



St Aubyns School

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*The Headmaster and Staff
wish all pupils and parents a very Merry
Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New
Year!*

On Thursday 27th November St Aubyns welcomed pupils from other local schools for one of the regular Gifted and Talented workshops that have recently been established. The aim of these days is to stretch academically more able children by going 'off curriculum' and helping to interact with similarly able children from other schools. This day was aimed at Years 5 and 6; twelve children from St Aubyns were joined by a group from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School in Rottingdean and The Fold School in Hove.

The programme for the day started with the children meeting each other and talking about the languages which they had already experienced. Two groups then alternated between Mandarin Chinese and Ancient Greek, working hard at each language for an hour. Mrs Zhao from Brighton College led the Mandarin sessions and took the children through a range of vocabulary and phrases. Mr Hitchings led the Ancient Greek sessions, starting with the alphabet taught through song and Greek mythology and moving onto simple phrases and some work on English derivations from Greek words.

All the children worked with enthusiasm and at the end of the morning shared some of the lessons about language learning that they were able to take away. Above all, the children were instilled with the confidence to approach new languages in the future realising how this will equip them for the challenges of the modern world.

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The Week Ahead	
December	
Saturday	5 th
Sunday	6 th
Monday	7 th
	9.30am Nursery and Reception Christmas Play (first performance)
	11.00am Nursery and Reception Christmas Play (second performance)
	6 - 9pm Parent Consultations for Year 6
Tuesday	8 th
	2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play
	6.00pm Carol Service at St Margaret's for the Village
Wednesday	9 th
	7.30am December Birthday Breakfast
	9.30am Rainbow Theatre for Prep School
	11.45am Christmas lunch for Pre-Prep
	1.00pm Christmas lunch for Prep
	3.30pm Term ends for Pre-Prep
	6.00pm Carol Service at St Margaret's, followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the sports hall
	c.7.00pm Term ends for Prep school



St Aubyns Christmas Charity 2009

St Aubyns is pleased to donate the money, given through the collections at both carol services at the end of this term, to Chestnut Tree House, the only children's hospice in Sussex. Chestnut Tree House provides care for children and young people who have life-limiting illnesses - such as Muscular Dystrophy, Cystic Fibrosis, Hunters Syndrome, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, multiple disabilities, cancer and progressive genetic disorders - which means that they will probably die before they reach adulthood. Chestnut Tree House tries to create a home from home atmosphere, somewhere where it is possible for the children and families to spend time together, to do things they wouldn't normally be able to do and to create special memories together.

Pre-Prep Superstars for Friday 27th November 2009



Last week's Superstars were from Year 1.

Superstar Certificates went to James Pisani-Dixon for super sewing of Christmas decorations, Charlie Barnard for careful work in maths problem solving and Stanislas Godard for excellent progress in speaking English.

Good behaviour stickers went to Patrick Northmore, Hugo John and Trey Joseph-Welch.

Well done, children! All the teachers in the Pre-Prep would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

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Pre-Prep Christmas Plays

Tea, coffee and mince pies will be available between the two Nursery and Reception shows on Monday morning between 10 and 11am in the library. Refreshments will also be available after the Year 1 & 2 Christmas show the following day. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

End of term Carol Services

Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th December

As in previous years, the Prep school will host two carol services next week - one for the village on Tuesday and one for the school on Wednesday. On both days, everyone involved will need to wear best uniform and will be given supper in school before the service. On Tuesday pupils will be ready to be picked up from the church at c.6.55pm. After this service, a number of invited guests from the village and connected with the school will be coming back to school for refreshments in the library. On the Wednesday, all parents and families are invited to join us after the service for mulled wine and mince pies in the sports hall.

Many congratulations to Emily Tye who has been awarded an academic scholarship to Brighton and Hove School for Girls. She will take up her place there as a Year 9 student in September 2010.

