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Stewards School

Newsletter



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HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

THE BIG GARDEN EVENT



Stewards School has been working with “Creative Partnerships” on an exciting project for the last three years and our work is now coming to fruition. On 11th May the Stewards Garden was officially opened. There is a full report on Page 5. My thanks to Mr Scholtes, Assistant Headteacher, who has led this project, to the students who have brought their creativity, ideas and enthusiasm to the plans, to staff who have been innovative in thinking about how we can use the garden as a learning space for so many subjects and to members of the Creative Partnership team and Circle in the Square who have helped us along the way with the plans and design. Creative Partnership is sponsored by the Royal Opera House. We look forward to seeing the garden in use for providing herbs, vegetables and fruit and for students to use for leisure and learning.

STEWARDS SCHOOL APPLIES FOR ACADEMY STATUS

At a meeting of the Governing Body on 4th May, the decision was taken for Stewards School to apply for Academy status. Governors considered responses from parents, staff and students through the consultation process. My thanks to the parents who responded. The overwhelming response has been broadly in favour of this move. The application has now gone to the Department for Education and we are working with other secondary schools and the Cooperative Trust to take forward our plans.

PARENT SURVEY RESULTS 2010-11

Every Parents' Evening we ask parents for views about various aspects of the work of the school. The results for 2010-11 are below and are very encouraging.

	Respondents who strongly agreed or agreed with the statements					
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Average %
Attendance	91%	90%	82%	70%	62%	79%
My child enjoys school.	98%	95%	95%	94%	94%	95%
The school keeps my child safe.	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%
The school informs me about my child's progress.	95%	97%	93%	97%	100%	96%
My child is making enough progress at Stewards.	98%	98%	91%	94%	94%	95%
The teaching is good at Stewards.	100%	100%	97%	99%	100%	99%
The school helps me to support my child's learning.	97%	97%	93%	94%	94%	95%
Stewards helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle.	96%	88%	88%	97%	94%	93%
The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (for example, changing year group, changing school, and for children who are finishing school, entering further or higher education or employment).	100%	98%	98%	100%	100%	99%
My child's particular needs are met at Stewards.	98%	100%	94%	100%	98%	98%
Unacceptable behaviour is dealt with effectively at Stewards.	97%	92%	95%	93%	96%	95%
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns.	98%	93%	95%	94%	94%	95%
Stewards is led and managed effectively.	99%	98%	98%	100%	100%	99%
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at Stewards.	97%	100%	96%	100%	100%	97%

GCSE EXAMINATIONS

These are now well underway. Good luck to Year 11 for their revision during half term and for a successful end to their school career culminating in a celebration at Leavers Day on 4th July.



Rhonda Murthar
Headteacher

GOVERNORS NEWS

The Governors would like to thank all of you who took the time to respond to the consultation concerning the proposal that Stewards apply for Academy Status. We had responses from Staff, Parents and Pupils. After considering the responses we have decided to proceed to the next stage, making an application to the Department for Education to become an Academy. If this is successful the current plan is to open as an academy in the Autumn Term. There are still a number of stages to complete before this can happen and we will keep you informed of our progress.

On a completely different topic we were pleased to hear that after an unannounced Environmental Health inspection our in house catering facilities were given the highest possible grade by the inspectors, our congratulations have been communicated to all concerned. I am sure that all staff, pupils and parents will be delighted to know that our facilities have met this high standard.

Mr Tarling
Chair of Governors

Important Information

NEW SCHEME OF COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

We have entered into a contract with a company called ParentMail. Their software will enable us to send text and email messages home to families. The advantages are enormous: instant communication; saves on postage and paper; eliminates letters going astray, etc.

Initially this system will be used by our Attendance team to communicate with families if pupils are not in school, or have not arrived for an exam. Once we have trialled the system and staff are sufficiently trained, it will be extended to other uses where urgent communications and reminders are required.

