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Newsletter

St Ivo School

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Dear Parent/Carer

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of the Summer term given the autumnal weather we're experiencing, but another year has flown by and I would like to thank you for your support during that time.

The end of term is busy as always with an Evening of Dance, Year 11 Prom, Year 13 Ball, Cambridge School Games and farewell events for the staff who are leaving us. We also had the pleasure and excitement of cheering on Miss Macleod with the Olympic Torch last week!

The success of any school depends on the quality of its staff and so I was delighted when over twenty teachers were nominated by students for the National Teacher of the Year Award. This is an exceptionally large number and I was also pleased to see Mr Fullman (Head of Science) progress to be selected as a runner-up and be awarded a commendation.

The list of staff leaving is on page 2, but I would like to say a particular thank you to three staff who are retiring this year.

Mrs Taylor (Inclusion Manager) joined the school in 1998 and has performed sterling work providing a full programme of support for youngsters when they were in need.

Mrs Norman was probably the person who picked up the phone if you called us and she has been a receptionist/reprographic assistant since 1989.

Finally, many of you will know Mrs Gosney as a History teacher or Head of Year. Mrs Gosney joined us in 1975 and has inspired generations of students during that time.

I am sure that you would join me in wishing them a long and happy retirement with our thanks for all the years of service they have given to the community.

Finally, it remains for me to wish you a restful and happy summer. For those of you **restocking uniform further details are now on our website (please try and avoid 'skinny' trousers in particular)** and the first day back for students is Wednesday, 5th September.

Yours sincerely

Howard Gilbert
Headteacher

Term Dates

END OF TERM CLOSING

Please note the school will be closing at 2.30pm on Friday, 20th July.

2012/2013 AUTUMN TERM

The first day back for students is Wednesday, 5th September.

Students in Year 7 should come into school to start with an assembly in the hall at 8.30am. They will spend Periods 1-3 with their form tutors. Year 8, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 students will start school at 11.05am when they should register with their form tutors. All these year groups will have normal lessons from Period 4.

Year 12 students should arrive at 8.30am for an assembly in the dining hall. The signing-on process will take place during Periods 1 and 2 and students will then spend Period 3 with their form tutors. After this, provided students have completed the signing-on process, they will be able to go home. Normal lessons will commence on Thursday, 6th September.

Year 13 students should arrive at 11.05am on Wednesday, 5th September and will be with their form tutors until 12.05pm. Once students have completed the signing-on process they will be able to go home. Normal lessons will commence on Thursday, 6th September.

This information is also available on the school website.

Farewell to Staff

We are saying 'Farewell' to the following staff who are leaving at the end of this term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication and hard work during their time at St Ivo, and wish them well for the future.

Mrs Gosney (Head of Year 9, History dept)
Miss Winchester (English dept)
Mr Prakash (Music dept)
Ms Bird (Science dept)
Mr Murray (Science dept)
Miss Eccleston (Science dept)
Mrs Taylor (Inclusion Manager)
Miss Wilson (ICT dept)
Mr Leadbitter (TA)
Mrs Norman (Reception and Reprographics)
Mrs Morrison (ICT dept)
Ms Jimenez (MFL dept and cover supervisor)
Miss Walsh (Cleaning Manager)
Mrs Rickerby (Sixth Form Administrator)
Miss Seymour (TA)
Miss Kelly (TA)
Mr De-Kezyer (TA)

Governors' News

Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee meets to discuss the programme of courses offered by the school, and to help provide strategic advice to the Headteacher and his team. To facilitate this we meet with school staff, and ask a Head of Department to attend each committee meeting to receive a report on how a subject area is progressing. For example, recently Mr Cook, the Gifted and Talented Coordinator, presented how the school manages the programme to support pupils who have demonstrated a particular aptitude in a subject.

Our group also review school policies that relate to the delivery of the curriculum. As part of a continuous process improvement effort the Committee has recently taken responsibility for a number of policies that had been monitored by the Personnel Committee. This year we reviewed the ICT policy developed by Mr Davies, and the Marking, Assessment, Recording and Reporting policy developed by Dr Carr.

Perhaps more importantly the school is undertaking a comprehensive Curriculum Review and we will contribute to that. Already there have been changes in the Sixth form courses, the courses used to promote Vocational Learning, and we have been active in the discussions on how the school should promote the English Baccalaureate.

I would like to thank the Committee members for their work during the year. Please feel free to approach me if you have any questions about our work.

Mark Sanderson
Chair, Curriculum Committee
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Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee has met on 5 occasions during the 2011/12 academic year and has discussed a variety of personnel topics at these meetings.

