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# 'The Supplement'

## Saint Pierre School's Newsletter



### PRIZE GIVING 2016

We were delighted to see the church packed with more family members than ever before for our 2016 Prize Giving Ceremony - this was a reflection of the record number of pupils who now attend Saint Pierre School. Spectators were treated to a variety of performances, along with the winning speeches from our recent public speaking competition, and we have been very encouraged by the positive feedback received. Once again, the event was a great opportunity to show the wider Saint Pierre family just how every single student has an active contribution to make to school life - whether or not they were one of the pupils chosen to receive a prize on the evening. Mr P's joke about Canvey Island and Miss Tillson is copied below - it was one of the many highlights of the evening!

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“Miss Tillson has an interesting background as she is currently teaching on a small island of just over 7 square miles with a population of little more than 38,000 people. The island's network of small creeks separates it from the mainland. Despite this remoteness from civilisation, I am very optimistic that Miss Tillson will quickly acclimatise and soon get used to not working on Canvey Island any more!” © 2016 Christopher Perkins MA



# Mountfitchet Castle



We can confidently say that there is nowhere else in Essex where children can enjoy an open-air Norman village experience and a toy museum in the same place - this is why everyone had a fantastic time at Mountfitchet Castle!

When the children weren't immersing themselves in the everyday lifestyle of 1066 Britain, they were able to have some close encounters with the deer and other animals which roam freely around the park.

Visiting the castle itself was also fascinating as it is the only wooden motte and bailey castle *in the whole world* that has been reconstructed on its original site - in fact the entire open-air village currently rests in the exactly the same place as its Norman original.

The Toy Museum has more than 80,000 different items for the children, and it was a welcome distraction from the Pokemon Go mayhem sweeping the planet!



# Residential Trip



With every year that passes, we somehow manage to cram more and more into our residential trip for Years Three, Four, Five and Six to the Othona Community in Bradwell-on-Sea. Amongst other outdoor pursuits, children made campfires on the beach, discovered plenty of fascinating facts about local wildlife, and there was even time to bake loaves of bread from scratch.

Many of the older children were able to experience the magnificent yurts for the first time, and once again everyone got involved in the day-to-day housekeeping activities to make sure that there was plenty of time left for fun.

Before returning to school, we took advantage of the warm weather with a visit to the Maldon Splash Park for a picnic and a thorough soaking!



Every residential trip to Othona includes a visit to the church pictured above. Who knows why it is so special? 1HP - tell Mr P!

# Public Speaking



All of our Public Speaking Competition entries were of an incredibly high standard this year, and our very special guest for the final was the Councillor Fay Evans, the Deputy Mayor of Southend. The winning pupils were all given the chance to repeat their performances in front of a packed church at the Prize Giving ceremony, and they were all very grateful for the extra display help from their fellow pupils.

A number of our parents remarked that they were very impressed with the range of mature topics being covered by the children. The whole event was a shining example of our pupils' thirst for knowledge about the world around them.



# Sports' Day 2016



For the very first time, this year's Saint Pierre School Sports Day had an expanded programme of events, and an overall award was presented to the top-performing boy and girl on the day. We now have very special 'VICTOR LUDORUM' and 'VICTRIX LUDORUM' shields that can be engraved with the names of these very talented winners - it is the perfect way to have their name permanently etched in our school's history books! *More photos in our pullout!*



# Our Roving Reporter



Five weeks ago, I started at Saint Pierre School. The first day was the best when I discovered the children, the teachers and the uniform. It is a little school, but it is very nice!

In France, the schools are more strict, and the class size is bigger with 30 children. Here, the uniform is beautiful, and I love the badges and the hats that they wear. I found that the teachers in England are nicer than the teachers in France!

Thank you for a lovely stay!

*By Damia Belloul, 10*





# LAMDA WINNERS

As promised, here are some photos from our very successful participation at the recent Leigh-on-Sea Drama and Music Festival. We were delighted with the number of winning entries this year!



# Volcanoes!

Year 3 Geography doesn't get any more explosive than studying volcanoes, and these fine model examples are all ready for eruption with vinegar and baking soda!



# Village Green

While the older children were on their residential trip, Nursery, Reception and Years One and Two took a short walk to Chalkwell Park for a taste of Village Green 2016. This celebration of music and crafts gets bigger every single year, and the children really enjoyed getting involved.

For most of them, the highlight of the morning was taking part in a number of different circus skills workshops.



# On Your Marks!



They are still cleaning up after Euro 2016, but there is no time for us armchair sports fans to rest before the Olympic Games get underway in Rio. With the Paralympic Games on the horizon as well, the sporting action keeps coming thick and fast.

There are two 'debut' sports in Brazil - can you name both of them for 1HP from Mr P? Clue: 'Rugby' is not an acceptable answer, but it wouldn't be too far off!

# Forthcoming Events

Olympic Games Begin - Friday 5th August

Football Season Begins - 5/6/12/13 August

Staff Training Day - Monday 5th September

Autumn Term Begins - Tuesday 6th September

Last Night Of The Proms - Saturday 10th September