Christmas Party Day in the Pre-Prep

On Monday 1st December the Pre-Prep held its Christmas party day. The children all arrived at school dressed in their finest part wear ready for an exciting day. The first part of the morning was taken up with arranged party games in the Sports hall. All the children donned the party hats they had made and were soon involved in musical statues, pass the parcel, sleeping Reindeer and dance competitions. We all had a marvellous time with prizes galore. After play time we all came back into the Studio. The Children did not know why they had to sit very quietly and thought that they were going to watch a special Christmas film. SUDDENLY in came Father Christmas with a HO, HO, HO! The children screamed with delight and surprise. Father Christmas asked all the children if they had been good and if they were going to be good at Christmas? Of course they all cried YES (I should like verification of this next term, please) and looked excitedly at the large red sack he was carrying. As if by magic Father Christmas pulled out a long list of names, which happened to be the names of everyone there! It took him a while but he read out everyone's name, to give them a present. When he had finished he said he had to go as the reindeer needed their lunch, so we gave him three cheers and wished him luck for his very busy night on Christmas Eve. After all that excitement we went into the dining room for a party lunch.

In the afternoon the Rainbow Theatre came to school to give their performance of 'Dick Whittington' to the children. What fun we all had! All the children were involved with the performance, taking on a variety of roles including rats, trades people and, of course, Puss. They loved the spectacle of live performance with all its colour and laughter. Just looking at all the children's faces showed how much they enjoyed the performance and we all felt that now Christmas was really on its way. We all gave the Rainbow Theatre group three cheers for giving us such an excellent performance.

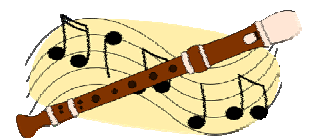
What an exciting day it had been and the children went home with many exciting memories.

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A French Challenge!

To keep the brain cells active over Christmas, Miss Templeton is offering you the chance to find out the answers to a Christmas quiz which can be found attached to the Home Contact email. Have fun!

Recorder Lessons



One to one recorder lessons will be available next term. Please email or contact Miss Behdad if you are interested in your child learning.

Email:

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On Tuesday 1st December, the senior LAMDA Pupils and the Senior Drama Club created some magical moments in their end of term showcase. The show was presented by Phoebe and Jenni, who spoke with clarity and confidence. The first half opened with Saoirse and Alfie performing some poetry. This was followed by monologues and one duologue from Katie and Coco. I was very impressed with the standard of acting throughout. In particular, I liked Bella's interpretation of an autistic child obsessed with swimming. I felt it was a most sensitive and engaging performance.



The second half opened with a few more monologues from some of our Year 8 Drama Scholars, all of which were memorable performances. Followed by two wonderful interpretations of Anne Frank, from Issy and Amber. This smoothly led into the opening scene from the Senior Drama club, who governed the rest of the show. They created 3 different scenes containing magical moments, all of which were entertaining and well written. A special mention once again to Phoebe and Jenni, whose piece was mature and of a very high standard. In conclusion, I was delighted with the way the children worked together during the evening to create an enjoyable and smooth running show. A particular thank you to George and Saoirse, who helped with the lights and sound.

MS

St Aubyns Mathematics Department

**CONGRATULATIONS to all of the boys and girls who were voted
MATHEMATICIAN OF THE MONTH for November!**

Class	Mathematician of the month
Trans S	Henry Austin
4	William Jeffrey
5	Harry St John Poulton
6 Upper	Freja Holmstrom
6 Lower	Joe French
7 Upper	Nico BJORKEFORS
7 Lower	Theo BJORKEFORS
8S	William Powell
8CE1	George Liu
8CE2	Alfie Robbie

Dramatic Storm Disables Computer System!

Many thanks to all parents for their patience over the past week as telephone lines were hit (thankfully only for a few hours!) and the school computer network was put out of action after a violent storm last Wednesday night. We are pleased to say that everything is now back up and running, including the Bugle! The next edition of the Bugle will be published on Friday 8th January 2010!

'As Time Goes By' Competition Entries

Due to the very impressive collection of Christmas decorations that are on display around the school, we have decided to wait until the New Year before displaying the photographs from the 'As Time Goes By' competition.
SC

Sports News

U13 Netball v Roedean

We had a very successful netball match against Roedean on Saturday. From the first quarter we dominated the game and played extremely well as a team. I was so impressed with the girls' effort and professionalism throughout. It was lovely to see the girls use lots of the new techniques and tactics that we have been working on in games sessions and they demonstrated just the right level of competitiveness to ensure the win. Phoebe Jackson was my player of the match as she has an outstanding match. She played out of position in two quarters and managed to score her first match goal in the process! A special thank you and well one to Delpi Reid who played her first match from the U13s and thank you to all the parents who came to support us despite the cold weather! It was a great way to end the term, as we won 19-4!