The main Governing Body agreed to a proposed change to the Terms of Reference for the committee which resulted in **all "Pupil" related matters being transferred to the newly titled Student Welfare and Community Committee. This now leaves the Personnel Committee free to concentrate on all Employee related topics.**

A major part of the year's work for the committee involved the checking, amending and implementing of all the required employee related policies. These documents contain statutory elements and this is a vital part of the committee's normal work. In addition, regular updates were received regarding the movement of staff within the school, including all leavers and new starters.

The school also agreed to enter into a new Staff Welfare Scheme for all employees. This gives them the opportunity, at no cost, to talk in confidence to independent professionals and receive advice on financial, medical or legal matters together with a range of other support topics. The first report received by the committee indicates that this has proved to be a popular and very useful service. Regular updates will be received during the coming year based on a detailed survey.

Frank Newton
Chair, Personnel Committee
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Governors' News continued

Student Welfare and Community Committee

At the start of this academic year the Committee widened its Terms of Reference to include more issues relating to student welfare, and consequently changed its name from the Community Committee to reflect this.

Link Governors from the Committee made visits into School to see first-hand the very excellent work being carried out by the Inclusion Department, and we have also received updates on the work of the Locality Team. At Committee and Full Governors meetings during the year we have been pleased to receive reports on how the pupils and the School have been involved in an increasing number of local projects.

Both the Inclusion Department and the Locality Team continue to liaise with other agencies, and work extremely hard to ensure that our pupils, and their families, receive the support and advice they need; we are very happy to support their work.

Student welfare issues are monitored regularly via the Balding Survey (www.sheu.org.uk) and we look forward to **receiving the results of this year's survey in the autumn term.**

The Community Education Team are responsible for providing learning opportunities for adults, and the community in general, to access part-time evening, daytime and weekend courses that are considered of interest. The team strives to produce a varied range of educational, technical, physical and hobby based courses for you to enjoy. The provision of this facility is subsidised and funding remains a constant challenge; the management team continually analyse the type and scope of courses to ensure that they are cost effective and meet an appropriate quality standard. The prospectus for 2012-2013 will be published in the summer and will also be on line at acloffice@stivoschool.org

Ros Pascoe

Chair, Student Welfare and Community Committee

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Premises Committee

The Premises Committee meets on a regular basis to discuss issues that relate to the maintenance and development of the school buildings and associated land and infrastructure. This includes building work and alterations, health and safety, cleaning, security, operating costs, including energy management/conservation, furniture/fittings, site management including catering.

Maintenance as usual takes up most of our time and as like last year we have worked planned for the summer break. In addition we have been working on improving security at the school with new fencing recently being erected along the boundary with the golf course and on the playing fields. We continue to work closely with our colleagues at St Ivo Recreation Centre and hope to benefit, along with the wider community, in the improvements currently being undertaken at the Centre.

We are continuing our work on energy saving throughout the school, in order to reduce our contribution to carbon emissions and to save money. I would like to thank the premises team for all of the work that they have put in and continue to do throughout the year. Their continued hard work ensures that we have a safe and pleasant environment for students, staff and visitors.

David Mead

Chair, Premises Committee

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Olympic Torch Relay



Miss Macleod
Head of Music

I was nominated because of the work I do with the local community (including school!) trying to share my passion for music. It was incredibly special for me to be able to carry it in St Ives (in fact they phoned on Thursday to try to change me to being the person on the punt in Cambridge but I said no!) because of all the students here that have inspired me to work the way I do through their musicianship and love for music. To have the school samba band mixing with my Cambridge Samba Band Arco Iris was incredible and all of the Arco Iris players I have spoken to were very impressed with the students' samba skills! I would like to thank those students in particular and the staff who helped (Mrs Bradshaw and Mr McGarry) for putting that extra effort in for the day. The run itself was totally surreal and went in a complete blur, but I loved every second, and to be cheered on by so many staff and students was absolutely amazing. Definitely a day never to be forgotten, and it was my work at St Ivo that got me nominated in the first place, so thank you St Ivo!

Year 6 into Year 7 Sports Day

On the 5th and 6th July we welcomed the new Year 6 into St Ivo School. On the 6th July they all took part in a sports day, competing in their new form groups. Activities were set up to challenge the Year 6 students' sporting ability. Activities included balancing races to speed and agility. The whole day was extremely well participated in and the students gave everything in trying to win the overall event.

Each form had their own colour scheme and it was fantastic to see all forms put in a huge amount of effort when dressing up. Not only this, but all students taking part had a great attitude throughout the day which helped in making the day as successful as it was.

Despite a fiercely contested competition there could only be one winner and the top spot was secured by 7Hy. Congratulations to everyone involved and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Miss L Trigg
Acting Assistant Head of Year 6 into Year 7

Secondary School Clothing Allowance 2012-13

Cambridgeshire County Council are now accepting application forms for the discretionary Secondary School Clothing Allowance Scheme.

