



SEBERT WOOD NEWS



Science Week

Our recent Science Week was a great success with a wide range of science based activities and experiments taking place across the school. We were also very fortunate to be joined by two of our parents who are also scientists, when Dr Barker and Dr Roman came into work with groups of children. Their time, expertise and enthusiasm was much appreciated and really helped the children learn some tricky scientific concepts. In addition, our Year 6 pupils spent a day at Sybil Andrews Academy undertaking more experiments and our Reception pupils visited Tesco's as part of the 'Farm to Fork' project. As you can see from the quotes below, the children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and it really helped their learning. Our thanks to Mrs Cass and the team for organising the events. For pictures of science week, see our Twitter account or Twitter feed via the school website.



"We made straw houses and we blew them down with a hair dryer. The bricks didn't fall down!" Joseph Pru, Nursery

"We grew cress seed and made a fizzy potion that went all bubbly! It was great fun" Harvey Curtis, Reception

"We made our own lava lamps in a plastic bottle with water, food colouring and oil. The water stayed at the bottom. We learnt about polar and non-polar molecules" Elizabeth Mead, Year 1.

"We did an experiment with milk, washing up liquid and food dye. The washing up liquid moved and cleaned the colour out" Beau Reed, Year 2

"Dr Roman, Carlos's dad, showed us the rainbow of light by using a special mirror, it was cool. We also really liked creating the chemical reaction for the elephants toothpaste!" Hugo Fenn, Year 3.

"In Year 4 we learnt about our senses. When we investigated finger prints we did an experiment and I got my hands mucky!" Thomas Attwell, Year 4.

"We extracted DNA from a banana when Dr Barker, Charlie's dad worked with us. It was fascinating and I learnt a lot about the story of DNA" Charlotte-Ella Roe, Year 5.

"At Sybil Andrews it was practical and really exciting work. The density columns with the really funny teacher, was the best bit!" Kali Sharman, Year 6.



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

Lucia Berry (Class 13) trains at the Bury Spectrum Gym and recently took part in a '4 piece' competition against children from across the town. She came an impressive 3rd in vault, bar and floor routines. She brought her medals and certificates to show in assembly on Monday. Congratulations Lucia!

Daisy Hopwood (Class 13) trains at Northgate Karate club and recently took her 6th belt (orange/green stripe) grading, consisting of what's known as a 'Kata', including kicks and blocks. Of the 30 children who took the grading, Daisy was the only one to receive the highest 'distinction' grade. A fantastic achievement Daisy!

Grace Beasley (Class 8) took part in a tennis tournament at Easton Tennis Centre. She plays for Culford and they competed against teams from across Suffolk. Her team won the Mini Red event! She bought her medal and certificate to show in assembly. Congratulations Grace!



Holly Attwell, Ellie Garcia-Phillips, Ellie Sadler and Olivia Barber (Year 6) took part in an under 11's Suffolk netball tournament and came 1st in their group of seven teams. They all belong to Jetts Netball Club, which is open to anyone. Congratulations girls on a great performance!



Holly Attwell (Class 14) recently won the Bury St Edmunds Lifesaving Rookie Club Pairs (age 8 – 13) competition! Holly and her friend competed against 8 other pairs and were assessed on their skills in a 5 person rescue (rope throwing rescue and speed of towing a casualty 25m without any aids). Very impressive and practical skills to have Holly and a great achievement! She showed her shield in assembly today.

Harry Sharp (Class 13) recently took part in a Go-Karting competition at Wildtracks Karting. He came 6th overall out of 50 competitors who raced in groups. A great result on his first time of racing. He showed his medal in assembly today. Well done Harry!

Elizabeth Cross (Class 10) has recently taken up the Korean martial arts system of Kuk Sool Won. She took her first test on Tuesday 21 March after only 2 months and achieved her yellow belt and broke a board on her first try! A great start Elisabeth, congratulations!



Poppy Hunt from Class 3 performed in The Mayors Charity Concert at the Apex as part of The Voice squad team. They sung a variety of classic and pop tunes. A lovely Mothers Day treat! Well done Poppy!

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.

PLEASE ALSO SEE OUR LATEST SPORTS NEWSLETTER GOING OUT TODAY!



