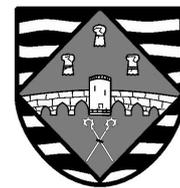


Newsletter

St Ivo School



October 2006

Dear Parent / Carer

I must start by thanking all those who contributed to the fundraising for our Specialist Schools bid. Over £3,000 was donated by parents and we managed to raise £70,000; this demonstrates to the DfES that we have a broad base of support which will help the bid. My particular thanks to Tony Burgess and Sean King (from movewithus.com) who put in a magnificent effort to enable us to raise this amount. The following companies have all pledged their support: Andrew S. Campbell Associates, Knurr, Movewithus, Acushnet, The Coote Memorial Trust, HSBC, David Smith St Ives Ltd, Rocprem, Ewing Associates, Weldlogic, Cromwell Country Homes, GSP, Tacconi Green & Co, Beamglow, St Ives Leisure Centre, SISA, Peter Lane & Partners and Lancaster Insurance. My thanks to all of the above companies for their generosity and support.

Our new foyer is reaching completion and so reception will soon be moving back to the main block. We are delighted with the look of the new entrance and it's a fitting way of marking the schools fiftieth anniversary.

Yours sincerely

Howard Gilbert
Headteacher

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Remember to change your clocks on Sunday 29th



Geography Department

Year 10 students went to the Suffolk coast to look at the rapid rate of coastal erosion at Dunwich and then along to Aldeburgh to have a look at coastal defence works in practice.

Year 12 Students have recently been to Holkham Bay on the north Norfolk coast to collect data for their A level coursework.

A number of **Year 9** students have recently been coming along to a lunch time 'Japan Club' where they are finding out about Japanese culture and making links via email with school children in Japan.

Kenya - during October the geography department are taking a group of KS4 and KS5 students to Kenya. On arrival at Nairobi we have an action packed programme which includes a number of safari's, a visit to a volcanic crater in the Rift Valley, a tea plantation, a Maasai tribe and much more. We will be staying at Greensted School and the Conservancy Centre at Nativasha where we will also be re-visiting our link primary school - Kimbo. Over the last few weeks we have been involved in a sponsored fast, a sponsored golf match and manning cake stalls to raise funds to start a library at Kimbo School. The money is still coming in but a big 'Thank You' to everyone who has supported our efforts - we'll let you know the final total soon!



Travel and Tourism

Students in Year 12 on the one year course have already been to the **Marriott Hotel** at Huntingdon to learn about customer service. They have also been to Hunstanton to look at a traditional seaside town as part of their coursework.

The Travel and Tourism department are also in the process of arranging a visit to **New York in March** where students will be able to visit the tourist attractions as well as spending a day at New York University.

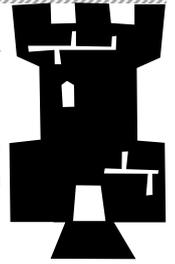
Year 13 students are currently running a series of cake stalls to raise funds for their 'Tourism Event' module which will take place in February.

Mrs J Mottram
Head of Geography

History Department

Year 7 Castles Visit

All year 7 pupils have had an opportunity this week to visit Mount Fitchett and Castle Hedingham as part of their studies on medieval history. The trip will have given them a visual experience and help them understand how castle building developed.



Year 9 Somme Visit

Final plans are being made for this visit in November. The history department members are looking forward to their annual trip to France. They are hoping for good weather and looking forward to sharing the experience with Year 9 pupils.

Year 13 Dublin Visit

As part of their A2 history module on Ireland the Year 13 students will spend four days in Dublin in December. It will be of great benefit to their studies and help their understanding.

Mrs J Barnes
Head of History

Music Department

The main event of this half term has been the Play Day, at which nearly 100 KS3 pupils sung and approximately 50 instrumentalists played. Big congratulations to all participants on their hard work on the day, their effort, and the quality of their performance - we achieved very high standards on what was basically only 3 hours of rehearsal. The repertoire included 'Wallace & Gromit', 'The Muppets', 'World in Union' and the 'Song for Peace'.



Thanks especially to KS4 and KS5 pupil helpers and we look forward to next year's!

