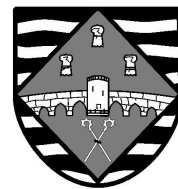


Newsletter

St Ivo School



March 2006

Dear Parent / Carer

One of the exciting aspects of being the new Headteacher in a school is going to events for the first time. This term I have been particularly impressed with the standard of dance produced at our annual 'Spotlight' performances. The commitment of students was exceptional with many of them practising since September / October and that, added to the support of staff, resulted in a varied and high quality dance performance. My thanks to all staff involved, particularly Miss Bartley.

The end of term is often a time for good-byes and we are losing Mr Grant (music) from the staff at Easter. Mr Grant started teaching at St Ivo in 1982 and has been committed to the school not just through his teaching but also by supporting countless music events and in his role as a school governor. I am sure that you would join me in thanking him and wishing him well in his new position working for the National Union of Teachers.

We are also saying good-bye to Mrs Grant who has been our school nurse for two years and au revoir to Mrs Bull who is on maternity leave. My best wishes to them.

Have an enjoyable Easter.

Yours sincerely

Howard Gilbert
Headteacher

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Design and Technology Department

We are very happy for Year 11 to have finally completed all of their GCSE Projects. A large number of students spent their time in the design and technology facility during lunchtime and after school. Well done to all of those students who put that fantastic effort into their work. We have some stunning project work to display at our annual Solutions Exhibition that we host in the department. This year that event will be open to the public on the 7th June from 6pm to 9pm in the upstairs foyer of the design department. Please come along to that and particularly if you have a son or daughter working on a design project at the moment or more importantly to Year 8 parents who will need to know what skills and benefits the Design and Technology experience provides, in order to be fully informed when making study choices next year.

The following is a quote from the DFES Teachernet website:

'The Government recognises that young people need to develop the creative skills needed in the workplace of the future. Fast-moving technology and global communications call for an ability to produce creative solutions to complex problems. Creative teaching practices can help develop and release pupils' creativity, increasing their ability to solve problems, think independently and work flexibly.'

This term we have been part of a research project which aims to try to assess whether creativity can be enhanced through design and technological activity. The project is being managed by Mike Ive OBE for services to Design and Technology education, some of you will recognise the name, as Jonathon Ive, son of Mike designed the innovative IMAC during the Apple Mac period of revival.

We have been selected as the control group. The following Year 7 students have been involved in the project. 7Bx **Chole, David**, 7Cc **Matthew**, 7Bw **Emily, Robert**, 7BZ **Marwain, Alexander**, 7Ma **William, Tara**, 7Ln **Emma**, 7Bt **Louanne, Steve**, 7Lw **Anne, Ben**, 7Rb **Armando, Emma**, 7Kf **Sam, Saide**.

This consisted of two full mornings using lots of new and unusual materials. The students work was photographed every hour so that a visual record was kept. This is used for analysis at a later stage to examine how innovative design ideas can develop. The same group of students, if they are still at St Ivo School, will carry out a similar experiment when they reach Year 9 to establish whether or not their creativity has been enhanced and by how much.

Thank you to all of the students who have worked hard this term in the department and have a good Easter break.

Best wishes, Claire Morrison
Head of Design

Rotary Young Cook of the Year Competition

Congratulations to the Year 10 catering students who took part in the Young Cook of the Year competition - **Luke** (10Hn), **Stacey** (10El), **Saima** (10El), **Matthew** (10De) and **Hannah** (10La).



Callum (10Kl) - 3rd place

Grant (10De) - 2nd place

Holly (10Ta) - 1st place

Holly then went on to compete in the district final, where she came 3rd. Congratulations to everyone for their excellent performances.

Real Care Babies

Real Care Babies - Year 10 Child Development

Congratulations to all of those who have been involved in taking the real care babies home. It has been an interesting and valuable experience. Good luck to those who still have to take their baby home.

Mrs M Tillet

Congratulations

Congratulations to...

... **Aird** (12Py) on passing his driving test.

... **Joe** (12Py) on passing all his AS January modules, losing only one mark total in all exams!

... **Olivia** (7Lw) who won the Cambridgeshire Under 13's girls Table Tennis Championship on February 18th and was runner up in the Under 16's. Olivia goes on to play in the National Under 13's championship at Stoke-on-Trent on April 22nd. Good luck Olivia!

... **9TI boys** who raised £50 for the Tsunami appeal (ongoing charity for Year 9) by organising a charity football match. Well done!

... **Sam** (9Pa) for all her achievements for the Blue Vision Twirling Team this year, and good luck on the USA Twirling camp in June.

... **Alisha** (9Ke) played golf in a British Heart Foundation fund raiser. She got 36 points and raised £174.50. Her team also included **Amy** (8Za) and friend Bethany, who as a team raised over £400. Well done!

