



Newsletter

St Ivo School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Although this half-term always seems to pass very quickly, nevertheless we seem to pack a great deal of activity into it. Our usual range of high profile events, namely the Young Cook of the Year, UK Youth Parliament and our tenth anniversary "Spotlight", have all taken place, but over-riding all of that has been the superb response from staff and pupils to the tsunami disaster appeal, launched three weeks ago. Pupils continue to collect money from sponsored 'pledges', and our fundraising finishes this Friday with a non-uniform day, charged at £1 for all pupils. Thanks to all of you for your support. We will announce the exact amount raised in our next newsletter.

The weather has been reasonably kind to us to date, but if this changes and we get more typical wintry sessions, then it is tempting for parents/carers to drive on to the site at the Green Leys end in order to drop off pupils 'at the door'. Please could you avoid doing this, as is clearly indicated on a sign along Green Leys, since the risk to pupil accident is extremely high at busy times of the morning and afternoon. This factor of school life has improved greatly over the past few years and it is important that we bear this in mind at all times.

We re-open to pupils on Monday, 21 February. I hope you have a good half-term break.

Yours sincerely

Michael Mahoney

Head

UK Youth Parliament

Once again this year, young people between the ages of eleven and eighteen were invited to stand for election onto the UK Youth Parliament as the member for Huntingdon and North West Cambridgeshire. Nine students from St Ivo School stood as candidates. They were: **Rosie, Cat, Adrian, Mary, Joe, Vanessa, Joe, Joe and Abi.**

Applications had to be submitted by 10th December 2004. Then, until Friday, 21st January, candidates had the opportunity to campaign and promote themselves, speaking to assemblies, designing posters etc. The elections took place between the 24th and 28th January. Students took the process very seriously with a whole-school turn-out in excess of 86%. The result will be announced at an official ceremony at the Shire Hall, Cambridge, on 9th February. The eight students who are unsuccessful will be invited to form the area executive committee.

Mr McGarry

Music Department News

Congratulations to all pupils who took part in this year's Play Day. Highlights were Mrs Warburton's brilliant brass ensemble, the fluid rendition of Pie Jesu by the orchestra and an enthusiastic finale of "We are the Champions" by the choir—despite having to sing it in a different key (sorry band!) Most importantly, the day provided an opportunity to stand in solidarity with those affected by the



tsunami disaster, and just over £34 was raised in collection money. Thank you to all staff who took part and to Years 10 and 11 students who assisted in what turned out to be a most enjoyable day. If only we had had a microphone for Kate's Freddie Mercury impression!

Miss McCullough

History Department

Year 12 Battlefields Trip

Shortly after half-term the history students in Year 12 will be going to France and Belgium to visit different sectors of the Western Front. They will stay in Langemark close to Ypres.

Calling all Year 8 pupils! We are currently or-

ganising a trip for you —a one-day visit to the Somme Battlefields in France on 11th November 2005 when you are in Year 9. You will need a passport so now is the time to ensure that you have one. Be prepared!

Mrs Barnes, Head of History

Resource Centre

The new Learning Resource Centre team would like to thank our helpers:

Sophie 7 Bs, Evelyn 7 Bs, Jade 7 Bs, Jeven 7 Za and Rob 7 Gd.

The Pick & Mix Reading Challenge has got off to a flying start. Read six books from different genres and collect six merit marks.

Sports News

Year 7 Basketball

Congratulations to the Year 7 basketball teams that came first and fourth in the District Basketball Tournament at St Ivo Recreation Centre on Wednesday, 19th January. The winning team won four games and drew two, and the fourth placed team, after a poor start, won one and drew two of their last three games. Seventeen boys have regularly attended practice, and have been coached by Mr Mason, a student teacher, and Jonathan Hipple, a Year 11 student.

Mr Crisp

Cross Country Results

Saturday, 22nd January at Hinchingsbrooke

Minor Girls: **Helen 1st, Lizzie 9th;**

Minor Boys: **Aaron 11th**

Intermediate Girls: **Katy 18th**

Intermediate Boys: **Callum 16th**

Senior Girls: **Emma 6th**

Mrs Clifton

Young Cook of the Year 2005

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who took part in the Rotary Club Young Cook of the Year competition. In one and a half hours competitors cooked a two-course meal costing no more than £10. The standard was high and the judges took a long time deciding on the top three prizes:



Clare 10 Ty-1st; Zoe 10 Ty-2nd; Jack 10 Wf-3rd.

