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The Archbishop Sancroft Newsletter



FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Our Value for this Half Term is Responsibility

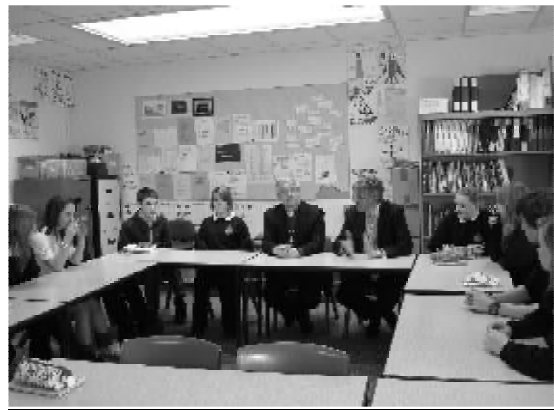
Those of you who came to the Spring Showcase recently will know what I mean when I say that it was a truly special evening. I have said on many occasions that the best schools are not 'exam factories', but they also present opportunities for students to grow in areas outside their academic studies. This has always been a strength of the school and to see such talent and confidence among our community is outstanding. Over 60 students performed in the Showcase- I doubt there is another school that has this level of participation. We have some very gifted musicians in Year 11 who will of course leave a gap when they leave in the summer- however the number of younger students coming through is very encouraging. I want to thank Mr Most our Head of Music and those colleagues in our Primary feeders for all that they do to develop these skills and confidence in our students.

Our sports teams should be proud of their achievements recently as you will see from the results later. It is early days for Rugby at Sancroft and although the results might suggest disappointment, the conduct and improvement of the squads is excellent.

Our partnership with our feeder Primaries is very important to us and there are many ways in which we are working together. The morning spent with two authors was an excellent example of this and it was super to have Year 6 students from Harleston and Alburgh with Denton with our Lower School in the Hall. I was approached recently by South Norfolk District Council and the Police to talk about ways in which our students could contribute to improvements in the community. Many of you will be aware of the SNAP (Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel). SNAP meetings tend to represent the adult community and it is right that the views of young people are heard. Recently Council members and the Police met with our School Council and there are a number of exciting ways in which we will be working together. This is the first of its kind in Norfolk.

Last week we enjoyed a visit from the Bishop of Norwich. I took him on a tour of the school, visiting lessons and had a meeting with the School Council. At the meeting we discussed the meaning of our value for

the half term: 'Responsibility'. Bishop Graham was very impressed with the maturity and depth of thinking in our students and I too was proud of them. In the assembly the Bishop emphasised his support for us as the only Church of England High School in Norfolk and we are working closely with his Education team to further develop this side of our work.



I have recently received two letters of Congratulations. One from the Deputy Director of Childrens Services following our successful Ofsted Inspection and another congratulating the RE Department on their GCSE results last summer- they were among the highest in Norfolk.

The Year 11's have only 20 school days left with us. It is vital that before the holidays they check with teachers exactly which part of the syllabus they need to revise and to have planned their revision strategy.

I would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and hope that during the break you are able to enjoy some quality family time. Mr. Cranmer

Sancroft students visit The White House

Forty nine Year 10 and 11 students will be spending 8 days of their Easter holiday in America. The intrepid travellers will fly to New York on Thursday 2nd April where they will spend 3 days taking in the sights in the 'Big Apple'. In New York their visits include the Empire State Building, Ground Zero, Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty and even a helicopter ride over the city. They will then travel, via Philadelphia to Washington DC. Apart from the Whitehouse they visit the Government Buildings and Monuments of the US Capitol, not to mention a little retail therapy!

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This exciting and memorable tour is another biannual trip organised by Mrs Caldwell and is all about bringing the text book alive. In previous years Sancroft students have spent their Easter holidays in countries like China, Russia and America.



AUTHOR VISIT

The hall was packed with students and staff from ASHS, Harleston Primary and Alburgh with Denton Primary schools to hear two internationally famous authors, Paul Stewart and Chris Riddell, talk about their writing partnership and introduce their latest book 'The Immortals'

The re-scheduled event was well worth the wait. As the authors talked, Chris was also busy drawing. The picture of the huge, terrifying looking Banderbear and the cleverly adapted species the Glabroll were perfectly and effortlessly drawn. The school library is now the proud owner of these original sketches. There is a chance to win a signed poster by entering the competition being run by the Library.

