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## 'The Supplement' Saint Pierre School's Newsletter



### SAINT PIERRE SCHOOL DECIDES

To coincide with the EU Referendum, we had our own 'mock' vote on the big day with our Year Six pupils putting together some very convincing arguments for both the 'Leave' and 'Remain' cases. Everyone in the school was then given an authentic voting slip that was identical to the design being filled in across the UK.

Parents and other members of the Saint Pierre School family were able to cast their ballot on our website - these results were combined with the vote in school. Altogether, we voted for **REMAIN** with 52% of the overall vote (almost a reversal of the real outcome), and we are also delighted to say that ZERO ballot papers were spoiled on the day! Some highlights of the debate will be on our Facebook page soon.

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#### Referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union

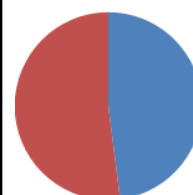
Vote only once by putting a cross [X] in the box next to your choice

Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?

Remain a member of the European Union ☐

Leave the European Union ☐

Saint Pierre School  
EU Referendum 2016



■ Leave  
48%  
■ Remain  
52%



# Early Years Trip To Hyde Hall

To tie in nicely with their current curriculum work about Life Cycles, our Nursery and Reception children took a trip to Hyde Hall for the day. It is still astonishing that so many people living around our school are unaware of this 'gem' in the Essex countryside, and the pupils enjoyed spending time looking around the beautiful gardens.

As with every educational visit that takes place with Saint Pierre School, the children returned with plenty of inspiration for upcoming lessons.

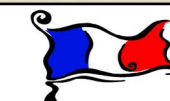


## French Trips



With more pupils across Years Four, Five and Six than ever before, we have been able to expand our programme of French trips this year. Years Four and Five spent a very productive afternoon in the purpose-built Europa Centre at Havering College, and native French speakers guided the children around a number of French shops to pick up new vocabulary. Every group was then taken to the café where all refreshments had to be ordered in French!

The pupils in Year 6 went over to France for the day, and although our trip was severely disrupted by additional security checks we were still able to enjoy a delicious meal and a trip to Nausicaa where the children purchased a new class pet sea lion - discussions about his name are ongoing. We were also fortunate enough to find someone selling 'les glaces' in a variety of flavours for just 1 EURO EACH - 'bon marché' indeed!



## WWF Art Competition



Well done to our very worthy WWF art competition winners - this activity was linked to our very successful Wear It Wild Day. As you will see in the photo, the winning pieces were all fantastic ways of getting across the vital message that conservation is something that people of all ages need to think about.

As we mentioned last time, please let us know if you have any fundraising ideas! We are building up a famous reputation for helping local, national and international good causes and we couldn't do it all without you.





# The Giant Sleepover



We were delighted with the turnout for this year's Giant Sleepover with numbers reaching a **RECORD HIGH** of 70 students - this gave the whole event a very special atmosphere with children enjoying the night from Reception right up to Year 6. From dusk till dawn, there was cricket, a talent show, a boys vs girls quiz, DVD viewings, dinner, hot chocolate, a full Mr. Palmer 'The Works' cooked breakfast and much, much more! With the recent intake of new pupils, it was also a great opportunity for them to spend some quality time getting to know their classmates in a more social setting - many of them commented that it was a great opportunity to mix with pupils in other year groups as well.



# Urban Strides



We love getting professionals to visit Saint Pierre School who are passionate about whatever they do - especially when they are just as enthusiastic about passing on their skills to our very eager children. Leigh, from the popular London-based dance academy Urban Strides, came down to take the children through a variety of dance moves, and then everything came together at the end of the session in a single performance. The video will be available on our Facebook page very soon.



# Our Roving Reporter



I have Type 1 Diabetes, and so I have to monitor my blood sugar levels throughout the school day. I now have a Freestyle Libre scanner attached to my arm, and it means that I don't have to keep pricking my finger to get a reading - the only disadvantage is that the result is four minutes behind doing it with a finger prick.

I also have to be careful to not pull it or play with it while I am at school - especially when I am doing PE! I love answering any questions that my friends have about my scanner as there are not many people who have one of these.

*By Callum Ridgers - Year 5*



## Cake Competition

This year's Cake Baking Competition had a very royal theme with the joint contest to produce a confectionary classic fit for Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday. Awards were handed out in a variety of categories, and we even managed to get pictures of some of the best entries before they disintegrated into a pile of crumbs!



## Drama & LAMDA

At the recent Leigh On Sea Music and Drama Festival, our pupils picked up prizes across the board and we want to congratulate them for all of the effort that they put in. We will have plenty more about this in our next newsletter, along with some photos from the festival as well.

We should also thank our experienced LAMDA teacher Terri Levett for all of her recent dedication to getting every single pupil ready for the big day.

## Our Lady Of Lourdes

Pupils in Year 5&6 visited Our Lady Of Lourdes Church in Leigh to find out about the different rooms and furniture that are involved in the everyday running of a church. It was also fascinating for them to find out the story behind every intricate stained glass window and statue.

## Normans Week

Our latest theme week was all about The Normans, and it was a fantastic opportunity for the children to produce authentic Norman artefacts including shields, catapults and other objects that would have been found during this era.

One of the highlights of the week was the so-called 'Battle of Leigh' where pupils in re-enacted a typical Norman battle in our local setting. Both sides battled with great enthusiasm and it offered a fascinating insight into what life would have been like in Hastings back in 1066!



## BBQ Day

To celebrate National Barbecue Day, Chef Mike took his usual lunchtime activities out into the playground for a real cookout treat. Alongside the regular selection of salad and accompaniments, the children were treated to freshly-grilled sausages, chicken, juicy corn-on-the-cobs and other treats.

This was also yet another outdoor school event in 2016 to enjoy fantastic weather! Have we jinxed it now? :(

## Forthcoming Events

Friday 1st July - Saint Pierre Day (School Closed)

**Monday 4th July - Sports Day**

6th - 8th July - Othona Residential Trip

**Thursday 14th July - Prizegiving Night**

Friday 15th July - School Visit to Mountfitchet Castle

**Wednesday 20th July - Summer Term Finishes**