for all of us"

We are very proud to say that Barnaby Hunt and Justin Clarke came 1st overall, closely followed by Edward Bradshaw and Blake Sharman in 2nd and Jayden Murphy and Ashton Philpot in 4th place. This was a very impressive result overall and all the children who attended did a brilliant job, in a very technically challenging activity. Thank you to Mrs Plumb who organised the event and to Mrs Peachey who went along as a voluntary parent helper.

Suffolk Year of Cycling

As part of the Suffolk Year of Cycling, some of our year 5 pupils have been involved in a series of Bikeability training sessions provided by the Outspoken Cycle training team and fully funded by Suffolk County council. These sessions have been a great support for children who are developing their road cycling skills. As part of this project we are also promoting the WOW (Women on Wheels) scheme, which consists of 4 training sessions run in school to encourage more mums to cycle! Please check Parent-mail and the posters around school for further details.



Ramble for Children In Need

15 children and 13 adults from Sebert Wood all took part in the Sponsored Ramble on 10 October at Nowton Park, raising £272 for Children in Need. We had really good fun on a beautiful day, running, walking, map reading, laughing, playing, throwing balls for the dog and eating cake; raising money for children whose lives are much tougher than ours. There were calls to do it again next year - we might just do that!



Ruth Baxter

We recently achieved our national Sainsbury's School Games Bronze Mark Award! The School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme which rewards schools for their commitment to the development of sport and competition. The Games Mark is used as part of the schools inspection framework and schools use it as a development tool for staff. We have received the award due to the participation levels of our pupils in the school PE curriculum and by ensuring there is extra curricular sport provision which at least 20% of pupils take part in every week. The school has also met the criteria by providing the opportunity for both boys and girls to take part in the appropriate level of competition for the age group, through its work in the Bury schools Partnership. We will receive a pendant and certificate from our local School Games Organiser in the coming weeks. Congratulations to everyone in the school!



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

Harry Edgar, Kieran Peace, Bailey Boughton, James Morris (all Class 8) and Daniel Ayling (Class 7) were recently awarded their Bronze Chief Scout Award. The boys had to complete six challenge badges across the year, which is a great achievement. Well done boys!

Samuel Whiting (Class 4), Isobel Sheppard (Class 10) and Josh Sheppard (Class 3) all took part in the 5km Colour Dash at Nowton Park, in aid of East Anglia Children's Hospices (EACH). They had to get around the course while having coloured powder thrown at them at each km and at the end they took part in a colour party! So far Samuel has raised £160 and Isobel and Joshua have raised £100 for this very worthwhile charity. They brought their medals into school to show us and were very proud of their achievements. Great charity work by all three of you!

Matthew Bartley (Class 10) recently competed in the annual Suffolk Boys Squash championship at Martlesham Leisure Health and Fitness Club, Ipswich. He competed with boys from **all over Suffolk in the Under 11's section and won! A fantastic achievement and especially considering Matthew is still only 8 years old.**



Scarlett Phillips (Class 8) has achieved a Merit in Grade One Imperial Classical Ballet. She dances and trains at the Attitude Dancers Academy. Well done scarlet.....keep dancing!

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.

Harvest Festival

The Lower Key Stage 2 Harvest service was held at Christ Church Moreton Hall and was very well attended by parents, grandparents and friends. The children enjoyed performing a range of songs and readings with a harvest and environmental theme and there were many proud parents commenting on the beautiful singing and speaking. Our thanks to all of you who came along and supported the event and donated food for the local Food Bank. Reverend Ford also passes on his thanks for your kind donations totalling £70 which has been forwarded to charity. Key Stage 1 children enjoyed a range of fun harvest activities in class and it was great to see so many parents in school looking at the slide shows of the children's work at the end of the school day. Year 5 attended a special assembly led by the Storehouse Ministry who talked to the children about the important work they do and where the food the children donate ends up.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HALF TERM HOLIDAY—last day of half term—Friday 23 October
Pupils return on Monday 2 November

NOVEMBER 2015

'Women on Wheels' bike training session 1 (see posters for details)	Mon 9, 9.15 — 10. 15 am
Bikelife—Dr Bike Gate Duty	Thu 12, 8:30 am onwards
Children in Need & Fitness Friday—wear a silly hat!	Fri 13
Y5 trip to London	Wed 18
4v4 Football (KS1)	Mon 23
Bikelife Dr Bike Gate Duty	Thu 26, 8:30 am onwards

DECEMBER 2015

FOSWS Christmas Fayre—details to follow	Fri 4, 3.30 pm
Reception Performance—in school	Mon 7, 2:00 pm
Reception Performance—in school	Tue 8, 9:40 am
Year 3 Xmas Performance—in school	Tue 8, 1:40 pm
Year 3 Xmas Performance—in school	Wed 9, 9:40 am
Year 4 Xmas Performance—in school	Wed 9, 1:40 pm
Bikelife Dr Bike Gate Duty	Thu 10, 8:30 am onwards
Year 4 Xmas Performance—in school	Thu 10, 9:40 am
Year 2 Xmas Performance—in school	Thu 10, 1:40 pm
Year 2 Xmas Performance—in school	Fri 11, 9:40 am
Year 1 Xmas Performance—Church	Tue 15, 9:45 am
Year 5 Xmas Carols and Readings—Church	Wed 16, 7:00 pm
Christmas Lunch	Wed 16

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY—last day of term—Friday 18 December—Pupils return on Tuesday 5 January 2016 (staff training day Monday 4 January 2016)

Other information

Parents Evenings

It was great to see so many parents in school during the two recent parents evenings. At the evenings we were also joined by some of the school governors who served tea, coffee and biscuits and were there to answer any questions. Many parents appreciated the chance of refreshments and a chat. Our thanks to the school governors, Jamie Gaskin, Mark Barber, Heidi Berry and Andrew Southwood. We hope you received all the information you required about your child. If however you still have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to ask the class teacher, email or phone the office.

Student Support Centre

After half term you will be receiving a letter from the Student Support Centre, an educational home learning service. Student Support Centre are an independent private company which operate completely outside of Sebert Wood Primary School and we do not officially endorse the company, we simply distribute the letter on their behalf. For each reply slip returned to school we receive a donation of money from the company, even if your response is a no. The money we receive is used for resources which benefit all the children. So please return the form to school, **EVEN IF YOUR RESPONSE IS A NO!**

Sickness and diarrhoea

In a recent Parentmail we wrote that if a child has sickness or diarrhoea they should stay off school for 24 hours after the last bout. We had received this advice from a GP. However, many websites state 48 hours. Based on this range of advice we therefore recommend that if your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea they are kept off for between 24 and 48 hours depending upon when the bout started and their rate of recovery. We will be monitoring the number of cases of sickness/diarrhoea closely in school (these are currently minimal). Thank you for your understanding.

The last word.....

Have a great half term break.....Peter Dewhurst and everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School!