



# St Andrew's School Bedford

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## 'Daisy Pulls it Off' Triumph



The Senior School production of 'Daisy Pulls it Off' was performed at The Place Theatre from Tuesday 29 to Thursday 31 March.

The audience thoroughly enjoyed the show. Set in the 1920s, the character of Daisy wins a scholarship to the exclusive Grangewood School where she faces many trials and challenges before saving the day.

The girls performed brilliantly, convincingly presenting the language and attitudes of the 1920s, as well as the humour and drama of the play.

This was a real team triumph, in the spirit of St Andrew's. From the leads to the supporting cast, to the production team, everyone worked with dedication and commitment.

The thanks of audience and cast go to the show's director, Mrs Stott and to the other staff, Mrs Williams, Madam Tribe, Mr Jones and Mrs Chaplin, who all helped to bring the performance to the stage.

But the night belonged to the girls, whose commitment and professionalism over many weeks, was reflected in the final performances.

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## Year 11 Enterprise Challenge Benefits Four Charities



The Year 11 Enterprise Challenge concluded on Friday 25 March with an assembly where the company which won the St Andrew's Dragons' Den was revealed and presentations were made to the representatives of the four charities to which each company donated its profits.

Gosh raised £207.60 for Great Ormond Street Hospital by selling friendship bracelets and brooches.

Hooked raised £254.45 for Keech Cottage Hospice through their lunchtime pirate treasure hunt in the Senior School.

Identity raised £211.43 for the Bedford Diabetes Ward with their beauty makeovers for the Junior School.

Strikeapose raised £168.90 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust by offering 'photo shoots' to Senior School pupils.

Representatives of each charity attended the assembly and spoke about the work of their charity and how the money donated would help them. They then accepted a cheque from each company.

All of the Year 11 girls are to be congratulated on their efforts and the fantastic total of £842.38 they raised for charity.



The Dragons' Den result was also announced.

The Dragons' Den panel considered the strengths and weaknesses of each company. The trophy was presented to the winners by the chair of the panel, Mrs Heaney. The winners were Strikeapose.

## Meet the Governors

- a monthly column introducing the School's Governing body with topics of interest.

### Ken Sanders: Chairman of the Governors



*Ken had two daughters at St Andrew's in the mid/late 80's and currently has a Granddaughter in year 7. A retired local businessman, he has been a Governor for over 10 years and our Chairman for nearly 4 years.*

I am often asked about the role of Governor's in the school, and can not do better than quoting from an ex Governor of the BBC:

*'I'll do the navigating, you act as the 'driver'.*

The Governor's do not run the School, that is the job of The Head, and all his staff. They are responsible for the education and pastoral well being of your children.

Our role is to ensure the School is fulfilling it's objectives, and is meeting the regulatory and fiducial requirements under which we operate. To do this the Governor's must have no direct personal interest in the school, and are chosen in order to have a mix of educational and business skills supporting the Head.

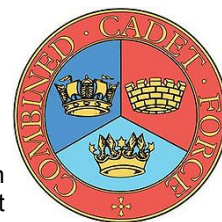
We exercise that support by taking part in a number of sub-committees as detailed in the Annual Report.

To finish, another good quote, which I owe to the General Secretary of the Association of Governing Bodies of Independent Schools:

*'Governors should be in the shadows, but not in the dark'.*

Note: Full profiles of all the Governors can be seen in the Governors' Annual Report

## Combined Cadet Force



### A Report by Helen Astle

Since October 2010, I have been attending CCF (Combined Cadet Force) at Bedford Modern School.

Many opportunities have already been open to me, such as:



a choice between joining each section: Royal Marines, Army, Navy and RAF

a wide selection of courses and weekend exercises e.g. windsurfing, sailing, gliding, set in a variety of places, such as Garelochhead in Scotland and Cornwall.

a channel sail onboard the Amaryllis or Black Swan

There are also first aid courses available, along with scuba diving, lifeguard qualification, weapons handling and leadership courses. These are also useful in later life, and will be acknowledged when put on Sixth Form applications and similar things. You can also join the military band, though you have to have previous experience of playing your instrument.

CCF is every Tuesday, from 16.00 till 17.30. We leave school (with permission) at 15.30, and walk up to BMS. If you have any questions, talk to me or call Captain Simpson on 01234 332578.

## Salters' Festival of Chemistry at Oxford University

On 15 March, four girls from Year 8 were lucky enough to be selected to take part in the Salters' Festival of Chemistry at Oxford University. This prestigious event was attended by teams from sixteen schools.