Parents/carers currently in receipt of Free School Meals, or who hold a current NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate will qualify for this payment of £50 for Year 7 pupils, and £25 for Year 8, 9, 10 and 11 pupils. Payments are made directly to the parent/carers bank account.

Eligible parents/carers should apply early, as funds are limited, either by visiting the webpage below or contacting the Council on 01480 372307/8 for a paper application form.

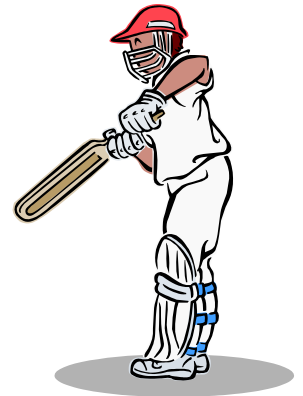
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PE Dept News

Cricket

The Year 7 cricket team had a very good season. The 'A' team easily beat Sawtry and Hinchingsbrooke, and narrowly lost to Longsands who played a team full of Year 8s. The 'B' team comfortably beat Longsands in their only fixture. Unfortunately the rain resulted in all other games being postponed!! The players who have played for the Year 7 Cricket team are: *Lewis, Sam, Oli, Joe, Dan, Emilee, Ryan, Bilal, Michael, Dan, George, Lewis, Ben, Jenny, Soban, Georgia, Freya, Mina, Amy, Lauren, Anjum and Jabob.*

Well done to all!
Mr Daly.



At the end of March the Year 7 girls cricket team from St Ivo School qualified for the county indoor cricket finals at Ormiston Bushfield in Peterborough. Having beaten Thomas Deacon Academy and Hampton College, the final match against the hosts would determine who would qualify for the Regional final. St Ivo maintained their composure and with some excellent bowling and fielding managed to keep Ormiston's runs to a minimum. Coming in to bat St Ivo knew what they had to do to take the title, and with some superb batting managed to exceed Ormiston's expectations. St Ivo went on to represent Huntingdonshire in the Eastern Regional Tournament at Trent Bridge on Tuesday 24th April, where they were beaten by the eventual Tournament winners.

In addition to qualifying for this tournament, England ladies cricket captain Charlotte Edwards visited the school to give the team an extra coaching session prior to the regional round.

Miss Shipley.

To date the Year 10 cricket team have played 2 fixtures, unfortunately narrowly losing to Nene Park Academy in the first, but comfortably beating Sawtry in the second. Players included Tom, Lian, Jack, Scott, James, Seb, Brendan, Bradley, Josh, Harry, Michael, Luke and David.

Well done to all players involved.
Mr Braybrook.

Rounders

After a number of the practice matches had been cancelled due to the weather, all of the district schools came together for the final tournament of the year. It was a closely contested tournament in which all teams showed a great deal of quality in performance. Despite giving 100% throughout the Year 8 girls finished in fourth place, with some outstanding team and individual performances. The Year 7 and Year 10 girls from the Ivo each finished in second place, both losing in the final by only half a rounder. The girls showed a great fighting effort with fantastic attitudes throughout the tournament and were unlucky not to achieve the top spot. The Year 9 girls fought to the end and with an unbeaten record took the title of district champions for the second year in a row.

Congratulations to all those involved.
Miss Shipley.

PE Dept News continued

Football

Year 9 Cup Glory!



Having performed well over the past two years, the Year 9 football team were looking for some success and a trophy as the new season kicked off back in the Autumn term. After some early disappointment against Hinchingsbrooke and Longsands, the team rallied together. Led by captain George and star player Ben they put together a series of wins that would end up in cup glory! The run included a memorable 5-0 victory against a very good side from Neale Wade School. The win was all the more incredible as St Ivo only fielded 10 players after some problems with player egos resulted in just 10 committed, hard working players taking to the field. Ben ran the show in midfield and some well timed goals from Josh secured a safe passage to the semi finals. After successfully negotiating the semi, the team went on to the final at the Focus Stadium in Peterborough where they would play a well organised side from Ernulf School, St Neots.

There was great support for St Ivo as a loyal group of Dads made time during the day to come and support the team. This support undoubtedly spurred on the team as they started strongly and had much the better of the opening 20 minutes, unlucky not to be winning by more than a single Josh goal before half time. After some refreshment supplied by some thoughtful parents, the players took to the field in hot sunshine and pulled off a brilliant 2-1 victory. George and Lee were outstanding in defence and Michael was again Mr Reliable in goals. Ben, in his final game for the School before leaving to pursue a career in football, was tireless in midfield and a constant threat. It was a day for the team and all the players played their part as well as the supporters. When asked what the win meant to him Mr Bamber declared it was the 'happiest day of his life' and he'd 'never been so proud of a group of players', he even said he'd name his first born 'St Ivo' in honour of the team. Coaches Mr Bamber and Mr Slingsby will be looking to build on the success next year and hope to bring more success to St Ivo School.

