



St Edward's Prep
Newsletter

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Parents,

The summer is always a fantastic but busy time in the life of a school. We have concluded this term with a fun-packed and glorious Sports Day – a fitting tribute to the departing Mr Fearn – and the Year 6, 7 and 8 Leaver's Assembly. Our new Head Boy for next term was announced and there were many very deserving winners at our Speech Day and Prize Giving Ceremony at All Saints' Church.

On top of all this, we have continued to look at our STEAMED topic this term and were extremely fortunate to have two representatives from the South African arm of the Bloodhound SSC Project to come and talk to the boys about their land-speed record attempt. Unsurprisingly, this was very

popular with the boys, as was our very own St Edward's Prep land-speed record attempt using remote-controlled cars. Thanks in particular to Adam Hewitt who has given so much time helping the boys with their STEM work.

I hope you all have a super summer break and that the boys continue their healthy eating after learning about it earlier in the term. Good luck to all of our leavers, both boys and staff.

With best wishes,



DONATIONS TO WILLOW HOUSE

As part of the Enrichment Programme at St Edward's, boys in St George's House collected donations for the local homeless shelter, Willow House. The goodies were then delivered to the centre by a few of the boys.



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Head Boy Autumn Term 2016

Reiss-Alexander Russell-Denny

HOUSE POINT WINNERS

END OF YEAR TOTALS

1st place	St. David's	6109 points
2nd place	St. Patrick's	6030 points
3rd place	St. George's	5524 points
4th place	St. Andrew's	5427 points

23,090 house points were scored this year!

Summer 2016 End of Term House Points

1st place	St. Patrick's	1492 points
2nd place	St. David's	1470 points
3rd place	St. George's	1340 points
4th place	St. Andrew's	1337 points

4,439 house points were scored this term.

Overall Top Scorers—Pre-Prep

St. Patrick's	Matthew Perry
St. George's	Joseph Swift
St. David's	Jamie Richmond-Coggan
St. Andrew's	Atharva Rao

Overall Top Scorers—Prep

St. Patrick's	James Webb
St. George's	Rhys Sankarasingh
St. David's	Adam Richmond-Coggan
St. Andrew's	Abeer Gogia

Pre-Prep House Star Badge Winners

PLATINUM - Joseph Swift

GOLD – Matthew Perry, Isaac Korna, Jamie Richmond-Coggan

SILVER – Atharva Rao, Yash Gargav

BRONZE – Isaac Pappenberger, Taig Hartigan, Rayen Boufrikha, Archie Parker, Jacob Hussey

Year 3-5 Star Badge Winners

PLATINUM – Abeer Gogia

GOLD – Rhys Sankarsingh, Adam Richmond-Coggan

SILVER – James Webb, Anton Pappenberger, Thomas Hewitt

BRONZE – Ishaan Kulkarni, Lewis Lloyd, Manaswith Vipperla, Elias Cevikel-Li, Maulik Ahlawat

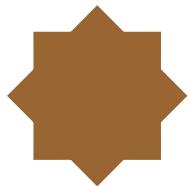
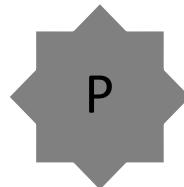
Year 6-8 Star Badge Winners

PLATINUM – Jasper Bromfield

GOLD – Jathu Ananthasothy, Zaeem Ahsan

SILVER – James Perry, Kelphala Katta, Robert Page-Mason

BRONZE – Raheel Farooq, Jai Mohan, Oliver Lewis, Ansh Barot, Henry Temple



CLASS DOJO WINNERS

Pre-Prep

Excellent Work—Luca Bangs, Om Chitale
 Helping Others—Callum Colquhoun
 Leadership & Initiative – Tobias White
 On task behaviour – Thomas Swift
 Participating – Owen Warwick
 Teamwork – Alexander Orton
 Working hard & perseverance- Max Williams

Prep

Excellent Work – Isaac Sperrin
 Helping Others – Toba Awoleye
 Leadership & Initiative – Jacob Bangs
 On task behaviour – Alex Langton
 Participating – Dimeji Adebayo
 Teamwork—Oliver Hunt, Aedan Cane-Honeysett
 Working hard & perseverance- Samuel Redman

FRENCH TRIP

At 4am on the morning of 16th May twenty-three eager boys from Years 5 to 8 gathered at St Edward's Prep in readiness for their long journey to Basse-Normandie in north-western France, for an action-packed study trip.

We were greeted by our friendly hosts, Bob and Stella, when we arrived at Le Clos de l'Ancien Pressoir, a beautiful former cider farm, where we were to stay for the following four nights. The boys were immediately taken to Commes beach for a Scavenger Hunt, which was the perfect way for them to learn some new French words, acclimatise themselves with the area and stretch their legs before supper and a good night's sleep.

