



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL AT A GLANCE - LENT 2010

ACADEMIC SUCCESSES

Senior School Scholarships

The School has, once again, offered scholarships for children who already attend our Lower School and are progressing into the Senior School. This year we are delighted to announce that scholarships have been awarded to Lauren Knight, Bethany Wyatt, Ella Yuill and Louis Yuill in L3. Congratulations to them all.

Mrs. F S Armour - Headteacher

Maths GCSE Early Entry 2009

As in previous years, pupils in Year 11 were given the opportunity to sit their Maths GCSE exam early. 36 candidates sat the 2 exam papers the first week back after the October half term. The results were received in early January and once again our pupils excelled themselves. We attained 1A*, 12A's, 11B's and 12C's. We congratulate these pupils on their results and commend their perseverance and determination. This June a number of our Year 10 pupils are sitting their GCSE a year early. We would like to wish them luck for this exam.

Ms. L Hyland

11 + Results for Year 6

Very many congratulations to all those pupils who took the 11+ and were offered a place at one of the local Grammar Schools. This year we have pupils going to Chelmsford County High for Girls, King Edward VI Grammar School for Boys and Westcliff Girls and Boys Grammar Schools.

Mrs. F S Armour - Headteacher

Maths Challenge

On Thursday 4th February 2010 pupils in U4, L5 and U5 sat the Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is a national competition run by the UK Mathematics Trust and requires pupils to answer a variety of mathematical queries without the use of a calculator. The results were as follows:

1 Gold Award & Best in School	Jonathan Chapman	Yr 10
2 Silver Awards	Jim Satwick	Yr 11
6 Bronze Awards	Ellen Shiner	Yr 11
	Keir Simmons	Yr 11
	Ryan Fagan	Yr 11
	Charlie Fox	Yr 11
	Sadie Irving	Yr 11
	Cameron Long	Yr 9

This year we will once again be entering a team of 4 pupils, 2 Year 8 and 2 Year 9 boys in the UK Maths Challenge regional final to be held in Cambridge on the 22nd March 2010. We wish Cameron Long, James Osborne, Jack Shiner and Sean Cook the best of luck.

The Junior Maths Challenge will be held on Thursday 29th April 2010 for Years 7 & 8.

Ms. L Hyland

EVENTS, TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

Visit to Christchurch

KG4 and L3 pupils have visited Christchurch and had a wonderful time of teaching. KG4 learned about the Church and worship; L3 had a workshop on Passover. Our School Chaplin, Rev Warner Pidgeon, had exciting materials and music for our pupils who thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Visit to Ely Cathedral and Oliver Cromwell's House

L4 students visited Ely Cathedral on March 18th and had a fascinating time looking at the architecture, finding out about the history of the building and climbing up the Octagon steps (165!)

They also visited Oliver Cromwell's home. It was a fascinating day enjoyed by all.

Mrs. A Oakley

Art Department

U5 GCSE Art pupils work is being exhibited in Basildon Library until 31/03/10.

U5 GCSE Art pupils attended an Animation Workshop at Writtle College and have made an animated film which will be included in their coursework.

Mrs. E Godfrey



Music Department

Once again it's been a busy term in the music department.

Well done to Lauren McCarthy, Tilly Driscoll and Charlotte Livsey-Barke for completing their Associated Board Preparatory Test on the piano.

U3s travelled to The Barbican Concert Hall in London to hear the London Symphony Orchestra in concert. They took part with the orchestra by singing 'O Fortuna!' from Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. This is the big tune used to introduce the judges on the X-factor. Other music they enjoyed listening to in particular was the theme from Star Wars. The Spring Concert was an enormous success this year with nearly 70 children taking part. There were 39 soloists on various instruments as well as the KG and Junior choirs, the KG recorder group, an 11 strong guitar ensemble, and the orchestra. The standard was the highest it has ever been and much of the credit must go to the team of peripatetic teachers that come into school every week. Thank you to everyone who supported by coming along to enjoy a fabulous evening of music making.

On March 19th children from U2 and L3 years took part in the Billericay Schools music festival held at the Brentwood Centre. This enormous venue is always a great performance experience for the children and one which they never forget. This year was no exception. Congratulations to those who also took part in the massed orchestra. In the last week of term the community service team along with some of the Junior children went to Hill House Court to present an Easter Celebration for the old people living there. The children provided drama and music as well as all the party food and refreshments.

There's much to be excited about as we see the music skills of our children continue to develop. Thank you all for your support and encouragement.

