

Dear Parents

As the year rolls on, the terms seem to get busier and busier with all our pupils involved in a wide variety of events and activities in addition to their academic studies. Below is a selection of the very interesting and exciting things that took place in the Spring Term.

The Big Bang at Butlins!



This event involved the whole school being transported by luxury coaches to Butlins in Bognor Regis for their Big Bang Event. This is designed to inspire and encourage students into STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). There were a huge number of inter-activities and stands to keep our boys busy from Rolls Royce to the Royal Marines, prior to which we attended a Science Museum Show in the auditorium which focused on, and I quote the presenter, "Poo!" (guaranteed to grasp the attention of every youngster in the audience.) This was an amazing presentation, involving the audience, whereby the whole process of digestion (from start to finish) was graphically, very cleverly and humorously recounted.

There were over 400 children and teachers at the event and our boys were impeccably behaved and a credit to us all. Well done everyone!

Studying Stone Henge

A number of our junior pupils have been studying Stone Henge this term and completed the topic with their very own construction of this phenominum.



Greenpower News

Our Greenpower Team have recently purchased a new electric car currently known on the circuit as **Jet**, but we will be renaming it with something rather more adventurous. Watch this space! This vehicle has an amazing track record and has had podium finishes in the past so we are very fortunate that our bid was successful. We are planning to debut it at Goodwood Motor Circuit on Sunday 19th June. Do come along and support us.



Charlie Barton, Year 12 and JET.

On Sunday 17th April we will be attending the Greenpower practice day at Goodwood when we will be testing our existing vehicles *Stealth* and *Relentless* for the coming season. Free entry and fun day out for all the family.

Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award



Tom Cavanagh, James Tucker, Will Richardson and Elliot Eade completed the final training of their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award successfully during the penultimate week of term. Their route covered East Grinstead and Ardingly Nature Reserve over three days of hiking and observing potential tourist spots in the area, in preparation for the final test to complete the Silver award. Although the nights were bitterly cold with a frost by dawn an enjoyable time was had by all and the team spirit endured throughout. Well done.

Autism Accreditation Exhibition



As you may be aware we are currently undergoing the lengthy process of becoming accredited by the National Autistic Society. To this end we were invited to submit artwork for their recent exhibition and we were very proud of the pieces produced and displayed by Leo Mitchener, Jake Awcock, James McMillan, Joe Spear, Jake van den Bogaerde and James Trippick.

World Book Day

World Book day was a tremendous success with pupils and staff coming to school dressed as their favourite storybook characters, from Huckleberry Finn to Fantastic Mr Fox, and Where's Wally to Harry Potter! Activities during the day ranged from the more traditional to the very artistic to accommodate the varying abilities of the pupils. The fun also included book quizzes, a break time character hunt around the school, a challenge to design a book token and drama workshops. EVERY participant received a prize for their amazing efforts and bigger prizes were awarded to the winners by Miss Coffey, Head of English. Prizes for the costumes were awarded to Archie Weller as Huckleberry Finn, Reece Dutfield as Fantastic Mr Fox, Charlie Barton and Alfie King as Mr Men. The World Book Day quiz winners were George Angell, Luca Trudgeon, Ollie Hobbs and Rafe Storm. Thanks go to everyone for making this day so enjoyable.

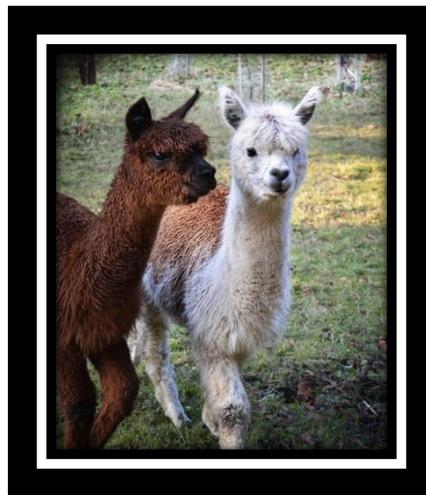


Senior Swimmers Challenge at Felpham Leisure Centre.



Maxim Gerchuk, Alfie King, Jaz Still, Arqum Chaudhry, Charlie Barton and Jacob Magee all challenged their stamina and swimming techniques in a Marathon event at our local Leisure Centre, expertly trained and coached by Georgina Highfield, their professional swimming coach.

Open Morning – Saturday 12th March.



The first Open Morning we have held for a number of years proved to be an overwhelming success. Pupils happily volunteered to come in to work in various areas of the school demonstrating our skills and abilities in a wide range of subjects. To name but a few, The Greenpower department was buzzing, the cookery room was producing cakes, buns and an amazing paella, the science department was creating explosions (safely!) and the alpacas were quietly grazing on the oval in the spring sunshine. Visitors came through the doors in droves and were massively impressed with all they saw. Open Days will now definitely be included in our calendar for future terms and years. As Captain of the Slindon Ship I was extremely proud of my crew!

Forthcoming Art Exhibition

Advance Notice that the Sixth Form Art Department will be putting on a exhibition in the Main Hall during Sports Day. Not to be missed.

SIXTH FORM
ART & DESIGN
END OF YEAR EXHIBITION

THIS YEAR WILL HOST THE FIRST EVER SIXTH FORM END OF YEAR EXHIBITION; SHOWCASING THE CREATIVE ARTWORK OF THE GRAPHICS, PHOTOGRAPHY, FINE ART AND TEXTILES STUDENTS, AS WELL AS THE INVENTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DESIGN TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS.



THE EXHIBITION WILL OPEN ON
FRIDAY MAY 27TH (SPORTS DAY)
AND WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MAIN HALL.

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The Bignor Walk



A huge thank you to all pupils, parents, family and friends who joined us for our annual Bignor Walk on the last day of term. The rain just about held off until we were all back at school and even little legs made the long undulating walk, there and back, albeit with a very welcome rest stop at the top of Bignor Hill for hot drinks, water, sandwiches and cup cakes, cheerfully served by Mrs Goodwill, Mrs Sargeant, and Mrs French. The PTA now look forward to passing our fundraising efforts to Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. Please help your son collect his sponsorship!

And finally Mr Highfield to the rescue!



During the last week of term Mr Highfield looked out of his apartment window, high on the top floor of the House with a panoramic view of the surrounding meadows when he noticed a ewe on her back in some considerable distress. Aware that lambing is now upon us, he asked Jenny to phone the farmer. Alas, there was no reply, so Jenny jumped in her car and drove to the farm where, fortunately, the farmer was in his yard. He quickly took his dog onto their quad bike and headed for the field. Ten minutes later he was on the phone to Jenny saying that this ewe was about to lamb; she had apparently rolled from her side to her back and being so rotund with her lambs she was unable to right herself. Had he not intervened when he did, she and her unborn lambs would have perished. Thank you Daniel for raising the alarm and saving the day!

I hope you have enjoyed catching up with all our news and I look forward to seeing you all again next term.

Enjoy the holidays.

Best wishes

DAVID QUICK
HEADMASTER.

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