In order for this to work, we need to collect your email addresses and mobile telephone numbers. This information will be handled with maximum security in place, and your details would never be accessed by a 3rd party.

We shall still be sending letters home in the traditional way since it would be quite impossible for all paper communication to move to email/text. We recognise that not everyone will have email or text facilities.

With this Newsletter you will receive a letter asking for your details so that we can get to work on this new venture which will be very useful, eg if a trip is delayed, or an activity cancelled, a message can be sent to inform you so that you are not inconvenienced too much, or worry unnecessarily. Please return the form by Friday 10th June.

A further feature is a ParentPay system, which we shall also be introducing, but possibly not until the autumn term. This will enable families to pay for trips or activities by debit or credit cards. Again, we shall continue with the existing system of payment for those who prefer it.

ParentMail and ParentPay are used widely in schools around the country, and many in Essex. The feedback from current users is that they don't know how they managed without it, and that "it's brilliant".

Mrs P Jenkins Business Manager

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

- REGISTRATION IS AT 8.45am
- AND 1.55pm
- PUPILS ARRIVING AFTER THESE TIMES MUST SIGN IN AT THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE situated next to the Pupil Entrance on the Ground Floor in Block 1
- FAILURE TO SIGN IN WILL GIVE A PUPIL AN ABSENCE MARK WHICH WILL AFFECT THEIR ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE

MAY I ALSO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND YOU THAT HOLIDAYS ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN DURING TERM TIME

PUPIL ABSENCE LINE
(01279) 772511 (please leave a message)

Thank you for your co-operation

Mrs Barker
Attendance Office

ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

Please do not park on the **YELLOW ZIG ZAG** lines outside school during the prohibited hours of 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

Please drop off/collect pupils some distance from the school entrances and avoid **CORNERS** and where vehicles are already parked. Severe congestion occurs regularly with the danger of someone being knocked down, or vehicle accidents.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL BELONGINGS HAVE YOUR NAME WRITTEN OR STITCHED INSIDE.

The school cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to any items that should not be brought into school.

Regrettably loss or damage to bikes parked on the school site is not covered by our insurance policy. Parking is at the owner's risk and should be covered by household insurance.

Bude Trip

On the 2nd of May at 5.30am 50 students, 4 teachers, a man and his dog (well that's what it felt like) took the kitchen sink on a very long journey down to Bude in North Cornwall. With masses of excitement running up and down the bus the calls of 'are we stopping off soon', 'is there a McDonalds in Bude' and my favourite 'I really need the loo' were being called to the front on numerous occasions. The 4 members of staff knew they were in for a fun but tiring week!

And what a week it was! Everyone gave their all in as many activities as possible including mountain biking, caving, bodyboarding and abseiling down a 140ft cliff to name but a few! But once again it was the surfing that inspired everyone the most. I'm positive that given the chance a few of the students would be living in campervans on the beach just waiting to catch that 'perfect wave'! (I think they would be waiting a while, not many were able to stand on the board - their speciality, wiping out!)

Every student made at least one new friend and the teamwork seen in the groups was outstanding – a massive well done from me and the Bude Tutors!

The food was good, sleeping accommodation superb and the Instructors were awesome! It all made for a superb trip and I'm sure everyone who went will say they would love to go again.



Mr T Hughes
PE Department



Year 7 pupils enjoying activities in Bude



Science News

BIG BANG SCIENCE FAIR

Launched in 2009, The Big Bang: UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair is the UK's biggest single celebration of science and engineering for young people and aims to celebrate and inspire them. So we were very excited to be asked to help Shell Education Services deliver their Family Science Activity at The Big Bang in the ExCeL Exhibition Centre in London.

A team of Stewards students ranging from Year 7 to Year 10 became Shell volunteers for the day, helping families make at least 2,000 balloon buggies and jumping beans and demonstrating how chromatography worked. They also found time to attend the Brainiac Live Show and visit the Science Fair, taking part in lots of interactive activities and finding out about future science and engineering careers. At the end of the day they attended a Bang Goes the Theory Live show starring Dallas Campbell, Jen Stansfield and Liz Bonnin. Some students even managed to ask Dallas Campbell to sign their T-shirt!

