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Year 8 Interview Alistair Burt MP



On Friday 12 February 8T interviewed Alistair Burt, MP for North East Bedfordshire. We asked him questions about energy saving and in groups gave a small talk about how we can save

energy. We talked about solar power, wind farms and simple things to save energy.

We asked him questions and he answered them truly and honestly. We asked him what he thought of wind farms and solar power, and what we, as children, could do to help the planet. Mr Burt agrees with recycling and solar power but not always with wind power systems because he thinks a few windmills are not making a big difference and it does not help the fight against global warming much at all.

We asked him if, when he was younger, he intended being an MP or doing something else. He answered that he had always wanted to be a lawyer because he had always been good at talking. I thought that was quite funny as me and my friends are just like that. Maybe one day we could end up being MPs.

We also asked what his job involves and a bit about his past. We think he is a nice man who knows what's best for the area and could make a difference.

Abbey, Beth and Claudia

Year 5 Trip to the British Museum!

We have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians in history. Our trip to The British Museum proved to be very interesting.

We set off on Friday 12 February. When we arrived we jumped off the coach and stared goggle-eyed at the museum. It looked like a Roman Coliseum! We walked inside and gazed around – but this was only the reception! (continued on page 2)



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Junior School Raise Record Sum for Haiti Appeal

On Monday 8 February the Junior School held a Pyjama Day to raise money for Haiti.



The children all came to school in pyjamas and made a donation. A record sum of £422 was raised. Thank you to everyone in the Junior School for their generosity.



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Year 5 Visit to the British Museum

We split into groups and set off to different rooms. Emma was in my group. She was a walking hieroglyphic dictionary and knew everything there was to know! It was great to see the Rosetta Stone in real life and look at the details on Nebamun's tomb painting. I am going to do Rameses II for my individual project and it was amazing to see a giant statue of him made of red granite.

I would like to go again with my family and take some photographs for my Egyptian project.

Jessica

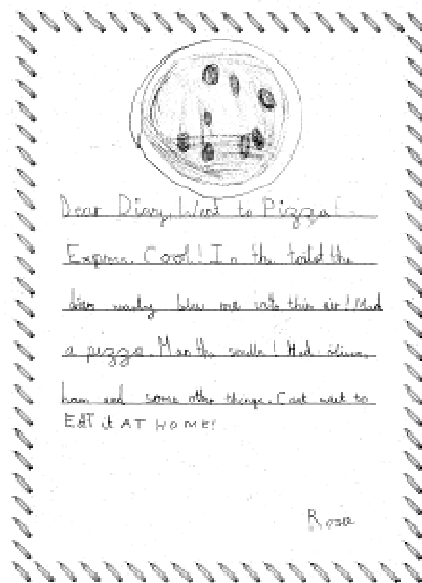
Nebamun was an Ancient Egyptian scribe. We saw a real painting from his tomb. He wanted to be remembered as a fit young man and so that was how he was painted. The painting shows what he hoped his next life would be like. It shows him hunting with his beautiful wife and daughter. The actual painting was smaller than I thought it would be.

Rebecca

Year 2 Visit Pizza Express



On Thursday 4 February Year 2 visited Pizza Express as part of their work on materials and changes caused by heat. Below is Rosie's diary of her visit.



The St Andrew's School Development Fund

present a

Holistic Health and Wellness Festival

Saturday April 24 - 09.30-17.00

Free entry—Refreshments

Book the date in your diary!

House Dance Competition

The final of the first House Dance Competition was held on Thursday 11 February.

Each House in Years 5 to 9 prepared a dance routine. A preliminary round was held in PE lessons, from which the finalists were selected. The final was held in the New

Hall, with an audience of pupils from Year 2 to Year 9. Cheered on by their Houses the girls performed brilliantly and the judges, Miss Higgins (our new PE teacher) and Mr Skehan had a difficult decision. In the Junior Competition Year 6 swept the board, with Stuart first, Tudor second and Windsor third. In the Senior School Year 7 Tudor took first place and Year 7 Windsor second place, with Year 8 Tudor third.

Well done to all the girls who took part and particular thanks to Mrs Bassett-Gilham, our Head of Houses, for organising this very successful event.



Junior Winners—Year 6 Stuart



Senior Winners—Year 7 Tudor

Music News—Endangered Instruments Seen in School!



In two recent assemblies Years 5 to 11 have been treated to performances by instrumental teachers of the oboe, bassoon and various brass instruments.

