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# 'The Supplement'

## Saint Pierre School's Newsletter



### Mandarin Returns

We said in our last newsletter that Vicky really ignited a passion for learning Mandarin, and we are delighted to say that we have managed to secure the services of another Mandarin teacher after a lengthy (and costly) search. Jinny joined our school this week, and we would like to wish her a very warm welcome - keep an eye out for more details about a special lunchtime Mandarin club as well!

To really emphasise the cultural aspects of learning Mandarin, we have also organised a special Chinese lunch on Tuesday 9th February to tie in with Chinese New Year and the year of the monkey.



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#### Have Your Say...

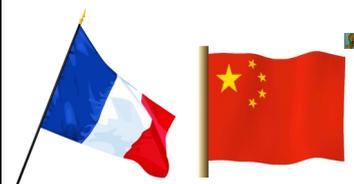
We are already fortunate enough to have lessons in French and Mandarin at Saint Pierre School. Which of these languages has more speakers throughout the world?



**COMING  
SOON ....**

#### PTA VALENTINE'S BALL SATURDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2016 THE ARLINGTON ROOMS, LEIGH

This is a great opportunity for staff and parents to come together and celebrate with an evening of delectable food, good music, a drink or two and some great times! These events have raised a fantastic amount of money for the school in the past, and so we would love to see lots of people there. Tickets are available from the office at £50 per person - this includes a **three course meal, wine, Buck's Fizz on arrival and live entertainment.** Full details and a menu are available on the school's website at [www.saintpierreschool.com](http://www.saintpierreschool.com)



# New Books



We are very pleased with the addition of two boxes of books for the school's ever expanding collection of reading titles - it didn't take long for the children to notice that these had arrived! It's a cycle that we are keen to encourage where new books increase their thirst for reading, which in turn leads to more and more books turning up to make sure that the range is fresh!

We still thoroughly believe that in these days of smartphones, tablets and games consoles, there is simply nothing more engaging than a good book. If any of you have unwanted books at home that are suitable for children, we would love to add them to our library.



**A quick quiz question. 1HP and a special badge to the first person to give Mr. P. the correct answer.** In one of the latest David Walliams kids books, The Queen gets tired of tedious birthday gifts and so she asks for a special type of pet animal. What is it?



## Heart Start



The pupils in Years 5 and 6 were fortunate enough to have a visit from an experienced NHS health professional for a two-day course in giving life-saving CPR. If you know what this acronym means then let Mr. P know - first to tell him gets a house point and a badge. After some theory work, the pupils were able to practice their newfound skills on sophisticated and life-like 'dummies', (as well as a guest appearance from Mr Palmer), and it was a great example of our rounded curriculum.



# NHS

# Healthy Eating



It goes without saying that the best time to start discussing healthy eating is in the Early Years, and in the Nursery the children had a special day of tasting different fruits - passion fruit had a bit of a mixed response! In the Reception, the children gave considerable thought about how a balanced plate of healthy food should look, and you should come and take a look at their fabulous wall display if you are ever passing their classroom. Naturally, healthy eating runs at the heart of Chef Mike's daily lunch planning, and when children get to the front of the queue they often think that they are looking at the salad bar in Waitrose!



# Mock Trial



While learning about crime and punishment recently, Year 5 staged a mock trial of Goldilocks, based upon how modern criminal justice proceedings would progress. Goldilocks was up on charges of criminal damage and breaking and entering, and a jury found her guilty of all charges – this was not a total surprise considering that the prosecution team did a fantastic job of presenting the evidence in a balanced, factual and persuasive manner! The cast of Law and Order could have learnt a thing or two!



# Our Roving Reporter



Tim Peake is famous for being the first British ESA astronaut to visit the ISS (International Space Station) without a private contract or foreign citizenship. He began training for the ESA in September 2009 and graduated 22 November 2010.

He was born in Chichester, West Sussex. He studied in Chichester High School for Boys and left to go to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 1990. Peake beat over 8,000 people for one of the six places for ESA's new astronaut training programme. He moved to Cologne with his family for the ESA's training programme. Tim Peake also supported a spacewalk with two other American astronauts on the 21st December 2015.

*By Molly Foulger - Year 6*



## Hello From Vicky

When Vicky was reaching the end of her time at Saint Pierre School, she must have been asked the same question over a thousand times about what she was planning to do next. We heard from her recently and she is very excited about going to university in Canada and developing the language skills that she picked up while staying over here - we neglected to mention that Estuary English may not have the same prestige as Received Pronunciation! She wishes everyone well at Saint Pierre School.

## Welcome Miss Linnen

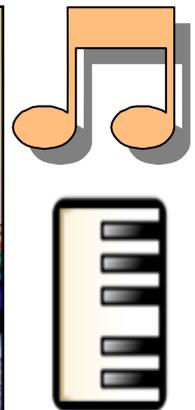
The day-to-day running of the office is now in Miss Linnen's very capable hands - it has been a very smooth transition so far! Pop in and say hello if you can, and you may even catch Mrs. Shelswell on a flying visit!



## Congratulations Ami!

At the recent Southend Music Festival, we are delighted to say that one of our Year 5 pupils, the very talented pianist Ami Wright, struggled to get home trying to carry all of the awards that she had won!

She picked up the Muriel Muddman Encouragement Award and The Sonnitina Award, and she also took the runner-up prize in the category of Grade Songs for 9-year-old players. We are all very proud of her.



## JOIN TEAM STAFF

We currently have two exciting opportunities to join 'Team Staff' - a vacancy for a **Year 6 Teacher** who is able to deliver Maths and Sports lessons, along with an opening for **Practitioners in our Early Years department**. Please feel free to tell any of your friends or family members who may be suitable, and they can find out full details of the vacancies by taking a look at our website at [www.saintpiereschool.com](http://www.saintpiereschool.com).

## Les Couronnes



By pure chance, Year 1's first French lesson after Christmas coincided with the 'Fête des Rois', and there was a talk about how it is celebrated by French children trying to win a special crown. Everyone then had a go at making their own 'Couronnes' - some of the children even added their own bit of French flair to the design.

## Forthcoming Events

Thursday 28th January - Winnie The Pooh Theme Day  
Friday 29th January - Young Voices at the O2

**Friday 12th February - Break-up for Half Term**

Saturday 20th February - PTA Valentine's Ball  
Monday 23rd February - School resumes