



Christmas
2010

Stewards School

Newsletter



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The West Essex VI Form College

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HEADTEACHER'S LETTER



British Ceremonial Arts Limited

On 3rd November, Mrs Erwood travelled to Buckingham Palace to meet Queen Elizabeth II to receive the honour of MBE, bestowed on her for outstanding service to education. The whole community share the pride of this occasion.

On 4th November, a group of Stewards pupils travelled to Five Lakes Hotel in Tolleshunt D'Arcy to join me, Mr Carrol and Mrs Erwood in running a workshop for the Annual Essex Secondary Headteacher's Conference. They spoke about personal achievements and tried to convey how the school has helped them to realise some of their ambitions. Several Local Authority officers and Headteachers commented that they found the workshop had made a significant impact upon them and it would, in future, influence their practice. The pupils are to be commended for their excellent contributions – as one delegate put it, *"they did themselves and their school proud."*



Alie Sankoh



Lottie Shelton, Aphra Boittier, Jack Baldwin, Amandla Mvitsho, Richard Brandon, Jed Smith & India Brabbs



Stewards new Vocational Centre was officially opened on 6th December. Councillor Livings and representatives from Kier and the Harlow Education and Employer Partnership, joined us for the occasion. The centre has facilities for learning a variety of skills such as plumbing, painting and decorating and tiling. The Vocational Centre promises to be an exciting opportunity for our students with the school introducing an NVQ construction qualification next September. This will give students with a genuine interest within the construction industry an ideal platform from which they can develop new skills and learn about the

various trades relating to this field. Our thanks to Kier for their support with this project. It is hoped that as the centre develops it can be a facility used by students and adults for training in important vocational skills.

This has been an eventful and very successful term. As always life at Stewards has been very busy. The Year 8 parent/students workshops evening (see the report page 3), Graduation Evening and the Performing Arts Showcase were particular highlights of this half term. My thanks to the staff for their hard work.

May I wish you all, pupils, parents, staff and governors, a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



Adam Pope, Ashley Scott, Charlie Clare & Scott Whitby

Rhonda Murthar

**Rhonda Murthar
Headteacher**

MEMORIAL MASS

Calling all past-pupils of St Mark's 1965-1981. There will be a Memorial Mass for the founding Headteacher of St Mark's, Tony O'Shea, on Thursday 6th January 2011 at 5pm, followed by light refreshments. All past pupils and staff from that period are warmly invited to attend. Please let Mrs Gunn know if you wish to do so, to assist planning with seating and catering. (01279) 421267.

Governors News

During the last term governors have had a number of opportunities to meet with pupils from the school and have always been impressed with their confidence, enthusiasm and pride in their school and I should add their fellow pupils. When they attend governor meetings they simply overflow with information about what is happening, what is important to them and what they and the school are achieving, sometimes it is hard to get a word in, which is no bad thing as it is such a joy to all of us to see their pride in what they are doing. Our congratulations go to you all for making this possible; it is so encouraging to have such a positive experience when there are so many negative reports of young people in the media.

Finally, and on behalf of all the governors, I wish you all a very happy Christmas and all you wish for yourselves in the New Year.

**Mr Tarling
Chair of Governors**

Stewards Parents Go Back to School

Wednesday the 10th of November saw the return to school for many of Stewards Schools Year 7 parents. This was part of the schools community cohesion policy in which parents, students and staff work together to support the learning of the pupils, and also provide parents with a clearer understanding of the experiences that the students receive at Stewards School.

I'm not sure who were the most nervous, the staff students or parents, but I'm sure for many parents it triggered a lot of happy memories of times spent at school.

Parents were able to select from a range of subjects that represented all areas of the curriculum. Many selected subjects that they themselves found difficult rather than particular areas of interest and this is what the evening was really all about, empowering the parents to have the confidence to support their son /daughter with their learning.

To the best of my knowledge no lines or detentions were given. The lessons were a great success and it was fabulous to observe students working alongside their parents and together in a whole range of subjects, including Art, Drama, PE, Maths, English, Science, History and Food Technology.

Feedback on the whole evening was fantastic. Parents evaluated each lesson that they had attended and some of the comments and results are listed below.

All parents that attended said that they found the evening enjoyable and beneficial with the vast majority saying they would like more opportunities like this.

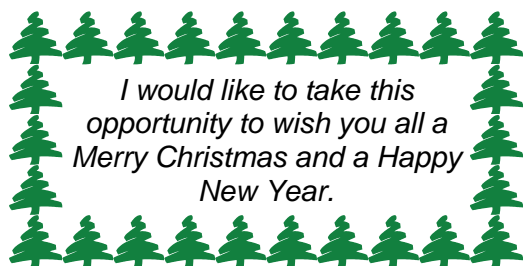
Parental Comments

"More evenings like this –they certainly help me to be more actively involved in teaching my child at home"

"What a fantastic evening, wish it went on longer. Can't believe I have used a Bunsen burner!"

