



SEBERT WOOD NEWS



New Building Official Opening Ceremony

Last Friday we held the official opening of our new Upper Key Stage 2 block. Guests at the event included parents, staff, governors, former Headteacher Mr Rice, local councillors, members of the design team, the building team from SEH French, officials from Suffolk County Council School Organisation Review team and local residents. All the Year 5 pupils joined us for the celebrations along with a small group of pupils from across the school. The guest of honour to cut the ribbon and pronounce the building officially open was local MP Jo Churchill. She was given a tour of the new building and was very impressed by the Year 5 pupils who escorted her around and explained the new building to her. The Year 5's thoroughly enjoyed the event and are thrilled by the new building which they describe as bright, spacious and very grown up!

Millennium Oak Tree

The original Millennium oak tree had to be moved as part of planning permission for the new block. A replacement tree has been replanted with the original millennium capsule reburied beneath it and a new plaque to replace the previous one which had worn away. Local resident Denize Humphries who kindly donated the original tree was at school to see the new tree in place. She commented on how pleased she was that the tree had been replaced and the capsule reburied. Hopefully it will be longer than 15 years before it is dug up again!

Photographs and articles about the event appeared in the East Anglian Daily Times, The Mercury and the Bury Free Press.



SPORTS NEWS



HOCKEY

We enjoyed a successful Suffolk Schools Games Quicksticks Hockey Event at King Edwards recently. This was a Year 5 and 6 event but we had Year 4s and Year 5s representing Sebert Wood, so the results were all the more remarkable. It was a tremendous team effort and we came away with four wins, two 0-0 draws and just one loss. Aably coached by Mrs Steven, everyone contributed, with goals from our attacking players Lauren Atkins, Lewis Costin and a superb performance from Joseph Cocksedge with eight!



FOOTBALL

Five schools from the partnership took part in the Year 4 Girls Football Festival at Westgate Primary and although no formal winners overall were announced, Sebert Wood acquitted themselves superbly with 4 wins, a draw and just 2 narrow defeats from seven games played. Quinnlyn Holsinger was our most experienced player and she ably led the line with a number of goals, assisted in attack by Jessica McLaren and Isobel Sheppard. Defence was provided by Megan Buckle, Helena Peachey and Susie Carpenter. It was an all round team performance which did Sebert Wood proud! Many thanks to parents who helped transport and support the children.

Mr Brooks (PE Leader)



SWIMMING GALA

On Tuesday the Year 4 swimming gala was held at the Abbeycroft Leisure Centre. The event was a great success and was attended by many parents who enjoyed watching the friendly competition. There were some great individual performances and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Our thanks to Mrs Banns and the Year 4 team who organised the event and to all those parents who were able to come along and show their support. We received some great positive feedback from parents via email after the event.

YEAR 5 LONDON TRIP

On the 18th November we went on a trip to the Museum of London and the Victoria and Albert Museum of Childhood in Bethnal Green. We had a great time in the Museum of London looking at exhibits from prehistoric to modern day London. Our favourite bit was when we went to see the Roman part with a Roman house. At the Museum of Childhood we looked at the difference between toys from the past and today. We enjoyed going around answering a quiz and looking at everything. We loved making and showing our own Punch and Judy shows! Overall it was a fantastic day out and it was great just going to London!

By Cameron Cross and Yasmin Johnson.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER 2015

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
Bikeliflife 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
Christmas Carol Concert—Church	Sun 13, 4.00 pm
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

- **Staffing news**—today we said farewell to Mrs Watfeh who has left the school, having worked here for 8 years. During this time she has supported children in Catkins Lunch Club, Nursery, Reception and Year 1. We wish her all the best for the future.
- **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** - We have an emergency heart defibrillator on site which is now fully functional and is available to the whole community should an emergency arise. It is located at the front entrance in a yellow box—the code for entry is written on top of the box. The defibrillator requires no training as it instructs automatically.
- **Flu Vaccinations**—Year 1 and 2 pupils recently received flu vaccinations here, as part of an NHS schools programme. At the end of the sessions the NHS team commented on how well behaved and brave the children had been. They commented that it was one of the best schools they had ever been to! Well done year 1 and 2!
- **Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes**— a big thank you from Reverend Ford who told us that this year we collected a total of 336 shoe boxes, that's well up on 285 last year. Thank you to everyone who took part!

The last word.....With the Christmas Fayre taking place tonight and our Christmas performances starting next week, Christmas is well and truly on its way here at school!

Have a great weekend.....Peter Dewhurst and everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School!