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## PREP NEWSLETTER

25th - 29th September Michaelmas Term Newsletter Issue 3

### Headmaster's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Tuesday evening I had an opportunity to listen to Richard Gerver, speaker, author and world-renowned thinker at a dinner for Headmasters and Headmistresses from across the land. As a part of his narrative, Richard told the story about how he had been fortunate enough to meet Barack Obama and to be given five minutes with him when he could ask anything that he wanted to. Richard went on to describe how the two of them were talking about the future and, in particular, how we prepare our children to lead it. He recorded Mr Obama as saying:

"It is important, to focus on education, climate change, how to grow an economy and how to provide greater social equity and cohesion. In all of these issues, we are going to have to train our young people to think differently, to adapt to these new circumstances and to promote a new generation of leaders."

What resonated with Richard most was the President's reflection on the cause of these circumstances:

"One of the things I learned as President of The United States is that most of the problems are not technical, most of the problems are human by nature. They have to do with politics, greed and jealousy, conflict and tribalism. They are all the things that keep us separated and prevent us from thinking together."

In Obama's words, the new challenge is:

"To encourage young people to think differently about problems and to form new kinds of institutions and ways of organising our societies."

There was a good amount to reflect upon but I felt that the story told underlined the importance of developing and nurturing key values and attributes – many of which come through our High Performance Learning initiative. Chief amongst them in this context though, is arguably developing a sense of empathy and to act and behave selflessly rather than selfishly.

Knowledge and skills and vital, for sure, but more important will be compassionate and clear values and principles which prioritise people and not material things.

Wishing you a terrific weekend ahead,

Mr Steven Cartwright

Headmaster, St Edmund's Prep

### Dot your diary!

We eagerly look forward to learning all things eSafety next Tuesday and I look forward to seeing you online at 8pm - 9.30pm.

Also, don't forget, 'best dress' for Monday's school photograph.

### Religious Theme

Ten Promises

### Quote

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."

Barack Obama

### Mr Cartwright's quiz

Q: Which mammal lives the longest?

A: In next week's Newsletter

Q: How many Earths can fit inside the sun?

A: 1,300,000 planet Earths

# Head's Commendations

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Isobell Rogers      | English             |
| Samuel Adebite      | Maths               |
| Charlie Nielsen     | Handwriting         |
| Noah Pillai         | English             |
| Noah Haines         | RE                  |
| Adam Bussmann       | English             |
| Florie Curtis-Allen | English and Science |
| Athena Yu           | English and Science |

## Upcoming dates - October

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| Monday 2nd    | Whole School photo  |
| Tuesday 3rd   | 8pm-9.30pm E-Safety Zoom Meeting for parents  |
| Wednesday 4th | 3pm - U11 A-C Football v Manor Lodge - Home<br>3.45pm - U11 A-C Netball v St Albans - Home  |
| Thursday 5th  | Prep Poetry Competition Forms One - Six<br>2.30pm - U9 A&B Football v Loyola - Home<br>3.45pm - U9 A&B Netball v St Francis' College - Away |
| Friday 6th    | Mayne Charity Event<br>3pm - U10 A-C Football v Kimbolton - Home<br>1.30pm - U11 A&B Netball tournament at St Aubyn's                       |

\*\*Monday 9th Squad Practice not on for hockey or football - This will resume again the following week\*\*

Our Mayne charity event will now take place next Friday 6th October. This will be an own clothes day with a suggested donation of £2 per child. Mayne's chosen charity this term is Age Concern UK.

## St Edmund's apple juice

Next Monday and Tuesday we will be selling our famous St Edmund's apple juice, which is pressed from apples grown within the Prep and College grounds. This will be available outside of the Prep school from 3.30pm priced at £3.50 per bottle (cash only).



## E-Safety

E-Safety Workshops for Prep Pupils, Parents and Staff on Tuesday 3rd October

Parents have been a letter inviting you to click on the link to join 'The 2 Johns' online e-safety information evening for parents, which is taking place this coming Tuesday. All Prep parents are invited.

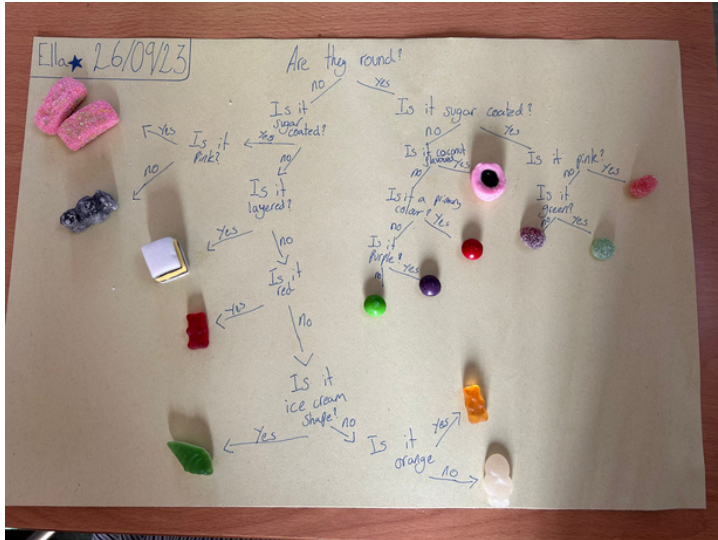
During the school day on Tuesday, pupils in Forms 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6 are attending three workshops targeted at their age groups, and Prep teaching staff are attending a training session as part of our staff meeting that afternoon.

