



St Andrew's School Bedford

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Head Girl Team Represent St Andrew's at Comenius Meeting



The Head Girl Team participated in the Comenius Project 2010, which took place in Exeter.

For those of you who haven't heard of the Comenius Project before, it is where students from around Europe come together to produce new ideas about sustainability and being eco-friendly. It is also a chance for them to build new friendships and learn more about each country. There were students from Belgium, Hungary, Denmark and of course England. We met at St. Margaret's School and stayed with host families.

We took part in a number of activities including giving a presentation on Bedford, a bike ride around Exeter Quay in the pouring rain, visiting a wildlife centre to learn all about HEP (Hydroelectric power) and a presentation about Peak Oil, where we learned that it's not our fault that Global Warming is occurring but the older generation, and guess who has to fix it...our generation! Each school was set the task of 'funking up' an old bike with the theme of their country. Our bike was named 'Britain's going green'.

We also enjoyed socialising with the other head girls and boys over pizza, a movie, Wii games and hot chocolate.

This experience is a great one and we definitely recommend it to all the students who are thinking of applying for the Head Girl Team.

Shannon Allen, Olivia Titmuss and Abigail Simmonds

Year 7 Take Third Place in District Netball Tournament



Congratulations to the Year 7 Netball team for their strong placing in the District Tournament. When you consider how many girls the larger schools have to choose from, this is an excellent achievement. The following report is by Bonnie Murphy.

'On Monday 22 November, Year 7 took part in the District Netball Tournament. We played really well. In the first round we beat Beauchamp, Goldington and St Gregory's.

This qualified us for the semi-finals, where we were beaten by Dame Alice. However we still had the chance to play for third place.

By this time our hands were cold and it was raining, but we kept going and we gave it our all in this last match. In the end we beat Daubeney 4-2. We all received medals and we were very pleased with ourselves.'

Successful Netball Season

It has been a successful season for our Year 7 and 8 teams. Against Westfield Year 7 won 14-7 and player of the match was Emily Batchelor. Year 8 won 18-6 and the player of the match was Bonnie Murphy (playing up a year). Against Daubeney Year 7 won 5-4 and player of the match was Hannah Bailey. Year 8 lost 16-6 and player of the match was Charlotte Beastall. Against Lincroft Year 7 won 5-1 and player of the match was Francesca Baccarella. Year 8 narrowly lost 3-2 and player of the match was April Baker. Against Dame Alice Year 7 narrowly lost 5-4 and player of the match was Lucy Davies. Year 8 won 5-2 and player of the match was Charlotte Waller.

Excellent Prize Giving



Prize Giving on Wednesday 3 November was a great occasion.

Our special guest, Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE gave an inspiring talk. Her dream, which she has had since she was nine years old, is to go into space. This has inspired her to achieve academically, overcome setbacks and work as a space scientist building satellites.

This was a fitting message for our prize winners as we all gathered to celebrate individual, team and school successes from the previous academic year.

St Andrew's Day Service - Farewell to the Reverend Monica



Deputy Head Girl, Olivia, presents Rev. Monica with a gift

The school's annual St Andrew's Day Service was held at St Andrew's Church on Friday 26 November.

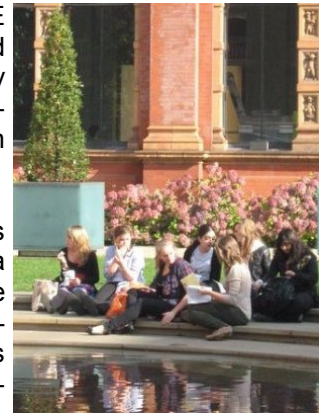
This year's service was particularly special as it was the last one led for us by the Reverend Monica Robinson, who has reached the Church of England's retirement age.

The Reverend Monica has led our St Andrew's Day Services and our Christmas Carol Services for many years. She has also taken assemblies at school.