This was the first major event for The Waveney Valley Children's Book Group. The group is a branch of The Federation of Children's Book groups, a charity set up in 1968 to promote the enjoyment and interest in children's literature.

Membership is open to anyone who loves children's books, contact ASHS librarian for more details or www.fcbg.org.uk



Reading Awards

Reading 'widely and often' (Michael Rosen poet and Children's Laureate) not only improves literacy skills it helps socially too.

Reading Groups are popular both with children and adults; it's a challenge to read all the books on the short list and then great fun to meet with others to argue for your favourite.

Reading Zone has started on this year's short listed titles for The Red House Children's Book Award: 'Young Samuri the Way of the Warrior', 'Blood Ties' and 'Broken Soup' Three challenging and exciting reads. Voting closes 11th May. This will be followed by the tougher challenge of the Carnegie Award. If you would like to take part in the awards contact Mrs Gillham.

GCSE Drama Performance

Wednesday March 25th saw GCSE Drama students performing their own plays, which are in preparation for Paper Two of the GCSE, to an audience of Family and Friends.

In Torn Apart, the group explored a young child's experience of a divorce. There were strong performances all round including a powerful and convincing portrayal of a mother by Holly Spooner. The play does not just present a picture of a family under strain it also offers a way forward for overcoming difficult experiences.

In Prospects Dreary the group looked at Steinbeck's message in the American Depression novel Of Mice and Men and applied it to the Credit Crunch today, proving that it was equally valid. The multi-role playing by all four cast members and the command of the twin-narrative were excellent. Rebekah Ash Lameer, for instance, produced a compelling performance as a mother, under external stress but making the situation worse through her preoccupation with her conflicts with her husband, an office worker without a voice in a morally unsatisfactory environment and a pathetic farm-hand at the bottom of the pecking-order in the ranch bunk-house. Love Makes The World Go Round brought hilarity to the proceedings. The comedy has been a huge hit with young audiences at school. Amazingly, the whole world of characters, through which we follow an unlikely romance, is conveyed by a cast of only four.



There were some unforgettable sequences such as when Rebecca Aldous's hen-night character got up to "take-on" her friend. There was a big sigh of argh from the charmed audience when Crecia finally got her man. It has been a great pleasure working with these young people and the cast of Who Am I? It says a great deal about them how they have stuck together, rehearsed consistently and performed to a high level even when struck down with a lot of viruses. In spite of difficulties they look like seeing their work through to a successful conclusion. If they are successful in the examination they have certainly earned that success.

Theatre Trip to Brief Encounter

On Wednesday, 1st April GCSE Drama students will be travelling to Cambridge to see the West End production of Brief Encounter. Students will be leaving school at 12.45 pm and will return at approximately 6.16 pm.
Mr Pearson

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

Students are reminded when travelling on the buses that seat belts must be worn at all times. Drivers are reporting some students undoing their belts during their journey.

Year 7 Prepare for 2012

Year 7 have been designing Information Guides for the London Olympics in the fortnightly 'Flexible Friday' lessons. Flexible Friday is a cross-curricular day where all subjects can be seen to be interrelated and are taught on practical themes. This can really help students see how subjects overlap and see real reasons for the subjects they learn in school. After looking at a wide selection of guides for the 2012 Olympics, Year 7 did their research in books and on the internet to find the information needed to design and make their own Guide. All sorts of skills were involved, map-making, translation, design, research, team work and understanding cultural needs to name but a few. The Information Centre in Harleston looked at a selection of the best and chose the winners. The winners and a selection of the best guides are now on display in the town library and will remain on display over the Easter holiday. Do go and have a look.

Thank you Girls!

A special mention and thanks must go to Chloe Stacy and Charlotte Burton in Year 11. Both girls are Student Leaders with a particular responsibility for Hospitality. Beyond the call of duty, they have just completed their fourth Parents Evening in four weeks where they act as 'Front of House' in reception. For their excellent work they have been awarded with a Special Certificate for Services to the School Community and the first Year 11 students ever to receive a Bronze, Silver and Gold badge, not to mention the odd Easter egg from Mrs. Caldwell!

Cyberbullying

There have been a number of incidents in High Schools across Norfolk of 'Cyberbullying'. This refers to email, web or text messaging bullying.