Isaac Lucia said: *'The Big Bang Science Fair appealed to me on a number of levels. Primarily, though, I enjoyed the fact that we were able to take an active part in the experiments – balloon buggies, jumping beans and chromatography. Another high point was the Bang Goes the Theory show in which the presenters provided us with an exciting and humorous view of science.'*



Back row, left to right: Chloe Mitchell, Alarna Lintonbon-Baker, Riley Halson, Matt Fleming, Harrison Hickey, Tyler Hampson and Joseph Thomas.
Front row, left to right: Vanya Arabadzhieva, Taonga Chabva-Shoperai, Isaac Lucia, Thomas Goodenough, Adam Pope and Matthew Allen

STEWARDS SPACE SCIENCE EVENING

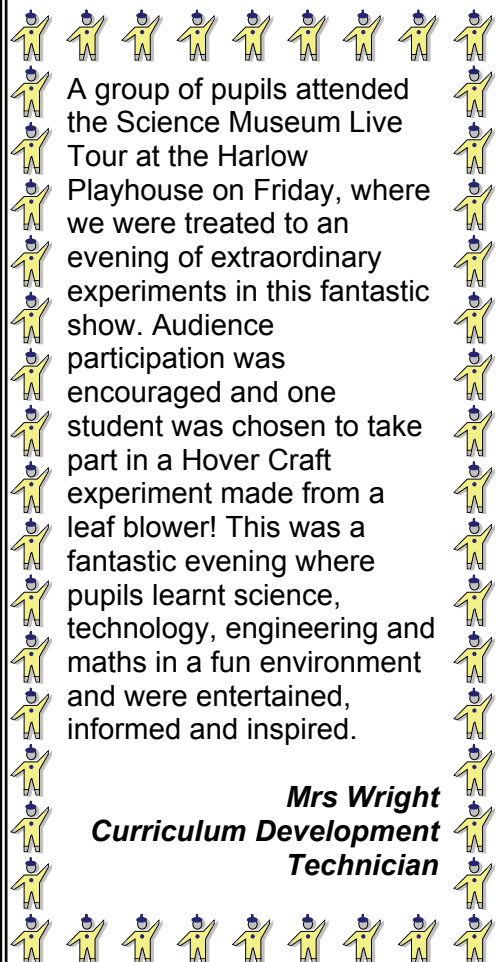
5, 4, 3, 2, 1, Lift off, for Stewards Space Science Evening. Six of the eight labs were open for two hours on Wednesday evening so that the community could find out about Space Science; how Space has influenced innovations in science research and technology. Primary school children and their parents came in droves to take part in the activities making rockets, balloon buggies and satellites. They made planispheres, maps of the night sky, and learnt how to use them and dabbled in space inspired art sessions. Space engineers from Nortel talked about how glass optical fibre was made and it's uses in the space industry and navigation systems.

Isaac Lucia 7NF a budding cosmologist said: *'I definitely enjoyed the evening, as it appealed to all sorts of different tastes (art, science, engineering....). I also found that some of the things we learnt could be applied to astronomy. It was a pleasant and well organised evening.'*

A parent commented: *'A great evening. Lots of engaging activities for all three of my children.'*



Pupils researching Moon Rocks



A group of pupils attended the Science Museum Live Tour at the Harlow Playhouse on Friday, where we were treated to an evening of extraordinary experiments in this fantastic show. Audience participation was encouraged and one student was chosen to take part in a Hover Craft experiment made from a leaf blower! This was a fantastic evening where pupils learnt science, technology, engineering and maths in a fun environment and were entertained, informed and inspired.

Mrs Wright
Curriculum Development
Technician

Performing Arts News

Congratulations to the Year 11 GCSE Drama students who have successfully completed their two year course. Their final exam took place on 5th May and despite the nerves the students did themselves proud. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching this group and I am extremely sad to see them go. Good luck with your results and in your future.

