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Ski Trip to Tignes



The School Ski trip to Tignes took place from 13 to 20 December. Accompanied by Mrs Bassett-Gilham, Mrs Heaney and Mrs Jordan twenty-three girls enjoyed a weeks skiing in France.

Here are two girls' reflections on the trip.

'When we first arrived I was cautious as the mountains looked very large and I had no previous experience of skiing. On our first day our instructor, Jean Michelle, told us to walk sideways up the mountain. This was tres difficile! When we reached the top we had to follow the instructor down, one by one. When we were halfway down our confidence had grown. I really enjoyed this trip. I learned new skills and made new friends.'

Lucy Year 11

'Skiing was fantastic. We had great snow and wonderful instructors who gave helpful advice. We skied for two hours in the morning and for two hours in the afternoon. I was in the intermediate group for confident skiers. I would like to thank all the staff that went with us. It was a great experience and I highly recommend it to girls that are thinking of going in the future.'

Hannah Year 7

Senior School House Shakespeare Competition

Tudor, Windsor and Stuart have been frantically auditioning Years 8 and 9 students to participate in St Andrew's very first house Shakespeare competition.



Short versions of The Tempest, Much Ado about Nothing and The Merchant of Venice will be performed on March 23 to an audience of parents and friends with independent adjudicators to judge the performances.

This is an exciting new activity for St Andrews and we hope it will encourage the girls to develop a love for 'The Bard' as well as their performance, leadership and organisational skills.

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Nursery News



The Nursery is currently working towards two awards, recognising the excellent work that is going on in the Baby Unit, Toddlers and Pre-School.

Healthy Under Fives Award

The Nursery works hard to ensure that the nursery menus are nutritious and balanced. This was commented on in the Early Years section of our Independent Schools Inspection report. Fresh fruit and non-sugary drinks are always available for the children.

The children's activities include a wide range of physical activities, making use of the facilities in Walmsley House, such as the hall and the playground. The curriculum helps the children to learn about healthy food and exercise, for instance through cookery activities



'I Can'



One of the most important aspects of young children's development is language.

The 'I Can' initiative encourages the nursery to look carefully at the way language is used and how children are listened to. A language rich environment is created with talk, singing and books. A key aspect of this initiative is encouraging the children's courtesy, using language to ask and thank others.

The nursery staff have regular training on this important aspect of their work, supported by speech therapists and child development officers.

Year 1 Trip to Bedford Museum

Last term Year One enjoyed finding out about Victorian Houses and Homes and this term they are building on this to find out more about the children who lived in them, and the toys they played with.

They recently had a very enjoyable visit to Bedford Museum which helped them to understand that children in the past had as much fun as they do. Although there was no electricity or plastic there were still toys and games to play.

They were shown a Victorian Parlour and were able to find out more about what life was like for Victorian children. Toys were often very expensive so many were made at home from simple materials and the children were given the opportunity to make a paper toy of their own. They finished their visit with a hands-on session where they were able to play with replica toys of the period. They had a very happy time indeed.

Back in school the children have created their own class museum of toys and have spent time carefully labelling their exhibits. They are now looking forward to sharing what they have discovered with the rest of the Junior School in their next Class Assembly.



Comenius Project Update

Following the Head Girls visit to Denmark with Mrs Randall and Mr Jones ,to plan the eEnergies project, an online magazine has been created. The work completed for the project can be seen at

http://magazinefactory.edu.fi/magazines/eEnergies2009_2011/

A questionnaire is being used by all the schools involved in the project. The questionnaire asks about energy use in the three different generations from young people to grandparents. The results are due at the end of January and will be collated at St Andrew's. Further details will follow in a later newsletter.



Stagewise Theatre School at St Andrew's



The Stagewise Theatre School is making the New Hall a dramatic place on Saturday mornings.

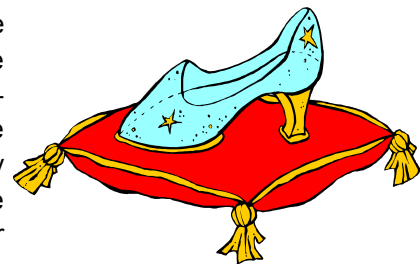
Mr Thompson has been running this successful theatre school for many years and we are delighted that he and Mrs Williams have decided to move Stagewise to St Andrew's.

There are two groups, with Seniors from 09.30-11.00 and Juniors from 11.00-12.30. The classes are open to all young people age 6 to 16. Many St Andrew's girls are already members.

If you are interested in your daughter joining please contact Mr Thompson or Mrs Williams at the school.

Cinderella at Milton Keynes Theatre

The pantomime started with the fairy god-mother. She was very pretty and when she spoke her words rhymed.



The Prince was very handsome and his servant, Buttons, was very funny. Cinderella was a really good dancer and singer. Her step-sisters were very ugly and always tricked Cinderella.