"The school is doing a good job at teaching skills"

The next evening is planned for early in the New Year and will be for Year 8 students and parents.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



**Mr Scholtes
Assistant Headteacher**

Work Related Learning & Enterprise

YEAR 11

Parents and Carers of Year 11 students will be aware that their children have been receiving information, advice and guidance (IAG) about preparing applications to Colleges and Sixth Forms during the past few months. We hope they (and you) will take up the invitation from Harlow College, WESTVIC, St Marks Sixth Form and other establishments in the area to attend their open days and evenings. All students have been given information regarding this, as well as opportunities to talk to the Connexions Advisor attached to Stewards School. Interviews for enrolment on Harlow College courses (September 2011) will take place at School on **Tuesday 15th February**. Parents are invited to attend also. Details to follow.

YEAR 10

Year 10 students know their work experience placements will take place during 6th – 10th June 2011. Many have been researching and exploring different pathways to find a placement for themselves (see Mrs Hampstead for an 'own placement' form). Information about applying for a work placement through our provider HCS Careers Ltd will follow.

Parents/carers: If you are able to support this important aspect of careers information, advice and guidance through your employers or know of anyone who could, please contact Mrs Hampstead at School.

Year 7 and Year 8 students took part in a market research project with the Marketing Director of The Guinness Book of World Records earlier this term. The content of the research is still 'under wraps' but the boys were enthusiastic about sharing their ideas, communicating well in the discussion environment. Well done - Tugay Gorur, Joseph Thomas, Isaac Lucia, Riley Halson, Phillip Howlett, Taonga Chabva-Shoperai, Alex Johnson and Joshua Wayman from Year 7 and George Strachan, Hayden Cook, Faruq Balogun, Howard Mash, Daniel Miller, Chris Richards and Jack Sprigg from Year 8.



Well done Year 11 Motor Vehicle Apprentices – who have passed their Level 2 Diploma in Vehicle Inspection. **Callum Davison, Daniel Miller, Matthew Giffen and Thomas Brettell** worked hard during the past year to achieve these results, attending a weekly work placement as well as their course at College. If they wish to – they can now progress to Level 3 courses.

Ever Enterprising - **Year 8 students employed Year 7 students** (known as the elves!) to stick and cut and sew and shape Christmas Decorations for their after school enterprise project this term. Sales rocketed when staff and students saw the quality of the items on sale. Proceeds will be donated to the charity 'Help for Heroes' and to the School Fund .



Thanks to Mrs Martin, Mrs Rogers, Mrs Treacher and 'the elves' for all their support.

Enterprise students:
Poppy Rogers, Megan Baldwin, Maisie Treacher, Thara Gould, Rhys Parker, Owen McCullagh, Chris Richards and Joe Leadley.

Mrs Hampstead
Vocational Learning
Mentor



Maths News



NUMERACY WEEK – 18TH - 22ND OCTOBER 2010

During Numeracy week this term Year 7 and 8 pupils took part in various numeracy activities, games and competitions.

On Monday Year 7 took part in a Maths Treasure Trail competition to find the most maths symbols. The symbols were worn as badges by staff all around school. Throughout the week, both Year 7 and 8 were asked to take part in the 'Spot the Numeracy' competition. They were asked to note where Maths skills were used in lessons such as Technology, Geography and Science. Prizes were awarded to the tutor group with the most entries. Well done to 7MK, for winning the Treasure Trail and 7MT for spotting the most numeracy. In Year 8 prizes were awarded to 8DJ and 8PM. Individual pupils were recognised for their outstanding entries in the competitions. Prizes were awarded to: Lauren To, Daniel Coleman, Poppy Rogers, Paige Harris, Tugay Gorur and Chloe Eves.



Jay Gumble & Sarah Lund making pyramids

In Maths lessons throughout the week, teachers pledged to leave all books to one side and pupils learnt through games, activities and group work.

At lunchtime, Maths club ran special Numeracy week events. On Tuesday, pupils made pyramids using only sticks and elastic bands.



Connor Butcher & Robbie Cox forming a giant pyramid.

On Thursday pupils built cubes by folding coloured paper.

Watch out for our next Numeracy week starting on 7th February 2011.

DON'T FORGET:

Maths Club runs every Thursday from 3:15 – 4:30pm. Come along for games and activities.

Maths Homework Club also runs on Tuesdays & Thursdays after school, in room 17 for help with homework or extra support with any topic. Feel free to drop in, laptops are also available & refreshments are provided.



