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'The Supplement' Saint Pierre School's Newsletter

RESIDENTIAL 2017

It is always the most eagerly anticipated trip of the academic year, and once again the 2017 residential did not disappoint!

Pupils in Years 3,4,5 and 6 visited The Othona Community in Bradwell-On-Sea for two nights and three days of non-stop fun with their friends - some of the children were even fortunate enough to sleep in The Great Outdoors in a yurt.

The packed timetable included fire lighting (with marshmallow toasting), a visit to England's second oldest church at St Peter's Chapel, a talent show, bread making, and educational activities on the adjacent perfectly preserved beach. On the way home, we even had time to squeeze in a visit to Stow Maries Aerodrome - the only surviving and functioning World War One air facility in the world.

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PTA FASHION SHOW

The Saint Pierre School PTA is proud to announce that they will be holding a **FASHION SHOW** at Westcliff High School For Girls on Friday 14th July at 7pm - tickets are just £10 each.

Visitors will be treated to a selection of high-end High Street brands, all on sale with large discounts. Many stalls have also been confirmed for the event, and we are delighted to be starting this new and exciting relationship with such a prestigious local high school.

Une Journée En France

Our day trip to France seems to depart earlier and return home later every single year, but with very good reason! For the latest visit, some of our Upper School children went to Boulogne and visited Nausicaa Sealife Centre, flipped crêpes, saw a marzipan artist in action, witnessed a master confectioner hard at work (with tasting), stopped for lunch, walked around a hypermarket, and even sang Frère Jacques live on Facebook from under the English Channel.



Early Years Viking Role-Play

Our children in Nursery and Reception have been learning about the Vikings - not only the 'battle' lifestyle that seems to be so fashionable, but also the cultural way of life of a people who once went about their daily business not too far away from where we are sitting right now.

Our Early Years children never need too much encouragement to start dressing-up, and they were all incredibly excited about making their own costumes. It was a fantastic opportunity to integrate the History and Art elements of our Early Years Curriculum.

At Saint Pierre School, our Nursery has a clear academic focus, with all sessions delivered in an incredibly fun and engaging manner. It was also great to hear the children's interpretation of a Viking battle cry - they managed to raise some eyebrows on the other side of Chalkwell Park!

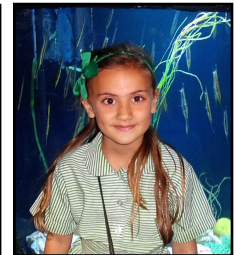


Beach Trips



Pupils in Year One visited Westgate-On-Sea in Kent to learn all about past seaside holidays - including an exclusive chance to see Mr. and Mrs. P's caravan!

The visit was a fantastic way of showing the children just how we used to spend our time away from work and school in an era when donkey rides and a 'Kiss Me Quick' hat reigned supreme. Following this, they joined the children in Year Two for a trip to the seafront in Southend and the Sealife Adventure as part of their studies about life cycles - this gave the children a chance to experience the expanded tourist attraction that has welcomed meerkats, otters and even penguins in recent months. **Can anyone tell Mr P. EXACTLY what type of penguins have moved in for 1HP?**



Year Two African Art

Pupils in Year Two have been producing some very eye-catching pieces of African art by using a combination of colour blending and silhouettes to depict scenes from a safari.

This work has tied in perfectly with the geography curriculum, and the results were impressive when you consider how tricky it is to depict the fine details of a particular animal when you can only use a 'black shadow' - it's not always as straightforward as exaggerating the horn of a rhinoceros!



Our Roving Reporter



In a very special Roving Reporter for this issue, Nancy Kern in Year Four has a fantastic example of some recent Persuasive Reporting work. The question: Is it morally correct to keep animals in zoos?

I think that you should not go to zoos because you don't know if the animals are bored or not. If you set them out into the wild they might get hurt again. You just don't know.

Although animals may live longer in zoos than in the wild, it may be a worse quality of life. Also, a zoo may be unable to keep a large enough number of individuals to provide a sufficiently varied gene pool for the species to breed without problems.



Caterpillar Chrysalises



In recent Year Three Science lessons, the pupils have been eagerly watching their chrysalises to see if there any signs of hatching!

Once they burst into life and start flying around their special enclosure, some plants will be added so that the children can study how animals and vegetation co-exist.

We can assure everyone that as part of our commitment to becoming a recognised 'Healthy School,' our guests will not be following the diet laid out in a certain very popular children's book ...

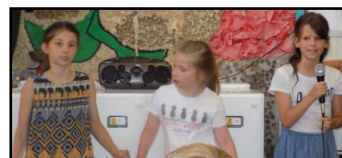
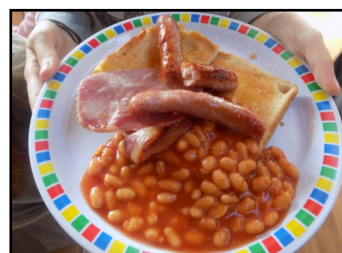


Cake Making Competition Thanks To Everyone Who Took Part



Giant Sleepover

We asked every member of staff about their favourite school activity between September and July, and 95% of them said 'The Giant Sleepover.' It's easy to see why, with more than sixty children spending the night staying over in school and enjoying a talent show, music, and the famous 'The Works' full English cooked by Mrs Perkins and Mike, in Mr Palmer's absence.



Bring Your Dog To Work Day



It was fantastic to see Mr Davies' Bassett Hound Barney in school for Bring Your Dog To Work Day, and he was joined by Mrs Hearn's pooch Toby.

Both of our canine visitors were impeccably behaved - impressive considering that they were faced with 120 children who were all desperate to come and say hello!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed 5th July - Public Speaking Competition
Mon 10th July - Sports Day

Wed 12th July - Year Six Trip To Les Mis
Tue 18th July - Prize Giving Ceremony

Thu 20th July - Trip To Kent Museum Of Life
Fri 21st July - Last Day Of Term