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# 'The Supplement'

## Saint Pierre School's Newsletter

### SCHOOL SCIENCE WEEK

Our latest theme week was all about bringing together Physics, Biology and Chemistry for five days of fun experiments and exciting demonstrations.

The animal assembly was a fantastic chance for the children to get up close and personal with a number of different species, and a rainbow experiment transformed a humble bag of Skittles into a work of art. Mr Lewis also showed everyone how two children can conduct a very small (and indeed safe) amount of electricity, and our budding chemists turned acidic substances into alkaline solutions - pHabulous fun for everyone! Everyone from Nursery to Year 6 joined in, and it was a great way to emphasise the fact that not all scientists wear white coats and sit in a laboratory all day long ...

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# Early Years - Classical Music

Our Nursery and Reception children were treated to a whole week of classical music activities based on Peter and the Wolf, the musical composition written by Sergei Prokofiev in 1936. Three different musicians visited the school to demonstrate their instruments - an oboist (Christine Orchover, who also teaches piano here at school), a clarinetist (Rachael Harris, who is married to Mr Harris) and a bassoonist (Tony Orchover). Being able to see and hear a professional play the various parts of the original score brought the whole experience to life, and it was a fantastic introduction to the layout of a performing orchestra.



# Braintree Museum



Years Four and Five took a trip to Braintree Museum for a day of activities that tied nicely into our History and English curriculums. They had the museum to themselves for the day, and for both year groups the highlight of the visit was a classroom session that transported everyone back in time - special thanks to everyone's parents for organising such detailed costumes in advance of the trip.

Our Year Four pupils were taken back to the 1940's for a fully-authentic lesson as an evacuee child, and everyone in Year Five had to endure a harsh Victorian school experience. The actresses playing the teachers were incredibly convincing, with the 1890's teacher in particular managing to 'scare' the children into absolute silence and diligence at all times - she even pulled out a terrifying wooden device designed to get children to stand up straight. If anyone can remember the name of this so-called 'posture perfecter,' come and tell Mr Perkins for one House Point!



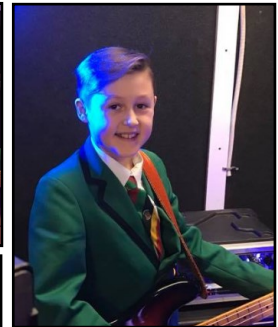
# Havens Hospices



Four of our pupils went along to a music video recording in Basildon for a special fundraising song that has been released into the charts for Havens Hospices.

The Essex group Frog On A Rocket have recorded a cover version of Keep On Running by The Spencer Davis Group, and the children can be seen grooving along with charity mascot Betsy The Butterfly - she will be visiting us in the Summer Term along with other members of the fundraising team.

**Keep On Running is available on iTunes for just 79p - just search for Frog On A Rocket.**



## Heart Start Course



In what has now become an annual feature at Saint Pierre School, our Year Five and Year Six children were visited by members of the Ambulance Service for a Heart Start Course. This involved a comprehensive set of activities designed to give them the confidence to 'step up' and perform CPR if the need should ever arise. Our members of staff did a similar course at the beginning of the Spring Term. We were incredibly grateful to them for giving up their time to come down and deliver the vital course, and as usual we were delighted to make a donation afterwards that will help them to visit other schools and in the future.



## Our Roving Reporters



Our Victorian classroom was really different to a 2017 classroom. The teacher was really, really strict, and we weren't allowed to ask questions - even when we put our hands up first! When we weren't writing, we had to sit really still with our hands on our laps, and naughty children were forced to wear a dunce's cap and sit in the corner of the room for a while. Have a look at the terrifying picture opposite as well!

*By Maisie Hearn and Amogh Naik-Gaunekar  
Year Five*





# GREASE Preview

Make sure that Wednesday 29th March is clear in your diary as our Upper School production of Grease is entering final rehearsals!

Our chills are multiplyin' already, so come along to The Arlington from 6pm to check out our electrifyin' adaptation of this American classic. Check out some of the rehearsal action below.

Once again, huge thanks to all of our parents for their efforts with the children's authentic 50's costumes. A show this good only comes around once in a Blue Moon ...



# Anderson Shelters

Fresh from their 1940's exploits at the Braintree Museum, our Year Four pupils immersed themselves even further into the Second World War period of History by creating incredibly detailed models of Anderson Shelters.

It can be tricky to create a scaled-down version of a construction that is meant to be half-underground, but Sir John Anderson himself would have marvelled at their attempts!



# Year 2 Portraits

Our Year Two children have been painting self-portraits in Art lessons, and as you can see below the results were very impressive.



# Sports Fixtures

Our children have been involved in a number of sporting fixtures recently. The Year Three and Four boys' team took on Chalkwell School and lost 4-0 - not too bad as it was their first ever competitive game.

Their tag rugby encounters against St Michael's were more competitive with the team losing 9-5 and 9-6. The Year Four, Five and Six girls also took on hockey teams from St. Michaels, drawing once and losing twice but showing encouraging levels of team spirit.

# Forthcoming Events

**Wed 22nd March - Inter-House Cross Country**

**Thu 23rd March - Veggie Day (Whole School)**

**Fri 24th March - Easter Egg Contest Ends**

**Wed 29th March - Grease (Year 3-6 Show)**

**Fri 31st March - Last Day Of Term**

**Tue 25th April - Summer Term Begins**



Coming  
Soon ...