Congratulations to the team: Michael, Charlie, Joe, Sonny, George, Lee, Ben, Jake, Jack, Jake, Tom, Jacob, Josh and Jay Kay.

Mr Slingsby.

Year 9 Girls Match Reports

In 2011/12, Year 9 have been outstanding. We have won the district championships in netball, rounders, athletics and swimming. In hockey we came second - on goal difference! We have a core of girls who turn out for every game, regardless of sport or position and they have worked fantastically well as a squad in all activities. These are Phoebe, Megan, Holly, Tillie, Ellie, Phoebe, Kelsey and Diana.

Other noticeable performances have been shown by Laura, Lauren, Diana, Ellen, Amy, Julia, Jess and Ellie.

In rounders we have fielded 32 different players this year and in hockey 29 girls have played in the teams. In athletics fixtures we were unable to accommodate all the girls wanting to take part due to restrictions on entries, but managed to include all athletes in at least one meet.

Well done to all girls who have played this year and let us continue our fantastic success in Year 10!

Mrs Kemp.

PE Dept News continued

School Games 2012

This year the winners of the Year 7 District Netball tournament and Year 8 Table Tennis were invited to compete in the School Games. St Ivo represented Huntingdonshire in the competition and both squads did very well.

The Year 8 boys competing in the Table Tennis competition included Tom, Kris, Matt and Alex; they finished 5th in the competition out of ten opposing sides. The Year 7 girls that made up the Netball squad included Amy, Lauren, Jenny, Freya, Emilee, Georgia, Rhiane, Anesa and Rachel. The girls played brilliantly and managed to secure 4th place out of the ten teams competing. Congratulations to everyone involved!

Miss Trigg.

Music Dept News



The Big Sing

On Tuesday 19th June the Junior Choir walked down to the Free Church in St Ives to join singers from 6 local primary schools for a day of singing. It was lovely to be involved for the whole day, and especially for us to be able to show the younger students what they can look forward to when they get to St Ivo and to inspire them to sing with us. The choir acted as great ambassadors for the school and made a lot of noise (a good thing for once!)

Lower School Concert

On Thursday 21st June the Lower School Concert took place in the Hall. From the amazing sounds of the Steel Pans playing Michael Jackson's 'Thriller' to the beautiful movement of a Poulenc Clarinet Sonata from Hannah in Year 9, the evening was a wonderful celebration of what some of the younger students in the school have to offer. Other soloists were Peter and Laura (Year 9), Hannah (Year 8) and Emily, Jess and Naomi from Year 10. We would like to congratulate all of the students from all of our music clubs for making it such a wonderful event. I would also like to wave a fond farewell from the department to Mr Prakash who has put an incredible amount of time and energy into the department over the last two years.

Miss Macleod
Head of Music

Film & Media Studies Dept News

The Finals of the Cambridgeshire Young Film Maker of the Year Awards took place at Cineworld in Huntingdon on 21st June. St Ivo School almost totally swept the board winning prizes in every category at Secondary Level:

Key Stage 3 - Special Commendations: Jamie, Ben and William (7Ax), and Mia, Abby, Taylor and Ayesha (8Ar).

Key Stage 4 - Winners: Sam and Elliot.

Key Stage 5 -

3rd - Lauren (Year 13)

2nd - Lydia (Year 12)

Winners: Amy, Beth and Zara (Year 13)

Congratulations to all the students involved.

Mr Alexander

Head of Film & Media Studies



RE Dept News

Skype lessons - Year 9 with US author

We have been able to make full use of technology in the RE department again this term.

Year 9 students have been studying the genocide in Rwanda and looked at people who

risked their lives to help others. One man, Carl Wilkens, author of "I'm Not Leaving" was the only American to stay in Rwanda during the genocide and he kindly agreed to have a video conference with us to answer all of the questions the students had as a result of their studies. Being in Washington in the west of the US he happily got up at 6am to be able to share his experiences and lessons with our classes. His story is a powerful and inspiring one, and the students and staff got a great deal from the opportunity of being able to talk with him, thanks to the wonders of technology.



Year 10 video conference with school in Islamabad on poverty

The GCSE class were able to make the most of our contacts with a school in Pakistan and carry out research and presentations together with the children there. They focussed on poverty, and looked at what it means to be poor in the UK and Pakistan, and the work of different charities in alleviating this suffering. Video conferencing allowed the students to share their findings with each other between the two countries. This was a wonderful opportunity which complimented their work for their GCSE studies, and again both staff and students enjoyed the experience.