Runners up: Sam 10 Mi, Paddy 10 Bn, Kelly 10 Bn and Matthew 10 Ro.

Clare now goes on to the district final in Spalding in March. We wish her good luck!

Miss Thrussell

ICT News

Digital Brain - All pupils in Years 7 to 10 now have access to individual digital brain accounts. These include an e-mail facility and a storage area where work may be kept for access at home or at school.

Year 10 ICT - Congratulations to those pupils who have now passed all five units of CLAIT, especially those who passed each unit first time. We now have over fifty students who have achieved the full CLAIT award.

This year all Year 10 students will sit the multiple choice examination, worth 40% of their GCSE ICT short course, in the summer term.

Year 11 GCSE ICT - the deadline for the coursework for this unit is 24th March. Coursework is worth 60% of the marks for this course. Would parents/carers please support and encourage students to do their best and work hard to achieve as good a mark as possible. Last year a number of pupils did very well in the multiple choice exam but failed to achieve in their coursework and so did not gain the grade they deserved. All pupils have been provided with a task list and mark scheme to help them. Please encourage your son/daughter to ask their ICT teacher for additional help as necessary.

Mr Davies

Spotlight 2005

Congratulations to all involved! Thanks to staff who helped in preparation and backstage. Special thanks to technical crew **Richard, Graham, Gianluca** and **Paddy** for all their hard work.

Dancers:

YEAR 7

Gemma, Megan, Emily, Laura, Bethany, Kim, Lucy, Alice, Hannah, Mollie, Emily, Claire, Becky, Rachael, Alyssa, Jenny, Danielle, Lucy, Georgia, Emma, Vicki, Emily, Saffron, Ashden, Minty and Jessie.

YEAR 8

Tash, Mary, Lucy, Chloe, Isabelle, Bryony, Lisette, Rachel, Philip, Sam, Gemma, Amelia, Philip, Rosie, Beth, Zayna, Lauren, Laura, Tino, Jess, Lauren, Sophie, Lauren, Lucy, Cathy, Anna, Chloe, Abigail, Bethan, Lucy, Jenna, Louise, Vick, Cathy, Chloe, Emily and Gemma.

YEAR 9

Siobhan, Alice, Katie, Tessa, Zoe, Hollie, Hannah, Anna, Zoe, Christina, Rebecca, Emily, Helen, Emelia, Emma, Lucy, Laura, Jenni, Lucy, Amy, Hollie, Shai, Callan, Zoe, Hollie, Kirsty, Suki, Naomi, Maaia and Hannah.

YEAR 10

Sam, Maya, Tash, Jess, Kerry, Natalie, Sian, Jade, Sophie, Emma, Hannah, Kirsty, Siobhan, Sophie, Hope, Hannah, Tess, Julia, Adele, Michaela, Emily, Laura, Tara, Annie, Chloe, Alex, Suzanne, Richard, Kerry, Annie, Becky, Skye, Chiarina, Charlotte, Natasha, Laura, Tanya, Lisa, Ashley, Danielle.



YEAR 11

Sarah, Tracey, Fiona, Leanne, Fiona, Kim, Naomi, Justine, Simon, Emma, Holly, Caroline, Josie, Carmel, Rosie, Gemma, Tegan, Nicola, Rosie, Lucy, Sarah, Elise, Lee-Anne, Sarah, Charlotte, Jess, Natalie, Claire,

Melanie, Laura, Tara, Jade, Abi, Emma, Caroline, Katie, Danielle, Sharlie and Jodie.

YEAR 12

Charlie, Lauren, Jon-Scott, Becky, Amy, Laura, Stephanie, Christy, Nicola, Lucy, Cat, Helen, Jenna, Ella and Sam.

YEAR 13

Zoe, Lyndsay, Lauren, Philippa, Ceri, Tara, Sophie, Katie, Ashleigh, Emily and Stephanie.