Don't forget all welcome at lunch time clubs:

Monday, Senior Choir (Yrs 10-13)

Tuesday, VoicePower (Yrs 7-9)

Wednesday, Ceilidh group (Yrs 7-13)

Thursday, Wind Band.

All groups take place in L5 at 1.10. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs A Gilbert
Head of Music

Sports News

Year 7 Rugby Results

Thursday 21st September v Sawtry (b)

A team won 1 lost 1. B team won 1 lost 1.

Thursday 28th September v Longsands (a)

A team won 1. B team won 1, 2 mixed games won 1, drew 1.

Thursday 5th October v Wisbech Grammar

A team lost, B team won.

Thursday 12th October v Hinchingsbrooke

A team won 2. B team won 1 lost 1.

Congratulations to all pupils involved in the games on a fantastic set of results!

Henry	Tansel
Tom	Joseph
Joe	Joe
Liam	Tom
Steven	James
Tom	Jordan
Sam	Tom
Callum	Tom
Oli	Innes
Johnny	Adam
Jacob	Barney
Joe	Josh
Cuthbert	Harry
Josh	Damon
Ryan	Fazel
Jamie	Tom

A great contribution made!



Year 10 National Cup

St Ivo 11, Grantham Technology College 0

Fantastic result; well played to all pupils involved:

Luke	Liam
Kieran	Tom
Scott	Connor
Lewis	Harvey
Joel	Leon
Josh	Alan
Jack	Tom

Year 9 Rugby

Congratulations to the Year 9 Rugby team who remain unbeaten this season.

V. Sawtry won 17-0

V. Longsands won 52-0

V. Hinchingsbrooke won 42-7

Aden (9Bl) and **Pat (9Wt)** have been selected for the county squad and **Dan (9Gd)** and **Tom (9Va)** for the county squad.

Year 10 Rugby

The Year 10 rugby team made a fantastic start to the season with a 50 point victory over Longsands in the Daily Mail cup. The second game was another victory over Wisbech school, a close game with some excellent play. Unfortunately the boys lost out in a close Daily Mail game away at Oundle. Well done to all the boys involved and still a few more games to play!

Year 11 Rugby

The team are unbeaten this year - this is partly because at the time of writing they have only played one fixture. There are more fixtures to come but a win over Longsands to start the season was a positive move. Well done.

6th Form Football

The first XI team travelled to St Albans to play in the second round of the U18 ESFA Cup. A very close game ended 4-4 and went to extra time with the scores still level the game went to penalties. All five Ivo players scored their penalties. With one miss from the opposition the boys left with a victory and a place in the third round.

The team travel to Abbey College in the first round of the County Cup. The very best of luck and hopefully many more games to come.

Special thanks to **Rob (12Kh)** for his involvement and organisation.

Year 9 Football

Mixed results in the two cup competitions the team have played in so far. In the national competition they lost out to a strong Biddenham side from Bedford. However, in the Coventry cup the team had an excellent 8-0 victory with **Dan (9Gd)** scoring a hat trick. A great team performance with outstanding contributions from **Charlie (9Gi)** and **Scott (Bb)**.

Congratulations to ...

Josh (10Ke), **Rory (10Ke)**, **Zack (9Wt)**, **Patrick (10HI)** and **Mark (10Kg)** won the junior friendly league golf cup (CAGU).

Natasha (10Ke) has achieved two gold and one silver WING swimming awards in Air Cadests, and has reached the regional trials.

Rory (10Ke) and **Matthew (10HI)** played in the county rugby squad against Suffolk, winning 12-5. Rory's team 'Stags' won the county cup, no one scored against them, and they beat Great Shelford in the final.

Josh (10HI) has just been signed up for Norwich City Academy - signed for two years, and at the age of 16 Norwich will decide if he is to continue into the club.

Sports News Continued ...

BTEC Visit to Ely Indoor Bowls Club

A most interesting and informative visit to the Indoor Bowls Club at Ely (carpet bowls not the ten pin variety) was part of the Year 11 BTEC course this term. The group listened to a presentation about sports development given by Ellen Falkner, World Indoor Singles Bowls Champion and Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist, and were then given a chance to try out the game. I think they would all agree it looks easy on T.V. but much more difficult in real life! Maybe one or two will take up the game in later years !!

