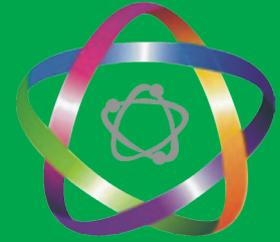


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2012-13 Easter edition



Head's Up

Despite such a short half-term our Easter edition of Aspire has extended to twelve pages. This half-term we have delighted in getting to know the Year 6 students who will join us next year, seeing the phenomenal success of the Young Enterprise Team (see article below) and once again enjoying the range of activities that take place within school alongside a rigorous classroom experience.

I had the pleasure earlier this month of meeting the Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, in an audience with some selected local Headteachers, arranged by our local MP, Dr Daniel Poulter. Mr Gove responded to questions from the floor in an eloquent and accomplished manner that demonstrated a very thorough grasp on the issues today. It was useful to hear at first-hand his response to the local and national issues facing education at this time.

Julia Upton

STOP PRESS

Year 10 Young Enterprise students stole the show at the Suffolk finals of the Young Enterprise Competition. As well as the "Overall Best Company" they also won: Best Presentation; Best Trade Stand; Best Focus, Marketing and Sales; and Best Teamwork awards. This was a remarkable achievement, especially since the majority of other competitors were post-16 Sixth Form and College Business Studies students.

As well as huge congratulations to the Year 10 students we would also like to thank all those involved in supporting the team - Mr Steven Phipps our business mentor and advisor; Dr Chris Sharpe: in school business support; and Mrs Jane Wilson: Business Studies teacher and Young Enterprise co-ordinator. The team now progress to the regional finals.



Left to right: Mrs Wilson, Dr Sharpe, Freya Paternoster, Philip Ouko, Alice Eddy Jack Millar, Andrew Corrigan, Robyn Bosworth, Steph McAulay, Sophie Hutchinson, Phoebe Atkins, Benjamin Denton-Cardew, Rosie Voller, Caitlin Corrigan, Mr Phipps

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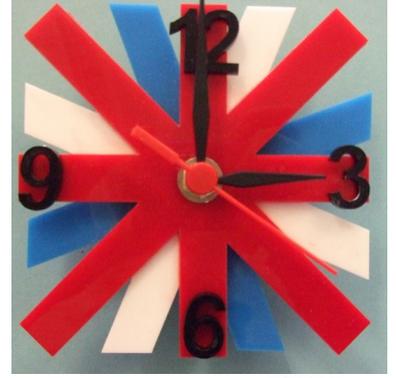
Creative streak

Art and Design are important aspects of our Key Stage 3 curriculum and many students select these subjects as an option for GCSE study and beyond. Students explore working with a range of materials and from a variety of influences. Each option is taught in a block of 6-7 weeks and students complete projects showing the development of their ideas and skills in a particular area. As you can see from the pictures, they put creative minds and incredible skills to good use. Projects range from Puppets in Year 7, Steady Hand games in Year 8 and Clocks in Year 9, to Lamps and iPod docs in Year 11.

Put a date in your diary for Monday 1 July to visit the remarkable work by students of Art, Design and Technology in our annual exhibition. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the remarkable work students produce in this area. The exhibition will be open from 2.00 until 7.00. All are welcome.



Technology



World Book Day

As part of our encouragement of reading for pleasure, all students received a voucher for money off books for World Book Day. Along with displays in the library of current popular fiction, eight teams competed in the team book quiz in the learning resource centre at lunchtime. Congratulations to all who took part but a special mention to the top two teams (who received £10 or £5 book tokens each).

1st Will Bagnall, Ryan Dennis and Adam Johnson

2nd Alex Shore, Oliver Saunders and Jack Mackay

Could you have answered these?

1. In Karen McCombie's book "Urgent Message of Wowness", what is the name of the main character?
2. Who wrote "Wuthering Heights"?



IN BRIEF

Well done to 8C, who raised £125 for McMillan Cancer selling roses for Valentine's Day.

Puzzle Corner

Word games

Tarantism - does it mean:

- a) Films made in the genre of the director Quentin Tarantino
- b) An uncontrollable urge to dance
- c) A disorder caused by the bite of a tarantula spider

Maths mayhem

Peter wrote a list of all the numbers that could be produced by changing one digit of the number 200. How many of the numbers on Peter's list are prime?