Other information

- Staffing news—congratulations to Mrs O'Connell who has achieved the national standards for High Level Teaching Assistant status. Congratulations also to Mrs Sturgeon has been appointed to lead the Sebert Wood After School Club from next term
- Sainsbury's school tokens. Thank you everyone who has donated vouchers, it is very much appreciated. We are still collecting them.
- Red Nose Day—thank you to everyone for donating to this great cause. Thank you Mrs Beasley who manned the Sainsbury's stall selling red noses. Between red nose sales and donations we raised £455.
- World Book Day—The children really enjoyed dressing up for the day and took part in extra reading activities. Our thanks to parents who helped their child prepare costumes, we were really impressed by the huge effort put in. We hope the children have spent their vouchers on some great books?
- Please note dogs are not allowed on the school site. We allow them to be securely tied at the outside of the gates away from the path. We ask parents who bring dogs to school to take the appropriate precautions to ensure children in the vicinity are safe and not scared. Thank you to those parents who muzzle their dogs.
- Parking outside school can be a problem and we often receive complaints from residents. Please be courteous and do not park across driveways. Contraventions to parking restrictions are reported to the police.

Reception Mothers Day Afternoon Teas

Following our mothers day afternoon teas, we received some very positive comments from those who attended. Here are just a small selection of the many received:

"It was the most beautiful time ever! Thank you for organising this for us"

"Such a lovely afternoon, thank you. Well done to the staff and children for their hard work"

"It was lovely. Seeing my child's face when I walked in and saw the wonderful spread was one to cherish forever. Thank you everyone"

Thank you to all the Reception staff team who planned and set up such a successful and popular event.

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL 2017

EASTER HOLIDAYS — Mon 3 to Tues 18 April

Note: Staff training day Tuesday 18 April

Wed 19	PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Thurs 20	Year 4 Art & DT taster day at Sybil Andrews
Fri 28	Year 5 International Dance Day at Sybil Andrews

MAY 2017

Wed 3—Fri 5	Year 5 Kingswood Residential Trip
Mon 8	Year 1 Visit to Culford
Mon 8—Fri 12	Year 6 SATs week
Thurs 25	Year 3 Pizza Express Trip A
Fri 26	Class Photographs
Fri 26	Fit Trail/Fit Friday

HALF TERM HOLIDAY WEEK — Mon 29 May to Fri 2 June

JUNE 2017

Sat 3	Nursery Informal Drop In 10 am—12 pm
Mon 5	PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Mon 5	Induction Evening For Parents Reception 2017 7.30 pm
Wed 7	Year 3 Pizza Express Trip B
Thurs 8	Induction evening For Parents Reception 2017 5 pm
Mon 12—Fri 16	Year 6 Eaton Vale Residential Trip
Mon 12—Fri 16	Phonics Screening Week
Tue 20	Year 1 & 2 Sports Day
Fri 23	JRSO Awards Event at Endeavour House Ipswich
Tues 27	Year 1 Lackford Lakes Trip
Tues 27	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day at Abbeycroft Athletics Track
Fri 29	Year 1 & 2 Reserve Sports Day

JULY 2017

Thurs 6	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day at Abbeycroft Athletics Track
Fri 7	FOSWS Summer Fayre (<i>new date</i>)
Thurs 13	9.30 am—Year 6 Leavers event for parents
Fri 14	Last day at Sebert Wood for <u>YEAR 6 ONLY</u>
	Afternoon/Evening Year 6 leavers event for pupils
Tues 18	Transfer Day—Meet your new teacher R—Y5
Tues 18	Reception New Intake Activity Session 10 am –12 pm
Thurs 20	Reception New Intake Activity Session 10 am –12 pm
Fri 21	Last day of summer term for <u>ALL OTHER YEAR GROUPS</u>

SUMMER HOLIDAYS—

PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL WED 6 SEPTEMBER
(staff training days—Mon 4 and Tues 5 September)

If you require any Extended school sessions ie Breakfast Club, Catkins & After School Club for your child/children in the Summer term PLEASE BOOK THESE VIA THE SCHOOL GATEWAY no later than Wednesday 12 April to allow us arrange staffing and provision. Please visit www.schoolgateway.com to view your child's account. Thank you.

EASTER HOLIDAY WORKS

You will be aware that part of the playground and field have been out of action for some time due to the ongoing drainage works. The delay to these works has been due to a major re-design of the drainage system. This means that a new larger manhole has to be installed and large parts of the existing drains replaced. This is a major job and requires a 2 week period, so has had to wait until the Easter holidays to allow enough time for completion. We have been assured that the playground will be back in full use immediately after Easter. Due to new grass seed, part of the field will remain out of bounds for a short while but we have been assured it will be ready for summer term clubs and sports events. In addition to works outside, some exciting developments are taking place to the atrium and library. The existing Blueberry Room is being moved and a new pupil work space is being formed in the current library area. The atrium is being carpeted throughout and existing and new library and seating/furnishings set up in the atrium. This will create a more open and flexible area which can be used as additional teaching space, a library area and central learning area at the heart of the main building.

The last word.....it looks like the weather is warming up just in time for the holidays!.....have a wonderful Easter!.....from everyone at Sebert Wood Primary School