School Sports Co-ordinator

I have just been appointed Schools Sports Co-ordinator for St Ivo School and the primary schools in the area. If you are a member of a sports club and might be able to offer help, advice or facilities please make contact with me via e-mail at : john.lane66@ntlworld.com

Modern Foreign Languages Department

The Autumn Term has been a busy one in the Department of Modern Languages.

The European Day of Languages

The Department of Modern Languages once more celebrated the European Day of Languages. This year we celebrated on 25th September with year 8 in a citizenship event during which pupils gave evidence of their knowledge, understanding of and empathy for other cultures for their citizenship levels. In September 2006, pupils looked together at money in Europe, took a taster course in Spanish, enjoyed an online quiz on such topics as food and geography and puzzled over links between other languages and English.

The shop window display of Chinese language and culture put together by Ms Button has attracted much interest. The curious soon spotted a paper in microbiology by Professor Zähler in Chinese. Others were fascinated by the Chinese dragon and yet others looked with interest at the writing set. Our Chinese visitor this term was also impressed and touched by a display of Chinese things.

Junior CULP

On 26th September, the official European Day of Languages, Mrs Zähler joined Mrs Moore (of Impington Village College) and the Directors of the Language Centre and Junior CULP to receive the European Award for Languages from Sir Trevor MacDonald in the Scottish Parliament. This is the first time the award ceremony has been made outside of London. By now many of you will have seen the logo on our school web-site. In addition to this prize, Junior CULP has also received the Spanish Embassy Prize this year, too.

On the opening away-day at the Language Centre in Cambridge, keen linguists from year 9 embarked upon their course in Spanish as others from years 8, 10 and 12 began their course in Chinese. It was good to hear, on the coach back to St Ivo, how much the pupils had managed to learn in just one day. Clearly all had had a good day. Pupils will be busy over the half-term trying out the new CD-Rom and making a connection to the university server to practise the contents of the first two units.

Should any pupil in the relevant year groups wish to join the courses there are a few but only a few spare places and queries can be addressed to Mrs Zähler in room 7. It would be better to join the group sooner rather than later as the Junior CULP groups move through the material at an impressive pace.

Trips

The Aachen trip this year will include a short visit to Cologne and interested pupils should see Miss Kelly for a letter and application form.

Plans are also underway for the day trip to Boulogne in March and any pupil from year 9 who is interested should bring in his/he deposit as soon as possible. There are a few places left on this trip for year 9 pupils. Please see Mrs Zähler for a letter or go on-line to the school's business centre.

The Koblenz trip is over subscribed and by the time this newsletter goes home the draw to see who will be included in the 44 places will have been made and parents will be informed soon after the half-term holiday.

The year 8 trip to the Opal Coast has been postponed until later in the year and details of the new version of the trip should be available a few weeks after half-term.

Revision materials for year 10 and 11 pupils

Letters about revision materials for pupils in key stage 4 will be given to pupils shortly after half-term and can be returned as usual to the school's business centre. Schools are generally offered revision booklets at competitive prices, that is at prices lower than those in the shops.

Mrs P Zähler
Head of Modern Foreign Languages

Year 8 Day of Languages / Citizenship Event

Well done to all students on great efforts on the day (Mon 25th September) and some excellent research homework done since.



Part-time Adult and Community Learning Assistant

We are looking for a motivated, hard working, lively team member to assist with planning, through to implementation, of a wide range of evening courses to adults. A significant part of the post involves assisting tutors and adult learners in person. You will have proven office and computer skills (Microsoft Office), be a good time manager and be able to work on your own initiative.

The working week is

6.30pm-9.30pm Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings

9.00am-11.00am Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (possibly negotiable)

The post is term-time plus four days at the end of August, prior to the start of term

A flexible approach to working would be an advantage to cover workload demands etc.

Salary scale 2, points 12-14, £7.33-£7.66 per hour.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

For further written details and an application form please contact Sue Allen or Janine Elsegood on 01480 495717, or email us at office@aclearning.org.uk.