- a) 0 b) 1 c) 2 d) 3 e) 4

Multi-lingual challenge

Can you translate these words? As always, these "triples" have the same meaning in English.

Italian

coniglio

uova

giunchiglia

Spanish

conejo

huevo

narciso

French

lapin

oeuf

jonquille

As an extra linguistic challenge this week...

In anticipation of summer: what is the origin of the word 'barbecue'?

FINE FOODS

As mentioned in our Lent Aspire, all food at the school canteen is produced with fresh, local ingredients. However, this is not the only place at school that students experience fine food. In Food Technology students make their own fresh and delicious food products. Students are taught to consider what they are eating, how to eat a balanced diet and the practical skills of making food for themselves. I am sure many of you will have tasted many of the delicious treats that they create (if they make it home after the long bus journey). From Year 11 to Year 7, students learn this vital life skill.



Diversity Week

Just before half-term we held our second annual Diversity Week. This week has three aims: to make students aware of the differences within our society; to make students more tolerant of those differences; and to consider how they treat other members of society who may be different from themselves. During the week students participated in a range of workshops, listened to guest speakers, considered their own attitudes and reactions in assembly and tutor time, created and read thought-provoking poetry, organised a lunch for elderly members of the local community and broadened their mind on what a diverse and wonderful global society we are.



Different
North, south, east west,
Not that different from the rest.
Boy, girl, lady, man,
It doesn't matter; you still can!

Short, fat, thin, tall,
You're still normal; nothing wrong at all!
Wheelchair, plaster, crutch, bandage,
In our thoughts you still can manage
this!

Toddler, child, teen, adult,
It doesn't matter; there's no fault.
Hindu, Christian, Muslim, Jewish,
Welcome the beliefs of them all!

By Jack, Rhys, Mark (Year 7)





French



“It was a great experience; I would definitely recommend it to others.”

“Fantastic experience, with lots of great trips out.”

“It’s an experience I’ll never forget, I’m so glad I went.”



Exchange



On Wednesday 6th March, 19 students from Year 9, along with Mrs Johnson and Mr Towler, set off for Arras in France to spend a week living with French families and learning about their lifestyles.

The journey to Arras involved: a coach to Dover, a ferry to Calais, and another coach to Arras. At 5 o'clock, we arrived at the school, Collège François Mitterand, where we met our families for the first time. We began to feel a little nervous as the reality of it all sank in: meeting our correspondents face-to-face.

The next morning we went in to school and, as Megan Williams said, "It was a relief to see some familiar people"! The day was spent going to lessons with our correspondents and experiencing how French children learn. The whole learning environment was different from that of Debenham, and the rules they had were also different.

On Friday, we had a tour of 'La Piscine' in Roubaix. This used to be a swimming pool, built in 1932, but in 2001 it was transformed into a museum. In some places, the original décor has been preserved and you can still see things which belonged to the old swimming pool. On Saturday, we visited Paris. We saw the Eiffel Tower, climbed up the Arc de Triomphe and went on a boat trip along the River Seine, that provided fantastic views across Paris. Sunday was spent with our correspondents and their families. Some people walked into the town of Arras, whereas others spent the day doing activities like karting or bowling.

On Monday, we visited the mining museum at Lewarde, which showed us the terrible conditions people worked in a long time ago and how things have now improved. In the afternoon we had a English vs French quiz and a badminton tournament. Tuesday was scheduled to be a shopping day in Arras, but the snow which suddenly arrived made that impossible. The roads were icy, making travelling difficult, and everyone was worried that we might not be able to leave the next day.

On Wednesday morning we discovered that "Northern France had ground to a halt", so our return was indeed delayed by a day. On Thursday we made our way home. We finally arrived back at Debenham at seven o'clock. It had been an incredible experience, but everyone was relieved to be back!

By Hannah Lockwood 9D

Mini-beasts!



"It was great, really interesting."

