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Saint Pierre School's Newsletter



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, YOUR MAJESTY

After our afternoon of gardening created the perfect early summer setting, we hosted our first ever 'Rocconbury' Festival with a delicious lunch, live music, dancing, and most importantly – DOUGH-NUTS. Mike and Julie slaved over our professional caterer's doughnut machine to make enough for all of our children, staff and parents. You wouldn't have found anything better on Southend Seafront or inside your local Krispy Kreme dealer!

Unfortunately, we got an email from Buckingham Palace to let us know that Her Royal Highness was too busy with state engagements to attend our party in her honour. However, we sent her one of our special doughnuts - hopefully she will get it before one of her corgis ...

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Gardening Afternoon



We are delighted that our gardening afternoon has now become an annual tradition at Saint Pierre School, and we must say a huge THANK YOU to all of the parents and friends of the school who generously donated a variety of plants and other garden items. Take a look around our playground when you get the chance and you will see some beautiful hanging baskets and other potted delights. Word has already spread and we are now the talk of the local bee community, and please feel free to admire the 'Titchmarsh' factor while you are waiting to collect your children from school. Hopefully the Great British Summer will take care of the watering, but just in case we will get the kids to keep a close eye on everything to check for any early wilting!

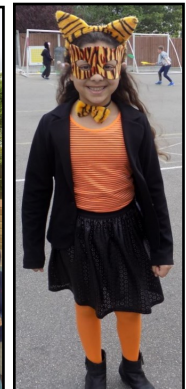
If you were able to come in and help us, then another big THANK YOU to you as well! We love holding these events where parents can really get involved in special activities - this is why we are always very proud of the wider Saint Pierre School family.



Wear It Wild!



On Friday 20th May, we celebrated Wear It Wild Day by dressing up as wild animals from all four corners of the animal kingdom. The WWF event is designed to raise awareness of endangered species on our planet, and Mrs Jowett organised a fun quiz for the whole school with lots of interesting facts about wildlife. Take a look at one of our lions below who is busy scaring pandas! IHP to anyone who can tell Mr P. the name for a group of pandas ...



Limericks For Lear



**There once was a school called Saint Pierre,
That had talented kids learning there,
And when it was time,
To come up with a rhyme,
All the laughter was too much to bear!**

To celebrate Edward Lear's birthday, the children were challenged to come up with an original and humorous Limerick. One of the 'gems' came from Toni in Year 5:

**A creature of charm is a gerbil,
Its diet's exclusively herbal,
It grazes all day,
On bunches of hay,
Passing gas with an elegant burble!**

Mr Perkins has ~~demanded~~ asked if we can include his limerick as well.
**Mrs Segrave's a bit of a star,
On the weekend she races her car,
She always drives fast,
And she never comes last,
But her wig has to stay in a jar.**



A New Arrival



We are delighted to announce that Mrs Tipper gave birth to a beautiful baby boy last weekend - Edward Charles Tipper entered the world weighing a healthy 8lb 4oz. We all look forward to meeting him soon and would like to say a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Tipper, her husband and the rest of her family.

With his birthday on 15th May, Edward is privileged to share his special day with Andy Murray, Zara Phillips and Mr P's brother!



Our Roving Reporter



As you might have heard, on the 16th of June, England and Wales football fans will be sitting together in Lens Stadium in France. Everyone will watch England beat Wales in football, sorry I meant England play Wales in football! The stadium has a capacity of 35,000 people, so there is a lot less chance of fights breaking out as its small - but police still have to keep watch though as most fans will be sitting together. I still think that they should keep them apart to be on the safe side as no one would want anything bad to happen, but then they should be able to behave and sit next to one another. So what do you think? Should they sit with each other?

By Shaun Ekiyoyo - Year 6





After our successful fundraising week last term, some of our Year 3 pupils were invited to the Dogs Trust centre in Basildon to see exactly where their hard-earned donations were being used. The children met a number of the site's dedicated members of staff who work tirelessly to ensure that their canine guests are cared for and rehomed as effectively as possible, and the only problem was resisting the temptation to bring one of them back on the school minibus to keep Rocco company!



Just Dig!



As part of our ongoing efforts to make the playground more fun and engaging at break times and lunch times, Mike spent the Easter Holidays building a fantastic new sandpit and digging area for the children to use – it is a great place to develop co-ordination skills and learn more about the best way to work as a team. Along with the new outdoor toys for our Early Years pupils and some extra decking, we are glad to report that levels of playground boredom have never been so low among the children! 1HP if you can come and tell Mr Harris the French word for 'sand.'



JUST DANCE!

In our special whole school assembly for International Dance Day 2016, many of our children prepared dance and music routines to show off a variety of techniques from around the world. This cultural event has gone from strength to strength since it was introduced in 1982, and some fans have even used the event as an excuse to perform a 'flashmob' – does anyone know what that is? 1HP if you can let Mr Perkins know, and perhaps 2HP if you can organise one!



School Photo

The hairstyles may change a little from one year to the next, but there is no better way of showing off the whole school at the same than the annual super-wide photograph of all staff and pupils at Saint Pierre School. It really is a great photo to look back in in years to come.

Don't forget to return your order form to the office by 22nd May at the latest if you would like a copy - both framed and un-framed options are available.

Forthcoming Events

23rd - 27th May - Normans Week
30th May - 5th June - Half-Term Holiday
Friday 10th June - Cake Making Competition / Sale
Friday 17th June - The Giant Sleepover
Monday 4th July - Sports Day 2016
6th - 8th July - Years 3/4/5/6 Residential Trip