Blake Lambert paper folding



Mrs Ginger
Head of Maths

Music School

Snow Days

Just a reminder that if you would like your child to have specialist instrumental tuition with Stewards Music School the next enrolment session will be held on **Wednesday 5th January 2011**, 4pm - 6pm. If you have any queries please feel free to contact me at the school.

Miss K Doughty
Teacher in Charge of Music School

IF SCHOOL IS CLOSED DUE TO BAD WEATHER

We always notify the local radio station. Please tune in to Radio 101.7FM – Heart Radio, formerly Radio Ten.17. School closures are always broadcast regularly.

Mrs Jenkins
Business Manager

Geography News

YEAR 11 FIELD TRIP TO BISHOP'S STORTFORD

On Thursday 4th November, 25 Year 11 GCSE Geography students travelled to Bishop's Stortford in Hertfordshire. The field trip is essential to gather information and data that will be used for the pupils' controlled assessment. The controlled assessment accounts for 25% of the total marks in GCSE Geography. Our pupils aim to prove if Bishop's Stortford's town centre has retained its distinctive character.

To help prove or disprove their hypothesis, our pupils conducted a geographical enquiry by interviewing local people and asking them for their opinions, conducted car park and pedestrian surveys, conducted attitudinal surveys, map surveys and took photographs of the town centre in Bishop's Stortford.

Our pupils will now spend time analysing the large amounts of data they have gathered, writing up their results and developing a controlled assessment portfolio of 2000 words.



Stewards School pupils hard at work.



The centre of Bishop's Stortford which our pupils studied in detail.

Mr Hickman
Subject Leader for Geography

ECO CLUB

Students from years 7 and 8 have shown a keen interest in the Eco Club which will be following Eco Schools, an international award programme. There are 46 countries around the world that run the Eco-Schools programme, linking more than 40,000 schools – from the UK to France, from Morocco to South Africa. Eco-School's is administered in England by [Keep Britain Tidy](#). Two pupils from each form in Years 7 and 8 fought off competition from fellow pupils to become their forms elected Eco Captain. Thursday 18th November marked the Eco Clubs first meeting where all Eco Captains demonstrated a keen commitment to improving the schools environment.

'Switch It Off'

Our first meeting coincided with the beginning of the national 'Switch it off' campaign running from Monday 23rd November until Friday 3rd December. Eco Club students have delivered a presentation to their form groups about this campaign and the importance of switching off electrical appliances when they are not in use.

Eco Captains are currently running a whole school survey to monitor the number of lights being left on when rooms are not in use. They will be running future surveys to monitor the success of the switch it off campaign.

Eco Captains: Olivia Warnes, Roxy Stobiecka, Callum Winger, Stephanie Pope, Jay Moore, Ashley Nelson, George Deboo, Blessing Honor, Saikouba Nije, Owen McCullagh, Sophie Turvill, Ashley Williamson, Howard Mash, Nicolas Downes, Hannah Reeves, Tyler Hampson, Kane Healy, Charlotte Geddis, Luke Barker, Rachel Brett, Poppy Rogers, Chris Richards, Chloe Freeman, Shannon Maginn and Jason Neighbour.



As part of the switch it off campaign there is a whole school poster competition with prizes on offer for the top 3 posters. The poster needs to be of original design, and have a catchy message encouraging people to 'Switch Off'.

Mr Hooper
Geography Department

PE Department News

RUGBY 2010 – 2011 FINAL STANDINGS

A big well done to all rugby teams who were successful in winning their individual leagues this year, making it to the finals. Another great year was unfortunately not maximised in the final games, with our teams coming up against some very tough opposition. However, continue the good work boys and we will build on this year's successes, in next year's competitions.

<u>YEAR 7</u>	
LEAGUE 1 WINNERS – STEWARDS	10
LEAGUE 2 WINNERS – WEST HATCH	27
<u>FINAL –</u>	
WINNERS – West Hatch	

<u>YEAR 8</u>	
LEAGUE 1 WINNERS – STEWARDS	10
LEAGUE 2 WINNERS – WEST HATCH	34
<u>FINAL</u>	
WINNERS – West Hatch	

<u>YEAR 9</u>	
LEAGUE 1 WINNERS – STEWARDS	0
LEAGUE 2 WINNERS – WEST HATCH	35
<u>FINAL</u>	
WINNERS – West Hatch	

<u>YEAR 10/11</u>	
LEAGUE WINNERS – STEWARDS	17
LEAGUE RUNNERS-UP – RODING VALLEY	24
<u>FINAL</u>	
WINNERS – Roding Valley	

The Year 7's have had their first taste of Premiership football at Stewards, with 40 pupils participating over 10 weeks. The season went down to the very last week, with Man City and Spurs tied on points and goal difference. To see who would be league winners the fixtures panel threw up Spurs versus Arsenal and Man City versus Everton. Spurs came through a tough battle against Arsenal winning 3-2, putting the pressure on Man City in their last game. Man City knew what they needed to do, a win by 2 or more goals and the title would be theirs. Man City thrived under the pressure and closed out a 4-0 victory against Everton, sealing the Premiership crown. Well done to Nathan Stokes, Ronnie Johnstone, Harry McWilliam, Nosa Ediae and Mason Cook who were crowned champions. We will still see you at Sports Presentation evening boys.