We encourage parents to attend what promises to be a most informative evening.

# This week in the Prep

## Dichotomous key

Form Six have been studying classification in science and looking at how to group animals and sweets using a dichotomous key.



## Prep Eco

The Prep Eco club were joined by the College Eco Club this week. The children completed the Eco Schools Environmental Review collaboratively and from the results will decide on the Eco topics to focus on for the year. We look forward to many more weeks of activities together to make a difference to our school community and wider world!



## Catch up with Mr Cartwright

The new children from Forms Four and Five had a lovely breaktime with Mr Cartwright, enjoying juice and cookies. We all talked about how we are finding school at St Edmund's Prep. We all agreed that it is a good different.



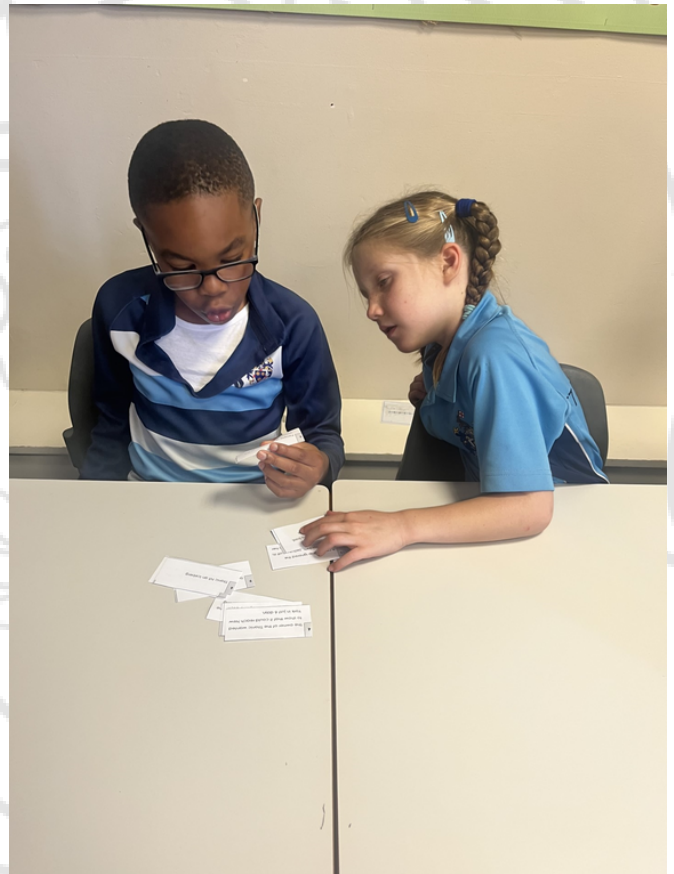




## This week in the Prep

### Titanic

Form Two have been learning about The Titanic. They have been working hard to link ideas together and give reasons as to why the Titanic sank. The children had lots of different opinions but they worked collaboratively and presented their views clearly. We also had a go at making our own boats to see if they would float or sink!







## This week in the Prep

### First School Council meeting

School Council met for the first time this week. In the meeting we talked about what the role of a School Council member entailed. Each member received their School Council badge. They also took a Special box for their classroom. Mrs Jones encouraged the School Council representatives to ask their classmates to use the box for suggestions and ideas for the School Council panel to discuss at our meetings.

We look forward to a productive year with our dedicated representatives, who have put themselves forward to help give a voice on behalf our all the children in the school



### Photo of the Week

Movement (Shutter Speed) Photography  
Project - Holly Clutterbuck





# Performing Arts

## Concert for Singers

Well done to five Form Five pupils – Alexander C, Alexander I, Connie, Heidi and Sophie – who performed songs at the St John's Arts and Recreation Centre, Old Harlow, on the afternoon of Sunday 24th September. They were part of a larger concert with students from the College and elsewhere up to the age of 18. The concert, organised by Prep singing teacher Miss Margaret Taylor, was attended by parents and family members and enjoyed by all.



## INTER-HOUSE PERFORMING ARTS WEEK – 16th-20th October

### Music, Drama & Dance Events for Forms One - Six

These three friendly competitions between the Houses provide an opportunity for children to enjoy performing in front of fellow entrants and an encouraging adjudicator. The events are open to all children in Forms One to Six who wish to participate.

Please encourage your child to consider entering the Dance, Drama or Music events (or two or even three events), either individually or with a small group of children, preferably from the same House.

#### Music

Forms One to Six are invited to perform a piece on the piano and/or on another instrument(s) (including voice) - solo or in a group.

Pieces should last no longer than around 2 minutes.

#### Dance

Forms One - Six are invited to perform a dance - solo, in a duo, or in a trio or group - in any style, to music of their choice.

Dances should last no longer than around 3 minutes.

#### Drama

Forms One - Two are invited to perform a short mime (no speech, just actions to tell the story) - solo or in a group (maximum 5 children) - based on one of the following titles:

\*The picnic

\*The birthday party

Mimes should last no longer than around 1 minute.

Forms Three - Six are invited to perform an improvisation (using speech), solo or in a group (maximum 5 children), based on one of the following titles:

\*At the theme park

\*At the farm

\*At the seaside

Improvisations should last no longer than around 3 minutes.

Costumes and props are encouraged, though not essential.