



THE BUGLE

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Tavistock and Summerhill School -2011/12

Some parents will be aware that Tavistock and Summerhill had proposed closure earlier this year. We have been asked to confirm that the school is working towards a successful outcome to remain open into the 2011/12 academic year and beyond.

St Aubyns Society - call for form reps.

With a new academic year approaching, the St Aubyns Society are keen to start recruiting new form reps to sit on the committee and to help organise social and fundraising events. If you are willing and able to help in this area, please contact me and I will pass your name onto the Chair of the committee (Mrs Theresa Corkill) who will be very pleased to welcome you aboard!

The Summer Fair is fast approaching and the committee are already busy organising what promises to be a superb day on Saturday 25th June. You will receive further details about the event after half term and we very much hope that this year, as last year, will very much be a whole school event where everyone gets involved and has fun!

CH

Woods Mill Trip Year 2

We had the most delightfully inspiring day on Thursday at Woods Mill, a nature reserve run by the Sussex Wildlife Trust. The weather was just perfect for our Mini beast Safari and we found some most unusual creepy crawlies, including some bright red worms in the wormery, and some ladybird nymphs and stagecoach beetle nymphs. Year 2 seem to have a great talent at searching them out. The morning was completed by a walk through the Secret Forest where some of us were lucky enough to see a badger set, a small Roe deer and a few rabbits. After lunch in the forest clearing we had a beautiful walk along the river and then 'swept' the meadow for even more mini beasts! The large nets caught hundreds of small grasshoppers and crickets. Then we finished our trip with a pond dipping session, where we found small sticklebacks, newts, fogs and dragonfly nymphs to name just a few.

Our class was greatly inspired to start our own mini beast haven in part of the school grounds and we have already sown some lavender seeds as part of our Bee project. It really is a 'watch that space!' as the area develops.
SS

Prep Sports Day and Prize Giving Saturday 2nd July

A reminder that all pupils in Years 3 - 6 are expected to attend this important event in the school calendar.

The Week Ahead

June

Saturday 4th

Sunday 5th

French students arrive

Monday 6th

C.E. Examinations begin (end on Thursday)

School Examinations begin (all week)

Tuesday 7th

Wednesday 8th

Cricket: 1st XI & Colts XI v Brighton College (H)

2nd XI & U9 (pairs) v Brighton College (A)

Rounders: U13 & U9/8 v Cumnor House (H)

U12 & U10 v Cumnor House (A)

Thursday 9th

Pre-Prep Grandparents' Afternoon

Friday 10th

4.45pm Chapel Preacher: Rev'd Jeremy Sykes, Chaplain of Hurstpierpoint College

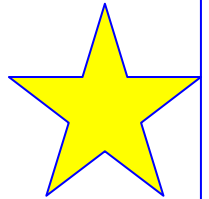
Saturday 11th

Sunday 12th

Pre-Prep Superstars

Last week's Superstars were from Year 2.

Awards were given to Lulu Flowers, Teddie Carr, Chloe Day, Ella Ward, Kyiga Wilberforce, Fred Thompson and Trey Joseph-Welch for being such a delight to take on our Science trip to Woodsmill Countryside Centre.



Pupils shine in General Knowledge Quiz

On Friday two teams from Years 5 and 6 took part in the annual Prep Schools Quiz at Brighton College. This is a pub-quiz format, with the teams working together, and having to think strategically about when to play their Joker for double points in a round. Both teams coped well with some challenging questions, but particular congratulations go to the Year 5 team of Oliver Hutchinson, Ed Flowers, Daniel Hobden and Elizabeth Corkhill, who finished second overall. Well done to all who took part! JB

N.B. Congratulations also to the St Aubyns parents who came first in the parents' quiz!



Year 6 Trip to Spinnaker Tower

On Tuesday the 24th May Year 6 boys went to Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth. The bus journey took two long hours. When we arrived at Portsmouth we parked the school bus in the parking lot that was next to the Spinnaker tower. We then walked to the bottom of the Spinnaker Tower and got the lift to the first floor. We took our shoes off and walked across the largest glass floor in Europe. Then we walked up to the second floor where the café was. The third floor was called the crow's nest. It had no roof and so you could see the top of the tower which is called a spire. Afterwards we went back to the first floor and walked across the glass floor once again. Then we went to the second floor and we went down in the elevator to the gift shop. After buying some interesting items at the gift shop we sat down and ate our lunch. After eating our lunch we went on a trip on a boat that went around Spinnaker Tower and Naval port. After the boat tour we went back on the bus and came back to school.

