



SEBERT WOOD NEWS



We recently entered a team of five Year 4s in the Bury Schools Partnership Basketball tournament held at King Edward Upper School. We competed in a group stage, first playing against St Edmundsbury with whom we drew 0-0. We followed this up with a win against Westgate. Results went our way and we progressed to the Final where we played Guildhall Feoffment. In a tight game it was all square after normal time so we went into 'Golden Hoop' time! Almost immediately we scored a dramatic long hoop meaning we had won! The children are to be commended for their superb teamwork with Justin Clarke and Joseph Cocksedge in attack, Matthew Bartley skilful in mid court and Hannah Hatcher and Megan Buckle providing a strong defence. Mr Brooks who led the team said that it was his best moment of the year so far! Our thanks to Mr Brooks and congratulations to the whole team! Our thanks to those parents who helped with transport and came and supported the team.

Fifteen of our Year 5 pupils were selected to attend the Bury Schools Partnership Sports leadership conference at King Edward Upper School. They attended a range of workshops, two active ones, one indoors and one outside, based on basketball and refereeing skills respectively, with an emphasis on how the children could use different skills to coach others. The indoor classroom sessions were focused on 'what makes a good sports teacher' and 'what makes a good leader'. The welcome address from Bobby Madley a Premier League referee, was very inspiring. Feedback from the event was very positive and the pupils are looking forward to bringing their new found skills back into school where they will work with younger pupils, sharing their expertise.



On 19 January, a mixed team of ten Year 5 pupils took part in the indoor Athletics Festival. A variety of activities were completed including Triple Jump, Long Jump, High Jump, Speed Bounce, Javelin, Chest pass, Relay and an Obstacle Relay. We won the whole event, with 120 points! As the event finished early we agreed to stay on and do some additional object relays against Hardwick Primary, which consisted of going over and under things! The athletics was a great success and every single person who attended loved it! Thank you to the adults who trained us, took us to and supported us at the event.



Report by Olivia Barber and Ellie Garcia-Phillips.

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

Eleanor Walters (Class 11) recently took and passed her Grade 1 piano exam through the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. Congratulations to Eleanor who proudly showed her framed certificate in assembly. A great achievement!



During the Christmas break, Barnaby Hunt (Class 10) was match mascot at Ipswich Town FC for the fixture against Derby County. Barnaby enjoyed a tour of the stadium, a kick about on the pitch, met the manager and players and led the team out with the captain. What a great experience Barnaby!

Daisy Hopwood (Class 11) recently achieved her Karate red belt and was also awarded most improved student at Northgate karate Club. She showed her belts and a photo of her receiving her award in assembly last Friday. Well done Daisy, a fantastic achievement!



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.

PARENTS IN SCHOOL

We have begun inviting parents into school again each month to try a school lunch, starting with Sunshine Class this January. The children really enjoy it when their parents come into school and the feedback from parents is always very positive. There were numerous comments on the high quality of the food and our thanks go to Lucy Turner and the whole team from Eats Catering who do such a great job. Lucy serves on average 240 hot meals each day which is no mean feat!

During the week beginning 11 January, Reception parents were invited in every afternoon to join their children for some fabulous snowman craft activities. It was great to see so many parents in school having a great time helping their child with some fun craft activities.



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Congratulations to Helen Edgar (Mum of Harry in Class 8) and to Richard Attwell (Dad of Holly in Class 12 and Thomas in Class 8) who were elected to serve as Parent Governors in the recent election. Our sincere thanks to all the candidates who stood for election and to everyone who voted.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2016, SO FAR

FEBRUARY 2016

Parent consultations evening	Thurs 4, 17:00 - 19:30
Fitness Friday & Bury Schools Partnership Activity day (details by Parentmail)	Fri 5
Parent consultations evening	Mon 8, 15:45 - 18:15
HALF TERM BREAK	Mon 15 - Fri 19
Rainbow Class parents to lunch	Thurs 25

MARCH 2016

Year 3 Learn to Ride session	Thurs 10
Whole school languages day - details to follow	Weds 16
Class 5 parents to lunch	Thurs 17
Year 3 Learn to Ride session	Thurs 24
GOOD FRIDAY - Easter Hols begin	Fri 25
EASTER HOLIDAYS—Fri 25 March to Sunday 10 April	
Staff training day	Mon 11 April

Important information

- **NUT ALLERGIES**—we have a number of pupils in school with severe nut allergies. If your child brings a packed lunch from home or class birthday treats into school, please ensure that you avoid any products containing nuts or traces of nuts. Thank you.
- **Dinner money, breakfast and after school club monies**—A reminder that the price for school dinners is £2.30 per meal. Each Catkins session costs £2.50, a Pelicans Breakfast Club session £4.00 and Sebert Wood After School Club session £7.00, ALL PRICES ARE PER CHILD PER SESSION payable in advance. Thank you.
- **Suffolk County Council**—We were pleased to welcome Sue Cook (Director of Children and Young People's Services) to Sebert Wood on Monday. She visited to see the school in action and to look at the new Upper Key Stage 2 teaching block. She was very impressed with the quality of the new building and facilities and she also commented on how motivated, well behaved, and polite the children she met were.
- **Parking**—a polite reminder that only parents with an official school pass can park in the driveway. These are available for parents of pupils with a disability or for other exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the school. Please no turning in the driveway—the verge is becoming churned up and muddy and we have received complaints from people who use the woodland paths. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Sybil Andrews Academy**—On 18 January Mr Dewhurst met with Mr Prestoe the Executive Head of the new secondary school (Sybil Andrews Academy). They discussed plans for both schools to work together in the future and began setting up a formal transition process for pupils moving there in September 2017. Members of staff from both schools will be setting up a transition group to develop effective transition policies and procedures. More news as this work develops.

The last word.....we look forward to seeing you at parent consultation evenings this week and next and at our Fitness Friday.....Peter Dewhurst and everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School!