The next four days consisted of morning classroom sessions with Stella, preparing the boys for each day ahead, with useful phrases and vocabulary, followed by a variety of visits to local towns, markets and historical sites, predominantly linked to World War II. This included an interesting visit to the artillery battery at Longues sur Mer, which was constructed by the Wehrmacht and formed part of Germany's Atlantic Wall coastal fortifications. Bob was our guide; and such a knowledgeable one, that we were pursued by a merry band of British and American tourists wherever we went. An afternoon stop at Arromanches followed, with a particularly informative and moving film viewing at a 360 degree cinema. The boys also learned about 'Jour J', D-Day, on the 6th June 1944, and Churchill's Mulberry Harbour at the D-Day Museum. We also enjoyed a visit to Pointe du Hoc, a promontory with a 100 ft cliff over-

looking the English Channel between Utah and Omaha beaches, as well as the American Cemetery. Each of these sites really brought home to us all just how much was sacrificed by our men, and many others, for our freedom. At another cemetery the boys wrote a fitting message of thanks in the visitor's book. It was wonderful to see the Bayeux Tapestry – or 'Embroidery' as it should be known – in all its glory, and learn about William The Conqueror and the Norman Conquest...

Evening entertainment included cheese-tasting, a fruit salad competition and, of course, football with Mr Fearn in the beautiful grounds. Speaking of culinary delights, a mouth-watering stop at the Ferme de la Haizerie, went down rather too well with all, as we were presented with more than fifty different flavours of homemade ice cream. Some even had sneaky seconds!

The final day was the journey home and Mrs Cottle's birthday, which was full of surprises. We bought her a yummy cake from a pâtisserie, along with a couple of other gifts. Several boys generously treated her to yet more presents, as well as a few tuneful renditions of 'Happy Birthday'.

A great time was certainly had by all. Rather surprisingly, not a single boy was (openly) homesick – a sure sign of a fun-packed, busy week away. A huge thank you to Mr Fearn, Mrs Cottle and Mr Morgan-Nash, for leading, organising and assisting with a most enjoyable and beneficial trip.

S. Jenkins

BEAULIEU TRIP

On Tuesday 24th May, the Prep school boys had a special reason to get out of bed bright and early – it was the day of our visit to the famous Beaulieu motor museum in Hampshire. The coach journey whizzed by and soon the boys spotted the New Forest ponies, picturesque thatched cottages, sparkling lake and entered the gates of the museum with excitement. It was a fabulously sunny day and the children set off in groups to complete the various activities organised for them. There was a fully interactive tour of the museum, complete with dressing up, and a monorail journey through the grounds, including Beaulieu House. All the boys loved the vintage car ride in 'Gumdrop' and were surprised at how fast it could go. As well as this, there was a Maths trail, a picnic lunch and a Knex car construction challenge to complete. It was brilliant to hear the many interesting questions the boys had, from why cars have moved on from steam to petrol power; why the first racing cars were painted British racing green, to how fast the first land speed records were; which all demonstrated their interest and enthusiasm for our STEAM topic. A fantastic and memorable day out for all.

T. Hunt



YEAR 4 ASSEMBLY

Through songs, rhyme, quiz shows and plenty of humour, boys in Year 4 entertained St Edward's boys with their interactive Viking assembly on Friday 10th June.

'Row, row, row!' chanted the Vikings as they made their way to England from Scandinavia. The pupils in Mr Fearn's History lesson have been transported to Anglo-Saxon times and instead of learning about the Viking invasion in class, have met a group of Vikings travelling on a longboat to Lindisfarne singing, "Do you hear the Vikings sing, singing

their songs of gods and war?" At first the Vikings seem hostile and scary, wearing helmets with horns on and threatening to take over the world. But as the pupils get to know them, they realise that this group of Vikings were actually people with normal jobs like farmers or carpenters. They also find out about the Viking gods and their beliefs, through a quick game of 'Family Fortunes' with the Gods family.

T. Hunt



HEALTHY EATING WEEK

13th- 17th June was the British Nutritional Foundation Healthy Eating Week.

As a school we recognise the ever increasing importance of the physical, mental and emotional wellbeing of our pupils and by dedicating a week to a timetable full of lessons and activities focusing on fitness, healthy eating and healthy lifestyles we hope we've encouraged the boys to begin lifelong healthy eating habits and lifestyles. Over the week they have also learnt that healthy living can be synonymous with fun and delicious food as everyone enjoyed taking part in the activities and experiences on offer.

