



Digital PREP NEWSLETTER

16th - 20th October Michaelmas Term Newsletter Issue 6

Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Before I say anything else, congratulations and thank you to the Friends for arranging our eagerly anticipated Fireworks Night. If you haven't booked your tickets yet, don't delay, I look forward to seeing you there. Also a huge thank you to all the children and parents for our Harvest collection which has now been collected by Buntingford Food Support. This donation will help many local families who are struggling during these difficult times.

It was a privilege to greet the many and wonderful parents at our consultations this week. The staff and I are so proud of the children and so appreciative of your time and commitment in partnership. I hope that you are of the view, as we in school currently understand, that we are building a strong, effective, open and constructive dialogue. If we are falling short of this, please do come in.

This week has once again moved at a cracking pace. The Inter House Performing Arts Week has engaged and enthralled. Our children growing in confidence, ability and friendship in so many ways. It has been a privilege to see them shine. Thank you for your commitment to the arts, to nurturing that critical part of an individual's soul in enabling creative expression and resulting inspiration. Talent (and good discipline) appears abound and I suspect, one or two stars of the future are in our midst. My thanks on behalf of us all to Miss McLauchlan, to VMT's, adjudicators and the esteemed panel of judges.

In closing, I have just walked away from a 'new children tea' with those newbees in Forms One and Two. They reflected that their new school was 'good different' in comparison to previous settings. They liked their teachers, could count numerous friends and one child in particular was just thrilled that they no longer have to walk so far to the playground. Priorities priorities. In all honesty, though, for many the experience may have been a relatively easy and positive one, others will have had to work hard for their luck and in school we are ever vigilant in supporting new starters in both academic and pastoral spheres. I hope that your on the ground experience reflects this stated intention.

I wish you an unbelievable half term ahead, I will be praying that you and families are able to rest safely and fully and look forward to seeing the children return in winter uniform, in November. Dare I say it, it won't be long before we are all talking about....(think about something related to someone wearing a red suit and big black boots that is definitely not, an Avenger).

Avita Pro Fide,

Mr S Cartwright

Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep School (aka the most awesome place (apart from home maybe) in the South East of England)



Religious Theme

Our College Martyrs

Quote

No school can work well for children if parents and teachers do not act in partnership on behalf of the children's best interests - Author: Dorothy H Cohen

Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: What is the fastest land animal?

A: In the next Newsletter

Q: Stratus, cirrus, cumulus and nimbus are types of what?

A: These are all types of clouds.

Head's Commendations



Rupert Neale	Reading
Tito Adepegba	English
Theodore Brace	Maths
Faustine Bussmann	Maths
Leo Grange	Maths
Noah Pillai	English
Brooke Sales	Maths
Martha Wylie	English
Florence Bell	Science
Beatrice Grundy-Wheeler	Maths
Cameron O'Discoll	RE
Isabelle Ross-Field	Maths
Toby Stainer	History

Upcoming dates - November

Sunday 5th	Friends Firework Event 4:30pm - 7pm
Monday 6th	Return to School - Winter uniform Reception - Form Six - Flu vaccine
Wednesday 8th	3pm - U11 Netball v Duncombe - Home 3pm - U11 Football v Duncombe - Home
Thursday 9th	3pm - U9 Netball v St Aubyn's - Home 3pm - U9 Football v St Aubyn's - Away
Friday 10th	Mayne Charity Event - Firework theme Bake Sale 2pm - U11 Football v Loyola - Home

🎄 Christmas Cards: 🧑🏻

Order cards with the mock ups of the Christmas cards designed by the children have been sent out via the book bags this week. These give full instructions on how to order and pay for products online. Once you have ordered please hold on to these order cards until you have received and are happy with your orders in case there are any queries.

As well as Christmas Cards the designs are also available as mugs, tea towels, bags for life and gift tags with at least 25% of the cost of the items coming directly to the prep school fundraising.

The deadline for ordering is 30th October 2023. 🎄

E-Safety

Making the most of screen time

As we approach half-term and, for most children, increased opportunity to spend time online, here are some tips to help them make the most of their time online while keeping them safe at the same time.

*Assess how and where children use devices

Based on their routine, think about when and where they are using their device to establish when it would be better for them to unplug and focus on other activities. Generally, it is best not to be on devices right before bed or keep them in bedrooms as night.

*Examine what they are doing online

Not all online activities are created equal – take the time to assess how particular activities that your child is doing can help or hinder their development as they grow.

Ask yourself – Is this activity helping my child achieve a goal, improve their development in a certain area, promote their sense of self, or build-up skills that will help them make smart choices as they grow?

Please see the website <https://www.internetmatters.org/> for a wealth of advice on how parents can help to keep their children safe online.



This week in the Prep

Magic

Form One made their own wands and zoomed off on their magical broomsticks in Forest school this week.