Tom Norton 7G

Year 7 students were treated to a visit from "Mini-Beasts". Kate Jackson gave the students a fascinating talk on a range of creatures, including a tarantula and a milk snake. The students were all eager (unlike some of the staff) to hold many of the animals and to ask questions about their habitat and survival.

Comic Relief



Staff sported onsies and pick tutus in aid of Comic Relief in a rather different fashion show. Thanks to everyone who took part but a particular congratulations to the students in Year 8 who led the event. Well done to Kirsty Goodchild, Imogen Bloomfield, Isobel Judge, Leah Walker, Eleana Norman and Rebekah Tavendale. Together they raised an impressive total of £145.89.



Sports Leaders

Jamie Lawrence and Georgia Pearson have been chosen by the school to become Young Ambassadors.

'Young Ambassadors are the most outstanding sports leaders in schools. They are selected due to their sporting talent, and more importantly, due to their exceptional commitment and ability as young leaders or volunteers. The Young Ambassador programme seeks to develop young leaders and volunteers further by providing them with the responsibility of being an ambassador for PE and school sport. In many schools the role is held in the same esteem as a Head Boy or Head Girl, and the individual will form a vital link between the students, teachers, School Sport Partnerships and local clubs'

Youth Sports Trust

As part of their training they attended a conference at King Edward VI School on Tuesday 26 February. They attended three different workshops to teach them how to lead events and tournaments in schools. The training will also give them opportunities to gain various coaching awards so that they can deliver sessions in local primary schools in the future.



Sports Report



Boys Football

The poor weather has badly affected the football fixtures this term, to an extent that we are trying to play up to four matches a week to catch up!

Year 11 beat Leiston 3-2 in their league fixture, scoring a late winner through Tom Hills-Keyte, after earlier goals from Keelan Sharrocks and Alfie Griew. They followed this win by beating Stradbroke 7-1, with goals from Keelan, Richard Green (2), Jay Alexander, George Ager and Ben Green. They will complete their run of fixtures by playing Thomas Mills at home. This will be their last competitive fixture as a year group and I would like to thank them all for their hard work and enthusiasm over the past five years. They have been a pleasure to take for matches.

Year 9 have also played Leiston, winning 4-1, with goals from Tom Godfrey, Callum Scott and Alfie Maw. A special mention must go to the four Year 8 players who have been playing in the team, including Philip Ouko and Paddy Hughes. They lost a close fixture 3-2 to Stradbroke with both goals coming from Tom.

Finally, we have Year 7 and 8 football tournaments at Stradbroke in the last week of term, as well as Year 11 and 8 entertaining Thomas Mills.



The Under-13 girls team in action

Mr Mitchell

Sports Roundup

Hockey

The Girls Under-13 hockey team won the High Suffolk School Sport Partnership In2hockey tournament on Monday last week. They will now be competing in the Suffolk round on Thursday 21 March at Harleston Hockey Club. The Under-13 boys came 2nd in the same competition, losing only one match, to the eventual winners. The Year 7 inter-house hockey tournament was played last week. The tournament was organised by our Young Ambassadors Jamie Lawrence and Georgia Pearson. After three lunchtimes of competition the winning form was 7D and runners up were 7C. Year 8 mixed Hockey v Hadleigh – we lost 6-1. Year 11 mixed Hockey v Hadleigh we won 3-0

Rugby

The Under-15 side had an incredible win over Thomas Mills. The Man Of The Match was Andrew Corrigan, and Matt Tappscot in his debut performance helped the team secure a remarkable 57-0 victory.

Karting

The Under-18 karting team took part in the semi finals at Anglia Karting on Monday 26th February. We entered two teams and they competed against Copleston and St Albans. Our A team came first and the B team came second. We wish the team luck in the next round on Sat 27th April at Redlodge. The A team will be competing against 13 other schools.

Football

The Year 7 football team beat Alde Valley 12-0 in the Northern Area League and a Year 7 B team lost 3-0 to Stradbroke in the same competition. The Year 7 A team were also defeated 5-3 by Mildenhall in the County Cup Semi Final. Goalscorers were Jake Conway (2) and Baris Altintop. Man of the match was Baris Altintop.

Basketball

The Under-16 basketball team faced Thomas Mills and were victorious. The team is coached by Mr Novak and they won 22-18.