In the morning Hayley, Sarrah, April and Emily played Chemical 'Cluedo' taking the role of forensic scientists solving a crime by analysing samples found at a crime scene. The experiments included a flame test to identify different metal ions and chemical tests to identify non-metal ions.

In the afternoon the teams went 'Over and Over the Rainbow' where they had to get to grips with the principles of density and miscibility and use organic and inorganic solvents to come up with their own chemical rainbows.

After making rainbows each team was introduced to polymers and made a nylon 6-6 string from two different chemicals dissolved in two immiscible liquids.

The day ended with a physics and chemistry talk from Professor Hugh Cartwright in which Hayley bravely volunteered to explode a hydrogen filled balloon.

As part of the day the girls also had the opportunity for a brief visit to the Oxford Natural History Museum and a walk around the town.



Hayley explodes a hydrogen filled balloon

## Years 5 Enjoy Egypt Day



To round off their curriculum work on the Egyptians, Years 3 and 4 took part in an Egypt Day.

The day was held jointly with Rushmoor and all of the children came dressed in Egyptian costume.

The aim of the day was to lift the past from the page, with a range of practical activities which helped the children to understand life in ancient Egypt.

These included making bread, clay pots, grinding olives and using the oil to fuel a lamp, practising mummification on a wooden peg and carving scarabs from alabaster.

The day ended with the children taking part in a Nile River Festival.

The pupils and teachers from St Andrew's and Rushmoor thoroughly enjoyed the day.

## Year 2 planned and wrote a story to read to Year 1 Children



Everyone enjoyed sharing exciting stories together.

## Reception Visit Bromham Mill

Have you ever watched wheat being ground into flour and then made bread with it? We have!

We went to Bromham Water Mill and Adrian showed us how the water turns the huge wheel. We watched the big bags of wheat going up through the trap doors and saw how the flour is collected. It was very noisy! Then Greta helped us to make our own bread using flour from the mill.

We took it home to share with our families – it was delicious!

## Pre-School, Reception, Years 1 and 2 Spring Assembly



Family and friends were treated to songs and poems on the theme of Spring at the Assembly on Wednesday 29 March.

The children sung with gusto and recited the poems with confidence.

A highlight was Year 2 showing how much Spanish they had learned over the last term.

The audience were very impressed with the children's performances and all agreed it reminded us that Spring has arrived.

## Year 1 and Year 3 Visit St Andrew's Church



Both Year 1 and Year 3 have recently visited St Andrew's Church.

Year 1 found out a little more about the Easter story and how the church is preparing for this important Christian festival.

They saw the special altar cloths used at Easter time with the symbols and pictures from the Easter story and the palm crosses given out at Easter Time.

The children also enjoyed looking at the different bible stories depicted in the stained glass windows of the church.

Year 3 spent a very enjoyable morning at St. Andrew's Church.

In the capable hands of Myrtle and Irene the children experienced role playing a family Christening, acting out stories from the Bible and learning about the furniture and signs and symbols found in the church.

## Junior School Mothers' Day Breakfast



The Junior School invited the children to bring their mums, grandmothers, aunts or other female relatives to a special breakfast on Friday 1 April.

Our Junior School Chef, Mrs Probyn, did us proud with a full range of breakfast options.

This was a great way to celebrate Mothers' Day.

## Red Nose Day Monster Making



In the spirit of this year's Red Noses, the House Captains organised a Monster Making Competition to raise money for Red Nose Day.

Held in Walmesly Hall, this was a joint Junior and Senior School activity, with Junior and Senior School year groups teamed up to work together.

Each House was provided with a selection of 'junk' materials and had to make one member of the House into a 'monster' within 10 minutes.

£447 was raised for the Red Nose charity.

### St Andrew's School Development Fund presents

## The Summer Luncheon - Thursday 19 May at 12.30pm

St Andrews Church Hall, with musical interlude by students

Enjoy a Pimms on arrival and home cooked fare

Tickets £15 per person - price same as last year.

## Bedfordshire Festival Results

Annie in Year 9 won first place in the Grade 5 Piano Class. Congratulations Annie.