As a school we have delivered an assembly on this topic, distributed information and DVDs at Parents Evenings and it has been highlighted in ICT lessons. Parents and Carers would learn a lot about this growing problem from the website below:
www.thinkuknow.co.uk

UK Maths Team Challenge

On the 16th March, four students, Olivia Zarkos-Smith, and Aaron Baines from Year 8 and Ben Parsons and Rory Symon from Year 9, took part in the UK Maths Team Challenge Regional Final in Cambridge. They spent the day doing Maths with 32 other schools and came 21st. Well done to those who took part. Mr. Ball

Lost Property

If anyone has lost a purse, wallet or camera please could they check with the School Office to see if we have yours.

SPORTS REPORT

Athletics Success!

Congratulations to Oliver Bickley from Year 9 who was selected for the third year running to represent the school at the Eastern Regional Finals of the Cross Country Trials. He then also qualified for the Finals which was a tremendous achievement considering the extremely strong competition from Sports Specialist schools across the county. Well done Oliver!

Rugby

U16 – Playing in the brand new ASHS Rugby kit sponsored by the RAF, the U16's played Hartismere and Diss High Schools. Although the opponents were vastly more experienced, the ASHS team played very well in both games. Continually showing effort and commitment throughout the games.

Well done to all who played in the matches, especially to Oliver Baker for his continued effort in the scrums, rucks and mauls, Mark Corbyn, for his powerful running and Jordan Lewis (Man of the Match for both games) for his outstanding running, tackling and commitment. Two excellent tries by Daniel Hales and Andrew Langham-Service.

U14 – Looking very smart in the new rugby kit, the U14's played Hartismere High at Diss Rugby Club. With a blend of experience and enthusiasm, ASHS ran out worthy winners in an excellent match 37-10. The maturity and commitment was excellent and should bear well for future games. Many of the team are showing in interest in playing for Diss Rugby Club. Special mention to:

Leo and Toby Bond – excellent with ball in hand and at the breakdown.

Kieran Cooper – a fine display in a number of positions from the Captain.

Kieron and Aaron Baines – strong, forceful runners and tacklers.

Tom Campbell – footballer showing strong running skills
James Hall – fearless tackling.

U15 Girls Area Hockey Tournament

V Old Buckenham 3-0 Win

V Hartismere 3-0 Win

V Wayland 0-1 Loss

V Wymondham College 0-3 Loss

ASHS finished third

Goal scorers were Holly Baker – 3, Anna Lacey 2,

Catherine Kilbourn – 1

Team: R. Cole, S. Powell, A. Symons, F. Eaves, L.

Davidson, H. Baker, R. Earrye (Captain), C. Kilbourn,

R. Bailey, B. Hyde, A. Lacey.

Girls Hockey Results

U14 v Old Buckenham 9-0 Won

K. Woollorton – 1, A. Lacey, 2, H. Baker, 3, C. Kilbourn –

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U13 V Diss 6-0 Won

Catherine Kilbourn – 3, Holly Baker – 2, Kira Woollorton

– 1

Year 7 Area 7-a-side Hockey Tournament

V Diss 2-1 Won

V Hartismere 2-0 Won

V Wayland 3-0 Won

V Wymondham College 2-0 Won

Goal Scorers: Kira Woollorton – 6, Catherine Kilbourn –

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Winners!

Team: K. Woollorton (Captain), E. O'Sullivan, M.

Bowden, L. Davidson, S. Scofield, G. Bozier, C.

Kilbourn, K. Ling.

Well done Girls!

Sainsbury's and Tesco's Vouchers

Last year the school was very appreciative of parents, family and friends who collected these vouchers for school equipment. We are again collecting and would be grateful for any vouchers. The collection boxes are situated in Reception or the vouchers can be given to Mrs. McAllen. Thank you for your support.

Important information about your local school nursing service

The school nursing service is a confidential health service available to provide support and advice to school age children and their families on a whole range of health issues. We provide a service to primary and secondary aged children for the following:-

- Writing health care plans for children with a health issue that impacts on school life (e.g. severe allergies, diabetes, epilepsy) and training school staff to manage these issues.
- Bedwetting/ Soiling
- Growth concerns
- Hearing concerns
- Vision testing (up to age 7). After this age we recommend all children receive free vision checks at an optician.
- Mental/Emotional health support
- Behaviour management
- Health Promotion

- Confidential advice to high school pupils
- Sexual health advice (including puberty concerns / relationship issues)
- Bereavement support

We work closely with schools and other agencies to ensure concerns are managed appropriately. The team that provides a service to your child's school is based at: **Long Stratton Health Centre, Flowerpot Lane, Long Stratton, NR15 2TS Tel 01508 531175** We accept referrals from parents and young people (in High Schools). To make a referral to the team please complete a referral form available from the school and send it to the above address or contact us by phone for advice.