By Amaury Salomon



Annual Rottingdean Schools' Athletics Meeting

The Rottingdean schools athletics match took place on the St Aubyns field on Thursday this week in extremely blustery conditions. Along side the St Aubyns year 3, 4, 5 and 6 students were students from both St Margaret's and Our Lady of Lourdes primary schools in Rottingdean. A full track programme of sprints, hurdles and relays took place along with the field events of the cricket ball throw and the long jump. The athletes participated with great gusto and determination and no little spirit in the tough conditions and, there were victories for all of the schools involved during the match. After two hours of fierce competition and much enjoyment for participants and parents alike the match results were in. All involved gathered together and Mr Hitchings declared the final result. St Margaret's were in 1st place with St Aubyns 2nd and our Lady of Lourdes in 3rd. Certificates were handed out to all the winners and all involved made their way from the field to warmer conditions in excellent spirits.
SW

Sports News

St Aubyns v Farlington Swimming Gala Years 4-7

On Tuesday afternoon we held a swimming gala against Farlington girls' school. It was a lovely sunny afternoon albeit a little windy and the girls were in good spirits. We had several individual and relay events running and the majority of girls in Years 4 and 5 took part and four Year 7 girls. We had some excellent individual swims from Leila Strasman, Tamsin Ayris, Natacha Rodrigues and Connie Brown (who would have won her race if she had dived in!). We also had some great team performances from people who had never competed in a swimming gala before so that was great to see! Tamsin Ayris led our team to a valiant 2nd place with St Aubyns gaining a total of 90 points to Farlington's 130. Well done to all the girls who took part. It was great to see you all enjoying yourselves!

RS

U13 V Handcross Park

Lady luck has certainly been on our side this season as we won the toss yet again, putting them into bat first! Both teams fielded superbly and after both our first batting innings were leading by a mere half rounder. After their second innings we knew we needed 8 rounders to win it. It was extremely close but the girls held their nerve and with some terrific hitting from all the girls, especially from Delphi Reid and Clarissa Philpott who are my players of the match, we triumphed with a final score of 13 - 10 ½. Well done to all of you! LT

Sports News continued

U12 Rounders Triangular against Farlington and Cumnor House

St Aubyns v Cumnor House

Lost 2.5 - 4

St Aubyns v Farlington

Won 7 - 3

Well done to Isabella Neergaard-Petersen and Natacha Rodrigues for their superb efforts on first and second base respectively, and for catching many of the opposition out. Special mention also to Sacha Stanley for some great catches and to Tamsin Ayriss and Rebecca Hobden for their accurate bowling.

NB

U10 Girls' Rounders v Handcross Park

A much depleted team of 7 girls took on Handcross Park away on a glorious afternoon and it is fair to say that they all played with so much energy and enthusiasm. From the moment of arrival, the captain, Elizabeth Corkill, had the girls practising and generally warming up as well as deciding, democratically, how best to place the reduced number of fielders. A strong breeze made bowling rather difficult but Olivia Standing and Leila Strasman made a good effort to keep the number of no-balls to a minimum and Lalita Spink, as backstop, performed very well, getting the ball back to the bowler quickly and accurately. Our deep fielding was not as successful as it could have been and Handcross were able to score several rounders as the ball disappeared from view across the acres of ground, but at the end of our first innings St Aubyns had worked hard to keep the score close at 7-8 to Handcross. The second innings proved to be rather nail-biting at times as the girls began to take risks in running to the next base and often getting out as a result - Elizabeth and Wendy Kraus especially trying so hard to keep the score up. Two stunning catches remain etched in my mind, the first by Suki Healey who, on 4th Base, caught a high ball off the batter and surprised herself with the result (clearly due to the intensive practise work before hand), and the second by Leila who bowled and then caught the powerful rebound with such precision she seemed not to know that she had done it! Although we eventually went down 14 - 19, the girls played magnificently and, for sheer determination and all round effort - she also scored a whole rounder - player of the match goes to Suki, but the whole team deserve praise for their efforts.

RT

1st XI Cricket v St Ronan's

The 1st XI played at home again against St Ronan's. The weather was set fair for the match and after winning the toss, the St Ronan's captain opted to put St Aubyns in to bat first. This proved to be a very wise decision and with an exceptionally fast and straight opening bowling attack the top order of the St Aubyns 1st XI fell apart very swiftly. One or two batsmen in the middle order stuck to the task and hung around for a few overs but ultimately the team were bowled out for 38 runs in 13 overs, a long way short of what would be required for victory. Despite this low total the St Aubyns boys managed to remove both of the St Ronan's opening batsmen for a duck. After this early success the boys went on to lose the match convincingly. Man of the match for his attitude throughout the game and resilient spell with the bat goes to Will Bucknall.