We began the week with an assembly to the whole school where I introduced the 'five challenges' and the activities we would be running in school

Challenge 1: Have breakfast.

Over the course of the week pupils sent in fantastic photos of themselves eating a healthy breakfast, or two!

Challenge 2: Have 5 A Day

During step up morning the boys had the opportunity to make their own healthy snacks: mixed fruit kebabs.

We ran an amazing fast tempo and very informative Healthy Eating Workshop. It included 25 hands on, games-based interactive stands that brought to life the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices. Topics included: a balanced diet; healthy teeth; water; sleep; 5-a-day; exercise; nutritional value; where food comes from and junk food.

HEALTHY EATING WEEK *continued*

I liked making fruit kebabs because of the mix of fruits – Joseph

I loved the A Life healthy eating workshops, the drunk goggles were weird - Maulik

Challenge 3: Drink Plenty

At lunchtime on Wednesday we set up a Water Bar of different flavoured waters for the boys to try including strawberry and mint and citrus flavours.

This was trumped by the universally loved 'Smoothie Bike'. All of the boys had a go at making their own fruit smoothies. It was hard work but healthy as both a fitness activity and a drink. Delicious too!

The best smoothie I have ever tasted! - Yadveer

I loved the smoothie bike because it got you peddling and exercising to make a smoothie - Maxwell

Challenge 4: Get Active

The boys were fortunate enough to take part in a fitness circuit run by A-Life.

For the Pre-Prep the session involved acting out a very strenuous jungle trials story where the boys raced through the jungle spotting animals and even flew helicopters.

For Prep the session involved challenges in strength, jumping, balance, fitness, flexibility and co-ordination. It also included circuits in boxing, hockey, football and gym.

Fitness circuits were great; my favourite activity was the strength bands – Ollie I

I really liked learning about all the sports you can do for exercise - Daniel

Challenge 5: Try Something New



Each day at lunch the boys had the opportunity to try something new. This has been an ongoing initiative introducing pupils to new foods through the alphabet. In addition to this on Friday we set up a Taste Table where the boys could specifically try a variety of 'super foods'.

Many of the activities earlier in the week including Healthy Eating Workshop, Water Bar, Smoothie Bike and Fitness Circuits also provided opportunity to try something new.

I tried something new; pineapple – Isaac K

I loved tasting new food – Isaac P

The week was rounded off with a Healthy Eating assembly performed by Pre-Prep informing the school about the benefits of eating a balanced diet. It culminated in the upbeat rock 'n' roll style song 'Food Groups are Rockin' Tonight'. A fitting way to round off a fantastic week.

M. Swift



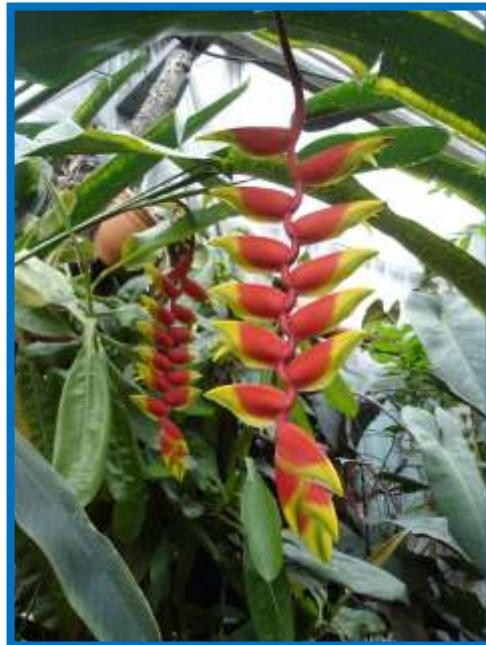
YEAR 1 TRIP TO THE LIVING RAINFOREST

On 21st June, Year 1 were fortunate enough to visit the Living Rainforest near Newbury. Without leaving the country we were able to explore the rainforest and discover its wonders for ourselves. The Living Rainforest is home to 700 species of plants and animals. In its tropical glasshouses we enjoyed looking out for free roaming lizards, birds and butterflies never knowing where they would appear next! Plus monkeys, a sloth, an armadillo, toucans, and more.

We also benefitted from an hour long 'Edible Rainforest' tour, with an exceptional guide, who was full of child friendly facts. The boys learnt that all living things need food to survive, how plants make their food and about the diets of rainforest animals, including examples of herbivores, omnivores and carnivores and how they obtain their food. The boys discovered the different levels within a food chain and learnt that some of the foods we eat originate in the rainforest. These included foods they might find on the supermarket shelves in the UK as well as the diet of indigenous people including bananas, coffee, cocoa, ginger, vanilla and plants that give us life-enhancing medicines, cosmetics and building materials.