Closing date for applications Wed 1 November 2006.

AICH has been providing a free, independent, one to one counselling services to young people aged 14-25 since 1989. Counselling is provided by volunteer counsellors most are qualified others are trainees. AICH provides a valuable training service to students at local colleges enabling them to gain sufficient counselling hours to obtain their qualification.

Most of the counselling is delivered through St Benedict's Court. Facilities are also provided at Hinchingsbrook School, Kings Ripton Court, Paines Mill Foyer, Marshall Road in St Neots, Sawtry Community College, Longsands School, Abbey School, St Ives Clinic and Fenland Junction in March. Four more venues are due to start shortly.

Meetings are held approximately 4 times per annum. Whilst no specific skills are needed, an interest in the welfare of young people and commitment and enthusiasm are important.

To find out more please contact Di Stevens, Director on 01480 435061 or email: aich@aich.org.uk
20 St Benedicts Court, Princes Street, Huntingdon, Cambs, PE29 3PN

St Ivo Ballroom Dance Club

The senior club members attended a dance on 15th September and had an excellent time practising their new skills. The highlight of the evening was a demonstration by Strictly Come Dancing back to back winners, Darren Bennett and Lilia Kopylova. All the members were fortunate to meet the celebrities and have a photo opportunity with them.



RE Department

In the Spring term several Year 8 pupils entered a writing competition in R.E. They had to produce a piece of writing about either the crucifixion of Jesus or the resurrection of Jesus.

Several pupils received a certificate for excellent work and two pupils reached the final stages of judging in the competition. Well done to everyone who entered and especially to ...

Danielle 9Gi

Simon 9Ci

Adrian 9Hv

Alex 9Hv

Joe 9Hv

Catherine 9Hv

Christina 9Mh

Georgia 9Mh

Hannah 9Mh

Amy 9Mh

Emily 9Mh

who received a certificate!

Mrs Woodruff
R.E. Department

Congratulations ...

Congratulations to **Jenny (13Wf)**, **Carrie-Anne (13Wf)**, **Heather (13Se)**, **Rhiannon (13Ba)**, **Claire (13Cl)** and **Jemma (13Th)** for producing excellent prints at the Curwen Press (soon to be seen in the front foyer).

Although it was a rainy day Year 12 art students enjoyed a productive day at the Zoology museum and Botanical gardens in Cambridge.

Congratulations to **Holly (11Ta)** who danced at **Her Majesty's Theatre** in the West End with her dance group **Theatre Arts**.

Events

ACL courses up to Christmas:

Babysitting
Car Maintenance Workshop
Computing - all levels
Chi Kung
English for Speakers of Other Languages
Help your primary school Child with Maths
Growing Vegetables and Salads
Line Dance
Natural Christmas Trimmings Workshop
Photography (Traditional)
Sugar Craft
Roman Blind in a Day Workshop
Professional Curtains in a Day Workshop

Contact www.aclearning.org.uk or 01480 495717



Do you remember Guys & Dolls? This year's 6th Form Production will be "**The Government Inspector**" - Nikolai Gogol's hilarious and grotesque comedy.

Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Drama Studio.
Tickets £2.50 (concessions) and £5 (adults).
Tickets will be on sale from the business centre in school or online from www.st-ivo.co.uk after half term.

Year 7 admissions

Families with children currently in Year 6 may be interested to know that you can apply on line for places in Year 7 for September 2007. The direct web address is: https://ems.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admit_transfer



Remember: British Summer time ends on Sunday 29th — giving us all an extra hour at the end of the half-term holiday!

POSTER COMPETITION – WITH PRIZES

Snow White Poster, Programme Cover and Ticket Design Big Prize Competition

Both poster design and ticket design should include the following information:

St Ivo School presents / Snow White / School Hall / December 12th and 13th
Tickets £5 adults/£2.50 students (*on sale at the St Ivo School Business Centre*)*

*italics phrase optional

Poster may be in full colour and should be on A4

Tickets must be in Black/White only

Programme design need only include the bold type information

We will need to close the competition by mid-November to give time for printing and selling of the tickets.

Please submit entries to Miss Buley, Ms Jones or Mr Perry

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