

## GOVERNOR PROFILE

**Andrew Southwood was recently elected as Parent Governor. Andrew has a young family with his eldest in Year 1 (Thomas in Class 4), a daughter at Pre-School, and number three on the way! He has lived on Moreton Hall for over ten years and is keen to help protect Sebert Wood's special character, whilst moving the school forward into and beyond the SOR process. He hopes to have strong ties with the school for many years to come. Working as an Environment Officer for West Suffolk, he tries to practice what he preaches and cycles to work, enjoys the outdoors and isn't afraid to get stuck into some hard graft with Woodland Ways. If you see him out and about during the school run, please feel free to say hello.**

## SUPPORT PROGRAMMES AT SEBERT WOOD

We run a number of additional teaching programmes throughout the school. One of these is Gym Trail and parents have asked what this programme entails. Pupils attend short sessions,, usually first thing in the morning, which are designed to support pupils in developing their fine and gross motor skills. The children chosen for this may need just a little support for a short period or they may need more intensive long term support. Our Special Needs Coordinator Mrs Dade works with the class teachers to identify pupils who may benefit from the programme. During Gym Trail the children work individually or in small groups. They carry out specific exercises, fitness challenges and fine motor skill tasks, which include balance and coordination activities, which are challenging but achievable and delivered by fully trained support staff. All sessions aim to provide a fun and enjoyable learning experience and a great way to start the day!

## BURY SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP NEWS

- You may have seen the recent article in the Bury Free Press about an ongoing sports project being run through the Bury Schools Partnership. The project is a combination of sport (Rugby in this case) and Literacy, to support boys writing skills. The project includes practical Rugby training and events, combined with writing and journalism projects. Three boys from Sebert Wood are taking part and they are thoroughly enjoying the weekly activities, alongside boys from all the partnership schools.
- Bury Schools Partnership E-safety training session for parents at Abbots Green Community Primary School on Thursday 6 February from 7 – 8 p.m. To book your place either telephone Sarah Trueman, Partnership Administrator at King Edward VI School on 01284 761393 x225 or email [admin@BurySchoolsPartnership.org.uk](mailto:admin@BurySchoolsPartnership.org.uk)



## WHAT IS TOP TABLE?!

**If your child has mentioned that they were on Top Table at lunch time, this is great news! Children who demonstrate exceptional manners and follow the dining hall rules are rewarded by sitting on Top Table each lunchtime for a week. The table has a table cloth, they each get a named place label, and a special trophy for all to see. Mr Dewhurst also eats his lunch with them one lunchtime. The children really enjoy being on Top Table and it acts as great encouragement to all the children in the hall at lunchtime.**



## KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY

### February 2014

Mon 3	<b>3.45 – 6.15pm All key stages - Parents meetings</b> (formal appointments)
Fri 7	Fitness Friday (PE kit to be worn to school)
Fri 14	Special assembly – visiting Olympic athlete – part of a fundraising project—details to follow

### HALF TERM (15 February – 23 February)

Thurs 27	Nursery informal open session for prospective parents 5—7.30 (no appointment required)
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### March 2014

Thurs 6	World Book Day
Tues 11	Phonics meetings for Y1 parents 2.30 – 3.15 & 6.00 – 6.50
Wed 12	Abbeygate Band 1-3 (details to follow)
Thurs 13	Parent's Forum 2.30—3.30
Fri 14	Fitness Friday (PE kit to be worn to school) Year 4 visiting RE exhibition at St Peters Church
Week beg 17	Curriculum Week (Eco theme – details to follow)

**EASTER HOLIDAYS (5 April – 21 April) - PD Day 22 April - pupils back 23 April**

**Please note a change of date for the FOSWS Summer Fair—now taking place on Saturday 5th July 12.00—3.00 pm.**

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

Tymoteusz Kolodzinski in class 4 has been learning to swim at Abbeycroft Leisure Centre and he recently progressed through two full levels in just one term. A fantastic achievement, well done Tymoteusz!



At the time of the last newsletter, Kali Sharmar and Katie Cross were awaiting the results of their Grade 1 Ballet Exam which they took at the Hazelwood Dance School. I'm pleased to say that both Kali and Katie passed with distinction! Congratulations!



Thomas Portway in class 8 was official mascot at Ipswich Town versus QPR on 11th January. He could be seen on TV that evening. You're famous Thomas!

*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.*

The last word.....an unusual afternoon last Thursday.....as I was about to meet with parents in the staff room.....a very poorly actress came into the room looking rather green.....the year 1 and 2 panto was on the verge of being abandoned until Mrs Harvey came to the rescue.....never a dull moment in school!!!  
Have a great weekend.....Pete Dewhurst and everyone at Sebert Wood Primary