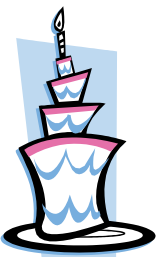
Miss Johnson
Head of Performing Arts



Technology News

7RP have just completed an exciting project on the Mad Hatters Tea Party. The emphasis was on creativity and recreating the scene where Alice joins the Mad Hatter for a cup of tea. The pupils enjoyed themselves using various materials to produce their hats and decorations for the table. To finish off such an enjoyable project we had a tea party, where the pupils brought in food and drink.

Mrs Martin
Technology Department



Work Related Learning News

JACK PETCHEY FOUNDATION

THE SPEAK OUT CHALLENGE 2011

The Jack Petchey Foundation has supported more than 20,000 young people since its formation. Among those 20,000 young people are students from Stewards School who have taken part in the annual Speak Out Challenge.

The Challenge supports Year 10 students – helping them gain confidence when speaking in public (not an easy task). The programme includes learning about body language and the appropriate use of comedy and props when presenting. All useful skills for later life.

Jack Hood represented our School at the Regional Final this year, which included students from schools across Essex. Jack's presentation about Touch Line Technology was both informative and entertaining.



WORK EXPERIENCE 2011

During the past few months, students in Year 10 have practised interview role play, telephone and listening skills as well as instruction in health and safety, in readiness for their work placements which begin on **Monday 6th June with the final day on Friday 10th June.**

The experience of work promotes teamwork, self motivation, punctuality as well as giving our young people first hand experience of the realities of employment.

We will be interested to hear of Year 10's experiences on their return to school as well as reading their journals. Please remind your child to complete their journal every day and to share the content with you too.

Good luck Year 10 you have worked hard to prepare for this opportunity – make the most of it.

Mrs Hampstead
Vocational Learning Mentor

Well Done



Well done to Philip Howlett 7JJ who won 'Best Boy Competitor of the Championship' for Judo at the Harlow Judo Club. He has also won a Bronze award for refereeing Judo matches. This is the first step to becoming a professional referee.



REVISION FOR GCSE ... USEFUL SITES

Top 10 revision tips

- www.stdunstons.somerset.sch.uk/.../Revision/Top%20Ten%20Revision%20Tips.pdf - Similar Subject revision sites
- www.topmarks.co.uk
- <http://www.yenka.com> (physics and chemistry)
- www.s-cool.co.uk/gcse
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/ocr_gateway/



Games for revision



- www.revisioncentre.co.uk/
- www.englishbiz.co.uk



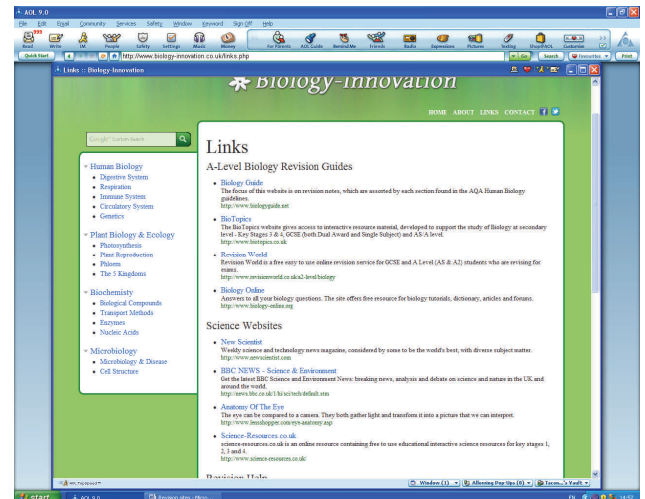
Revision skills



- www.essexconnexions.co.uk/learning/revision
- www.getrevising.co.uk



- www.cuttlefish.com/get-revising.html
- www.myrevisionplan.co.uk/
- www.biology-innovation.co.uk/links.php



