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'The Supplement'

Saint Pierre School's Newsletter

MR D'S SILVER JUBILEE

Mr Davies celebrated his 25th anniversary at Saint Pierre School in style, with an afternoon of nostalgic photos, a prosecco and nibbles reception with parents, and a mini-disco featuring classic hits from 1992!

He was also treated to a very special surprise from our Year Five students earlier in the week when he walked into a classroom full of delicious handmade cakes and treats.

Speaking about his 'Silver Jubilee' to the Southend Echo, he said: "It is a totally different place to how it used to be - although we did keep the uniform and the overall ethos. We are a big family."

"We are carrying on the initial dream of the school and taking it forward."

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Two representatives from the anti-racism group Hope Not Hate came and spoke to our Year Five and Six pupils about how hatred and bigotry can be tackled in modern society - both online and in the real world.

They also led a successful workshop where they were both very impressed by the mature attitude on display during the Q&A session and the group exercises. This content ties in perfectly with our current work on cyberbullying awareness.

Our 'Healthy School' Quest

You may have already heard that we are pulling out all the stops to get Saint Pierre School officially recognised as a 'Healthy School.' This is an honour that is given to educational establishments that fulfil a wide variety of requirements relating to getting pupils and parents into the best frame of mind about leading a healthy lifestyle.

Debra Hart from Southend Council visited us and gave an assembly all about the levels of sugar that can be found in drinks. It was a real 'eye opener' about the so-called sugar content in 'healthier' options, and this is why we encourage everyone to drink as much water as possible!



Pink Day For Havens



Sally Bridger from the Havens Hospices Fundraising Team visited us and spoke about the fantastic work that Fair Havens and Little Havens do to provide care to adults and children who are seriously ill. We marked the visit with a 'Pink Day' where our children all dressed up to raise money for this incredibly worthy cause. We are delighted to say that we raised £125, and this will be hugely appreciated as both hospices receive very little in the way of government funding.

As a special bonus, the children were also treated to a visit from their official mascot Betsy the Butterfly. Although she managed to get her head stuck in the gap at the top of the slide, their press officer managed to get some great photos with the children on the pirate ship that will be used in their upcoming 'Buccaneers' fundraising campaign.

Once again, we must thank all of the parents for their fantastic support for our latest fundraising initiative!



On Your Bikes!



It's been a very busy week for our budding cyclists, with Bikeability lessons in full swing and our annual 'Ride Your Bike To School Day.'

This is another small but significant part of our efforts to be officially recognised as a 'Healthy School,' but more importantly these activities help to promote cycling as a safe and environmentally friendly alternative to riding by car.

With the weather finally beginning to take a turn for the better, it's worth remembering that our local areas have an extensive network of cycle routes that include a relaxing ride along the Sea-front, a trip to see Hadleigh Castle and the London 2012 mountain bike course, and even a tour around the Roach Estuary with a few 'refreshment' venues for Mum and Dad along the way!



Dementia Assembly



Our Year Five and Six pupils were given a fascinating talk all about dementia and how the illness touches so many people. It was also a sometimes harrowing but nonetheless vital insight into how it affects close family and friends.

Once the talk was over, it was encouraging that the children had so many thoughtful questions about the various forms of dementia and possible treatments.



Our Roving Reporter

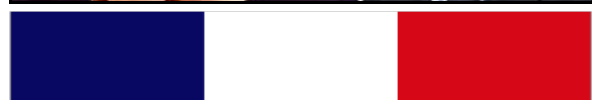


The French people have just elected their new president, Emmanuel Macron, and he beat Marine Le Pen in the final round.

I wanted Macron to win because he had some great ideas and he was more sensible than Le Pen.

In my opinion, Le Pen is far worse than Donald Trump because her policies about immigrants were crazy! I think that immigration is good for a country's economy, and France's immigrants should have somewhere safe to live.

By Toni Idowu - Year Six



Tennis



Our pupils have been visiting a local tennis club on a weekly basis to learn the basics and receive expert coaching.

Being a 'Healthy School' is all about offering pupils as many different sporting options as possible, and these lessons are in addition to regular swimming sessions.

The LTA has identified that a solid 'grassroots setup' will produce the next Andy Murray or Johanna Konta - will they be an ex-Saint Pierre School pupil?



Online Awareness Work

We were delighted to see many of our parents and pupils at an after-school session to explain why we have decided to expand our online awareness curriculum in ICT lessons this half-term.

The Internet can be accessed on a wide variety of devices, and so it has never been more important for our children and parents to be aware of the many pitfalls.

Over the next few weeks, all classes will take part in sessions about cyberbullying, 'stranger danger,' spotting fake news, protecting personal details, sharing images and using online video sites.

The most important part of this work will be promoting a healthy ICT relationship between parents and children where it is a 'two-way street' of giving information about the latest threats online.

Nursery Art

Our Nursery pupils have been creating pieces of artwork to add another dimension to their favourite stories, using their newfound skills to illustrate key moments.

We're sure that you will all agree that this lighthouse scene is simply stunning. She probably paints far better than a lot of the grown-ups here!



Church Visit

Our Year Three pupils visited Westcliff RC Church to find out more about how a church operates on a day-to-day basis, and also to get an insight into how a church sits at the very centre of the community that it serves.

Over the academic year, different year groups are given the opportunity to visit a number of local places of worship, and we are always extremely grateful to the volunteers who give up their time to help out children develop a rounded knowledge of Britain's various faiths.

Forthcoming Events

- Wed 17th May - Limerick Day
- Thu 18th May - Int. Day Of Families Afternoon Tea
- Mon 22nd May - 'Flight' Theme Week Begins
- Fri 26th May - National BBQ Day
- Fri 26th May - Half-Term Break Begins
- Mon 5th June - Return To School