At the end of the service the Head Girl team made a presentation and thanked Reverend Monica on behalf of the school.

Year 10 Art and Design Technology Trip to V&A and Tate Modern

To support their GCSE work Year 10 Art and Design Technology pupils visited the Victoria and Albert Museum and The Tate Modern.



Mrs Chaplin and Ms Scorer had prepared a full day of tasks. These involved the girls looking at key design styles and artists. They recorded their responses,

which will form part of their GCSE projects.



The artists focused on Islamic Art at the V&A and Cubism at Tate Modern. The designers looked at Jewellery design across the centuries and Art Nouveau metal work in the V&A design galleries.

Year 8 Crime Fighters



This term we have been learning about the links between crime and geography. We have learned about different types of crime and how they affect people, which places make you feel safe and unsafe, mapping crime and how to fight crime.

On 9 and 11 November we surveyed St Andrew's Street, St George's Street and St Michael's Street. We looked at different types of houses, such as flats, terraced houses and bungalows.

We marked the houses on whether they had a front garden, a gate, a back garden which is safe or open to the public, how well kept the house was and if there was any litter or vandalism.

We presented our findings by drawing graphs and making posters.

Year 5 and 6 Excel in North Wales

Year 5 and 6 excelled on this year's residential trip to Blue Peris in North Wales. They met the many challenges with courage and humour and won the admiration of their teachers.



'My favourite activity was gorge scrambling. I loved getting wet and it was very exciting.'



'I learnt a lot about myself. I have learned that I can be brave and that I enjoy working as a team.'

'I had two favourite activities; sea-level traversing and gorge walking. They were scary but I was so pleased when I had done it. Going on the red rope was exhilarating.'



Year 1 Activities

Victorian Walk

This term Year One have been finding out about the Victorians and the houses they built and lived in.

As part of this topic they took clipboards and a checklist of things to look for and set off for a walk around the area local to the school.

They found many examples of Victorian houses and were able to tick off everything on their list which included such things as big windows to let in lots of sunlight and lots of chimney pots which meant lots of fireplaces to heat the houses.



Teddy Bear Visitors



This half term Year One had some very special visitors to the classroom,,, their teddies! They came to have their

portraits painted by the children. The teddies were very pleased with the results and loved the children's display of paintings.

The children wrote thank you letters to their visitors and took a walk to the local post box to post them. They used a simple map to guide them to their destination.

Junior School Activities

The Autumn term gives Junior School pupils in Years 3-6 the opportunity to take part in a range of activities beyond the usual curriculum.



This term has been no different with girls taking part in cookery, horse riding, dance, art and craft and how to live as a pirate!

House News

We have three school Houses, Tudor, Windsor and Stuart.

This year's House Captains are;

Tudor—Caroline Hall and Megan Dewey

Windsor—Zoe Gardner and Kiarni Buddery

Stuart—Amélie Tribe and Harriet Thompson

The House Captains are responsible for organising House Events through the year. They aim to raise money for charity and give the girls the opportunity to take part in House competitions and fun events.

They have just organised the fantastic Pink Day, which raised over £500 for Breakthrough Breast Cancer. This was a joint Junior and Senior



School venture and girls from Year 3 to Year 11 enjoyed a fun lunchtime together.

The House Captains are also organising an end of term talent competition for the Senior School.

They are also co-ordinating the competition to design an emblem to represent each House and which can be used on a House Flag and House t-shirts.

We wish the House Captains the very best of luck this year and look forward to taking part in all the events they will be organising.



Junior School Technology Excellence Week

The theme of the Junior School Curriculum Excellence Week for Design Technology was Weather and all the children had the opportunity to be actively involved in a design and making a project based around this topic.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the challenges and took part with enthusiasm. The range of projects undertaken and the quality of the work produced was outstanding, ranging from Elmer in the Wind by Reception, to waterproof shelters designed and made by Year Six. Year One produced moving animals from Noah's Ark, Year Two bird boxes, Year Three wind chimes, Year Four wind cars and spinners and Year Five produced electricity by creating their own wind turbine.

