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# 'The Supplement'

## Saint Pierre School's Newsletter



### A WELCOME FROM THE HEADMASTER

Rhianna's name doesn't come readily to mind when I pursue philosophical guidance. That said, I always rather warmed to the sentiments within her offering "Umbrella". The singer's brazen metaphor postulates that true friendship is defined by its presence in difficult times:

*"Now that it's raining more than ever  
Know that we'll still have each other  
You can stand under my umbrella"*

Writing in the Guardian (I know – something of a left-wing read for a private school Headmaster) recently an anonymous headteacher considered the phenomenon of toxic schools within our climate of all educational institutions offering similar tiresome commitments to their; engaging curriculum, personalised pastoral care and professional ethos. His standpoint, which I share irrevocably, is that toxicity in schools is often a bi-product of a miss-treated staff.

"Miserable and exhausted teachers are unlikely to be as effective as they could be. Teaching is tough but not every school seeks to improve conditions for staff. I wouldn't want my children taught in such an environment, even if whipping their teachers leads to better GCSEs."

Since the moment I arrived at the school I have been in awe of the quality of our staff. The amount of love and care they have for their charges is matched only by their belief in Saint Pierre. They are motivated and happy; an attitude which permeates to our children. To a person they are reliable, enthusiastic and talented, they make the school what it is and to me they are, well quite simply.... my umbrella.

Kind regards, Peter Spencer-Lane

**Check out our  
Reception class  
having a go at  
Hockey!**



# Meet Our New Staff



Saint Pierre School's three new members of staff were interviewed by our Head Pupils on a recent coffee break - don't forget to say 'hello' the next time you see them around school!

**Mrs. Sayed** (Interviewed by Bertie deputy head boy)

WHAT WAS YOUR PREVIOUS JOB: **Teacher**

WHERE WOULD YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 10 YEARS: **As a headteacher at a school in London**

DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES: **Shopping**

HAVE YOU ENJOYED SAINT PIERRE SCHOOL SO FAR: **Yes I have loved working here so far because this is such a welcoming school**

WHERE IS YOUR HOME COUNTRY/TOWN: **England - Stepney Green**

WHAT IS YOUR STAR SIGN: **Pisces**

**Mrs. Davies** (Interviewed by Tomi, Head Girl)

WHAT WAS YOUR PREVIOUS JOB: **Looking after animals**

WHERE WOULD YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 10 YEARS: **At Saint Pierre School**

DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES: **Gym, reading, taking my dog to the woods**

HAVE YOU ENJOYED SAINT PIERRE SCHOOL SO FAR: **Yes**

WHERE IS YOUR HOME COUNTRY/TOWN: **England - Leigh-on-Sea**

WHAT IS YOUR STAR SIGN: **Taurus**

**Miss. Smith** (Interviewed by Gaia, Deputy Head Girl)

WHAT WAS YOUR PREVIOUS JOB: **Teacher in Basildon**

WHERE WOULD YOU SEE YOURSELF IN 10 YEARS: **Not sure, still teaching**

DO YOU HAVE ANY HOBBIES: **Rugby (I play for Westcliff Ladies), going out with friends**

WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD: **Pilot or work in animation**

HAVE YOU ENJOYED SAINT PIERRE SCHOOL SO FAR: **Yes I find it very welcoming**

WHERE IS YOUR HOME COUNTRY/TOWN: **England - Rochford**

WHAT IS YOUR STAR SIGN: **Libra**

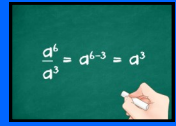


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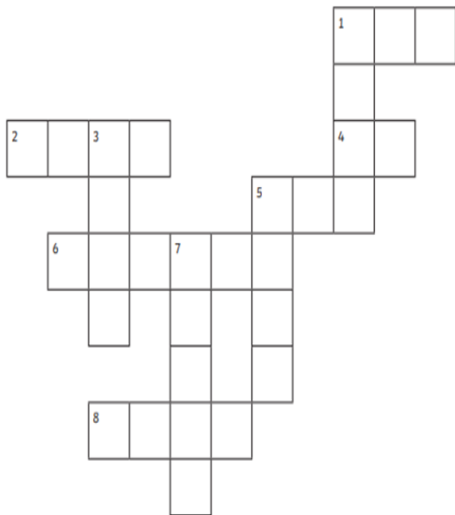


# The Puzzle Page



## French Numbers 1-10 Crossword

Fill in the crossword with French number words. Use the clues to help you!



Across

- 1. 10
- 2. 5
- 4. 1
- 5. 6
- 6. 4
- 8. 8

Down

- 1. 2
- 3. 9
- 5. 7
- 7. 3

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## Autumn



WORD SEARCH



E	A	X	W	A	L	R	S	T	S	T	
T	K	W	Q	U	E	F	G	C	N	Y	
F	B	O	O	T	S	F	A	E	I	D	L
H	A	E	A	R	C	I	L	S	K	A	I
M	F	E	O	E	A	P	L	S	C	S	E
A	W	H	H	E	P	U	M	P	K	I	N
S	I	H	K	A	R	B	E	T	P	R	D
E	A	A	N	E	Y	N	M	R	O	A	C
O	R	J	X	K	V	S	N	C	G	R	Q
H	L	E	A	F	S	C	A	R	F	I	O



- |       |         |       |
|-------|---------|-------|
| SCARF | APPLE   | BOOTS |
| TREE  | FALL    | RAKE  |
| ACORN | PUMPKIN | PIE   |
| HAY   | SWEATER | LEAF  |

Can you spot the American English word for 'Autumn?'