Year 10 Holocaust Memorial Day

On June 29th our Year 10 commemorated our annual Holocaust Memorial Day. During the day we focus on genocides around the world and consider our place and responsibility in the world. We were blessed again with a visit from Harry Fox. Harry was fourteen when he went through the Holocaust in Poland and sadly lost his all of his family, apart from his brother. His story is an emotional and moving personal account which always inspires the children and provokes a great deal of thought and discussion. All Year 10 students took part in the day which they shared with their tutors, and they were able to watch a video message recorded especially for the day by Carl Wilkens on his

RE Dept News continued

experiences in the Rwandan genocide. Twenty of the students also had the chance to spend the day with Jonathan Salt a local director of youth theatre and specialist in genocide education. They put on a production at the end of the day asking us to think about what choices we would make if we found ourselves having to choose between good and evil. The day was finished off with a visit from a Rabbi in Cambridge who led the closing prayer for the dead as the children lit memorial candles. A very thought provoking day. The students were exceptional in their response to our visitors, and we say a huge thank you to all of our visiting speakers who made the day so special and memorable.

Trip to Auschwitz - Poland

The annual trip to Auschwitz will be run in July 2013 and will be open to all students from Year 10-13. Please look out for the letter launching the trip in September. The approximate cost for the four days will be around £625 and that is an all inclusive price which includes airfare to Poland and all transfers.

The RE team would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful summer, and we look forward to even more exciting and meaningful learning opportunities in the new academic year.

Mrs Kenton-Howells
Head of RE

History Dept News

Year 7

Students have been busy taking their summer exam, and studying the Renaissance and Reformation. Can you remember what happened to the six wives of King Henry VIII? Divorced, beheaded...???



Year 8

Students greatly enjoyed the trip to the Black Country museum in June as part of their study of the Industrial Revolution. Furthermore many students have signed up for the Somme battlefields trip in November 2012 as part of the Year 9 course on World War I.

Year 9

Students have been writing their controlled assessment exam on: to what extent did Hitler and the Nazis fully control the German people 1933-45.

They are now studying turning points during World War II 1939-45, including the Dunkirk evacuation, the Battle of Britain, the Blitz, Hitler's invasion of Russia, Pearl Harbour, the D-Day landings, the defeat of Germany, and the dropping of atomic bombs on Japan.



Year 10

Students have completed their study of the USA 1945-70, including black civil rights, the women's movement and the student movement such as 'hippies' and the Vietnam War. During the summer, students will receive their controlled assessment exam results about race riots in Notting Hill 1958.

History Dept News continued

Year 12

All students worked very hard towards their two summer module exams on: Germany 1933-63, and Pitt to Peel 1783-1846. They are now studying introductions to their A2 modules on: Ireland 1798-1921, and Russia 1894-1924. Many also wish to go on the popular trip to Dublin in November 2012 as part of their Irish studies.



Community Links by the History Department

Year 7 students have been involved in a St. Ives town trail, seeking to build up their knowledge of local history. Year 7 lessons have also included work on the medieval market in St. Ives.

Well done to all students who continue to work hard in the department, and help to make it an exciting, fun and high performing place to study history. Best wishes for the summer holiday!

Dr Craig
Head of History

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The History department have produced a children's booklet about our town entitled 'A Brief History of St Ives'. This booklet was funded by a charitable organisation that encourages historical research, The Goodliff Trust. The booklet takes a tour through the major historical events that affected St Ives starting with Slepe and the foundation of our town and ending with the World Wars and St Ivo School. There is also a historical walk to follow.

The booklet will be used in lessons and will be available to buy from the Norris Museum and the School Business Centre priced at £2.00.

Geography Dept News

It has been a busy term for field work in spite of the unseasonal weather!

Year 9 had their annual trip to Dunwich which allowed the students to assess whether 'Dunwich was Doomed' and would disappear into the sea and why Aldeburgh was being protected. A great time and a very informative trip in which classes thoroughly enjoyed themselves on the beach as well as the fish and chips!

Year 8 Rivers Trip - It is always good to see students messing around in rivers and the visit to a tributary of the River Nene was no exception! The students do learn a great deal from the experience however. We are looking to reschedule this visit to the autumn term next year as part of our curriculum review.

Japan Week has been thoroughly enjoyed by Year 7 who have had the opportunity to take part in a range of events including a workshop run by a manga artist, watching and even take part in a Taiko drumming event as well as learning some Japanese, trying out some origami and so much more.

Geography Dept News continued

Year 10 have been out and about in St Ives assessing the environmental quality of key areas of the town and collecting data for their controlled assessment. A lucky group of Year 10 students are also off to Iceland during the last week of term where they will see glaciers and geysers, have chance to swim in thermal pools, straddle the mid Atlantic Ridge and climb a volcano on Heimaey.

