

## New Playground Equipment

When an opportunity came up recently to get some brand new playground equipment, we decided to think a little bit differently and choose sporting goods that you don't often find at school.

The children are loving the chance to hone their lacrosse throwing and receiving skills, and the catching nets are great for developing hand-eye coordination and more importantly having lots and lots of fun!



## Harvest Festival

Once again, we would like to thank all of our parents and members of the wider Saint Pierre School family for their generous donations of food items as part of this year's Harvest Festival celebrations. They were all gratefully received by HARP, a local charitable organisation that works tirelessly to help the homeless population of Southend On Sea and the surrounding areas of South Essex.

## Air Boats

Our Year 5 and pupils have been making fully-functioning air boats as an exciting Art & Design project, with propeller power being provided by elastic bands and plenty of tinkering.

Since the start of the year, they have also been making cars, helicopters, planes and hydro-foils. The highlight of the project was the car race which as you would expect became competitive and educational in equal measure!



## Theme Week

We always ensure that our theme weeks have a universal appeal to all ages, and when we chose 'Weird and Wonderful Weather' as the topic for our latest theme week, our teaching staff ensured that all pupils from Nursery to Year 6 were involved with activities including weather forecasts, freak phenomena, identifying changing conditions and much more.

If any of our children end up on screen as a famous meteorologist one day, it could be because their spark of inspiration came from their days at Saint Pierre School!

## Forthcoming Events

**Back To School - Monday 31st October**  
**Remembrance Assembly - Monday 7th November**  
**PTA Meeting - Wednesday 9th November**  
**PTA Curry & Quiz Night - Friday 11th November**  
**Children In Need - Friday 18th November**  
**Xmas Lights Switch-On - Thursday 1st December**

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## 'The Supplement'

### Saint Pierre School's Newsletter



## BEST EVER 11+ RESULTS

We are delighted to announce that our 11+ pass rate this year was an outstanding 86%! As always, our pupils' mammoth efforts to be fully-prepared were matched by our parents' and teachers' dedication with various after-school and holiday prep classes.

Our headmaster Chris Perkins has already been speaking to the local press about our pupils' magnificent achievement, and he added: *Again our Year 6 children have worked incredibly hard and the wonderful results are testament to their determination, endeavour and academic ability. The 6 passes out of the 7 candidates is fantastic but not wholly surprising. The cohort has been together at Saint Pierre for many years and the children have obviously flourished in their time with us.*

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November

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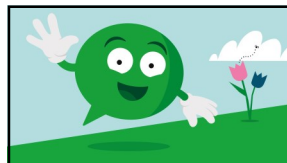
# NSPCC Visit



'Speak Out, Stay Safe' is an NSPCC-led campaign that is being rolled out to schools, and it is all about empowering children to not only recognise the signs of emotional and physical abuse, but to also feel empowered to speak out and tell a trusted adult if they have any concerns about another child's welfare.

The extensive sessions were tailored for each individual year group, and it was very encouraging to see the children all contribute in an enthusiastic manner - they even had the chance to meet the NSPCC's official mascot Buddy!

The content from the presentations ties in perfectly with our existing PSHE syllabus, and the children will be given the opportunity to revisit this very important topic in the future - we also cover the same concepts for cyberbullying in ICT.



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# Reception Latest



As part of our varied and engaging curriculum in Reception, the children have been learning all about different forms of measurement. Learning about 'length' was particularly enjoyable for them as they made the most of Mr Sullivan's decision to take a hard-earned lie down! They have also been developing their understanding of time by making some very colourful clocks, and the recent Harvest Festival celebrations gave them a fantastic opportunity to create vibrant artwork using vegetables and paint. We currently have limited places available in Reception. To find out more and book a school visit, please call Mrs Beauchamp in the office on 01702 474164 or send us an email via [info@saintpiereschool.com](mailto:info@saintpiereschool.com).



# Fundraising



It's not every day that you get ready for school by dressing for bed! We took part in Humphrey's Pyjama Week by having a very special Friday where everyone came into school wearing their pyjamas - the event is organised annually by The Children's Trust, with all proceeds going towards helping children who have suffered from brain injuries.

We were delighted to also participate in the Macmillan Coffee Morning - can you guess who got to wear the Head Baker Badge? Take a look at the back page to see some of our Bake Off-worthy masterpieces - huge thanks to everyone who spent many hours baking and icing! We are also grateful to everyone who came along to the big sale.



# Inter-School Fixtures



Within the last few weeks, our children have been involved in a number of inter-school fixtures for football and netball, and the highlight was a 1-0 victory over Thorpe Hall in a local football tournament.

We have made it a top priority to expand our programme of sporting events against other local schools - keep an eye out for our brand new kits in the iconic Saint Pierre School colours. Also, we need to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who has generously offered to sponsor one of our kits!



# Our Roving Reporter



As you all might know, the brand new iPhone 7 is the trendy item in all electronics magazines at this very moment.

Released on September 6th 2016, The iPhone 7 has no headphone jack, but it does have stereo speakers, 3D Touch and a 'taptic' home button. 3D Touch means that the screen can detect how hard you are pressing it! In my personal opinion, I think that the iPhone 7 could revolutionise the 'non-headphone jack' smartphone market.

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