

Suffolk Swimming Gala

Eight children from Key Stage 2 took part in the Great East Swim. Yasmin Harrold, Josh Barnes, Ryan Wafteh, Molly Howell, Nathaniel Serek, Lily Dowse, Emily Scott and Daniel Kirk competed against schools from across Suffolk. The races took place in two categories, beginners and experienced swimmers. Many of the schools had children from years 5 and 6 so the standard was very high indeed. Our children competed very well and enjoyed the whole event.



Athletics Competition at County Upper

On 3 July a group of Key Stage 2 pupils attended an athletics competition against 12 schools from across Bury St Edmunds. Our teams came in 3rd and 4th place. The children who represented the school were; Amelia Sewter, Chloe Campbell, Molly Howell, Eleanor Walters, Olivia Barber, Kali Sharman, Amy Houghton, Jasmine Travers, Yasmin Johnson, Lewis Sullivan, Max Berry, Ben Montieth-Weed, Freddie Goodwin, Akin Townend, Josh Bullingham, Eddison Flint, Charlie Milnes, Ben Downey and Jack Lofting. Well done to all the children.

ACHIEVEMENT AND TEST NEWS

Following on from my previous article about Early Years achievement, I'd like to talk about the Year 1 children and staff who recently completed the national phonics screening check. Mrs Alexander and the Year 1 team are absolutely delighted with the level of confidence the children showed when tackling the screening checks. They applied all that they had been taught throughout the year and recognised the strategies they had learnt. Well done to all the children and also to the highly skilled team of TAs who worked so hard with their groups this year.

Year 2 pupils completed their SATs assessments this summer and they too took these in their stride, working with confidence and impressing the teachers with the way they remembered the strategies and concepts they had learnt through the year. When you are 6 or 7 years old, September seems like a long time ago! Well done Year 2 children and staff!

Children in Year 1 have been planting and growing a range of fruit and vegetables in their own garden area. Last week they sold their produce to parents and friends and raised £25 which will go towards gardening gloves and various tools.

Well done Year 1!

KEY DATES FOR THE NEW YEAR, SO FAR

September 2014

Wed 3 Staff training Day (NO SCHOOL FOR PUPILS)
Thurs 4 *First day back to school for pupils*
Fri 5 3.30 – 4.00 pm 'Open House' visit your child's class
Wed 10 FOSWS AGM – 7.00 pm
Tues 16 Reception health checks with school nurse and parent drop in
Thurs 18 Class 10 – bring someone to lunch (Details to follow)
Wed 24 Pupil individual photos

October 2014

Wed 8 Harvest Service for parents at Church (9.30 & 10.30 PM) – KS1 Harvest Festival activities in class with parents (Details to follow)
Thurs 9 Harvest themed lunch
Thurs 16 Class 9 – Bring someone to lunch (Details to follow)
5.00 – 7.30 - Parents meetings - all classes
Mon 20 3.45 – 6.15 - Parents meetings – all classes
Fri 24 Staff training Day (NO SCHOOL FOR PUPILS)
HALF TERM (25 October – 2 November)

November 2014

Thurs 13 Class 8 - Bring someone to lunch (Details to follow)
KS2 Maths problem solving (Details to follow)

December 2014

Sun 7 Concert Band Christmas fundraiser – Christ Church Moreton Hall (Details to follow)
Mon 8 Reception performance in school 2.15 pm
Tues 9 Reception performance in school 9.40 am
Y4 performance in school 1.40 pm
Wed 10 Y2 performance at church 9.40 am
Y1 performance in school 1.40 pm
Y4 evening performance in school 7.00pm
Thurs 11 Y1 performance in school 9.40 am
Y3 performance in school 1.40 pm
Fri 12 Y3 performance in school 9.40 am
Tues 16 Christmas Lunch
Fri 19 Last day of term
CHRISTMAS HOLS 20 December – 4 January
Staff training day 5 January (pupils return to school Tuesday 6 January)

School Lunches Pick and Mix trial
The Pick and Mix packed lunches have been really popular. Many children have chosen this option and the catering team and midday supervisors report that the children are enjoying the food and that there is very little waste. We will continue serving these on a permanent basis in September when the infant free school meals come into force.





Year 1 Pirate Day & Year 3 World War 2 Day
 Last Wednesday Year 1 had a fantastic pirate themed day and on Thursday Year 3 dressed up in World War 2 costumes as part of their topic work this term. Well done to all the children and staff for such a great effort, they all looked very impressive in their costumes.



MORE FOOTBALL NEWS

Year 3 team have played as the B team, fulfilling fixtures in support of both Year 4 teams against local primary school B teams. The boys have done extremely well this season and lost just 2 matches all year. We were very proud to be able to support both Year 4 teams with some of our players who certainly made a good account of themselves when asked to step up to the higher league. We have a squad of 14 boys and they have worked really hard to improve their game and have shown real determination when faced with some very strong opponents. We are regularly complimented on our style of play but more importantly our sportsmanship. We face a real challenge next season emulating the success of the Year 4 but you can be sure we will always try our hardest and play with a smile on our faces. *Justin Stamp, Year 3 coach.*



CLUB NEWS

VISION ARTS PERFORMANCE

Eleven children from Sebert Wood took part in the Vision Arts Summer Festival on Saturday 5 July at Great Barton Free Church. They performed a piece of musical theatre and a 'superhero drama' using a script they had created. They performed with great confidence and skill and did Sebert Wood proud! Their audience was bigger than normal (not only their parents but also those of other schools), but they took this in their stride. Mr Summers told us that the after school club here has been a joy to run. "The group has a great dynamic and work really well together and embrace the creative arts with such passion and determination". Unfortunately it was Mr Summers last session at Sebert Wood but the club will continue with a new teacher in September. Look out for further details from Vision Creative Arts.

New for September—CHOIR/SINGING CLUB

Vision Creative Arts will be running a Choir/Singing Club on a Wednesday after school from 17th September through to the end of term. The club will take place the same night as the current drama club. Details will follow via Parentmail about the times and prices for both these clubs. There will be the opportunity to combine both clubs at a discounted price for those interested in singing and drama.

FUNDRAISING

- LOOM BAND SALE—the Key Stage 2 Loom Band sale took place at lunchtimes. The children raised a fantastic £109 which will be going to Cancer Research UK and St Nicholas's Hospice. The idea to make and sell Loom bands was all the children's own work and they have done really well to raise money for such worthwhile causes.
- Sainsbury's school vouchers. Thank you to everyone who has collected and donated their vouchers. We collected an impressive 38,916 vouchers! This means we will be able to get lots of new things including; a digital camera, memory cards, aluminium folding goals, mini tennis set, storage boxes, new P.E equipment and ingredients cards for buying ingredients for cooking. Our thanks also to Mrs Barrett and her helpers for the mammoth task of counting, sorting and then ordering the new equipment.

The last word.....our thanks to all those parents who brought in cakes and gifts, we really appreciate it.....we hope you have a safe, restful and enjoyable summer and come back refreshed for the new academic year.....

Best wishes.....Peter Dewhurst and everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School.