Mrs A Bull

Charity News

On 15th January we went to Peterborough Museum to raise money for the **National Kidney Research Fund**. We were being sponsored to spend the night in the most haunted building in Peterborough! The evening was held by Cambridge Paranormal, a group dedicated to researching psychic phenomenon. At 8 pm the evening began with a talk before we were separated into our "ghost hunting" groups. Once in groups, it was time to investigate each floor with only our torches for light. After seeing the whole floor, we were then asked to choose a room or place, turn off our torches and sit in silence. On the first floor we heard footsteps and then three loud bangs on the fire door. We assumed this was a prank and then discovered that we were the only people in the area of the building at the



time. Later we were told that this was reported to be one of the most 'active' parts in the museum. In the other groups a few people claimed they could smell smoke, while one could even see ashes falling. We were informed that the first and second floors had once been totally gutted in a fire. While investigating the top floor, we came to a spot where we felt uncomfortable and uneasy. This particular area hasn't been fully investigated yet, but other people have also felt uncomfortable there. I managed to raise £400.50 and would like to thank all staff for their generosity and support.

Mrs Jo Cameron , Senior Reprographic Officer

Pupils' Achievements

Holly 9 Ta has gained a distinction in her dance examination Grade 5; **Years 7-10 swimming teams** won the District Swimming Gala at Huntingdon Recreation Centre. A first win for all the students and especially welcome for the Year 10s who have been runners-up for the last three years; **Clare** 10 Ty won the Rotary Young Cook

of the Year competition and will represent St Ives in the Eastern Region finals; **Zoe** came third; **Sammi** auditioned for and gained a place in the St Ivo dance company; **Natasha, Mary, Bryony, Lucy** 8 Ke are all participating in the LA dance club concert in March.

Sixth Form News

Congratulations to the newly elected Sixth Form Committee: **Chris - Chairperson; Oli - Vice Chairperson; Joe - Secretary; Chris - Treasurer.**

Thanks to all the Sixth Form students who helped to administer the UK Youth Parliament elections—a well ordered and fair process ensured a high turn-out.

Our half-term was dominated by students sitting modular exams, either for the first time in Year 12 or as re-takes in Year 13 - Good luck to all!

The Sixth Form played its part in the school pledges to help the victims of the tsunami disaster. Apart from money raised on the non-uniform day, Sixth Form students:

- taught lessons for staff
- co-ordinated a pancake race on Shrove Tuesday
- organised gigs at lunchtimes for bands based in the school to perform
- and **Oliver** remained quiet for 24 hours - an achievement indeed!

The Tsunami Disaster Poem

In Sri Lanka they're all in hell
 Whilst we are doing perfectly well!
 People have lost families and friends
 For others their life ends

In Thailand they are all in pain
 But if we all give, they will gain!
 There are thousands who are dead
 One thing that we all dread

If we give clothes and we give shoes
 Help them to rebuild and not to lose
 The paradise has been destroyed
 All the kids have lost their toys

Sumatra has been devastated
 They're all starving but we're well catered!
 Others feel very sorry
 So we're sending in helping lorries

In India they are all weeping
 But after all the death the diseases keep on creeping!
 All their belongings have been washed away
 So give them some of yours to help them today

Somalia is a very poor country
 But the people are poorer and now they have nothing
 Mothers and fathers have lost sons and daughters
 Boys and girls have lost their mothers and fathers

Please don't forget this disaster
 And please give things much faster
 Mother Nature's the boss
 Please just think of their loss

The numbers keep on growing
 And there's nothing you can do
 Apart from give all you can
 Those countries need you

On 4 February 2005 the death toll stands at 295,000

by Holly and Rebecca 8 Kg

Modern Foreign Languages

Junior Cambridge University Language Programme News

Dates for the remainder of the year:

Saturday, 26th February	Leaving school at 9 am and returning by 3.30
Monday, 4th—Friday 8th April	Leaving school at 9 am and returning by 3.30
Saturday, 4th June	Leaving school at 9 am and returning by 3.30
Saturday, 16th July, and Monday, 18th—Thursday, 21st July	Leaving school at 9 am and returning by 3.30 pm

Participants have access to on-line materials for practice in school.

We have been delighted with the success of the programme. Details of a Junior CULP web-site will soon be available.

Year 8 Koblenz Trip

The final payment is due by 18th March.

There are a few spare places — see Mrs Zähler if you are interested.

Mrs P Zähler

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