Year 12 have recently been to Wells and Holkham Bay as part of their A2 field work while Year 12 travel and tourism students have been to Cambridge on a fact finding mission regarding the city's tourist industry and the recent economic down turn.

Eco Ivo - we are very pleased to announce that Sophie (Year 13) has been awarded the first St Ivo Eco School award. This is for services to the school and the local community through her work with the Eco Ivo club. She, like many others, also made a big contribution in supporting the school's successful bid for Fair Trade status. Congratulations !

Geography Club

The Geography club started at St Ivo School during the second half term this year. This has been set up by Miss Bell **with a view to improving student's geographical knowledge while having fun. This year they have played games,** looked at the Chinese New Year, learnt about different places such as the Arctic and Hawaii as well as looking at recipes and poems from around the world. They have also tried different foods from around the world looking at how interconnected the world really is. They have 10-12 regular members and next year they are looking to expand in numbers and in the range of activities offered which will include a newsletter every half term.

International School Award bid

Having obtained both the foundation and intermediate awards we have been involved in a year long project to secure the full International Schools Award which is organised by the British Council. This has involved a number of departments including MFL, history, RE as well as the geography department. We will know in the autumn term if our bid has been successful.

Forthcoming Events

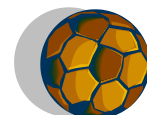
The bi annual trip to South Africa takes place in October. Part of the very action packed programme includes a visit to Soweto and a local primary school. As they are very short of sports equipment we are aiming to take out a football and netball strip for students aged 10 – 13 years. During the Autumn term we are planning to run a number of fund raising events to support the school.

Mrs Mottram

Head of Geography

CAN YOU HELP ?

- Is your local team casting off a strip which is of a good quality that we could have?
- Do you know anyone who could help by donating any of the following :-
 - *football strip (ideally Chelsea blue - their school colour) for ages 10-13 year olds*
 - *a netball kit, again for a team of similar aged girls*
 - *footballs/netballs ?*



MFL Dept News

New in KS3 German

Some students in KS3 have enjoyed a pen-pal correspondence with a school in Munich, this new connection included a visit this term by their class teacher. Students benefitted from his visit, asking him questions about life in a German school and of course talking about the football. At that stage Germany were doing well in the Euros. The letter correspondence is planned to carry on into next academic year with students from St Ivo keen to find out more about their German counterparts.

New in KS4 French and German

New in the Summer Term of 2012 were workshops for students of French and German which were attended by a record 89 students in Year 10. The students gave such positive feedback that we have planned to run these workshops again next year.

Italian

After the success of the Italian courses in recent years, we are pleased to be able to offer twilight beginners' lessons in the Autumn Term. Do look out for the relevant letter in September if you'd like to learn Italian.

Those interested in participating in the trip to Rome, Pompeii and Herculaneum should see Mrs Champley-Potter (room 4) or Mrs Zähler (room 2) at their earliest convenience or email us at school.

Latin

We are delighted to be able to tell you that Classics for All are **generously supporting our Latin course for next year's Year 9.**



We are currently recruiting for the following twilight courses in Latin:

- Year 10 beginners to entry level in 20 hours after school on Mondays.
- Year 9 beginners to entry level in 20 hours after school. This course can be extended to the end of the year and **in Years 10 and 11, pupils who have completed the beginners' course will be able to take Latin to GCSE in the timetable from 2013-5.**

Year 12 and 13 pupils are also welcome to apply for a place if they are interested.

Pupils may also be interested in

- a trip to St Albans on Saturday, September 22nd
- a trip to Rome, Pompeii and Herculaneum on 10th - 13th July, 2013

Please see Mrs Zähler (room 2) if you are interested in any of these courses or trips.

Mrs P.R.Zähler
Head of MFL

Food Technology Dept News

ROTARY YOUNG CHEF COMPETITION

Tom from 10Mh won the area final of the Young Chef competition in January of this year. He impressed the judges with his skill and flair in the kitchen, his organisation and methodical way of working. Tom has a real talent for cooking and can cook a full range of dishes. He represented us at regional level and achieved a good report from the judges. Well done, Tom!

CATERING STUDENTS PERFORM IN HOUGHTON!

Three catering students and Head Chef, Mrs Watton (!) cooked a 3 course meal for 13 guests as part of the Lit. Skills visit to Houghton. The chefs, Daniel, Tom and Nathan had only 2 hours to prepare, cook and serve the following menu:

Golden vegetable soup with home-made bread (using Houghton Mill flour)

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Pasta with creamy garlic sauce

Pasta with tomatoes and tuna

Mixed salad

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Lemon meringue pie

Rhubarb and apple crumble with custard

A veritable feast! Very well done lads.