YR 7 PREMIERSHIP FOOTBALL TABLE

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals +	Goals -	Goal diff.	Points
Man City	9	8	1	0	30	10	+20	33
Spurs	9	8	1	0	25	8	+17	33
Man United	9	5	2	2	18	10	+8	26
Chelsea	9	5	4	0	16	19	-3	24
West Ham	9	3	3	3	13	10	+3	22
Blackpool	9	3	3	3	9	7	+2	22
Arsenal	9	2	3	4	15	20	-5	20
Aston Villa	9	2	7	0	5	18	-13	15
Everton	9	1	7	1	13	28	-15	13
Liverpool	9	0	7	2	16	27	-11	11

PE Department News



YEAR 7 RUGBY V WEST HATCH

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



YEAR 8 RUGBY FINAL V WEST HATCH

Josh Wix, Jason Presland, Nathan Rudgley, Jordan Ogoazi, Billy Wickenden, Mason Joscelyne, Harry Butler, Rhys Parker, Mateusz Furmanek, Faruq Balogun, Louis Giddings, Danny Palmer, Alastair King, Zack Pace, Brandon Salisbury, Csaba Kiraly, Daniel Whellams, Tarik Mujkanovic and Josh Polland.



YEAR 9 RUGBY FINAL V WEST HATCH

Ben Kuczko, Connor Bull, Daniel Stevenson, Connor Fry, Jason Neighbour, Dan De Franca, Shakur Dixon, Tom Dowers, Billy Taylor, Rhys Whitby, Aaron Murphy, Jake Penhallow, Jordan Spowart, Lewis Fry, Nqoba Mvitsho, James Mallardo, Dennis Perry, Alfie Bate and Jamie Oliver.



RUGBY YEAR 10 – 11 VS RODING VALLEY

Muhammed Balogun, Harry Smyth, Billy Clark, Jack Harty, Ben Stevenson, Tawanda Chabva–Shoperai, Jake Alger, Dumi Dhlamini, Matt Norris, Josh Davies, Jordan Shipp, Dan To, Scott Whitby, Reece Cook, John Bartlett, Dan Fry, Cameron Ferguson, Joe Barton and Jess Healy

Graduation Evening

Thursday November 11th saw a reunion of many of the pupils who left Stewards last summer having achieved the best results in the history of the school. This was a special evening of celebration as the past pupils collected the examination certificates that they had worked so hard to earn over the course of their time at school. The official welcome was given by the Head Boy, Ben Stevenson and the Joint Head of the EMPV group Amandla Mvitso. Mrs Batterham, Head of Year reminded the audience of some of the more interesting anecdotes associated with the year group and brought their mascot, 'Monty' out of retirement for the evening. The audience was treated to entertainment from some of the many talented young people at Stewards. Following the formal evening visitors enjoyed a delicious buffet prepared by Mrs Bird, Miss Collevey and the Year 10 BTEC Food group.

Mrs Orwin
Assistant
Headteacher



Dance Fusion, Lauren Noe and Pinar Hassan performing on Graduation Evening



Delicious Buffet laid on by Year 10



Science Department News

TRIP TO THE SCIENCE ALIVE GALLERY

Harlow Leisure Zone, Harlow
Year 7 Cohort

Each Year 7 tutor group has visited the Science Alive Gallery at the Harlow Leisure Zone during their double science lesson. They learnt about the seasons, visited the planetarium, made a Sci-Fi movie and finish with a quiz about space.

Caitlin Clancy 7MT said: 'I liked the planetarium because the instructor put all the stars around the globe. She told us all the co-ordinations of the stars like the Orion's Belt. I also liked the part where we made a sci-fi movie.'

Mrs Wright
Curriculum Development Technician



7MT making a sci-fi movie

Christmas Holiday 2010 science alive!

Bringing Learning to Life!

Escape the cold and enjoy some great shows!

Magical Magician
Sunday 19th December - 10:30am / 1:30pm (£4)
Join us for a show of amazing illusions, you won't believe your eyes!

Animal Encounters
Tuesday 21st & Wednesday 29th December - 10:45am / 1:30pm (£4)
Visit the centre to see real live animals - snakes, owls, and more!

Robot Wars
Wednesday 22nd December - 11:00am / 2:00pm (£5)
Help Science Alive figure out how to stop the robotic uprising!

