



THE BUGLE

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Chapel Choir take part in St Aubyns Choral Day

Last Friday St Aubyns hosted a Gifted and Talented Choral Music Day. This was attended by pupils from Year 7 at Roedean and from Years 5 and 6 at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Margaret's Schools in Rottingdean. In all more than 70 children were involved in the event.

The day started with rehearsals led by Miss Behdad and Mr Hammersley. The chosen choral work was *Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo* and the children were learning the piece from scratch. An hour and a half of rehearsal in the chapel at St Aubyns was followed by lunch and a well-earned break. The children then moved to St Margaret's Church to run through the music prior to the performance. Here they were joined by Mr Jonathan Chappel, our drums teacher.

At 3.30pm parents gathered to enjoy the children's performance. The massed choirs deserved much credit for the excellent sound they produced together - part-singing, some work in canon and some challengingly fast tunes were all performed with enjoyment and panache. It was a fitting end to an excellent day. SH



Pre-Prep Superstars for Friday 5th February 2010

Last week's Superstars were from Reception.

Superstar Certificates went to Lucas Clarke for good progress in phonics, Ben Webb for great work across the curriculum, Sienna Adams for wonderfully presented work (especially her dinosaur book) and James Cansdale for good progress and enthusiasm in reading.

Good behaviour stickers went to Ruby Eggleton, Francesca Wood, Dylan White and Max Dahlberg-Hughes.

Well done, everyone!

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The Week Ahead

February

Monday 22nd

Townsend-Warner History Prize Paper 2

1 - 5pm Rugby - Senior Sevens at Brambletye

Tuesday 23rd

11am - 1pm Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Wednesday 24th

7.30am February Birthday Breakfast

Rugby: Colts XII v Fonthill Lodge (H)

1st XV v Brighton College (H)

2nd XII & U8 Tag v Brighton College (A)

Netball: U13 & U11/10 v Cumnor (A)

U9/8 v Cumnor (H)

Thursday 25th

5.15pm Swimming Gala at Hurstpierpoint College

Friday 26th

1.30 - 5.30pm 'Oliver!' Lighting Plot - Village Hall (Technical Crew)

7 - 9pm Years 5 & 6 Prep Schools' Quiz at Brighton College

Saturday 27th

10am Governors' Meeting

Sunday 28th

10am - 4pm 'Oliver!' Full cast rehearsal

Year 2 Trip to Brighton Museum

For the past few weeks Year 2 have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians, and we were looking forward to visiting the Egyptian Mummy workshop and artefact handling session at the Museum. We were met by our Museum Teacher, Sue, and were shown two figures covered over with throws. Were these the mummies we were going to prepare for the afterlife? The children all dressed up as characters to re-enact the process of mummification, and the journey to the afterlife. The characters included embalmers, Priests, mourners, the god Anubis and the goddess Maat. All the children had a costume to wear and they all looked splendid. One of the covers was thrown back to reveal a lifelike material 'body' to be mummified. The children took turns to prepare the body, remove 'internal organs' for the canopic jars and wrap the body in linen bands. We then moved on to the ceremony of the 'weighing of the heart against the feather of truth'. The whole experience brought to life all the facts the children had learnt in the classroom. The children answered all the questions asked and gave information that Sue did not know. After lunch we set out in groups to explore the rest of the Museum. The 'Ancient Egypt' exhibition was of course of great interest. We all met in the 'World Art' room, where the children chose a number of exhibits to draw. All too soon it was time to leave the Museum. Mrs Sams and Mrs Calderwood were very proud of the children, and how they had conducted themselves on this very exciting trip.

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Section Debating Competition



The eagerly anticipated Section Debating Competition produced some excellent performances in its first round this week in front of good audiences of children who chose to come and watch during their morning break. Each section must choose three pupils including at least one not in Year 8 to represent them. The team divide up the speeches in the debate so that one acts as the introducer of the team and topic, one is the main speaker and the third summarises. Mr Greet and Mr Hitchings acted as judges.