Mrs Watton
Head of Food Technology

Wood Green Art Collaboration Project

An arts collaboration project was launched last November between Wood Green Animal Shelter and St Ivo School. The Trust commissioned a 12 piece clay installation which will help support the valuable work carried out by their dog re-housing unit. It was hoped the project would promote self-esteem, awareness of a range of possible career opportunities in addition to communication and creative practice skills, for the students involved.

The project commenced with a group of St Ivo students from Years 7, 8 and 9 visiting Wood Green to meet the staff and learn about the work carried out there, as well as assisting with the preparation of food for the dogs and handling some animals. The students, with the support of some of St Ivo's sixth form students, used the book 'The Canine Commandments' to inspire their artwork.

The clay models will shortly be installed at the dog re-housing unit.



Resource Centre News

Competitions – We held several competitions in the RC this term.

Mrs Mitchell's Chocolatey Easter Quiz - Mrs Mitchell held her Chocolatey Easter Quiz, with an obvious prize! Thirteen students got all the answers correct, and Jamie (7Mv) was chosen as the winner, with Alyce (7Go) and Taylor (7Cd) receiving the runner-up prizes.

True or False? Competition- We also held a True or False? Competition on 2 consecutive lunchtimes, the winner of Tuesday being Megan (8Ww) and the winner of Wednesday being Brendan (10Me). Well done to all our winners, and everyone who took part!

Diamond Jubilee - We asked the school to help us make a Big Jubilee Bunting for the Big Bunting Competition for schools being held by the Eden Project. Children were given a bunting triangle on which they could draw a Jubilee-themed design. We made nearly 10m of bunting and entered the length into the competition. Thanks to those who contributed.

Euro 2012 – We had a board up for the children to predict football scores for that night's game(s) Several children predicted correctly throughout the tournament, each winning a small packet of sweets. Not an easy task but well done to those who got it right!!

Author Visit (Marcus Alexander) – Wednesday 11th July – We are very privileged to be receiving a visit from Marcus Alexander, author of “Keeper of the Realms” shown opposite. This story is about a 13 year old girl called Charlie Keeper who has a magic pendant which needs protecting by Charlie when she finds herself in the magical land of Bellania. To mark his visit we have had lots of activities going on, both in the Resource Centre, in English classes and in the Art Department.



Quiz, Design a Pendant & Sticker Hunt – Everyone got the chance to take part in our ‘Who is Charlie Keeper?’ quiz, Design a Pendant competition and Pendant Sticker Hunt, everyone winning a sweet for taking part.

Making your own ending to ‘Keeper of the Realms’ – With help from the English Department the Year 7s are currently writing their own end to the story. They have been given a synopsis of the story and the last sentence which they need to add to. Marcus will be choosing the winner on Wednesday and presenting prizes to the winners.

Making a 3D model of a character from the book – With help from the Art Department the children have had the opportunity to make a 3D character from the story. Marcus will judge the best one on Wednesday and present prizes to the winners.

Craft Weeks – We held several craft weeks this term.

Shakespeare and Tudor Costumes - We made models of characters from the plays and put them onto our Globe Theatre stage. As well as making members of the audience for our Globe Theatre model we looked at clothes worn at that time.

Diamond Jubilee – We gave the children the opportunity to add to our Big Bunting.

Marcus Alexander – We held 2 craft weeks related to the visit by Marcus Alexander. The children had the chance to make a pendant out of felt, card, glitter glue, feathers etc, and we also made a map of Bellania.

Don't forget to come and get a book or two for the summer.

Mrs Mitchell.

Other News

“Congratulations” to Year 13 students David Peard and Graeme Peard for not missing one day of school during their seven years at St Ivo.

A Javanese Gamelan music evening was held at St Ivo in May. Students from Years 7 and 10 performed several Gamelan pieces to an audience of 200 people, who were also able to sample Indonesian food prepared by Catering students. The event was held to raise money for the St Ives Acorn Cancer Support Group, which supports cancer patients and their carers living in the areas around St Ives, Huntingdon and Ramsey, and a cheque for £715 was presented to Mr Dyer, Acorn Secretary.

Year 7 students supported Magpas by donating £1 to wear green to school for the day, raising £217 for the charity.

“Well done” to Grace (12Ak) whose artwork ‘Taxidermy’ is being exhibited online at the Royal Academy of Arts A-Level Summer Exhibition. A second piece of work by Grace titled ‘Fitter, Happier, More Productive’ was also short-listed. The exhibition can be accessed at www.royalacademy.org.uk until 12th August.

“Congratulations” to former student Jonnie Peacock who won a gold medal at the USA Paralympic Championships, breaking the World Record with a time of 10.85. We also wish Jonnie “Good Luck” in the Paralympic 100m Final which he will be competing in on the evening of 6th September.