All these spectacular projects were presented at an evening exhibition in Walmsley Hall and parents and visitors were very impressed by the exhibits.



As part of this challenging week the children were also invited to take part in a competition to design and make a pair of ear-muffs for a famous character.

Ear-muffs were not invented by an adult, but by a 15 year old boy named Chester and as usual St Andrew's children rose to the challenge and produced some spectacular designs.

There were ear-muffs for spotty dogs and vikings and queens, just to name a few. The winners all received a well-deserved prize and certificate. Winners: Reception Lucy Worker, Year 1 Raza Sawar, Year 2 Emily Morris, Year 3 Karren Richens, Year 4 Charlotte Fryc-Wixted, Year 5 Elanor Priestley, Year 6 Emma Fos-

Year 11 Careers Information Evening

This term is a busy one for Year 11 and the careers department. The girls in Year 11 begin the process of looking at Sixth Forms and Colleges and the different courses available to them.

On 6 October we held an Information Evening attended by a number of local schools and colleges, both independent and state. These included BMS, BGS, Kimbolton, St Francis Letchworth, Sharnbrook, Biddenham, Wootton and Bedford College.

All of the schools and colleges brought former St Andrew's pupils who had gone to study with them. These past pupils and each school's Sixth Form staff answered lots of questions from our girls about Sixth Form courses and life.

Interview Evening

On Thursday 14 October we held our annual interview evening. A number of professional people, including an army officer, managing director, head teacher and a Civil Service interviewer gave up their time to give each of our Year 11 girls a mock interview and feedback.

Year 11 girls have been learning how to write a CV and make an application. The culmination of this work was submitting their CV and a letter of application to their interviewer as preparation for the mock interview. This gives the girls valuable experience and feedback before they have that first 'real' interview.

Trinity Music Results

Congratulations to these girls on their Trinity College Music results.

Olivia Frost	Grade 4	Singing Merit
Ashleigh Foster	Grade 4	Singing Pass
Ella Gauntlett	Grade 2	Singing Merit
Sophie Tollman	Grade initial	Singing Distinction
Annie Tomblin	Grade 3	Clarinet Merit
Alessandra Perano	Grade 1	Flute Distinction
Katie York	Grade 1	Piano Merit
Sarita Whitehead	Grade 1	Piano Pass
	Grade 1	Clarinet Distinction

Year 11 Pupil Performs in The Wiz at MK Theatre

My name is Ella Gauntlett. I'm 15 years old and studying towards my GCSEs, I am also a Drama Prefect.



In the summer holidays I went along to open auditions at Milton Keynes Theatre, hoping to be part of the show 'The Wiz'. I was invited to London for a recall, where I was asked to be part of the ensemble, which meant I would be singing and dancing along side Dorothy, played by the BBC TV show Over The Rainbow contestant Steph Fearon.

We had two weeks of intensive rehearsals before the show opened, which was exciting, demanding and strenuous.

Drama is so important to me, which is why I picked it as a GCSE option. So when I got the chance to be a part of this show it was like all my dreams coming true. Opening night was all I hoped for, performing in front of 4000 people and I know it is something I want to continue to follow in the future.

This fantastic opportunity would not have been possible if I hadn't had the support and help from St Andrew's, so thank you.

Sport

Year 9 Netball Match Results

- V. Bedford Academy won 4-2
- V. St Thomas More lost 9-2
- V. Sandy Upper lost 8-1
- V. Bedford Academy won 4-0

Player of the week, Olivia Randall, who was playing up from Year 8.

Year 10 and 11 Combined Netball Team Results

- V. Sandy Upper lost 7-2
- Player of the match, Caroline Hall

- V. Bedford Academy lost 5-2
- Player of the match, Beth Symington