



SEBERT WOOD NEWS



Year 3 had a fantastic Egyptian day on Thursday last week. As you can see from the following quotes the children thoroughly enjoyed the day.

"Howard Carter and Glamorganshire Jones were in school to show us some amazing artefacts, it was great fun" Rory Blewitt

"We put eye make up on so we looked Egyptian and we did loads of fun activities" Lucy Kirk

"My best bit was when we were doing mummification and Ellie and Albie almost got mummified!" Rhys Day

"My favourite bit was at the start of the day when Mrs Jones told a story and I acted in it" Amber Dinnen

"I liked learning about the ancient Egyptian gods, they were strange. Ammut was part crocodile, part hippo and part lion!" Ella Gardiner.



The Year 5's had quite an adventure when they went on the Gressenhall Farm Museum trip! They had a wonderful day at the museum but unfortunately on the way back, just 15 minutes from the museum, a branch from a tree cracked the coach windscreen and they had to pull in and wait for a new coach to come and get them. The only safe place to pull in was in a farmers yard and staff and children had very limited facilities and were stuck on the coach for an hour and a half. Considering the circumstances the children were exceptionally sensible and coped with the situation admirably. Our thanks to the staff and parents who helped on the trip and managed the situation so calmly and to parents who were waiting so patiently for their children to return.

It was great to see Year 4 parents in school on Friday 11 November to admire the fantastic work that Year 4 have been doing as part of their Roman topic. The children's work looks fabulous!

We recently hosted a meeting of the Western Bury Schools Computing Hub here at Sebert Wood. This was an opportunity for local teachers to gather and share expertise as well as find out about the latest developments in the world of computing from the experts. The session was organised by Mrs Plumb and led by Bob Higham who is the local STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Ambassador. The teaching ideas that were shared will really help staff deliver the best quality Computing to our children.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Children In Need activities which were combined with Fitness Thursday! We raised £450 for this very worthwhile cause.

The events above were posted on our school Twitter feed, which also appears on our school website.



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

Maesie McKenna (Class 13) trains and plays at the Woodbridge Badminton Centre. Many congratulations to her, as she has just been selected for the Under 14's Suffolk Badminton squad. A fantastic achievement for Maesie, especially as she is still only 10 years old!



We have a lot of budding tennis players in school. Theo Bennett (Class 7) recently took part in and won the Under 8's Culford Tennis competition at Culford School. Congratulations Theo!

Charlotte Holmes (Class 11) is a regular in this newsletter as she is developing into a very high quality tennis player locally and nationally. She is now an Orange 1* which is the highest possible rating for an Under 9s player and she is now playing as part of the Suffolk green ball squad (Under 10s). She has recently entered the following tournaments and her trophy cabinet is getting pretty full! Well done Charlotte!

Easton Norwich U9 girls 22 October—Winner Cambridge LTC Winter Open 24 October—Runner Up
Virgin Norfolk Open 28 October—3rd place Hills Road Winter tour 6 November—Runner Up
Easton Norwich U9 girls 12 November - Winner



Harry Barnes (Class 10) plays for Bury Rugby Club and he recently took part in the Suffolk Under 9's tournament against teams from all over Suffolk. He received a fantastic trophy for 'Man of the Match'. Congratulations Harry!

If you have a hobby, interest or achievement outside of school please let Mr Dewhurst, the class teacher or a member of the school office team 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.



OTHER INFORMATION

Childline On The Web

This year is the 30th anniversary of Childline. It's often thought that Childline is just a phone number, but their website is full of useful information in different formats. If you haven't looked at the site recently, nip over there now and encourage your children to visit too. Remind children that they don't have to be in distress or worried to find the Childline information helpful. www.childline.org.uk

Pupil illness

We have had a number of children off school suffering from sickness and diarrhoea. A reminder of the guidelines about the time that children should be kept off from school can be found via the following link. Thank you for your understanding. Children should be clear of sickness for 24hrs before returning to school. <http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool/Pages/Illness.aspx>

Drainage issues!

Investigations into problems with the school drains has meant that the barriers remain on the playground and field, whilst we await further works to resolve the issue and complete the works. Fortunately the children can safely access the vast majority of the playground area and with the cold and damp weather, the field is not in use at the moment anyway. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



FOSWS Christmas Fayre!

We're looking forward to an exciting evening tomorrow with the Christmas Fayre from 3.45 – 6.30pm. Please join us in the school hall at 3.45 when the Sebert Singers will be opening proceedings with some festive carols!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
DECEMBER 2016	
Fri 2	FOSWS Christmas Fayre 3.45—6.30pm
Tues 6	Y1, Y2 & Y3 flu vaccination programme (<i>details to follow</i>)
Sun 11	Christmas Concert with Bury Concert Band—Christ Church Moreton Hall—4.00pm— <i>see flyer that went out</i>
Mon 12	Reception Christmas performance — 2pm School Hall
Mon 12	Y6 parents information meeting about SATs — 6pm
Tues 13	Y3 Christmas performance in MH Christ Church 9.45am
Tues 13	Reception Christmas performance — 9.40am School Hall
Tues 13	Y1 Christmas performance — 2pm School Hall
Weds 14	Y1 Christmas performance — 9.40am School Hall
Weds 14	Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert — MH Christ Church 2pm
Weds 14	Y4 Christmas performance — 2pm School Hall
Weds 14	Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert — MH Christ Church 6.30pm
Thurs 15	Y4 Christmas performance — 9.40am School Hall
Thurs 15	Y2 Christmas performance — 2pm School Hall
Fri 16	Y2 Christmas performance — 9.40am School Hall
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS—last day of term Tues 20 December—Pupils return on Thurs 5 January 2017 (staff training day on 4 Jan 2017)	

SCHOOL MONITORING

As a school we are regularly monitored by the Local Authority and by independent advisers. Our data and standards are closely scrutinised by members of our Governing Body and by Ofsted who check our data and undertake an annual risk assessment. We receive regular visits from a School Excellence Officer (SEO for short) who is employed by the Local Authority to hold senior leaders to account. She visits twice every half term and last week she spent time looking at data and analysing maths work across the school. On Friday 18th November the school was also monitored by an independent adviser (who also works as a lead Ofsted inspector). *She spent the day in school analysing school data and undertaking 'Learning Walks' with members of the Senior Leadership Team.* This involves observing the teaching and learning going on in school as well as looking at the work in pupils books. She was very impressed by what she saw and commented on the positive attitudes to learning, good behaviour across the school and she said that the school presents an attractive learning environment where parents are valued. She was pleased to see the new Accelerated Reader system in place for both boys and girls in years 3 to 6 and said that it was already having a very positive effect. *She commented that staff are 'always willing to go the extra mile' for all pupils.* She was also very impressed by our overall pupil attendance figures which currently stand at 98%, which is a figure well above the national average. We would like to thank parents for their support in promoting good behaviour and good attendance. We hope that the recent attendance level stickers you received in reading record books/homework diaries were helpful.