Cupcakes

The nursery class have been making delicious blueberry cupcakes. As part of their Religious Education studies, the children have been giving thanks to God and its creation, for all the ingredients : They have prayed for the cows and the hens and showed gratefulness towards the wheat crops, the blueberries bushes and the sugar cane crops. They are all progressing at making the sign of the cross.

Also this week Nursery we have ben learning about the letter 'a'.

We went to the orchard and picked some 'a' a for apples and we also tried some apple juice. We then explored printing and painting with the apples.





This week in the Prep

Black History Month

This week in art we are learning about Jean-Michel Basquiat for Black History Month. He was very prominent in the street art movement in NYC in the 1970's and has produced some very influential pieces and raised a lot of money for various charities.



Chaplaincy Chat

In Luke 10 v 27 the story of The Good Samaritan tells us that we should:

Jesus answered, " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' ; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself. ' "

The story reminds us that we should share the Kingdom values of love, forgiveness, peace, freedom, truth, faith, hope, justice, courage and goodness.

Ella has written a prayer based on the story:

Dear Lord,

Help us show all of the Kingdom Values wherever we go. Help us show respect to everyone and love one another. Let us spread peace and joy. Thank you for forgiving us when we have done wrong.

Amen.



Titanic

Form Two had a great day reenacting the events of The Titanic with Captain Sean. We acted out the building of The Titanic and were amazed that it was the size of 3 football pitches. We had a great day and learnt lots of new things!



PERFORMING ARTS WEEK



Children in Forms One - Six have enjoyed a wonderful week of celebrating the performing arts on [Monday \(Drama\)](#), [Wednesday \(Music\)](#) and today [\(Dance\)](#). Audiences of classmates and staff were entertained by a selection of drama improvisations and mimes, songs and instrumental pieces, and dances in a variety of styles. Congratulations to all the enthusiastic performers. Altogether, there were almost 120 performances! Thank you to our three adjudicators, Mr Veasey (College Head of Musical Theatre), Mr O'Brien (College Director of Music) and Mrs McMeechan (Buntingford School of Dance) for their encouraging comments and tips and thank you also to parents for your help in preparing children for the week's events. [A full report with photos and results will appear in the week after half term.](#)

[Music exam success](#)

Congratulations to Adrian Yu (Form Six) who recently passed his Grade 5 ABRSM piano. We have already enjoyed hearing Adrian perform at Open Morning in September and at this week's Inter-House Music event.

500 words

Calling all Prep children! It's that time of year again, to put your thinking caps on and create a wonderful story in 500 words or less. You can write about anything you like, but try to be as creative as possible, to make your story stand out. The top 50 finalists will be invited to Buckingham Palace and two gold winners will receive the height of Sir Lenny Henry in books, as well as 500 books for their school. Two silver winners will receive the height of Her Majesty the Queen in books and two bronze winners will receive the average height of a 7- or 11-year-old in books. On top of this, BBC 500 Words have teamed up with six of the biggest and best children's illustrators to each design one of the six winners' stories. Stories must be typed up and entered by an adult online, using the following link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words>

So, what are you waiting for? Get writing this holiday and you might be making your way to the Palace very soon...



Photo of the week

Portrait Photography Project - India Valentina Insalaco



Golf Success

Well Done to Ryder from Form Three who won the US Kids (The global kids tour), South Region Tour Championship at Walton Heath. This was a large field for his age group (20+), and included a couple of Surrey County academy players.



Results for Walton Heath Golf Club - New Course (Tour Championship)

Event Date(s): October 15, 2023

Walton Heath Golf Club - New Course (Tour Championship)					
Boys 8		October 15			
9 Holes • Walton Heath Golf Club - New Course					
POSITION		PLAYER	SCORE	R1	STROKES
T1	-	 Ryder EATSON Ware - UNITED KINGDOM	+3	39	39
T1	-	 [REDACTED] JERSEY, JSY - UNITED KINGDOM	+3	39	39
3	-	 [REDACTED] London - UNITED KINGDOM	+4	40	40
4	-	 [REDACTED] Maldstone, 2 The Morlings - UNITED KINGDOM	+8	44	44
T5	-	 [REDACTED] Knowl Hill, BAS - UNITED KINGDOM	+9	45	45
T5	-	 [REDACTED] Sutton, SRY - UNITED KINGDOM	+9	45	45
7	-	 [REDACTED] Sutton, SRY - UNITED KINGDOM	+10	46	46
T8	-	 [REDACTED] Epsom, SRY - UNITED KINGDOM	+14	50	50
T8	-	 [REDACTED] CHATHAM, 60 NEW ROAD - UNITED KINGDOM	+14	50	50
10	-	 [REDACTED] London - UNITED KINGDOM	+21	57	57