Legomania
Tuesday 28th December - 10:45am / 1:15pm (£5)
Get ready for construction fun as Legomania invades Science Alive!

Plus!
Enjoy our interactive science gallery, with four zones filled with hands-on exhibitions

To book call 01279 311499

Limited spaces available, call early to avoid disappointment

Harlow Leisurezone, Second Avenue, Harlow, Essex CM20 3DT Charity No: 1107549

THE BLAKE SHIELD COMPETITION

University of Northampton
November 2010

Last year we presented a project on our ancient meadow to the British Naturalist Association to compete for the Blake Shield. We were lucky enough to win the trophy and so brought it back and displayed it in the Science Departmental trophy cabinet. This year we extended our study by looking for bats, digging for earthworms and identifying them, identifying the birds that live there and finding out the variety of apple trees that grow there. Unfortunately we didn't win the Blake Shield this year; we were pipped at the post by a school in Northern Ireland. We have, however, won a Certificate of Merit which will be displayed in our trophy cabinet later this year. Next year we will add to our project by identifying the lichens that grow on the trees, finish building the pond, and mend the hole in the hedge at the back of the meadow by layering the Black Thorn trees and planting Hawthorn seedlings. This will be resubmitted to the Blake Shield Team in 2011.

Mrs Wright
Curriculum Development Technician

Science Department News

THE PHYSICS OF SUPERHEROES'

Presented by Professor Alan Davies, IOP Lecture Evening at the University of Hertfordshire

Everyone is familiar with at least one superhero. In this talk Professor Davis discussed a wide variety of different superheroes and showed how their 'unbelievable' powers have a basis supported by the laws of physics. He answered questions such as: How strong is the gravity on Krypton? Where does Magneto get his levitation from? How can some of them walk through walls? etc. To answer



Group photo with Professor Alan Davies

these questions he considered Newton's law of gravitation, diamagnetism and quantum mechanics.

Jason Presland 8DJ said 'I thought it was really interesting that most superheroes aren't impossible and their powers tend to obey the laws of physics!'

PHYSICS CAN BE FUN LECTURE

Presented by Mr R. Airey, Imperial College London Year 8 Cohort

Imperial College Outreach provided, free of charge, a 'Physics can be Fun' demonstration lecture for Year 8 cohort in our school hall during their science lesson. The lecture, presented by Mr R Airey consisted of a series of demonstration experiments, linked by a narrative, which were very entertaining. The objective was to attract the younger students to take an interest in science. He talked about magnetism, electricity, atmospheric pressure, diffraction of light and a whole lot more. Year 8 really enjoyed it especially when he demonstrated the colour change of the Sun when it is setting going from yellow to red and the reasons why.

Thomas Goodenough 8HS said 'I really enjoyed the 'Physics can be Fun' demonstration lecture because it is great watching the wacky experiments and learning about the physics behind them. I especially liked crushed can demonstration which showed the effect of atmospheric pressure on a drink can. Awesome!'



CADWELL PARK GRAVITY FESTIVAL - FORMULA GRAVITY RACER

Inspired by the World Land Speed Record Gravity Car at the next stand to us at The Big Bang Event at Duxford, the school bought a Gravity Racer chassis to complete and race. To further inspire the interested pupils, Chris and George Wilson, Jordan Huntley, Charlie Sanmartin, Ryan Freeman, Lewis Townsend and Tom Gibbs, a trip to Cadwell Park near Lincoln was arranged to support the Formula Gravity Team that had provided the kit for us. Saturday the 13th of November dawned crisp and clear, ideal for a day at the races. The group lead by Mr Young and Mrs Martin arrived there just in time for the first race which ended in a collision between the two competitors, unfortunately. That was the only mishap of a very competitive day which ended with Formula Gravity Team coming fourth overall. Not too disappointing as they were testing a new suspension configuration. Two pupils, Lewis Townsend and Charlie Sanmartin, were co-opted by the Team to assist in the turnaround between races, which they really enjoyed. We now have a very enthusiastic team who can't wait to get racing!



Lewis Townsend in The Formula Gravity Racer

Science Department News

MAINTENANCE OF STEWARDS ANCIENT MEADOW

Stewards Ancient Meadow is the piece of uncultivated land stretching from Stewards car park to the cycle track. Local historians have shown that it was a meadow in the early 1800's and when Harlow was conceived and built, Stewards Ancient Meadow was identified as being an important piece of land to be conserved because of the Cowslips and the ancient orchard. Each



Thomas Goodenough 8HS, Megan Baldwin 8DJ, Jack Baldwin 10JH, Jai Sharma 10MM, Michael Wood (Fawbert and Barnard Junior School), Gary Dobrin HCV

year Harlow Conservation Volunteers and Stewards students cut the grass and generally tidy the meadow, cutting back bramble and general shrubs to ensure that the area continues to be a meadow. Harlow Conservation Volunteers use the grass cutting implements, the students gathered up the cut grass, litter-picked and generally tidied up the area.



