



Welcome to the first KS3 half termly newsletter.

In this newsletter we'll celebrate lots of our pupils achievements (there are lots of students named and praised!). It includes updates from across a variety of subject areas and important upcoming dates for the next half term.

We will also include an interesting perspective from a student. This term's student, Megan Hamlin, writes about her experience of an overnight trip to London which was run by the English department.

Achievement Point Raffle Winners!

Each week in KS3, each form has its own weekly competition where the top point achieving girl and boy for the week each win a chocolate bar! These 2 winners from each form then qualify for the weekly raffle to win a £10 shopping voucher.

Last half term's lucky winners were:

Matthew Davies (8T), Maisie Ramsey (9V), Mariama Jeng (7F), Ellie Coombes (8M), Lauren Gilson (9T) and Kyle Ward (7V).

Well done to all winners and keep getting those achievement points!

RE and International Day

International Day was a huge success and all students embraced our diverse and rich cultural heritage – the colours on show celebrated our international school community and it was great to see almost every continent in the world represented! (the only exception being Antarctica!). The international food on offer at lunch and break also proved incredibly popular!

We raised over £450 on the day and the money will be split between a local charity and also CAFOD who support long term overseas development projects.

The generosity of students and their families is always heartwarming to see and once again our community has provided lots of winter clothes and donations to be sent to war torn Syria and Iraq. Thanks again for your donations!

Successes in Our English Department

Dylan Tunney is having his poem published for the Young Writer's anthology for the best poem in the book for his work, The Horizon. This means that he's now down to the last 5 nationally to win the Apple prizes!

The English Department have had a successful residential trip to London. Students were very well behaved and were able to see some of London's best sights and attractions.

Students have settled well into the new KS3 curriculum. Please be aware that we now have a department blog. The address is: <https://stjosephsenglishblog.wordpress.com/> Students can use this for help with homework, they can blog themselves and they can get useful revision tips.

Poetry Competition

Once again we have had a tremendous response from students entering the National Poetry Day competition at school, particularly from KS3. This year the title was 'Messages' and we have had amazingly imaginative poems on every possible idea connected to the theme.

Winners will be announced in mid- November with a range of prizes for those who have won in their year group with some extra prizes for originality and style.

News from Science

We have been impressed with the pupils since they came back from the long summer break and we celebrated with a 60's party at lunch with popcorn and fizzy pop for the following pupils who were recommended by their teachers:

Year 7

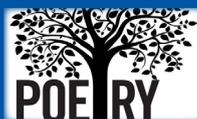
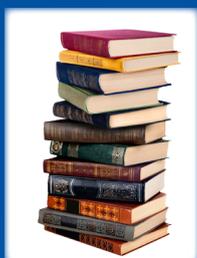
Noah Peachey-Austins
Katherine Herbert
Paula Urbanska
Elliot Regnart
Angel Hanna
Ethan Woodger
Kyle Lucas
Hannah Shergold
Jessica Hayman
Lewis Woods

Year 8

Josh Withers-Jones
Abi Alvis
Tristan Stainer
Angela Boby
Alex Bally
Nathan Brown
Harry Palmer
Vincent Gurd
Martha Stephens
Thomas Timbrell

Year 9

Anjalina Joseph
Izak Gilpin
Riley Lamb
Joe Weedon
Magenta Bond
Isabelle Giordano
Liam Cooper
Jasmine Jacob
Luke Southey
Hannah Palmer





Sporting Achievements



A massive congratulations to Cassa Mai from 8M for defending her World Championship in Kick boxing. This year's Championship was held in Manchester where she was competing against people from all over the World, including boys! As a school, we are all very proud of any extracurricular activities that students participate in. We hope that Cassa Mai continues this great work and that she strives for Team GB selection.

Year 7 Rugby Players had a great start at Pitch Up & Play, with a good number of interested pupils and some great performances from those representing the school.

The Year 7 girls have had a great start to their netball season coming 3rd in their 1st tournament and beating Sarum Academy in a 30minute netball match winning 9-1.

Cross Country: we have had a good season with Year 7's joining the cross country circuit and performing really well. Within the KS3 group top results include top 10 finishes for Amy Webb and Lewis Leftwich.

Performing Arts & Rock Challenge!



This year's Rock Challenge entry has started. Last term the pupils found out the theme and their parts. The pupils performing as the 'Ants' kick started the rehearsals and did an excellent job. Well done to all the Ants!

Student Perspective by Megan Hamlin

Each term we'll ask a student to write a piece for the newsletter. This term Megan Hamlin in 9V has written about her experiences of the English trip to London....



At 'Horrible o'clock', 40 sleepy but excited students boarded the coach to go on the English Department London trip. Our first stop was Madame Tussaud's where we saw wax work models of my favourite characters from films and TV shows. Live dancers were round Justin Bieber, gyrating to his music and making us laugh. The Royal Family were there and famous people from history and politics as well as writers like Dickens and Shakespeare. There is a great taxi ride through the history of London called 'The Spirit of London' and this was the best. There was also a Sherlock Holmes experience and a 4D Cinema where we screamed a lot!



We then went to Covent Garden to spend an hour having lunch and Christmas Shopping. There are lots of Human Statues there and street entertainers so the time went really quickly. After this we went to 'Ripley's Believe It Or Not'. I loved this: I didn't know what to expect but it is a fascinating place full of all sorts of strange things like amazing portrait of Michael Jackson made out of gummy bears. Ripley was a collector who had lots of money and went round the world buying all sorts of strange and interesting artefacts and even stuffed animals with extra legs and heads.



By now we were all hungry so very glad to go to the 'Rainforest Café' for delicious dinner and then the thing we had been most excited about...'Matilda'. If you have never seen this show then you must go. It is FANTASTIC! We all thought it was brilliant but Mr Brown enjoyed it most of all as we could all hear him laughing loudly. Mrs Cullis said she mould's herself on Miss Trunchbull but we think she is more like Miss Honey!



Our hotel was very comfortable but we fell asleep quickly and then it was morning before we knew it. We had a good breakfast then got back on the coach for Warner Brothers and the Harry Potter Experience. It is now 15 years since the first film and the studios were celebrating. We could not believe how amazing this was... the Great Hall is huge and beautiful and we saw lots of masks, costumes and a film about the making of the films. Diagon Alley is like being in another world and four hours went by very quickly.

Thank you very much to the teachers who took us: Mrs. Cullis, Miss McKenzie, Mr. Ford and Mr. Brown.

What's Coming Up?

7th November: Yr7 visit with English Department to Leehurst Swan School: Author meet.

8th November: Parent focus group on reports (6.00pm).

11th November: Minutes remembrance silence across the school.

15th November: Samaritans visiting school delivering PSHE session.

16th November: Yr7&8 retreat to Kintbury.

19th November: Rugby Triangular Tournament with Wyvern & Trafalgar (Yr7).

25th November: Teacher Development Day: School closed for students.

W/C 28th November: KS3 Progress reports sent home.

Tuesday 29 November 2016: Solomon Theatre Company Production "The Choice - think about your future" for Year 8 students.

TBC December: Carol Service

W/C 12th December: KS3 Setting reviews completed and letters informing of changes sent home.

16th December: End of term, school closes at 1pm for students.

16th December 2pm: Trip to watch the Aladdin Panto at Salisbury Playhouse.

Please note: school sporting fixtures and extracurricular clubs will inform students directly of dates of matches and club activities.