On Wednesday Templars and Crusaders debated the motion 'That in the current economic climate MPs should be taking a cut in their salaries and making no expense claims'. Clarissa Philpott, Horatio Gould and Bertie Warren for Templars argued in favour of the motion based on the grounds of re-establishing trust, taking responsibility for the economy, and setting an example to the country. For Crusaders Rebecca Bredin, David McKenna and Saoirse McGilligan countered that MPs are not paid enough as it is, that the economy was the bankers' fault and that MPs are doing what they can to make up for the expenses fiasco. Templars emerged as winners by 93 to 77.

On Thursday it was the turn of Vikings and Musketeers with the motion 'That President Obama's first year as US President has been a disappointment'. A very high quality of research and presentation was achieved as the final scores show. In support of the motion the Vikings team of Ted Giles, Phoebe Jackson and George Taylor argued that Obama has failed to keep many promises on matters such as Guantanamo Bay, Afghanistan and health care reform, that he has lost popularity in the US and that he failed to act quickly enough on the economy. In response Yasmine Majeed, Marianne Smith and Alston Teng replied that one year is not enough time to recover from the mess left by his predecessor, that his achievements have been recognised in his Nobel Peace Prize and that his action on Haiti shows him to be a decisive leader who cares. An extremely close contest resulted in a victory for the Musketeers by 102 to 99.

Templars and Musketeers will now debate in the final in front of the whole Prep School on Friday, 12th March.
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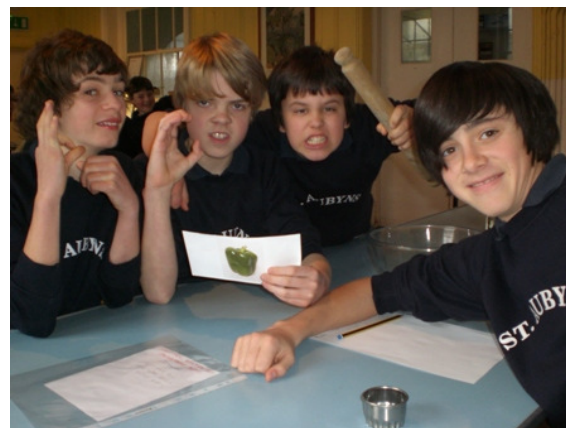
Ready Steady Maths!

Ainsley Harriott has got nothing on our Year 8 mathematicians who put their work on 'ratios' to good use this week by creating pizza, shortbread and Old Mother Chatten's apple crumble during their Maths lessons.

Presented with a list of ingredients and quantities the students had to use a given ratio to change their quantities. Some were also challenged to convert between grams and ounces. Once this task was successfully completed it was full steam ahead with the preparations.

The fruits of their labour were then enjoyed as 'extra lunch'.

Many thanks go to Brendan for his assistance in preparing these lessons and to Mrs Morrisson and Mrs Torry for their 'hands on' assistance and invaluable knowledge.
SC



Singers' Concert

On Monday Mr Hammersley organised the annual Singers' Concert. All of his current singing pupils performed one of the songs they are currently learning. For the first time, this included two Year 2 pupils - Alexander Pitman and Henry Liu. All of the children performed exceedingly well and showed great confidence singing before their friends and parents. Particular congratulations to Joe Sung who was performing in public for the first time.

Sports News

1st XV Rugby v Handcross Park

At 2:30 on Wednesday 10th February the 1st XV played Handcross Park 1sts. We had a strong start and defended well. Will Powell scored 4 tries, George Taylor and David McKenna managed a try apiece and Max Ettinger kicked 5 conversions. Oskar Strasman also had an impressive game. Our opposition scored 3 tries with one conversion which made the final score 40-17. It was another good win for the 1st XV.

FM

Colts A Rugby v Handcross Park

The temperature may have been below zero but the performance from the Colts 'A' team was definitely heart warming as they turned a 15 - 5 half time lead into a 35 - 5 points victory.

Tries came from Kofi (2), James, Joe Sung (on debut), Matt (who has scored in every game so far) and man of the match 'Bionic Bucknall' who scored twice and played very intelligently around the rucks and mauls.