... **Jessica, Laura, Mary** and **Bryony** (all from 9Ke) who represented St Ivo in a girls football tournament. St Ivo sent two teams; the first team came 3rd and the second team came 8th.

St Ivo Ballroom Dance Club

The St Ivo Ballroom Dance Club were involved in two events this term.

The Year 10 students:-

Rebecca (10Kl) & **Daniel** (10Kl)

Hannah (10Cb) & **Adam** (10Ti)

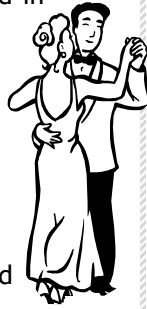
Natasha (10Cb) & **Sam** (10Kl)

Suzanne (10Ti) & **Herman** (10Di)

made up the Cha Cha Cha team and presented a group Cha Cha Cha in Spotlight.

On 22 March the club held it's first social. This gave the students an opportunity to practise their new skills. The social was well attended by parents and staff.

Mrs Linda Bartlett



Geography Department

Year 8 Fair Trade Stall - during 'Fair Trade Fortnight' the geography department and Year 8 students ran two stalls selling Fair Trade Products to promote and publicise the issue of fair-trade.



Year 8 - letters have gone out inviting Year 8 to spend a day at the Stibbington Centre looking at rivers, hopefully not getting too wet in the process.

Year 7 will have the opportunity to go to the East of England Show in June as part of their environmental awareness study.

Travel & Tourism Year 12 students have recently returned from New York after a fantastic 5 days. The trip included a morning at New York University Travel & Tourism department as well as visiting many of the famous attractions - Empire State Building, Central Park, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Centre as well as ice skating in Central Park itself.

Year 12 students have also been to Cadbury World as part of their customer service enquiry.

Year 12 Leisure & Tourism students have been to Cambridge carrying out a tourism survey which included a visit to Kings College.

Mrs J Mottram
Head of Geography

History Department

Year 12 Battlefields trip

AS history students spent four days in Belgium as part of their AS studies on WWI. They visited the battlefields and cemeteries on the Ypres Salient and spent a day in France on the Somme. Peter Cook, an expert on the first world war accompanied the students and passed on his wide knowledge. The trip was enjoyed by all.

Year 8 visit to the Black Country Museum

The department is planning to take Year 8 pupils to the Black Country Museum at Dudley. This visit involves a superb learning opportunity to complement the Year 8 history course on the Agricultural and Industrial Revolutions. It includes a canal trip deep into the hill which dominates Dudley and an opportunity to go down a mine. The museum is an active reconstruction of the 19th century with shops and a school where pupils can experience life in another era. After a recent trip to the museum parents contacted us to find out about it so that they could visit as a family.

Year 8 Further Reminders

In November the history department will take Year 9 pupils to the WWI Battlefields in France. You will need a passport. Be prepared!

Mrs Judith Barnes
Head of History

RE Department

The Year 10s made us very proud this term during our "Holocaust Day", when we looked at the events of the Holocaust through the eyes of those who experience it. We were very lucky on two counts because the day started off with the cast from St Ives Youth Theatre coming in to present 15 minutes of their production of "Korczak". This was fantastic to watch and very moving. We were also extremely privileged to have an actual survivor from the Holocaust come in to talk to us. Mr Harry Fox was a real inspiration, and his story at times had most of us fighting back the tears. All visitors to the school on that day commented on the behaviour of Year 10 and said what wonderful ambassadors they are for both the school and young people generally. Many thanks for all involved who made the day so successful.

Mrs E Kenton-Howells
Head of RE

SISA News

News from the Fashion show and Sale - held in the school hall, Thursday 16th 2006. Just when we thought we would have to cancel, we found a way to go ahead with this event. Thank you to the 72 ladies who turned up and who raised over £200.00.

(Thank you also to Whateleys, Sainsburys, Tescos, Just cards, The Rainbow, Genesis, Lloyds Chemist and Walkers Bookshops for their donations).