Miss Foulser, Megan Hood 9PH, Mr Thompson, Adam Pope 10MW, Stephanie Pope 7MK, Matthew Allen 10RA, Louise Baker 8HS, Ryan Freeman 9SP, Joseph Thomas 7MT, Thara Gould 8THH, Lauren To 8PM.

Stephanie (7MK) and Adam Pope (10MW) said: *'The maintenance of Stewards meadow was fantastic although it was very cold and wet. We enjoyed the day, raking up the cut grass and leaves and putting it on the compost heap. It rained later on and it was very muddy but we carried on until we finished!'*

Mrs Wright

Curriculum Development Technician

COMMUNITY JUPITER WATCH AND MOON WATCH

This years Community Sky Watch events kicked off with an evening talk about Jupiter given by Mr Andy Gannon, one of our local keen astronomers. Children accompanied by their parents or grandparents, students from other schools and members of the community enjoyed a very interesting talk about Jupiter and it's moons. We were hoping to go out with telescopes later on in the evening but the sky was totally covered with cloud.

We all met again in November to learn about the Moon. This time both of our astronomers, Mr Gannon and Mr Allan Bell from the Loughton Astronomical Society gave an introduction to our Moon, then as the clouds were lifting we went out side with the telescopes and viewed the Moon and also Jupiter and it's moons. We borrowed a very powerful telescope from the European Space Education Resource Office (ESERO-UK) in York for this event so we were really pleased to actually get out and use it.

Jamie Allen, Yr 5, Kingsmoor Junior School: *'Very enjoyable and interesting. Jupiter is an exciting planet. Just a shame there was so much cloud about.'*

Simran Panesar and Pepe Panesar, Herts and Essex High School GCSE

Group: *'It was very interesting and good to see the Moon and Jupiter through telescopes.. It is a joy to come to these planet watch events.'*

Title	Date	Time	Room
Black Holes and Galaxies	Tuesday 11th January 2011	6pm until 7.30pm	Lab 7
Trip: Public Open Evening of Astronomy	Wednesday 26th January 2011	6pm until 10pm	Institute of Astronomy, Cambridge
Community Constellation Watch	Tuesday 8th February 2011	6pm until 7.30pm	Lab 7
Community Saturn Watch	Tuesday 22nd March 2011	7.30pm until 9pm	Lab 7

Science Club Timetable for Spring Term 2011









Tuesdays after school

Starts at 3.15pm. Finishes at 4.30pm.

Located usually in Lab 5



Date	Activity	Description
<p>11th January 2011 6pm until 7.30pm lab7</p> 	<p>Community Black Holes and Galaxies</p>	<p>Our Astronomers will talk about Black Holes and Galaxies then weather permitting we will go outside and view the sky with telescopes.</p>
<p>18th January 2011</p> 	<p>Gravity and Centripetal Force</p>	<p>Investigate the forces of gravity and centripetal force.</p>
<p>Wednesday 26th January 2011 6pm until 10pm</p> 	<p>Trip to the Institute of Astronomy Cambridge</p>	<p>Go to the Institute of Astronomy at Cambridge to listen to a talk then go outside and view the night sky using their very large telescopes.</p>
<p>Saturday 29th January 2011 10am until 11am</p> 	<p>Big School Bird Watch in Stewards Meadow</p>	<p>Go out into the meadow and identify the type and number of birds occupying the area in one hour.</p>
<p>1st February 2011</p> 	<p>Electronics</p>	<p>Make your own mini stereo amplifier and take it home</p>
<p>8th February 2011 6pm until 7.30pm lab7</p> 	<p>Community Constellation Watch</p>	<p>Our astronomers will talk about constellations, why they are there, how they are formed. Weather permitting we will go out and try to identify some!</p>

Charity News

As ever, Stewards went all out on Children in Need Day with the theme of 'fictional characters.' A total of £1,391.31 was raised by activities across the school. A competition in Year 7 saw the winners Joseph Thomas 7MT as a Dalek and Grace Burns 7VM as Dorothy. Staff threw themselves into the spirit of the day, with Sherlock Holmes, Lady Macbeth, Captain Jack Sparrow, Iron Man, The White Queen, Robin Hood, Minnie Mouse and even Nanny McPhee making an appearance! Many thanks to everyone who took part with such good grace for a very good cause.