RS

U12 Netball v Roedean

The U12s netball team played a terrific match against Rodman on Saturday. They braved the cold and windy conditions and totally dominated the first three quarters of the game. The girls' passing and movement was excellent to watch and we were leading 4-3 going into the last quarter of the game. I was convinced that we were going to win, but unfortunately, in the last 3 minutes of the match, Roedean managed to score five late goals and the final score was 5-8. The girls can hold their heads up high though as they worked so well as a team and gave their all. Ellis Harries and Saoirse McGilligan were fantastic in defence, breaking down the Roedean attacking play and regaining possession for St Aubyns. Rebecca Bredin had a great battle with her opposite player, showing her great competitive spirit and determination to get every ball. Yasmine Majeed and Phoebe Connolly had the windy day to contend with, but moved well in the circle and scored some good goals. Both Bella Coxon and Sacha Stanley were solid on the wings, finding great space and marking their players well. The whole game was played with great sportsmanship from both teams and I look forward to a rematch! I can't single out one player of the match as all the girls played so well. Well done!

LT

U12 Hockey v Copthorne

The U12s played in a challenging indoor hockey game against Copthorne on Wednesday. In the first half, we were putting some good passes together and attacking well but unfortunately didn't manage to score. We were down 0 - 2 at half time. We fought hard in the second half but just couldn't find a goal. They had some strong attackers who managed to score another two goals but Oonagh made some terrific saves to keep the score line at 0 - 4. The player of the match is Oonagh for her great play in goal! Well done to all the girls for your fantastic effort.

Report by Katie Mann and Delphi Reid

U11 Netball v Copthorne

The girls played a brilliant match on Wednesday, battling not only the opposition, but gusting rain and winds too. It was a very fast, tough match, but our girls kept going, heads up, for the four quarters. We drew in two of the quarters but the final score (9-4) does not do justice to the effort and sportsmanship of our team. Player of the match was Tamsin who played, despite not feeling too well. A special mention should go to Ayla for great progress in her interceptions and passing.

SS

1st XI Rugby v Great Walstead

The 1st XV had a good victory against Great Walstead. The match was split up into 3 twenty minute periods. David McKenna, George Taylor and Will Powell all capped good performances with tries. The final score was 6 tries to St.Aubyns (30 points) and 2 tries to Great Walstead (10 points). We scrummaged well and won a lot of possession from the lineout but let ourselves down a little by not exploiting overlaps. Nevertheless, a good result for the Firsts. Well done!

FM

Colts B Rugby v Copthorne

The Colts B team played a practice match against Copthorne. We had a great time with our lads dictating the pace throughout the match, thanks to the organisational skills of Matthew Wood who led by example and showed true sportsmanship. I would also like to mention Harry, Amaury and Jonathan who played at this level for the first time and acquitted themselves very well. The final score was 42 - 0 to St Aubyns. Well done, Colts B.

SN

U9 Rugby v Great Walstead

The Under 9 boys hosted Great Walstead on Wednesday. The match was played in a very friendly atmosphere. Our boys were playing as a team for the first time and the idea was to put into practice all the skills they had learnt in training. I was pleased with the way the boys acquitted themselves. The passing and the general team work was good. We shall of course be working on specific skills like rucks and mauls but, overall, I was impressed with the progress the boys have made. Great Walstead started very strong and scored a try within minutes but our boys composed themselves and managed to pull one back. From there on it was a real fight for supremacy and the tackling was ferocious from both teams. By half time each team had scored one try. After half time the boys scored a second but our visitors replied with a wonderfully executed try. However, this did not faze our boys as they replied with three well taken tries to win the match 25-5. A very good start boys; well done.

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Junior Play 2009 - Cinderella

This term Years 3 and 4 put on a wonderful adaptation of the classic story of Cinderella. The show was a huge success and a lot of fun was had by all involved. A huge 'thank you' to everyone who supported the production and helped out either on the night or behind the scenes. It is great to see such young talent in the school!
RS and SS



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