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Eco-Ivo News



So much has happened with Eco-Ivo this year that I am going to cut activities down to a brief comment each and end with looking forward excitedly to next year. This is what the Eco-Ivo group and many students in school have been doing throughout this academic year.



Fairtrade: In the new year we put in a bid for Fairtrade status as a result of all the good work we have done at St Ivo over the years. We were told by the Fairtrade Foundation in London that it took about 6-8 weeks to be told the result; the school was told in 2! The bid was so strong and the work that we had completed so wonderful that we got our status almost immediately, which is apparently quite rare. In December we held our Fairtrade Quiz for the primary school children of St.Ives at the Christmas market and were helped out by the local MP, Mr Jonathon Djanogly. The quiz had been preceded by Fairtrade talks given by sixth form students to children at the primary schools of the town. In Fairtrade Fortnight at the end of February students and staff supported the sale of Fairtrade products and a Fairtrade speaker attended all assemblies to raise awareness of the work being done by Fairtrade. St.Ivo School continues to support the St.Ives Fairtrade committee. As you can see the Fairtrade message is at the heart of a lot of the work we do at St Ivo.

Friends of Holt Island Nature Reserve (FOHINR): It is important that we support environmental projects, not only abroad, but also at home, and our ongoing relationship with the FOHINR has gone from strength to strength this year. We have had speakers in to tell the Eco-Ivo group about the work that has been done and students have visited the site, which is only 2 minutes away.....it is truly on our doorstep! Eco-Ivo has sponsored bird boxes on the island and students have visited these to see nesting birds and later the fledglings. We look forward to more activities with this excellent local environmental group.

Tree Planting in The Thicket: In March the Eco-Ivo group were delighted to be asked by HDC to help plant saplings in The Thicket next to the school. Students found they were quite nifty with a spade and a number of young trees were put in the ground. Many thanks go to Miss Bell (geography teacher) who accompanied the students.

Eco-gardening in St Ivo School: Pam Coles has worked quietly, but unceasingly to create an environmental gardening area on the limited school site and credit must go to her for that. We now have 5 ponds that are used for classroom activities and a variety of vegetables are grown, some of which are sold on site. The leeks are delicious. In addition, bedding plants are for sale each spring brightening up the gardens of staff and students alike. Thank you to the Gardening Club! Lately, Mrs Coles has been encouraging the planting of species that attract bees and butterflies upgrading the environmental condition of that area of the school grounds. 14 kinds of butterfly have been recorded for the last two summers.



Save the Albatross: We have collected stamps in school for many years for this worthy cause, but this year, it was brought to our attention that the albatross parent birds are feeding their chicks rubbish from the litter island/continent that, unfortunately, drifts in the south Pacific. This practice on the part of the birds is decimating the albatross chick population and so the students wanted to raise awareness that this was taking place so we could all be sure to bring in stamps which will then be taken to the RSPB headquarters in Sandy, Bedfordshire by Mr. Gray (geography teacher) to be converted in to cash to send out to Midway and other Pacific islands where the birds nest. A competition to design stamp boxes was held in school and won by Year 7 and Year 9 students. Our thanks go to Mr Burry in Design & Technology for all his help.

Eco-Ivo News continued



Mick George Skips: Eco-Ivo was delighted to host a skip for a week in April. Staff and students had a real ol' clear-out and one skip was filled almost immediately followed swiftly by another. Students took part in a competition organised by the Eco-Ivo group to design a drawing/logo for the side of a skip that encompassed the theme recycling. Tom in 8At made a model of a Mick George skip and the company were so delighted with this that they asked if they could display the model in their main reception area for a month.

Finally, as we come to the end of yet another environmentally-packed year we look to new developments with the Eco-Ivo group. Mr Nunn (geography teacher) is keen to work with the primary schools in helping to establish cross-phase links between the excellent environmental work being undertaken at our feeder primaries and St Ivo School. Over the coming months Mr Nunn will co-ordinate the development of a local environmental network which in the forthcoming year will be a wonderful asset to both younger primary school students and current members of Key Stage 3 at St Ivo School. Many thanks go to Mr Nunn for creating that connection.

Times of Eco-Ivo meetings: Thursday lunchtimes N21, Week B. We are looking to recruit new members, so do come along; as you can see from the above report there is always a lot going on. Look at the Eco-Ivo noticeboard in the Geography Department for news of events.

A quick word for parents: If anyone has any ideas of environmentally-friendly projects that we could work with, we would welcome your ideas. Please contact me here at St.Ivo: bmorey@stivoschool.org

To finish - may I wish you all a pleasant summer and ask you to keep your stamps from those holiday postcards.

Environmentally yours,
Mrs.Morey
(Geography Department)