Mrs Erwood MBE

Various News Articles

CONFISCATED ITEMS: MOBILE PHONES

All parents and pupils should be well aware of school policy that mobile phones should not be brought to school. Unfortunately on several occasions this term individual pupils have brought their mobile phone into school and have then answered a call during a lesson. This is not acceptable. Parents need to be aware that it is within the rights of the school to confiscate a pupil's property, such as their mobile phone, in order to maintain an environment conducive to learning. If property is confiscated, it will be held in the school safe. The parent must then contact the school for arrangements to be made for the return of the confiscated item. As a general rule, any confiscated item will then be returned at the end of the week, on a Friday.

We have always maintained a clear policy on this matter for the avoidance of confusion. The policy is stated in all school literature. Where there is a clear flouting of the rule then we will have to apply the policy of confiscation. Parental support in this matter would be very much appreciated.

Ms Murthar
Headteacher

Stewards School
Christmas Concert

Tuesday 14th
December at 6.00pm



Arab Day

We were very honoured recently when we were invited to go along to Arab day at the Specialist Schools & Academies Trust to perform a dance created by Ms Mohammed and Miss Trowsdale. We were the only school invited to perform and the girls danced their hearts out to the special Arabic music. The girls were all presented with certificates by the Director of the Trust and we all knew a great deal more about Arab culture and life in Abu Dhabi when we left. Many thanks to the staff organisers, Ms Mohammed and Miss Trowsdale.

Mrs Erwood MBE



Where Are They Now?

Sarah Ellington attended Stewards School for five years and left in July this year. She took Photography as a GCSE course at Stewards and it grew to become a passion of hers, which made her determined to work hard and achieve an A grade. She has now started her own business 'Sarah Ellington's Photography' and a picture of hers has lately been published in a worldwide magazine called 'World Of Photography'.



Various News Articles

CULTURAL DIVERSITY QUALITY STANDARD DIAMOND AWARD

On Thursday 25th November Stewards had a visit from the assessor for the Cultural Diversity Quality Standard mark in order to achieve the Diamond Award. A full programme of interviews were organised culminating in a meeting of the EMPV group. The assessor, Mike Goodfellow, was hugely impressed with the pupils and said he had never seen anything like the group in action. We now await the final verdict, which would make Stewards one of a very select group of schools nationally to achieve this award.

Mrs Erwood MBE

Punctuality

- IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PUPILS ATTEND SCHOOL BY **8.45am** AND **1.55pm** IN TIME FOR REGISTRATION
- IF FOR ANY REASON YOUR CHILD IS LATE TO SCHOOL IT IS **ESSENTIAL** THAT THEY SIGN IN AT THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE (situated next to the Pupil Entrance on the Ground Floor in Block 1)
- FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN THEM BEING MARKED ABSENT AND THIS WILL HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THEIR ATTENDANCE
- PARENTS WILL BE CONTACTED IF THE REGISTRATION MARK SHOWS AN ABSENCE
- PUPILS SHOULD NOT JUST GO TO THEIR LESSON AND ASSUME THEY WILL BE MARKED PRESENT

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

PUPIL ABSENCE LINE - (01279) 772511
Thank you for your co-operation

Mrs Barker
Attendance Office

A Stewards School Production of...



**9th, 10th and 11th
March 2011**

**Tickets available from
28th February 2011**

Year Group Information

Year 7

Year 8

It has been an exciting few weeks for Year 7. Firstly, the Year Council has been busy organising a Christmas tea party for 25 of the older local residents. We are hoping that this will put everyone in the festive mood, particularly as so many Year 7's are hoping to perform a range of Christmas music on the day. Secondly, after a very close run contest, we have 'given birth' to our mascot, an absolutely gorgeous Hippo kindly donated by Jayda Williams' mother who not only makes the toys but also their school uniform.

www.cuddlybearwear.co.uk so he is now sporting a very smart Stewards School uniform. The competition to choose a name was also a close thing. Each tutor group suggested 2 names and the year group voted in assembly. Names suggested ranged from Hip Hop, Henry and Horatio, to Rolls Royce, Keith and Nigel. In a second vote between Gizmo and Nigel, Nigel was the clear winner! So, I introduce you to Nigel the Hippo! We hope to keep a scrap book of Nigel's adventures and children can take him with them to any exciting place they visit as long as they take a photograph for the album.

Can I take this opportunity to say how pleased I have been with Year 7's first term and to wish you and your family a happy and peaceful festive season.



Ms Batterham
Head of Year 7

Since the last newsletter, we have now sent the money we raised during Food Aid week to the charity Concern. The final total was £364.54. This is an excellent achievement for 4 lunchtimes of fund raising. On Thursday 11th November, the year group was very lucky to receive a visit from two 2nd World War veterans. They arrived at lunchtime to have an informal meeting with the Year Council who were able to ask questions about their war experiences. In the afternoon the whole year group had a special assembly with Buzz and Bill who served in the Navy and The Parachute Regiment respectively. The pupils were spell bound by their stories, and had lots of questions to ask. So much so that many students stayed behind after the assembly had finished to ask their questions. Pictures were taken, and were published in the local paper. Buzz and Bill are members of The Hoddesdon Normandy landings group. Many of their members are now elderly and infirm. They have asked if 2 students could accompany them to the Cenotaph next year to help push the wheelchairs and lay a wreath. I was very happy to accept this offer on the year group's behalf. I am sure I will have many volunteers coming forward wanting to be involved.