PE Department News

YR 8 PREMIERSHIP FOOTBALL

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals +	Goals -	Goal diff.	Points
Newcastle	8	5	1	2	21	8	+13	20
Blackpool	8	5	1	2	15	9	+6	20
West Ham	8	6	2	0	12	8	+4	20
Wolves	8	4	1	3	13	9	+4	19
Fulham	8	4	3	1	17	11	+6	17
Liverpool	8	3	4	1	13	18	-5	16
Bolton	8	2	4	2	13	14	-1	13
Wigan	8	0	5	3	6	19	-13	11
Arsenal	8	0	7	1	6	19	-13	9

A big well done to and for the second year running these boys finished as winner of their year groups premiership competition - Danny Palmer, Billy Wickenden, Aiden Holloway, Mason Joscelyne. See you at Sports Presentation Evening boys!

HARLOW AND WEST ESSEX DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION DISTRICT CUP 2010/11

	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
St Marks	DREW 3 – 3	WON 6 – 2	LOST 4 – 2	WON 3 – 1	WON 5 – 1
Passmores	WON 4 – 3	LOST 3 – 2	LOST 3 – 1	WON 7 – 0	WON 5 – 0
Burnt Mill	LOST 5 – 2	DREW 3 – 3	LOST 5 – 0	DREW 1 – 1	LOST 3 – 2
King Harold	WON 2 – 0	LOST 7 – 1	LOST 5 – 0	WON 2 – 0	No team – Points to us
Mark Hall	WON 2 – 0	LOST 1 – 0	No team – Points to us	LOST 4 – 0	LOST 3-2
St Nicks	WON 3 – 1		WON 7 – 1		

Dates for your Diary

Harlow's Rounders League
 Tuesday 24th May vs Burnt Mill (Away)
 Tuesday 7th June vs Mark Hall (Away)
 Tuesday 14th June vs St Marks (Home)
 Tuesday 21st June vs Passmores (Home)

Athletics Competition at Mark Hall
 Wednesday 25th May
 Wednesday 15th June
 Wednesday 29th June



PE Department News

STEWARDS SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES

The following Year 7 football boys have all represented the school team on 5 or more occasions this year and have been awarded a badge to display their achievement.

Tyler Bull, Alex Dodd, Josh Eke, Harry McWilliam, Nathan Stokes, Mason Cook, Matt Fleming, Will Fordham, Matt Oliver, Kenan Krkic, Charlie Jennings, Ryan Clark.

The following Year 7 rugby boys have all represented the school team on 5 or more occasions this year and have been awarded a badge to display their achievement.

Josh Eke, Kittiphon Sutthikhan, Alex Johnson, Kenan Krkic, Tyler Bull, Dylan Dezilva, Will Fordham, Alex Dodd, Matt Oliver, Nosa Ediae, Tugay Gorur, Tommy O'Donnell, Tobias Grant, Matt Fleming, Mason Phillips, Aaron Harris, Daniel McCarthy, Jordan Marsh, Mason Cook, Jordon Byford.

The Year 7 Basketball team performed extremely well, reaching the semi-finals before eventually falling to West Hatch in a closely contested game. The following Year 7 Basketball boys have all represented the school team on 5 or more occasions this year and have been awarded a badge to display their achievement.

Brett Sinclair, Tobias Grant, Will Fordham, Alex Dodd, Matt Oliver, Mason Cook, Jordon Byford, Jacob Juniper.

There were also notable contributions from the following boys who were a valuable part of a successful team;

Tugay Gorur, Jordan Starkey, Zak Egginton, Nosa Ediae, Michael Harty, Jamie Paul.

The following Year 8 rugby boys have all represented the school team on 5 or more occasions this year and have been awarded a badge to display their achievement.

Rhys Parker, Nathan Rudgley, Alastair King, Louis Giddings, Danny Palmer, Faruq Balogun, Jason Presland, Brandon Salisbury, Jordan Ogozi.