### Jigsaw Sudoku

		9					8	4
	9	2	8					1
5				1				
		6				5		7
		8				9		
9		1				6		
				3				6
7					1	3	9	
6	5					1		

# PTA Updates



Our incredible PTA raises thousands of pounds every single year for Saint Pierre School, and Mrs Rye and her team also donate countless hours to help out with school events. In this regular newsletter feature, they are taking over a whole page to tell you all about their latest initiatives and requests for help.

The PTA would like to thank everybody for their continuous support using easyfundraising, and to date Saint Pierre PTA supporters have raised a fantastic £229.17 just by shopping online. For more information, if you would like to become a supporter, please see a member of the PTA.

## Saint Pierre's Festive Fun Day - Sunday 1st December

Donations of luxury food items required for hampers please. We are collecting now, so please pass your items to a member of the PTA or the office.

Thanks, Mrs Rye

Meet Father Christmas - Face painting -  
Games - Mulled wine  
And much more....

If you have any Saint Pierre School uniform or PE kit items laying around at home that you no longer want, please bring it into the school office.

We always appreciate donations from parents - please look out for details of our next Second Hand Uniform Sale on the school's Facebook page.

# Jeans For Genes 2019



Jeans For Genes Day is one of the most popular non-uniform days in our school calendar, and it is also a fantastic opportunity to raise money to help people who are living with genetic conditions and their families in the United Kingdom.

We are delighted to confirm that we raised a fantastic £90, which will be gratefully received by Genetic Disorders UK. As the national organisation that is responsible for organising every Jeans For Genes Day, they use this money to provide grants for projects up and down the country. [Check out some of our denim-clad fundraisers below!](#)



## PTA Halloween Disco

Huge thanks to everyone who supported the PTA's Halloween Disco, including those who helped us get set up.

We're pleased to say that it raised a spooktacular £500, and the PTA is now preparing for their Festive Funday on Sunday 1st December - check out their flyer on the opposite page. They would love to see you all there for what is always one of the highlights of the school calendar with loads of activities, Father Christmas, and shopping galore.



# Macmillan Coffee Morning



On your marks, get set, bake! It's that time of year again when the Great British Bake Off is in full swing on Channel 4, and by no small coincidence it is also the perfect moment to raise pots of cash for Macmillan Cancer Support with a brew and some tasty baked treats.

MASSIVE THANKS to all of the children, families and staff who baked and bought enough cake into school to feed an army - there was even enough for an after-school cake sale as well to swell the coffers. In total, £130 will now be winging its way over to this very worthy cause.

Because of the incredible work carried out by Macmillan nurses at both Southend University Hospital and in the local community, we are always very keen to get involved with this regular event - it's not just our collective sweet tooth ...



# French Numbers & Greetings



In Reception French lessons, following the children's initial introduction to vowels and, the children have been re-capping their greetings and numbers, learning songs and dancing and playing lots of number games! We have continued to practise our vowel sounds too, so that our pronunciation is correct!

The children enjoyed creating a dance with their partners to the 'greetings' song, singing 'salut' and also learning how to say 'bonne nuit'! They enjoyed using the magic wand to count!



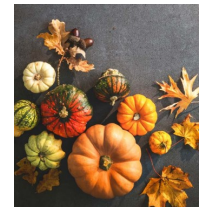
# Harvest Festival 2019



Early Years have fully embraced celebrating our Harvest themed topic. The children have explored a variety of practical themed activities, both independently and teacher-led.

In Maths the children particularly enjoyed taking a hands on approach to weigh out ingredients to make their very own bread rolls, which they later ate with fresh soup at snack time.

To round off our topic we had a guest speaker in assembly from HARP who gratefully received our collection. This organisation operates in Southend On Sea to provide accommodation, advice and support to local homeless people and those who are 'at risk' of losing their place to live, and you can find out more about the work that they do by visiting [harpSouthend.org.uk](http://harpSouthend.org.uk)



# Football Success



The Saint Pierre School Year 2/3 and Year 4/5 football teams have both enjoyed success recently during friendly tournaments held at Alleyn Court School.

Our Year Two and Year Three footballers put in a number of impressive performances, including a resounding 4-0 victory. Meanwhile, our Year Four and Year Five team managed to win three out of four of their fixtures.

These games were our first organised meetings of the academic year, and so there will be plenty more opportunities to cheer our pupils on soon - both in football and other sports.



# Rugby World Cup 2019

The children in Nursery have fully embraced the various learning opportunities that have been presented by The Rugby World Cup, while participating in various topic-themed activities.

They particularly enjoyed watching short clips of the weekend matches between New Zealand and South Africa, England and Tonga, and Wales and Georgia - they also listened to a selection of national anthems.

However, one of our favourite moments has been watching the children acting out the famous New Zealand Haka.

The children were also very eager to independently explore our Japanese restaurant-themed role-play area, before then sitting down to their own Japanese take away!



# Year Three Pupils' Class Assembly

The Science lessons in Year 3 since the start of the year have been focused on how to keep our bodies healthy.

The children have acted as personal trainers, looking at different clients and their lifestyles. They have been researching how to improve their fitness and eating habits. The class had a particular interest in how much sugar we are advised to consume a day. They compared this to the sugar content in food and in well know drinks. The results were quite shocking! Year 3 worked as a team to share what they had learnt with the school, educating the children on their muscles and bones and how we as a school can work together to keep ourselves fit an healthy. They also demonstrated an excellent understanding of how Mike offers us a balanced diet at school, with our freshly cooked meals. Well done Year 3 on a very powerful assembly!