Winners of the 200 Club

December 2005: 1st - N Coulter
2nd - S Penney
3rd - A Bannell

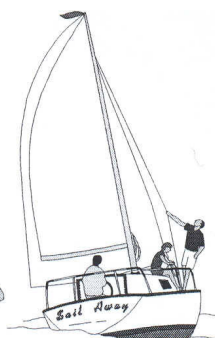
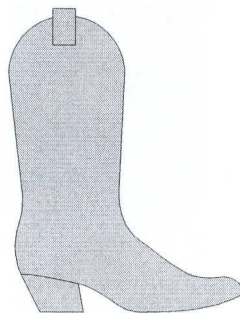
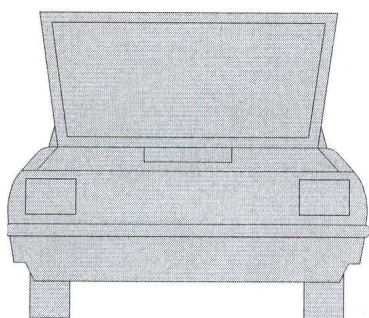
January 2006: 1st - K Zouhair
2nd - K Perry
3rd - M Stevens

February 2006: 1st - L Waterson
2nd - H Mitcham
3rd - M Stevens

CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to Gary Worthington for the Mindbender Quiz. Over 100 copies were sold and out of the 20 entries returned Sally Adams from Waterbeach, received the top cash prize with 235 out of a possible 240. Commiserations go to Bob and Liz Hardy from St Ives, also with 235 but lost out on the tie-break question! Third was Eric Sharpe from Scarborough with 231; fourth was Chris Ramsey from Hemingford with 229; fifth Andy and Anne Parker from Norfolk, with 228; joint sixth were Aileen Ward from Hilton and Lisa Watts from Saffron Walden with 227 and joint eighth were Pamela Nicol and Mike and Mary Carter from Herefordshire with 226.

Forthcoming events



Car Boot Sale
Slepe Hall Field
Saturday May 6th
8am til 12am
£5 per car pitch
All proceeds to SISA
Phone 01480 301637
for details

200 Club

Many parents would like to support St Ivo School Association but are not sure how, and may not be able to attend the events that we organise.

The SISA 200 Club offers a simple way for you to support our fund-raising activities for buying those little extras that may otherwise be unattainable.

You have the opportunity to purchase a 'number' or 'numbers' from the 200 Club at the cost of £ 1 per number, per draw (£12 per year).

Each month all the numbers go into the draw and three are selected. First, second and third prizes together will account for 50% of the total 'pot'. The remainder will go into SISA funds. There will be no roll-over because only those numbers which have been allocated will go into the draw.

For further information please telephone Nicki Coulter (01480301637), or visit the SISA page of the school website to download an application form.

Please help us to support our school!

Chemistry

Year 12 chemistry students **Joe** (12Py), **Holly** (12Ba) and **Graham** (12Ba) represented St Ivo in the East Anglian heat of the Schools Analyst Competition, organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry on 28th March. They spend a day in the chemistry labs at the University of Hertfordshire in Hatfield, carrying out various chemistry-based problem solving tasks and competing against fifteen other teams.

Politics Department

Visits were made to politics conferences in Lincoln on 14 March and 29 March. Year 13 students attended a series of lectures on aspects of comparative Politics, looking at issues in the US and British systems. The Year 12 students received many good ideas to prepare for their British Politics exams after lectures given by leading academics and examiners.

Mr R Perry
Head of Sixth Form

Sixth Form News

Over 20 students have signed up for various community projects with the Millennium Volunteers.

Mr R Perry
Head of Sixth Form

Year 10 Sport BTEC Group

A very successful trip for the B.T.E.C. Group to Northampton Saints Rugby Club. The visit to Franklin's Gardens enabled the group to see how a top class sports club functions both on the pitch and behind the scenes. A look around the state of the art weights room and a chance to watch the first team squad, including British Lions, Ben Cohen and Stephen Thompson, preparing for their weekend fixture, made it a very memorable day.

Further visits to top sports venues are a possibility in the future. Watch this space.

Mrs C Clifton / Mr D Varey

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Year 9 Netball

The Year 9 netball team have shown excellent effort and commitment to both practices and fixtures.

Results for the district tournament:
Year 9 'B' Team =6th
Year 9 'A' team - 1st

Well done. I am very proud of your efforts this term.

Miss C Sherwood

B team	A team
Lauren	Lauren
Rachel	Sophie
Sam	Beth
Jenna	Cathy
Beth	Laura
Hannah	Lisette
Chelsea	Sophie
Keziah	Courtney
Hannah	Zayna

Year 10 Football

The Year 10 team have been unlucky to lose two games 2-1 v Sawtry and Longsands. Drawn games would have reflected the balance of play. Over 20 boys have represented the school in the fixtures this term.

Year 7 Cricket

From September weekly practices have taken place indoors for Year 7 cricketers. Over 25 students have been involved and recently took part in the district 8 aside tournament. In the first game St Ivo lost narrowly to Longsands who had a very strong club based side. In the second game St Ivo posted a large total of 76 but were defeated in the last over. There are some very talented cricketers in Year 7 who should combine to make a strong hard back 11 aside team.

Year 9 Boys Football

Year 9 boys football have reached the final in the County Cup for the 3rd year running. Good luck for the final, boys!

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