The following Year 8 football boys have all represented the school team on 5 or more occasions this year and have been awarded a badge to display their achievement.

Daniel Nunan, Connor Lynch, Mason Joscelyne, Danny Palmer, Aiden Holloway, Owen Warwick, Josh Murphy, Alastair King, Danny Baker, Ashley Rich and Rhys Parker.

*Mr Preece
Subject Leader for PE*

HARLOW SCHOOLS NETBALL TOURNAMENT 2011

Well done to the year 9 and senior netball teams who competed in the Harlow Schools Netball Tournament on Tuesday the 22nd of March at Mark Hall. Huge congratulations go to the year 9 team who won the tournament unbeaten with some impressive scores against St Marks and Burnt Mill.

Year 9 Team: Louise Martin, Charlie Cook, Alex Kilcare, Ellie Montague, Ellie Thompson, Georgia King, Taylor Fletcher-Rox and Sarah Warby.

Year 9 Results:

Stewards v Burnt Mill	Stewards v St Marks
16-6	20-5

Senior Team: Hannah Tinsley, Lois May Shipwright, Nicole Harris, Amy Kilcare, Tracey Mapanda, Shannon Murphy and Priscilla Ntow.

Senior Results:

Stewards v Passmores	Stewards v Burnt Mill	Stewards v Mark Hall	Stewards v St Marks
1-17	3-15	9-5	0-18



Where Are They Now

Former Stewards student Kirstie Wright has achieved the highest honour in the scout movement; she has become a Queen's Scout and been presented with the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Kirstie has spent 3 years completing a range of challenges to qualify for the awards, which included service to her community by helping lead an Explorer unit in Loughborough, undertaking a five-day residential project doing conservation work in Epping Forest, developing her existing talent by playing football for her University and completing a five day canoe paddling expedition 60 miles along the Caledonian Canal in Scotland.



Kirstie, along with 300 other scouts who were presented with their award this year, took part in the St George's Day Parade of Queen's Scouts. The great honour of holding the St George's Day Parade at Windsor Castle, followed by the National Scout Service in St George's Chapel, was first granted in 1934 by His Majesty King George V. Since the Queen's Scout Award was instigated, over 100,000 of these awards have been presented to young men and women for outstanding personal achievements and service to their local communities. The Queen's Scouts paraded from the Royal Mews, through St George's Gate into the Quadrangle of Windsor Castle and assembled in ranks on the lawn. This year The Queen was represented by Hon Mary Bayliss, Lord Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire, who along with Chief Scout, Lt Cdr (Hon) Bear Grylls RN and Chief Executive Mr D. M. Twine reviewed the Queen's Scouts, speaking to each one individually and congratulating them on their achievements. Afterwards the Queen's Scouts marched to St Georges Chapel for the National Scout Service.

Kirstie Wright said: "Completing my Queen's Scout Award was one of the proudest moments of my life and being able to parade at Windsor Castle was the icing on the cake. It was a long journey that lasted three years but it was a rewarding experience and I would encourage every scout to get involved and achieve the award. Scouting has given me the opportunity to learn new skills and try many new and exciting activities."

Chief Scout Bear Grylls said: "All these young people have lived the adventure of a lifetime to achieve their Queen's Scout Awards, and I admire that spirit so much. They are huge inspirations to the other 500,000 scouts in the UK and I am so pleased that Scouting has honoured them today. They are amazing."

Kirstie at this present time is reading Accounts and Financial Management at Loughborough University with a view to becoming a Chartered Accountant.

We welcomed Ben Halliday, a former pupil, into the Music department before the Easter Holiday to lead a talk on studying music beyond GCSE and workshops on performance skills and song-writing. Ben is now studying for a BA (hons) in Professional Musicianship at Bristol Institute of Modern Music and the students enjoyed listening to him share his experiences. All of the students who attended the sessions were thoroughly engaged as Ben led them in playing a song on various instruments and how to write songs. We look forward to working with Ben again.