The Year 8 enterprise group have been very busy. In addition to the work they have been doing with the Year 7 "elves" they have also been making, decorating and packaging biscuits. They will be presenting their Enterprise ideas to all staff next Monday, and the

edible items will be on sale from next week. All pupils have been fully involved and engaged in this project. Their names are: Kris Richards, Megan Baldwin, Poppy Rogers, Thara Gould, Maisie Treacher, Owen Mc Culloch, Joe Leadley and Rhys Parker.



Mrs Ellis
Head of Year 8

Year Group Information

Year 9

Year 10

Earlier in the term Year 9 pupils participated in a Curriculum Day the purpose of which was to improve their Personal Learning and Thinking, Self Management, Team work, Independent Enquiry, Participation and Self Reflection. They were given a design brief and bank of resources with a view to the planning, design, production and marketing of their own unique brand of clothing concluding with a 'Fashion Show' and market stall from which the groups could display their work. The day proved to be both enjoyable and productive with pupils co-operating, creating and compromising in a bid to complete the tasks. The levels of innovation and ingenuity resulted in some very interesting and imaginative designs.

"Today was challenging and inspiring. It was fun and creative. Never underestimate team work" Katie Pollard 9SP

"I thought it was a good experience because of the team work involved. For me it was one of the best Curriculum Days" Isaac Bertin 9TA
"Today was really good. I enjoyed working in a team and exploring new ideas" Aphra Boittier 9SP

On behalf of the Year 9 Team I would like to wish you all a peaceful holiday. We look forward to seeing pupils in the New Year refreshed and ready to face the challenges of the Spring term.



Mrs Ramsey
Head of Year 9

As we approach Christmas, pupils in Year 10 continue to work hard. They have now completed their second controlled assessment in English and have learned the importance of thorough preparation for formal assessments. The GCSE examinations may seem a long way off at the moment but all the work undertaken in lessons is assisting pupils to prepare for the challenge that these will present. It is important that good study habits are established this year. All pupils would benefit from clearly identified study time at home.

Tasks will be set to be completed by pupils in their own time and these must be planned for and completed to the best possible standard. When no specific work is set then Year 10 pupils should use the time at home to review work previously covered, to improve work they have already done or to revise topics which they have found more difficult. All pupils have ICT work to complete and have access to the support materials they need on the school VLE, itslearning. ICT Club is open each evening until 4.30 allowing pupils without access to computers at home to use the system. In between the fun and festivities, the Christmas break is an ideal time for pupils to catch up and complete any work that is outstanding should they need to do so. We hope that you all enjoy a wonderful Christmas and look forward to further success in 2011.

Mrs Orwin
Assistant Headteacher

Year 11

This has been a very busy term for Year 11, some GCSE examinations have already taken place and as I write this the pupils are sitting mock exams in order to maximise their potential grades for the summer. I really must emphasise at this point that it is detrimental to those results if you take a holiday during term time. Please try to avoid booking holidays on the run up to exams and give the children a well earned reward when the summer exams are over. It is also worth checking when the sixth forms start as a number of them run an induction near the end of the summer term.

We are expecting all pupils to make an application to Harlow College. The tutors and myself are all busy writing references for sixth forms and basing the predicted grades on the most up to date data in order to take note of any changes.

A number of useful points came up at parents evening and are currently being dealt with. I would like to thank the parents who have attended regularly over the last five years, it was also useful to meet with parents of selected pupils on target setting day. We appreciate the effort you make to keep us informed of your child's progress.

If you need to contact school about any issues regarding your child's progress please don't hesitate to contact me to make an appointment, we are not yet on the home run but we are getting there. Happy Christmas.

Mrs Bird
Head of Year 11

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

14th	Christmas Concert 6.00pm
16th	Stewards Challenge
17th	End of Term - School Finishes at 1.00pm

JANUARY 2011

4th	Term Starts / Week 2
5th	Music School Enrolment 4.00pm
12th	Music School Starts 3.30pm
13th	School Council Meeting
	Year 9 Parents Evening 3.30pm
27th	EMPV Meeting 1.15pm

FEBRUARY

10th	School Council Meeting
	Year 7 Parents Evening 3.30pm
15th	College Interviews
16th-20th	New York Trip
21st-25th	HALF TERM



Christmas Card Competition Winners

1st



Runner-up

