



# St Andrew's School Bedford

e-newsletter November 2009

Our e-newsletter reflects a busy and successful term to date.

## Junior School

### Fire Engine Visits Year 2



It was third time lucky for the children awaiting a visit from Bedford fire fighters. The fire fighters arrived on Wednesday afternoon and the fire engine drove into Walmsley playground for everyone to inspect.

Year 2 had a very informative talk from the fire fighters and were so enthused by all they learned they told Reception and Year 1 all about it in their next assembly. Year 2 Fire fighters are on call and ready to go!

### Harvest Celebration

Children from the Junior School and their families gave very generously towards our annual Harvest Appeal.



As you can see, the offering of food was quite spectacular and very gratefully received by representatives of The Salvation Army. In our assembly, they told us about the work that they do with the homeless in Bedford and how our gifts would make a huge difference to their lives. It was a very thought provoking time where the children were able to reflect on just how fortunate they all are.

Special thanks must also go to Georgia in Year 5 for growing the amazing pumpkin and Verity in Year 6 for the wonderful leeks and marrow that were grown in her vegetable patch.

### Year 4 Recycling Project



Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Elstow Recycling Centre.

The girls put on high visibility jackets and hard hats for a tour of the site. They saw piles of rubbish being sorted for recycling and re-using and watched the huge lorries being weighed as they came in and out of the centre.

In the education room the girls were able to sort rubbish on a conveyor belt and to test their knowledge by taking part in interactive quizzes and games.

Earlier in the term Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the chance to get messy and learn about caring for the environment and the importance of reusing and re-cycling.



Visitors from the local council re-cycling unit explained how paper is re-cycled and showed the girls how to make their own paper. Everyone produced a new piece of paper from shredded pulp. They were all delighted with their handiwork.

### Reception Trip to the Park



Our Reception class spent an enjoyable afternoon at Bedford Park, looking for signs of autumn and collecting leaves and seeds for their classroom display. The children described the highlights:

"The trees were red and orange."

"We kicked the crunchy leaves with our wellies."

"We saw a squirrel run up a tree really fast."

"We spun sycamore wings round like helicopters."

"We ran and ran across the football pitch."

## Year 5 and 6 Residential Visit to Blue Peris, North Wales



"Over the week, it has been such a privilege to spend time with your daughters and to see them achieve things that they never thought they could do - the essence of St. Andrew's School."

Mr Hearn



"I had a great time in Blue Peris. My favourite was the rock climbing. I got to the top and down again with a few problems, but I am happy that I did it."

I am proud of myself for climbing the mountain because I have never climbed a mountain before in my whole life."



"First I was really scared about going, but when I got there it was worth it. I woke up every morning looking forward to the activities we were going to do. Through my window I could see the mountains and Snowdon in the mist."



"I'd like to say that going to Blue Peris was an amazing experience. I will remember it forever! The rock climbing was hard and scary, but after a lot of support from my friends I made it to the top of all three rocks."



"I had such a lovely, fantastic adventurous time at Blue Peris. I did such great things. One of the best things that I did there was climbing a mountain and rock climbing. When we climbed the mountain the view at the top was amazing. It was a lovely day so we could see for miles around. It was one of my favourite views ever."



"The activities were never boring, they were always fun. Like climbing up mountains and making shelters."

We had hot chocolate before we went to bed and we went straight to sleep because we were so tired."



### First Junior School Art Exhibition

The Junior School has held its first Art exhibition. During Art Excellence week every child in the Junior School produced a piece of art on the theme of 'What makes me happy?'. These were then professionally framed and displayed. The exhibition was formally opened by Mr Skehan and pupils and parents then viewed the work.

Thanks must go to Mrs Watt, the Junior School Art Co-ordinator, for her work in organising this wonderful exhibition.

## Senior School News

### Head Girls Team take part in Comenius Meeting in Denmark

On Thursday 1 October Mr Jones and Mrs Randall together with the Head Girl Team flew to Billund in Denmark to attend a Comenius/Eurotop meeting with representatives from Exeter, Denmark, Belgium and Hungary. The name of the Project is 'eEnergies' and it will run for the next two years.