HALF TERM WORKSHOPS

Year 7 and 8 Music workshops, run by Creative Music Ltd., will be held in school over the half term break. A full report and photographs will appear in the next newsletter.

LOWER SCHOOL PRODUCTION

We recently held auditions for this year's Lower School Production. Students from Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 will perform 'Free!' by David Grant on the Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th June.

'Move It' Dance Project

On the 23rd April, 8 students from Stewards School were lucky enough to grasp the opportunity to perform in a 'Move It' project, held by Pro Excel. The overall event was to perform at Twickenham both before and at half time of the London Wasps and the Bath Rugby Team at the St. Georges Day game.

Prior to the event there was a four day training course (18th-21st April) held in Brentwood and Chelmsford. They were both extremely intense and really fun; a great way to make new friends for the pupils.

Overall there were just under 700 performers from all over the UK, 65 of the performers were representing Essex.

At the St. Georges Day game the Stewards group were cheered onto the pitch by 80,000 screaming, eager spectators. Before the match the performers performed 2 dances to well-known music, and at half time they performed 2 more dances with Heather Small, one of the songs being 'Proud' which is the Stewards theme song for the school's video. Matt Walton in Year 10, the only male representative of Stewards School in the dance troupe said *"It was one of the most fun and memorable experiences of my life, I wish it wasn't over. However, I look forward to the next big opportunity"*.



Congratulations

Waltham Forest Swimming Gala

On Saturday 2nd April I represented Harlow Penguins in the Borough of Waltham Forest Swimming Gala. The races that I entered were 50 metres front crawl and 50 metres butterfly. In the front crawl race, the time that I got was 36.3 seconds. I came 4th in the 11 year olds category but only 0.06 seconds off 3rd place.

In the butterfly race the time that I got was 41.15 seconds which meant that I managed to knock 6 seconds off my personal best. When the results were announced I found out that I came 2nd in my age group. This meant that I had won a silver medal. I really enjoy swimming and hope to win more medals in the future.

By Chloe Mitchell 7MT



Well done to Emily-Jane Gaskin 7MT and her pony George who went to Towerland Welsh Medal Show, they won 1st prize.

Emily-Jane said, *"It was one of the best days of my life all the hard work paid off, I gave George the biggest hug ever"*.



Year Group Information

Year 7

Year 8

I have recently begun to look at the reports that have been written for the Year 7 pupils and I am struck by how many opportunities they have taken since they joined us in September. Many pupils have joined sports clubs and have been picked for teams where they have represented the school. Some have taken part in debate club, others have extended their science knowledge by participating in science clubs and many more have auditioned for productions, joined the choir or the dance club. If you can sum up a year group in a few words, I would describe Year 7 as willing to take every opportunity that is offered to them. What is important is that all these opportunities contribute to



making the children well-rounded individuals who are confident and able to embrace change. Even Nigel, our mascot, has been able to take his first trip to Cornwall when he accompanied Year 7 to Bude. I am told he participated in a variety of activities as the picture shows. I hope that even more pupils will join in with extra curricular activities next term.

Ms Batterham
Head of Year 7

As I mentioned in a previous newsletter, 2 Year 8 pupils will have the honour of accompanying the Hoddesdon branch of the Normandy war veterans when they lay a wreath at the Cenotaph in June. All students were invited to write to Mrs Erwood and myself to explain why they wanted to be chosen. The letters we have received have been truly from the heart, and it will be extremely difficult to choose the final 2. All who have taken the trouble to write will be invited to accompany the veterans on the day, as there will be enough room on the coach. Parents will need to be able to drop their children at the clock tower in Hoddesdon, and pick them up from there on their return. More details will follow. All students have now picked their options, and Mr Carrol is in the process of sorting out the timetable. I will be seeing any students who might have to choose an alternative option. This happens if there are too few or too many people that have chosen to take certain options. The aim is to have these issues ironed out by the end of this half term.