Well done to the following students for gaining Credit Awards:

200 Credits – Katie Dade

150 Credits - Sophie Pepperell, Katie Dade, Megan Loane, Caden Spooner, Iain Symon, Antony Burlton, Mandy-May Smith, Ben Schofield, Leanne Shadbolt
100 Credits – Chloe Ambrose, Caden Spooner, Jake Ellener, Taya Ballard, Mandy-May Smith, Yolanda Stokes, Leanne Shadbolt, Oliver Earl, Kira Woollorton, Marella Blyth, Hope Buxton, Rebecca Daffin, Joanna Colman, Shona McGregor, Finn Cutting, Josh Walker, William Coleman, Georgie Bozier, Bella Nice, Holly Baker, Chloe Pearce, Charlotte Griffin, Tabitha Rodgers, Jake Williams, Aaron Ward, Cara Evans, Bethany Noble, Leah Cook, Ben Sharp, Mitchel Ashford, Bethan Burton, Mandy-May Smith, Hannah Ritchie, Dominic English, Emily Girling, Francesca Eaves, Lewis Wright, Toby Bond, Lyle Flatt, Aaron Baines, Zoe Chessman, Anna Lacey, Tom Gower, Edward Lacey, Kira Ling, Simon Channell, Thomas Bacon, Ruby Johnston, Laura Davidson, Catherine Kilbourn, May Bowden, Arron White, Harriet Swiffin

50 Credits – Aaron Baines, Beatriz Sanchez, Sophie Redgrave, Megan Dedecker-Haylett, Sarah Long, Zoe Bond, Lucia Van Den Berg, Leo Bond, George Couchy, Shaun Staff, Chloe Thomas, Daniel South, Harry Gower, George Collins, Luke Gillingwater, Jack Purton, Amelia Quare-Wighton, John Robinson, Maryann Daffin, Dorothy Banford, Ernie Buxton, Daisy Elsdon, Charles Elton, Millie Cawcutt, Ben Parsons, Bella Nice, George Sleightholme, Saffron Arnkels-Webb, Stephanie Griffin, Jake Foster, Jack Schofield, Sophie Moss, Crystal Skilton, Gemma Littlewood, Daniel Millican, Craig Pearson, Rachel Gowers, Ruby Johnston, Mollie Knox, Ben Rodgers, Kira Tisbury, James Newman, Tom Snowling, Kieron Hyde, Catherine Kilbourn, Jessica Wimbledon, Stacey Bell, Jordan King, Avril Dann, Lee Cutts, Josh Harper, Natalie Sieveking, Lucy Hadingham, Kim Brown, Oliver Bickley, Henry Crofts, Maryann Daffin, Henrietta McDaniel, Lydia McFarlane, Sam Bullen, Amy Seggons, Katy Rudge, Emma Weatherley, Alice Tunmore, Lewis Wright, Alice Bond, Yanniss Anthymidis, Kira Bryenton-Rochard, Ellie O'Sullivan, Rachel Alderton, Kieran Cooper, Katie Snelling, Joe Smith, Leanne Bartram, Heather Clarke, Amie Cook, Charlie Hollis, Remarl Nelson, Isabella Sieveking, Aaron Clarke, Erin Hegarty, Harry-Joe Eaves, Jack Bullen, Matthew Butler, Megan Hardy, Oliver Elton,

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Sian Seman, Lewis Robinson, Jake Bullen, Oliver Sharp, Mariah Hensley, Rebekah Newman, Olivia Zarkos-Smith, Natalie Wall, Jonathan Farmer, Kayleigh Podmore, Adam Swales, Rhianna Bailey, Nathan English, Rosie Cole, Bobbie Beeson, Jake King, Ryan Bowden, Jessica Hale, Robin Lewin, Holly Smith, Freya Mitchell, Dominic Knights, Connor Davies.

Well done everyone – keep it up!

Year 2008-2009

Spring Term Ends: Friday 3rd April 2009

Summer Term: Monday 20th April to Friday 17th July 2009

Half Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th May 2009

INSET DAYS: school closed for students, but open for staff:

Monday 20th April 2009