Because the number of children learning these instruments is declining lessons are being offered by the Bedfordshire Music Service at reduced cost and with a free instrument for the first two years.

A number of girls have been inspired to start lessons on these instruments.

If you would like your daughter to start instrumental music lessons for the oboe, bassoon, brass or any other instrument please contact Miss Halsey.

Blood Brothers at the Phoenix Theatre London

Year 10 and 11 GCSE Drama and Music students have been to see Blood Brothers by Willy Russell.

For Drama students Blood Brothers is one of their set texts. For Music students it provides an opportunity to analyse how the way a piece is composed creates a mood and drama, essential skills for GCSE.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed the production, especially the mix of comedy and tragedy.



Eurotop Assembly

The Head Girl Team held an assembly where they talked about their experiences at the Eurotop meeting in Denmark. They talked about the importance of meeting and working with students from Belgium, Denmark, Exeter and Hungary. They have given the future Head Girl Team, which will be elected from Year 10 later this year, something to look forward to when they will participate in the next Eurotop meeting at the end of September 2010.

They also modelled the T-shirts with Logos designed by all the students in Denmark.



Year 10 Art and DT Trip to Tate Modern and the Design Museum



Year 10 was fortunate enough to visit the Design Museum and the Tate Modern, both situated in London. Visiting galleries and museums is a vital part of the GCSE Art and DT coursework. So, this trip was a fantastic opportunity to gain extra marks in our research.

We first visited the Design Museum, where we discovered how fundamental items we use everyday were designed, for example Sky TV remotes and many different types of camera. The museum also had exhibits on the architecture of buildings and construction. Overall we found the museum a very inspiring place and afterwards many of us wanted to start designing things straight away!

After a beautiful walk overlooking the River Thames we arrived at the Tate Modern. This gallery is home to the works of some world famous artists, including Jackson Pollock and Claude Monet. We found the sheer size of some of the paintings absolutely immense and very powerful. After sketching and taking notes on the paintings we were required to look at, we headed to the gift shop in search of post cards as none of us wanted to leave without a souvenir!

We believe our day in London was a real success and we are very thankful to all the teachers who accompanied us and made this wonderful trip possible.

Isabella

Fair Trade Fortnight



On Friday 26 February, to mark Fairtrade Fortnight, we hosted a Fairtrade sale in Oakfield Hall.

The sale included cards, soaps, toys, stationery, wood and metal crafts, jewellery and many other products. The Fairtrade chocolate was particularly popular!

Thanks to Mrs F Boland and Mr and Mrs Mayoh for organising the sale.



Sports News

We have had some very tough netball matches in the past few weeks, and have played against some really strong schools. All of our girls have fought hard and not given up. Well done to all those who have represented St Andrew's.

Year 7 Netball League against Harrold Priory: L
Player of the match: April Baker

Year 8 Netball League against Harrold Priory: L
Player of the match: Katie Danemann

Year 9/10 Netball League against Samuel Whitbread: L
Player of the match: Vicky Fensome

Year 11 Netball League against Wootton: L
Player of the match: Aimee Spilling

Year 11 Netball League against Stratton: L
Player of the match: Clara Carvetta

Hockey

Year 7 and 8 played against Bedford High on a very cold January evening. A very tough match for us, but we kept fighting to the end.

Player of the match: Olivia Randall

Ellie—Sports Captain

World Book Day—4 March

The Senior School will be holding a book sale on Thursday 4 March and Junior School children are encouraged to dress as a character from a book.

The Junior School are running a competition to identify the member of staff reading in these photos. Can you guess who they are?



Staff News

Congratulations to Jenni Pearce and James on the birth of Lucas.

Welcome to Miss Maria Higgins, our new PE teacher.

Thanks to Mrs Bassett-Gilham, who is Acting Head of PE while Jenni Pearce is on maternity leave.

Year 7 Experience Day

Tuesday 23 February Year 6 experienced a day in the Senior School; a taste of life in Year 7.

They took part in a Physical Theatre workshop and had a PE lesson which included athletic circuits and cheerleading.



The main focus of the day was a Design Technology Challenge. Following a presentation on bridge structures the girls worked in teams to construct a model bridge, which was then tested to see how much weight it could bear before it failed.



The Design Technology challenge was planned and led by Ms Scorer. The Chairman of Governors, Mr Sanders, who is also Chairman of Young Engineers, joined the girls for the bridge building challenge.