The funniest part was a dance where the ugly sisters, the Prince and Buttons threw wet sponges at each other.

It was magical when the fairy godmother created Cinderella's beautiful carriage and dress so that she would go to the ball at the palace.

When the Prince came to find her one of the ugly sisters tripped him up. He dropped the glass slipper and it smashed. The Prince asked the audience to look under their seats and one person found the shoe there. Unfortunately it wasn't anyone from St Andrew's.

We had fantastic seats and enjoyed the pantomime very much.

Lucy and Katy - Year 6



Fairtrade Stall

Walmsley Hall

Friday 26 February

12.00-14.00 and 15.00-16.30

www.fairtrade.org.uk

Year 6 Go On A Trip



On the 14th January Year 6 went to the British Museum.

First we went to the courtyard and that was our meeting point. We split into two groups and we went to different parts of the museum before going to the Aztec exhibition. My group were the first to go to the Mexican room.

After lunch we visited the Moctezuma exhibition and it was very interesting to see what the Aztecs did, who they were and what they ate.

We had a lovely day and we would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Frame, Mrs Johni and Mrs Owen.

By Emily

Sports News

District Year 5 and 6 Cross-Country 21 January

Congratulations to all the girls who took part. There were over 300 runners from the district. All of the St Andrew's participants finished in the top 150, three finished in the top 100 with special mention to;

Bonnie Murphy—10th. An excellent achievement!

Megan Jensen—31st

Maurane Jeaneret—83rd

Of the three girls' schools, Bedford High were first, St Andrew's second and Dame Alice third.

Our Year 6 Trip to the British Museum

On arrival our group set off to the Mexican and North American rooms to look at some artefacts. One thing that stood out was a stone snake with a mirror underneath it so that you could see the bottom of it.



The other group went into the Moctezuma exhibition and looked around, while my group looked around the Egyptian rooms. We saw lots of big stone statues of Egyptian men and Pharaohs.

Finally it was our time to visit the Moctezuma exhibition, this was the best bit! We walked into the room and heard bird noises and saw Aztec artefacts. I looked up at the ceiling and it was beautiful, gold and cream. We saw lots of different things as we walked around, some of the objects we sketched in our notebooks and I jotted down some interesting facts.

Overall the day was really brilliant, it was great, I loved every minute and so did my class.

By Annie

Junior School Masterclasses - The Umbrellas by Renoir

Junior School Masterclasses have started on Friday afternoons. Based on Renoir's painting *The Umbrellas* the activities include dance, Art, ICT and creative writing. The children are grouped according to their talents and interests, rather than age.

An evening presenting the children's work to parents will take place on Wednesday 24 March.



LAMDA Speech and Drama Results

The girls who took their LAMDA Speech and Drama examinations in November achieved a fantastic set of results.



Their certificates were awarded in assembly.

Introductory Examination

Mia Routledge Distinction

Preparatory Examination

Jessica Paton Distinction

Giorgiana Roberts Merit

Anna Sherwin Distinction

Speaking Verse and Prose

Entry

Rosie Bailey Distinction

Sophie Manning Distinction

Emily Salton Pass

Olivia-Rose Sheridan Merit

Isabelle Stevenson Distinction

Grade One

Emily Bickerdike Distinction

Fleur Hamilton-Briscoe Merit

Liberty James Merit

Grade Two

Katy Chambers Distinction

Tilly Lumsden Merit

Bonnie Murphy Distinction

Sophie Tollman Merit

Grace Wines Distinction

Grade Three

Daisy Jacobsen Distinction

Catherine Russell Merit

Anna Ryan Merit

Grade Four

Rita Coladangelo Pass

Caroline Franklin Merit

Maurane Jeanneret Merit

Eva Kloosterboer Distinction

Georgia Stratton Distinction

Yasmin Townsend Merit

Grade Five

Zoe Gardner Distinction

Grace Morrison Distinction

Harriet Thompson Merit

Acting Solo Grade Four

Lucia Paolozzi Merit

Trinity School of Music

Shannon Allen Grade 4 Violin Merit

Jasmine Clark Grade 2 Singing Merit

Natasha Jones Grade 2 Clarinet Merit

Shelagh Mulholland Grade 1 Singing Merit

Stephanie Roberts Grade 1 Singing Pass

Annie Tomblin Grade 2 Clarinet Merit

Eloise Watt Grade 4 Singing Distinction

Royal School of Music

Annie Tomblin Grade 2 Theory Distinction

Year 3 Experience Day



Last week, we held our Year 3 Experience Day. This gave our Year 2 children the chance to experience some of the further opportunities and activities they will encounter as they move up the school.

We were also delighted to welcome prospective Year 3 children from other schools. Over trampolining, cooking, science, art and technology, many new friendships were made and the children had a wonderful day.