Mrs. J Schultz – Head of Music

Date	Events, Trips & Activities
Thursday 21 st January Monday 25 th January Wednesday 27 th January Wednesday 27 th January Friday 22 nd January Thursday 28 th January Friday 29 th January Friday 29 th January Friday 5 th February Friday 5 th February Friday 5 th February Thursday 11 th February Friday 12 th February x 4 wks Thursday 4 th March Monday 8 th March Wednesday 10 th March Monday 15 th March Wednesday 17 th March Thursday 18 th March Friday 19 th March Tuesday 23 rd -Thursday 25 th March Wednesday 24 th March Thursday 25 th March Friday 26 th March	U2/L3 House Cross Country U3 House Cross Country U2 - Tudor Day L4/U4 House Cross Country Activities Group D - "Ultimate Church Salvation Army" Blood Brothers GCSE Drama/Performing Arts All School – Holocaust Assembly PSC - "Krispy Kreme" Coffee Morning Non Uniform day Haiti Appeal Lower School – Mobile Zoo visit PSC - Adult Quiz Night U5 – Valentines Event L3, U3, L4 – Dry slope skiing Activity All School – Mothers Day Gifts U3 - Concert Barbican, London Symphony Orchestra All School – Music for Spring Concert L3-L4 – Onatti Theatre KG4 – Christchurch, visiting a place of worship L4 – Trip to Ely U2 & L3 - Billericay Schools' Music Association Jnr Festival KG3-L3 – Arts Week Hip Hop, Samba, Salsa Workshops KG/Juniors Book Fair L3 – Christchurch, Festival of Passover PSC - Easter Egg Hunt

Date	Dates for the Diary
Monday 19th April Friday 23 rd April Monday 3rd May Thursday 6 th May Monday 10 th -Friday 14 th May Friday 21 st May 31st May – 4th June 7 th – 11 th June Wednesday 9 th June Wednesday 9 th June Thursday 24 th June 28 th June – 8 th July Thursday 1 st July Monday 5 th – 8 th July Friday 9th July	First Day of Trinity Term Panoramic Photo May Day Bank Holiday Senior Sports Day – Gloucester Park KS2 Week Leavers Assembly Half-term holiday School Exam Week GCSE Science Modules (L5/U5 retakes) KG4 Infant Music Festival KG/Junior Sports Day GCSE Science Modules (U4/L5 retakes/U5 retakes) L5 Work Experience U5 Leaver's Ball – Pontlands Park Activities Week Last Day of Trinity Term

Fundraising	
KG/Junior Xmas Concerts Shoebox Appeal (Dec) Non-uniform Day Sponsored Events	£355.23 Little Haven Hospice £350.00 Great Ormond St Hospital Charity 200 Boxes collected £1116.57 Haiti Earthquake Appeal Fund £1297.74 Haiti Earthquake Appeal Fund

Sporting Achievements

Junior Football

Our Junior Football Team won the East Anglian Independent School Football Tournament in February. A total of 24 teams entered the tournament and St John's beat 8 teams, conceding only 1 goal on their way to the Final where they defeated Gosfield School 1-0, to win the trophy.

East Anglian Cross Country

This year's competition representatives from Year 5/6 boys and 7/8 boys saw Louis Yuill in 2nd place for Year 5/6, Hugo Skepelhorn in 2nd place and Max Bailey in 10th place for Year 7/8.

The 3 pupils represented East Anglia in the National Finals held in the Midlands and the results were; Louis Yuill 6th Year 5/6, Hugo Skepelhorn 26th and Max Bailey 27th Year 7/8.

More Cup Success

Brentwood School Tournament Football. St John's under 10's brushed aside the following schools to **WIN** the tournament:

Brentwood B	Won 1-0	Eastcourt	Won 2-0	St Michaels	Won 3-1
St Cedds	Won 1-0	Gidea Park	Won 6-0	St Thomas	Won 5-1

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Netball

There have been a number of matches postponed this Term due to bad weather. However on Friday 5th March the Year 5 girls played in a Netball Tournament at New Hall School. With an outstanding performance they finished 4th in a field of 12 Schools. Tuesday 16th March saw another Tournament, this time at Brentwood School, where once again the Year 5 girls performed to a high standard and finished 4th out of 10 Schools. The Senior girls Years 6/7 and 8/9 are scheduled to play Mayflower School.

Rugby

The Under 14's took on Thorpe Hall School, Southend and came away with a 52-28 victory.

Activity Clubs

All Clubs will begin again on Monday 19th April.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Extra-curricular activities will begin on the following dates:

- Dancing - Thursday 22nd April
- Karate - Friday 23rd April
- Fencing - Friday 23rd April
- Ind Music - Monday 19th April
- Elocution - Tuesday 20th April

NOTICES

We are still collecting **Nestle Vouchers, Tesco and Sainsbury's Vouchers**. Please continue to send the collected vouchers into School. We will advise you of final collection details in future Newsletters.

Thank you for your support

Mrs. J Bayliss

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Uniform Appointments

Uniform will not be on sale until Monday 26th April. Summer uniform is optional during the first half-term, becoming compulsory when we return after the half term break on Monday 7th June.

FIRST DAY OF TRINITY TERM IS MONDAY 19TH APRIL 2010