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# 'The Supplement'

## Saint Pierre School's Newsletter

### A Fantastic Half Term

This half term has been full of adventure, discovery and achievement. We have celebrated Harvest, taken part in the international recognition of the arts with the Big Draw, competed in a variety of sports fixtures, recorded our school song in a professional studio, and had another successful year of 11+ results. This is just a small highlight of the activities and accomplishments, which have been experienced during this fantastic half term. The recent Parent Meetings offered an important opportunity to detail your child's progress, personal development and the positive contributions they are making to their school community. We can all look forward to an exciting lead up to the festive season.

The most anticipated news finally arrived on.....when Mr Coventry and his partner Becs announced the birth of their baby boy, River. Huge congratulations and best wishes to the Coventry family.



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#### In The News...



The Duke and Duchess of Sussex have announced that they will welcome a new addition to the Royal Family, with their first child.

The happy couple are currently on a tour of Australia. What gift did they receive from the Prime Minister of Australia?

## Year 3 and 4 Visit to Abbots Hall Farm

Year 3 and 4 put their knowledge of biodiversity to the test with their visit to Abbots Hall farm. It was wonderful to see the students welcome the challenges that the trip presented and how each student has a profound interest and respect for nature. Students took part in a variety of activities including a farm tour, where they learned how to investigate and identify the presence of insects and mammals. They learned about a variety of farming techniques that are used to support the production of organic produce on a large scale, and how insects and wildlife support this natural process. Students most enjoyed the tree walk, mini-beast identification, pond dipping and making bread and butter...in the woods. The staff at Abbots Hall farm were so impressed with the conduct of the year 4 class, complementing their manners and knowledge, stating that they are the 'best students we have had the pleasure of welcoming to our facility'.



### Antonia reports from Abbots Hall Farm

We found Solitary Bees, Green Lace bugs and Crane Flies. We learned that Solitary bees do not actually collect pollen. I enjoyed being able to see the insects in such great detail under the microscopes. On our farm tour we learned that some animals live in burrows and we found animal foot prints - this was really fun and quite a surprise. The footprints were from badgers and foxes and rabbits. I enjoyed the pond dipping the most-the pond was really beautiful. I learned that biodiversity is very important to maintain a healthy planet and support the natural process. Something very easy that we can do to support biodiversity is plant pollinating plants. I loved the trip and my favourite activity was bug identification.



## The Sound of Music

The Saint Pierre choir visited **Big Noise Recording Studio**, to record both our school song and a Christmas song. They all loved listening back to their recordings and had time to ask Simon, the sound technician, lots of questions about his recording studio and how everything worked. We hope to use these recordings while taking part in the Leigh Lights Parade on Friday 30th November. Be sure to save the date to come and support us!



Children have been making great progress in their music lessons, creating lullaby's with glockenspiel instruments.

### Piano Lessons

Learning an instrument, particularly the piano, is great for a child's mental development. It helps to grow self esteem, problem solving and coordination. It gives children the opportunity to express themselves and be creative.

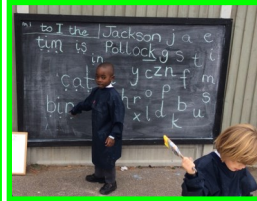




# The Big Draw

The Big Draw is the worlds biggest drawing festival, it takes place each year in the month of October. The Big Draw promotes drawing and visual literacy and encourages the participation and recognition of the visual arts. We have enjoyed the Big Draw tremendously at Saint Pierre with a vibrant, innovative and fun schedule of events.

Reception students created many art pieces in small groups, pairs and individually. This gave students the opportunity to work together as a team, celebrate each other achievements and share ideas. They participated in a wide variety of activities, learning about a variety of artists and practicing lots of skills in different media. They made good use of the literacy wall, writing artist names and practicing letter sounds. Mrs Cottage, one of Saint Pierre's incredibly talented parents visited Reception where they created 'playful' prints utilizing a variety of objects and movements.



## Spray Can Artist Scott Irvin

Scott Irvin is a professional Spray Can Artist. Mrs Hearn invited Mr Irvin into school, so that he could work with children to create a mural for the outside space in Nursery. Scott was so impressed with the students artwork, which they created in response to their study of biodiversity, organic farming and the natural world, all part of their Me and My World Jass award. Mrs Hearn co-ordinated the day so that students would have an opportunity to work together with many students learning how to create spray can art and so many delighted that their illustrations are now a permanent feature in school. Well done to everyone! It was a brilliant day for staff and students, all working together to create a wonderful piece of art. See our time-lapse video on the school's website!





## Celebrating Harvest in Nursery Class

Nursery Children have enjoyed being introduced to our topic on Harvest, and have learnt the importance of celebrating and sharing what we have with people less fortunate than ourselves. The children have participated in a wide variety of practical activities to explore measure, weight and capacity, using scales, jugs, rulers, measuring tapes and pasta tubes to measure and weigh a large selection of ingredients, fruits and vegetables. The children particularly enjoyed baking their own bread rolls and working together as a team with the Reception class to bake a Harvest loaf, in preparation to take to Crowstone Church. During the week our children were encouraged to use their imaginations to pretend to be budding little farmers, preparing their crops for Harvest. The children enjoyed being physical to dig root vegetables from our very own vegetable patch. Vegetables included carrots, sweet potatoes, turnips, new potatoes, parsnips and cabbages. The children then used these ingredients to strengthen their fine motor skills by chopping, cutting, and spooning, before later making our own vegetable soup to eat with our baked rolls!



## Roving Reporter

### Lucas Champ: Reporting on the Harp Sleep Out Challenge

What can you tell us about HARP? HARP is a Charity. It helps people that are homeless by raising money.

What was the sponsored event you took part in? We took part in 'The really big South Essex sleep out'. We slept outside in a tent and people sponsored us. I also did a run.

Was it a good fundraising event? Why? Yes it was because I liked to sleep in a tent with Cornelius.

Why is important to raise awareness and funds for homeless people? It is important to get them food and a place to live.

Do you have any ideas of events that we could do at Saint Pierre? Enter a Saint Pierre team in the HARP 24 race and sleep out at school next year.

Well done to Lucas and to the other students at Saint Pierre who took part in the Sleep Out Challenge.

### **PTA News**

Halloween Disco - Fri 9 Oct

PTA Curry & Quiz 7.30pm start

### Up Coming Dates

Weds 7 Nov - 2nd hand uniform sale

Fri 16 Nov - Flu Immunisation

Fri 16 Nov - **Children In Need**