



SEBERT WOOD NEWS

SPORTS AND FITNESS!

Our recent Fitness Friday had a different feel to it this time, with Mrs Banns leading the children in a series of fun playground clapping games and chants! The children had great fun taking part and quite a few of the staff and parents enjoyed a trip down memory lane, despite having to follow and remember some tricky moves and patterns! Our thanks to the children who led the activity and to Mrs Banns for organising and rehearsing with the children.

Our sports mornings have taken place during the last fortnight and for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, the weather conditions were perfect. For Years 3 and 4 this week, the weather was a bit more challenging, with the hottest July day since records began on the day of the Key Stage 2 sports! Due to the building works, the sports took place at the Leisure Centre track which is a great venue but a very hot one! With the transport booked and lots of willing staff, including the King Edward VI Sports Leaders, we were determined to go ahead. Given the concerns of many parents about the excessive heat we adapted the format and had a shorter sports morning. Feedback from parents varied from those who wanted the event to last longer and didn't feel the heat was an issue, to some who commented that they didn't think the event should have gone ahead at all! In the end we felt that the event was a good compromise and we received many comments on how well organised it was. Many congratulations to Purple Team who won the event overall, with Green Team in 2nd place and Red Team in 3rd. Well done to every child who took part and they receive certificates in assembly on Monday.

During the much cooler preceding week we used the school field for single year groups and this worked very well. Nursery and Reception had more informal fun activities, Year 1 and Year 2 had a more competitive edge, with Year 2 even following a medieval theme! Our thanks to all the parents who came along and showed their support at all these events, despite the heat, and to all the staff who helped set up and organise each event.

As part of our involvement in the Suffolk Year of Cycling, pupils from school attended the official launch night of the Women's Cycle Tour of Great Britain 2015 at the Apex. Year 4 pupils designed and made a banner in support of our designated team, the US based United Health Care team. On Wednesday 17 June all the children and staff in Year 4 enjoyed lining local streets for the race and had a great time clapping, cheering, shouting and chanting 'UHC' as the entourage raced past!



For more photos of these events, see the gallery pages on the school website.

Key Stage 2 pupils recently took part in a number of tournaments and festivals, including a Quick Cricket tournament at the Victory Sports Ground and Netball at King Edward VI Upper school. In both tournaments mixed teams of boys and girls competed against other primary schools. All the children played exceptionally well and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of competitive sport. At the cricket tournament the team won five matches and drew two, conceding only two goals and eventually winning the whole tournament. A great achievement! In Netball we entered two teams and everyone played really well, their skills and understanding of Netball could be seen to be developing at a pace with each match. Only the winning Netball team was announced (Hardwick Primary School) so we do not know where we came overall, however we did win many of our matches, scored plenty of goals and both teams certainly did themselves proud. Congratulations to all the children who took part and our thanks to the parents who transported children to and from the events and for their support on each day. Thanks also to Mrs Stobbart, Mrs Buckle, and Mr Brooks for their excellent coaching and help with the teams.



The netballers receive their certificates!



The cricket team relax after a hard won tournament!

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

Tom Baxter (Class 4) recently came up with his own idea for a very worthwhile fund-raising cause. He set up a stall to sell things in support of his Mum's sponsored trek for the Alzheimer's Society later this month. Grandpa donated rhubarb from his garden, Auntie donated jam and chutney from her tea room, Tom gathered sea shells from the beach near Grandpa's house and helped Mum bake chocolate chip cup cakes. Tom and his Mum leafleted 45 neighbours the night before and Tom manned the stall from 9—11am on a Saturday morning. He raised an impressive £78 for this great cause. Well done to Tom for being so thoughtful and resourceful.



Hannah Hatcher (Class 7) is taking part in the Junior Triathlon at Culford on 5 July, through the Bury Wheelers and Triathlon Club. She is inspired by Dad who enters a lot of Triathlon's! Good luck Hannah and let us know how you get on!

On Sunday 28th June, Grace Bullingham (Class 7) completed the 5K Race For Life at Nowton Park in just under 45 minutes and raised over £90. Well done Grace for an impressive time and for such a worthwhile cause!

At the weekend Barnaby Hunt (Class 8) entered his first archery competition. The two day event was run by the English Field Archery Association and held in Thetford Forest. Barnaby scored 340 points in the Cub Boy Bowhunter Re-curve division and took first place. A brilliant achievement in his first ever competition!

DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2015

Mon 6	Share your work—open evening—3.45—5.00 pm
Tues 7	After school optional parents meetings following annual reports
Thurs 9	FOSWS Bring a Bottle for the Tombola non uniform day
Fri 10	Classes 'meet your new teacher' transition day followed by a chance for parents to meet the new teaching teams after school
Sat 11	FOSWS SUMMER FAIR 1.00—4.00 pm
Tues 14	KS2 Summer Concert—2.30—3.30 pm
Thurs 16	KS2 Summer Concert—7.00—8.00 pm
Weds 22	END OF SUMMER TERM

Our three Junior Road Safety Officers were at Endeavour House last Friday for the annual Suffolk JRSO awards ceremony. The presentations took place in the main Council chamber and the children were delighted to win a Gold award, the top prize.

Well done to our JRSOs for the fantastic work they do, ably supported by Mrs Rutter.

JRSOs receive their Gold award from Councillor James Finch



OTHER INFORMATION

Staffing Update

Sadly we say farewell to Miss Cawston this Friday. Miss Cawston has worked at the school as a Teaching Assistant since 2001 but has decided to take a break from being a Teaching Assistant and follow a new career path. Our sincere thanks for all her hard work and commitment over the years and we wish her the very best for the future.

Following her maternity leave we welcome Mrs Plumb back to school on a part time basis from Monday. Up until the end of term she will be providing some 1:1 and group work and supply cover around school.

Melissa Taylor-Wagenaar has stepped down from the role of Senior MDSA but will continue as a member of the MDSA team. Congratulations to our new joint Senior MDSA's Bonnie Flannigan and Vicky Alderdice.

Meet your new teacher transition day

The children meet their new teachers during the transition day on Friday 10 July. After school parents are welcome to come into classrooms between 3.30 and 4.00 pm to also meet the new teaching teams.

Attendance

We have recently had a few children returning to school after periods of sickness telling us what a wonderful time they had on holiday! In partnership with the Local Authority Education Welfare Officer we regularly monitor pupil absence and have been advised that if the authenticity of illness appears to be in doubt then we can request medical evidence to support the period of illness. (Medical evidence can take the form of appointment cards or prescriptions rather than a full doctors' note). Absences which are deemed in fact to be a holiday will then be recorded as unauthorised. Penalty Notice Fines will be issued after 8 sessions (4 days) of unauthorised absence over the academic year, in accordance with the Bury Schools Partnership Attendance Policy. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.