SW

2nd XI Cricket v St Ronan's

I would like to say that the 2nd XI were only beaten because a few of the players had to leave the match before the end and missed out on batting! However, that would not be the truth. The team were beaten by a strong side from Saint Ronan's but only after putting on a spirited performance. Elliot Tye lost the toss and the opposition chose to bat first in a twenty20 match. At the end of their 20 overs Saint Ronan's had amassed an impressive 148 runs for the loss of 4 wickets. The best of the bowlers was Niloy Sil with figures of 20 for 2, with his second wicket coming on the final ball with a well taken caught and bowled. James Fielden bowled very quickly, and for the majority of his deliveries, with quite some accuracy. Suraj Patel opened the St Aubyns account and was still there at the end on an unbeaten 17, having retired injured for a few overs, but came back to the crease to continue his innings. Oskar Strasman scored three fours in quick succession before succumbing to a straight delivery, and Joe French had to leave the crease in order to catch his bus home after scoring 8; Perry Eggleton and Theo Brown contributed with 5 runs each. A special mention, and thanks, must go to Patrick Mandal, who left his job as scoreboard operator to take his place at the crease for the absent team members. He was unbeaten without scoring when the St Aubyns innings ended on 96 for the loss of 6 wickets. I trust the boys will organise their travel arrangements home for the next fixture.

P M-F

Sports News continued...

Colts v Hurst

Our Colts lost a very closely fought match against Hurst on Saturday making it two in a row. We were put in to bat first because of the very cold and overcast weather and the ball swung so much to Hurst's advantage. However, we nagged to build our total and credit to our top order batsmen who held out and helped amass 102 runs with Leo with a top score of 30 runs. However, towards to end we lost wickets at will and just fell like a deck of cards. Then came our chance to bowl and the boys started in excellent sprits with Eric claiming the first wicket with his last ball of the first over. The field remained tight for a while until later in the match when they slackened a bit allowing the opposition room to score a few fours. We claimed a further three more wickets and we thought we were in for an exciting end. Finally, however, we lost our consistency gifting the game to the opposition who ended on 103 with an over to spare. SN

Colts v St Ronan's

Wednesday was another day of a result that was so near and yet so far away. The colts put up a spirited performance against a very good St Ronan' team. The bowling especially by Eric, Dylan and Ed Bucknall was superb so was the wicket keeping by stand-in wicket keeper Leo Wilson who managed to save so many byes. The field was well organised and the boys played some great cricket for much of the time. However, with three overs to go St Ronan's upped their game and managed to frustrate our bowlers slogging every ball bowled and in the end managing a total of 147. When we came in to bat, Dylan and Leo started very well playing the bad ball and defending the good ball. However, a slight mistake by Dylan cost him his wicket earlier on leaving Eric and Leo to build up a good total of 68 before Leo was caught and in came Ed Bucknall whose this partnership with Eric did not did not last as Eric was unfortunately run out. Then the drama began to unfold as the middle order and tail enders just fell like a tower of Jenga. We were soon on 78 for 9 with Daniel and Ed Flowers in the hot seat. Their first time to have a proper bat in a match. The boys did not disappoint as they played to instructions with Ed playing it safe by simply blocking and Dan using his powerful shots and hitting them for 4s and 6s. By the 18th over Daniel had hit an amazing 40 runs helping the team to reach a respectable 118 all out by the end of play. Men of the match go to both Dan and Ed for fighting relentlessly for the team. SN

U9 Cricket v Lancing Prep (Wednesday 18th May)

Conditions were slippery underfoot for our third match of the season, played in light drizzle at Lancing Prep in Hove. Lancing won the toss and put us in to bat. After a slow start, we made some progress with Oscar Frost and Norphel Wilberforce striking the ball well, while Luca Trosino, Ned Mundy and Theo Salomon also made good contributions. Our final score of 190 (100 of which was our starting score) was, however, made up of more 'extras' than runs, and in general we needed to approach our batting with more aggression. Lancing showed that aggression, and in the end this was the main difference between the two sides. If anything, our bowling was more controlled than Lancing's, but their last batting pair managed to overhaul our total in the penultimate over, and we lost by the narrow margin of 9 runs. Some sound bowling was seen from Ned, Luca, Tom Awdry and Sebastian Pratt and it was also good to note positive team spirit in the exciting closing stages of the match, with some improved fielding evident. RR

U9 Cricket v Hurst

The match was played in fine weather. We won the toss and put Hurst in to bat. Our bowling showed improvement on previous matches and Ned Mundy and Oscar Frost were our leading wicket-takers, with three and two wickets respectively. Tom Awdry also bowled accurately, conceding only one run from his three overs. All in all, we did well to limit Hurst to 159 runs. As in the last match, our batting was steady but there was a need to punish the bad balls more effectively. Nonetheless, Joshua Davison and Tom Awdry did manage to move the score along a little faster and after sixteen of our twenty overs we were on 139, with victory a possibility. Ned Mundy and Theo Salomon did manage to score runs and we reached 148 with two overs remaining. Our hopes were dashed, however, with the falling of two wickets and we ended on 143 runs. Though we lost by 16 runs, team spirit was good throughout and the standard of fielding and bowling much improved.

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