Many players made yards for us with Sam and Freddie ('Captain Fantastic') charging through the opposition's ranks.

George and Ed impressed on the wings, tackling well when called to do so.

Well done boys! A great performance in the cold.

St Aubyns 35 - 5 Handcross Park

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U9 Rugby v Handcross Park

After two successive losses our Under 9 boys finally found form on Wednesday. They beat Handcross Park by 45 points to 25 in a well contested encounter. Both teams played beautiful rugby and the match swung from one end to the other throughout the first half so that by half time, St Aubyns were leading by only one try.

After our pep talk at half time, the boys stepped up a gear and totally dominated their hosts. Most pleasing was the team performance ably led by Dylan who scored 8 of the 9 tries. Well done to Jonathan who scored the other try as well as Amir who was also outstanding as scrum half.

I hope to see this high standard of rugby continue in the coming weeks.

Well done!

SN

U8 Tag Rugby v Handcross

This was played on a bitterly cold, though sunny, afternoon. Our opponents had some fast runners and scored first, but we were quick to exploit gaps in their defence and soon gained the upper hand. Nonetheless, this was a close-fought match and the final result was 10-8 in our favour. Particularly well done to try-scorers Tom Awdry, Theo Salomon, Ned Mundy and Sebastian Pratt, and also to Norphel Wilberforce for his tireless tagging and Henry Austin for some spirited running. This was a good team effort.

RR

U13 Netball v Brambletye

For the first time I took the U13 to Brambletye where we had a very difficult game against a tough team, and I'm sad to say it brought our winning streak to an end, temporarily. The girls were a little shocked to be down 12-0 by the end of the first quarter, but rallied for the second to score 6 while Brambletye only notched up another 2. Unfortunately we couldn't keep it up despite some great play from the girls we lost 28-12. Crushing, yes, but we have some areas to work on and I am sure next time we shall give them a tougher challenge. Player of the match goes to Jenny, who continued to put maximum effort in no matter what the score. Well done girls onward and upward.

SS

U12 Netball v Brambletye

On Wednesday the Under 12s played a fierce game against Brambletye. It was a tough game and Brambletye's shooting was very good. In the first quarter we lacked in shooting and passing. We defended quite well and kept our spirits up although we only got one goal when Brambletye had shot 12. In the second quarter we got the ball more and our passing became more accurate although again we only got one more goal. The score by half time was 18- 2 to Brambletye. So far, Ellie was defending very well and snatching any ball she could. Meanwhile Becky B, Saoirse and Delphi were passing well and getting into any space they could. After the last two quarters had gone by we had got one more goal in and Brambletye had got 8 more. Phoebe fought hard for the ball and always had a smile on her face. As you can tell we lost by 23 but we played our best although it was not our best match. Ellie gets player of the match and special mention goes to Soarsie and Delphi!

Written by Delphi Reid



Saddle Up for The St Aubyns Society's

1st Annual Race Night

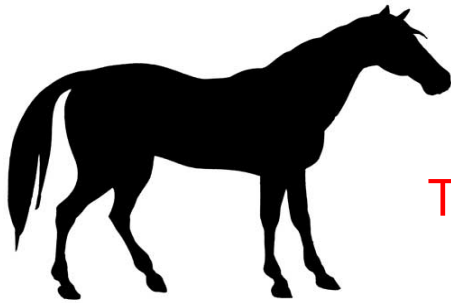
Thursday 25th February 2010 - 7.30pm Performing Arts Studio

Tickets - £6 per person including nosebag by Brendan Ramsay

Available now from the School Office (tel 302170)

Wear Tweed and Flat Caps if you can!

Buy a horse for £5 -win £10 if it comes in



Tote. Win. ££££. Bar. Food. Raffle.

Oliver!

**Thursday 12th March Friday 13th March
Saturday 14th March**

Tickets are now on sale from the office for the school production of 'Oliver'. This will take place in Rottingdean Village Hall which means that there are no restrictions on the number of tickets sold per family. However, the seats are going fast, particularly for the Saturday evening, so it is worth booking soon to avoid disappointment.

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