Mrs Ellis
Head of Year 8

Year 9

We are now well into the Summer Term and the end of the school year is on the horizon. Year 9 continue to show commitment to their studies and are making good progress towards their end of year targets.

Homework helps to develop independent learning. It is also instrumental to success and we ask that parents continue to support us in making sure that homework is completed and submitted in good time. When signing your child's Learning Log please discuss the tasks set. Ask your child to explain what they need to do to ensure that they understand the task. Discuss how they plan to complete the task with them and confirm the deadline for the work to be submitted. This will allow you to build a clear picture of the homework your child has been set and will be an opportunity for your child to discuss any issues with you. Should you have any questions regarding homework please contact the relevant subject teacher, rather than your child's tutor, as they are the experts in that field.

The Year 9 Team will be closely monitoring homework over the coming weeks so that the excellent work ethic being developed by pupils continues throughout the term. Working in conjunction with parents to ensure that homework is completed to the highest quality and in good time will be excellent preparation for the challenges of Key Stage 4.

We thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Ramsey
Head of Year 9

Year Group Information

Year 10

Thank you very much to Year 10 for welcoming me back so warmly since my return to school. This half term, I am only here part time to work with Year 11 Media Studies pupils but I have really enjoyed catching up with individual Year 10 students over the past few weeks and I am looking forward to coming back as full time Head of Year after the half term break.

I'd like to wish everyone the best of luck for their Work Experience which take place between the 6th – 10th June. I am sure that it will be very successful and I look forward to visiting some of you during your placement.

I would also like to wish those pupils sitting GCSE examinations after half term, the best of luck. The Science exam takes place on Tuesday 7th June and the Maths Exam takes place on Friday 10th June. Good Luck to all those involved. A number of students are also doing early entry GCSE examinations so the best of luck to you.

Congratulations also to Jack Hood for his recent role in the Speak Out Regional Finals. He and Jake Hannam represented Stewards at the event this half term.

Congratulations to the Year 10 Football Team, the boys won the semi final against Mark Hall 3-0. Well done to Emmanuel and Louie for their fantastic goals.

Miss Francis
Head of Year 10

Year 11

Year 11 has now embarked on their examinations, they have been given a pack containing a great deal of information which I hope they have shared with you and they left school on the afternoon after their shirt signing with great dignity. They have been a credit to you all through their time at Stewards and this shone through on that afternoon. They should by now be well into the exams and hopefully showing their true talents. The next time most of us will come together as a year group will be for the formal Leaver's Assembly and the Prom. For those parents who have not yet had that date drilled into their skulls by the pupils it is the 4th July. Much of the information will be found in the pack sent home with your child's report but you can of course still contact school if you are unsure about anything regarding your child. It has been a pleasure being the Head of this year group and I look forward to saying goodbye to you all in person on the 4th.



Mrs Bird
Head of Year 11



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY/JUNE

26th	School Council Meeting (Yr 11 final meeting)
30th - 3rd	Half Term
6th - 10th	Year 10 Work Experience
8th	Year 5 Taster Day/Thorpe Park Trip
11th - 19th	Ardèche Trip
21st	Curriculum Day
23rd	EMPV Meeting
30th	Lower School Production 6.00pm

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4th	Leavers Day
7th	School Council Meeting
	New Parents Evening 6.00pm
	New Parents Interviews
11th	Curriculum Day/Prefect Training
12th	Summer Concert 6.00pm
13th	Art & Technology Exhibition 6.00pm
14th	Sports Day
15th	Sports Day (Reserve)
18th	Sports Presentation Evening 6.00pm
19th	Stewards Challenge
20th	
22nd	Term Ends 1.00pm

The EP Parent
Helpline
can be contacted
on:

01245 433293

Every Monday
between
1pm and 5pm
Open during term
time



ABSENCE LINE

The absence line to report pupil absence is

01279-772511

Please give your child's name, tutor group and reason for their absence. Please follow up the absence with a note on the **first day back** explaining why your child has been absent from school



Mrs Barker
Attendance Officer