In the meetings the teachers created a new eMagazine, exchanging ideas about how we use energy in school, in the community and at home. This includes energy for heating, travelling etc. but also includes how we use our personal energy.



At the same time the students - 24 in all - had their own Eurotop meeting deciding on a Logo for the project, creating a poster and writing about how they use energy. They also created a song, a

piece of drama and a poem about how we use energy.

We all had a fantastic 4 days being very creative, working with other European Countries on a very topical issue and making new friends for the future.

The Head Girls worked very hard and were excellent representatives for the school. We arrived back very tired but full of new ideas and inspiration for the future.



In Geography pupils in Year 8 are currently working on a project about how we use energy and how we can reduce the amount of energy we use. All their work will be shared with the other participating school via the eMagazine.

The next meeting in the project will take place after Easter in Hungary.

### Year 8 Work on the Comenius eEnergies Project – How to Save Energy



In Geography Year 8 have been working on a topic about energy. They have collected data both from home and from around the school about how energy might be wasted.

They have then analysed the data and presented the results both in poster form and for Mr Sansom, the Estates Bursar. They have developed ideas about how we can save energy both at home and at school.



These results will also be sent to our partner schools in Belgium, Denmark, Exeter and Hungary as part of our Comenius Project.



This is an important topic for all countries in Europe and we will eventually share our ideas in an attempt to cut down the waste of energy which we really cannot afford.



### Year 8 Visit to the Globe Theatre

Year 8 visited the Globe Theatre in London to support their study of Shakespeare and his play 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.



Following a tour of the theatre the girls took part in a workshop which developed their understanding of Shakespeare's language and the performance of his texts.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the day and gained a better appreciation of the historical context of Shakespeare's plays. On their return to school the girls prepared and presented work about what they had learned.

### Year 11 Visit Sherlock Holmes Museum

Year 11 visited the famous 221B Baker Street, home of the great fictional detective Sherlock Holmes.



As part of their English Literature GCSE course Year 11 pupils are writing coursework on the Sherlock Holmes short stories of Arthur Conan Doyle. This trip helped them to understand the historical and cultural context of the stories.

### National Anti-Bullying Week

National Anti-Bullying Week ran from 16-20 and St Andrew's supported it with a series of events.

On Friday 13 November, to mark the start of Anti-Bullying week, 85 gave an excellent assembly, supported by Powerpoint (sample slide below), to the Senior School. This explained what bullying is and what pupils can do to stop it. The same assembly was given to the Junior School on Wednesday 18 November.

The School Council has also carried out a questionnaire and the results of this will be presented to the school.



### Sports Results

#### Year 7 Netball

V. Newnham - lost 15-0  
Player of the Match—Charlotte Beastall

V. St Gregory's—won 9-7  
Player of the match - Imogen Hill

#### Year 8 Netball

V. Newnham—lost 13-9  
A very close and hard fought game  
Player of the match - Phoebe Holloway

V. St Gregory's - lost 21-6  
We played very well. St Gregory's had some very tall players!  
Player of the match—Bethany Sleet

#### Year 9 and 10 Netball League

V. Mark Rutherford—lost  
A very tough first match

#### Year 11 Netball

V. Hastingsbury—draw 11-11  
An excellent game, which we were very unlucky not to win.  
Player of the match - Stacey Arnold

#### Year 5 Hockey

V. BHS—lost 2-0  
Player of the match Maurane Jeanneret

#### Year 6 Hockey

V. BHS—lost 2-1  
Player of the match - Olivia Randall

#### Year 7 Hockey

V. BHS— drew 1-1  
Player of the match—Imogen Hill

#### Year 8 Hockey

V. BHS— lost 2-0  
A very close battle  
Player of the match - Fiona Jones

#### Year 7 and 8 Hockey League

V. Dame Alice Tigers—drew 1-1  
Player of the match—Katie Danemann

V. BHS Blazers—lost 4-0  
Player of the match—Bethany Sleet

V. BHS Dynamos—lost 6-0

### Current Senior School House Point Totals

Stuart	279
Tudor	199
Windsor	196

These will be updated at the end of term.