We felt fully immersed in the Rainforest Experience and were particularly enthralled by the sloth, lizards and birds who roam free.

M. Swift



WE LOVE A GOOD PICNIC AT ST EDWARD'S PREP...

The Pre-Prep had an enjoyable annual summer picnic, with parents, at Upper Basildon Village Hall.

It was looking like we would have our very first picnic outside, in the park, but unfortunately a seasonal downpour arrived from nowhere and we had to decamp and head for cover as usual.

It was lovely to socialise with our new Pre-Prep parents and say farewell to our Year 2

parents, as their boys will be transitioning into the Prep School.

The boys had a great time playing football or cricket and clambering over the climbing equipment.

Thank you to all those parents who took time out of their busy schedule to support this event.

K. Silcock

3M AZTECS

Year 3 enjoyed travelling back in time to the Aztec Era and experimented with some new and novel chocolate flavours.

They designed and made the packaging in their DT lessons and, hopefully, took the chocolates home for the family to enjoy!

H. Lewis



PERFECT MATHS DAY 28/06

During assembly boys found out what a perfect number was and that the reason for Perfect Maths days was that the date was made up of these special numbers. They considered what made them perfect and whether they had a hidden talent themselves. Boys worked on a number of exciting Maths activities and challenges throughout this day. A big focus was to investigate, explore and have fun with numbers in as many different ways as possible. We encouraged boys to demonstrate a 'growth mindset' and tackle difficult challenges with a positive approach and to be inspired by one another's successes.

In the afternoon selected boys from Year 3 & 4 and the brilliant boys from Pre-Prep also took part in a St Edward's Maths Challenge, which had been put together for them by Jai, Branson, Raheel, Nathan G and Elias. There were the following winners:

Goldfish group:

Sanay Sadhwani

Starfish group:

Jamie Richmond-Coggan & Darsh Haridas

Piranha group:

Dylan Wastney & Nathan Nargunam

Swordfish group:

Maxwell Redman

Titans group:

Oliver Crew

Dragons:

Oliver Hunt

Rams:

Rujul Nayak

T. Hunt

ORPHEUS

Years 5 and 6 really pulled it out of the bag and brought tears to more than one person's eyes. Their performance of the eight songs in the 'Orpheus' song cycle was powerful and moving.

Special mention must be made of the excellent Band who accompanied the Cerberus song - Branson and Justin on electric guitar, Ansh on rhythm guitar and Kelphala on drum; also Dillon and Elias for an accomplished violin duet in The Forest's Call and

James for his clarinet playing in Singing to the Deep; and finally to Adam for a beautiful and poignant solo in Never Turn Round. The narrators - Adam, Gaurav, Justin, Ansh, Branson, Kelphala, Jathu, Jasper - spoke clearly and wove the story around the songs.

The boys sang as only boys can and managed to express the songs clearly, confidently and musically. I felt extremely proud of what they put into it. Boys - you really gave a cracking performance!



JUDO GRADINGS

All boys are Junior White Belts		Rohan Sturup-Toft	1 orange stripe
Rujul Nayak	2 blue stripes	Om Chitale	1 orange stripe
Haider Nawaz-Chechi	2 green stripes	Louis Frith	2 blue stripes
Samuel Hussey	1 blue stripe	Zachary Taylor-Clague	2 blue stripes
Vashisht Khandagale	2 green stripes	Thomas Brice-Wernham	3 brown stripes
Isaac Pappenberger	3 green stripes	Rhys Sankarsingh	3 brown stripes
Jashan Bains	3 green stripes	Avi Pasikanti	3 brown stripes
Aniket Smopath	3 green stripes	Manaswith Vipperla	3 brown stripes
Nathan Hand	1 blue stripe	Abeer Gogia	1 black stripe
Musa Ahmed	3 orange stripes	Ishaan Kulkarni	3 brown stripes
Olamilekan Alao	1 green stripe	Keshav Joshi	Junior Green Belt
Adhrit Ghargi	3 orange stripes	Angus Scott-Brent	Junior Orange Belt
Maxwell Redman	3 orange stripes	Robert Page-Mason	Junior Orange Belt
Joseph Swift	2 blue stripes	Oliver Ireland	Junior Yellow Belt
Jabari Herbert	3 orange stripes	Samuel Redman	Junior Yellow Belt
Max Williams	3 orange stripes	William Slade	Junior Yellow Belt
Christian Garang	3 orange stripes	Pierce Brown	Junior Yellow Belt
Ethan Miot	3 orange stripes	Lewis Lloyd	Junior Red Belt
Dylan Wastney	1 orange stripe		