2H	Mia Routledge	First Place	6H	Emily Bickerdike	Merit
3YF	Aisha Mack	Merit	6M	Katie York	Merit
3YF	Keziah Olu-Joseph	Merit	6H	Sylvie Dulson	Merit
4J	Hayley Wu	Merit	7W	Grace Wines	Third Place
5F	Isabelle Stevenson	Merit	7S	Mia Johnson	Commended
5V	Sophie Manning	Merit	8BG	Stephanie Ornithari-Roberts	Merit
5F	Rosie Bailey	Merit	9L	Fiona Jones	Commended
6H	Eva Kloosterboer	Commended	9L	Abbey Furmedge	Commended
6H	Liberty James	Merit	9L	Caroline Franklin	Commended
			9L	Rita Coledangelo	Merit
			9L	Georgia Stratton	Merit
			10CJ	Grace Morrison	Commended
			10CJ	Bethany Lawson	Commended
			10CJ	Catherine Russell	Merit

## BBC School Report Day



On Thursday 24 March Year 8 girls took up their pens, notebooks and microphones to become reporters for the day as part of the BBC News School Report activities.

The day came as the culmination of several strands of work in ICT lessons including what makes the news newsworthy, how to conduct an interview and how to edit sound recordings.

The day started with close scrutiny of the day's news as reported in newspapers. Each group selected a story to focus upon and set about researching, investigating, interviewing and reporting attempting to stick to a strict deadline.

The stories included "The Man with an Aquarium in his Cellar", two stories on the Royal Wedding and "The Bomb in Jerusalem".

Most of the afternoon session was spent editing interviews and compiling a radio-style news bulletin.

The girls worked very hard and the fruits of their labours can be seen at [www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport).

Mr Jones

### Date for Your Diary

St Andrew's Parents' Association Present

## A Summer Fashion Show

Featuring Holly Heart Fashion and Blossom Lingerie

Thursday 26 May at 19.00 in Walmsley Hall

Enjoy our summer fashion show with a glass of wine and canapés.

The fashions and jewellery will be available to purchase after the show.

**Tickets £5**

## Bedfordshire Technology Tournament



On Friday 4 March three St Andrew's teams took part in the Bedfordshire Rotary Design Technology Tournament. Here the Intermediate team of Year 11 girls give their view of the event.

'When we arrived we found our tables and were given the task we had to complete with the materials provided.

Our task was to design and make a crane that lifted and dropped a container. This had to be done using a motor.

The first hour and a half were spent brainstorming and creating our portfolio of ideas.

We were then allowed to begin constructing our crane. We came across many problems, including sorting out the electronics.

After our construction time had ended each team had to test their crane in front of a panel of judges. Our test did not go so well as the electronics let us down.

However we were delighted to be runners up and only one point behind the winning team.



We had a great time and enjoyed this event.'

Hannah, Shannon, Olivia and Sara

## Sports News

### Netball Results



The Year 7 Netball team played exceptionally well at the County Tournament, reaching the semi-final. This is a fantastic achievement when you consider the size of the schools we were competing against.

In the first round the Year 7 team beat Denbigh and Arnold and lost to Robert Bloomfield. They then progressed to the semi final, where they fought hard against Alameda.

Year 8 had a very challenging draw in the same tournament, facing BMS, Robert Bloomfield and Arnold. They played well, but unfortunately did not progress to the next round.

In the Year 5 District Tournament our team played well and their matches were closely contested. Year 6 won three of the five matches in their tournament.

On 15 March the Year 7 team played against BMS and won by a fantastic 24 goals to 3. Well done to all the netball players.

### Dance Showcase

The Junior and Senior School winners of the inter-house Senior School dance competition were invited to the Great Houghton School Dance Showcase.



The Year 6 group performed their routine to 'It's a Hard Knock Life' from the musical Annie.



The Year 7 group danced their routine to Michael Jackson's 'Thriller'.

Jasmine in Year 7 also danced a solo routine, which she choreographed herself.

This is part of Jasmine's account of the event.

When we walked into Great Houghton it was quite small so I thought the stage would be small as well, but I was wrong. It was huge. I watched all the dances and they were great. When it was my turn to perform I was very nervous. I went up and when I started to dance I felt pleased that I did it.'



### House Emblem Competition

Throughout this term the Houses, led by Mrs Bassett-Gilham, have been holding a competition to design an emblem for each House.

There were 57 entries at the start and the members of each House voted to create a short list of four. The girls worked on these with Mrs Chaplin to refine and develop the design.

The final four designs in each House were then voted on by the children and staff in each House. The winners were announced in Junior and Senior School assemblies.

Here are the four winning designs.



Tudor – Libby Sadd



Stuart – Hayley Gilbert



Windsor – Cora Marsh