

EDITORIAL

Thursday 15th July 2010

David (Headteacher)

As we look forward to the summer holiday the end of term has been overshadowed by sadness following the death of Kane Cairns (year 10 pupil). A group of school staff attended his funeral on 13th July and we will be holding an event in school to remember Kane and celebrate his life on the morning of 20th July 2010.

We were also very disappointed to learn that all the plans to build new broad spectrum special schools in Coventry had been stopped by the Government. However, we will be challenging this decision and hope to persuade the Prime Minister and the education Secretary to change their minds. Building was due to start in February 2011 and obviously this is a major setback in our plans to improve Special School provision in the City.

I am sorry that this a rather gloomy end of term message, but we look forward to the new school year in September with enthusiasm and a positive attitude, as we continue to work to take Sherbourne Fields from strength to strength. Have a Good summer. Let's hope the sun keeps on shining!

David Souheard

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Eco Schools Update

Since being awarded the Green Flag in October the Eco Team has been continuing to meet regularly to carry on reducing, recycling and revising resources in school.

We attended the Coventry Eco Day in February and were successful in winning awards for our efforts. In May the 20 strong eco team enjoyed a day out at Garden Organic as part of our prize.

Animals in School

The 7 guinea pigs, 2 rabbits, 4 chickens and stick insects have continued to amaze and flourish. Well done to S2 for setting up their successful chicken farmer project. They are now making a profit which they have decided to donate to Water Aid.



Blooming lovely

The outdoor growing areas have produced a bumper harvest this year. A group of students attended the gardening celebrations at Christ The King School and won certificates, prizes and rosettes for their produce, displays and presentation. Please feel free to take a look at the display outside the science lab. It's very impressive!!

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Lower sixth Enterprise Initiative

We are delighted to let you know that this year has been an exciting and productive year for Young Enterprise. The 'Snug as a Bug' company run by L6 made and sold heat bags. Learning new skills along the way such as how to use an electric sewing machine. What a great achievement for each member of the team. Congratulations L6!! They attended trade fares and took part in a presentation at the Ricoh Arena and won the Coventry and Warwickshire Team Programme Award. There are still some heat bags for sale at a reduced cost of £4.99. If you would like to purchase one please see L6.

Key Stage 4 and 5

Key Stage 4 and 5 students have had a busy term completing exams. Students took a range of courses this year including entry level exams in English, Maths, Science and Art. They have also been working hard on project work for ASDAN Citizenship and Short Course Awards. Well done to all those who have worked so hard!

Sports Department

This year has been incredibly busy in the P.E Department with pupils taking part in various festivals: netball, tennis, athletics, swimming and tag rugby.



Here are just some of our achievements this year:

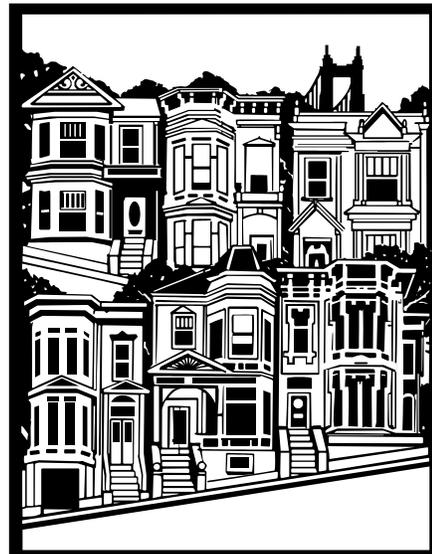
- The Sherbourne Football Team came second in the league
- Power Chair Football Team came second in the league
- The visiting Bhangra Dancers who performed on Sports Relief helped us to raise over £800.00

Throughout the year the students have experience many new challenges and activities. They have developed new skills and shown great strength of character and team effort. Well done to all of you!!

Key Stage 2 History Week

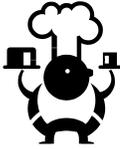
This year KS2 studied the Victorians in their History Week. We started by a visit to St Johns Museum in Warwick where the children experienced a morning in a Victorian school room and life as a kitchen maid. In school on Monday we made some repeat patterns like William Morris designed in the Victorian times. In the afternoon we matched common everyday objects we use today with those the Victorians would have used. On Tuesday we went to the Black Country Museum and explored Victorian houses and shops and went on a working canal boat. On Wednesday we went on a steam train to celebrate the coming of the railways in the Victorian times. On Thursday we visited Hatton Locks to learn about canals, and how slowly the boats moved from place to place. Friday was in school, making a Victorian meal—the children tried gruel from a Victorian workhouse before going to a fabulous Victorian Music Hall created by staff and students. The following week we finished off with a trip to the beach.

A fabulous time was had by all and the children learnt a lot.



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Cooking Club



A number of students have enjoyed 'Cooking Club' this term. This quality hour and a half is enjoyed by all. The students benefit from working closely with staff who know their individual needs. This enables them to settle in quickly and participate in the group session.

We have been overwhelmed with the enthusiasm and excitement that the students come with. Every session students are encouraged to bake something to take home and share with the family.

We take care to plan interesting and sometimes new food experiences and aim to promote:

- Healthy eating and life style
- Social skills (Being able to mix with and meet others)
- Learning (basic cooking skills, making choices, planning, learning food names, experiencing cultural diversity through food, good manners at the dinner table)
- Communication, language including signs
- Team work
- Individual responsibility to prepare certain foods
- Hygiene and safety
- Numeracy which includes weighing and measuring, counting and problem solving.

New Bathroom & Outdoor Classroom

We are delighted to inform you that the new bathrooms and outdoor learning and play area in early years are now completed. The children have been enjoying the weather as they have made use of the new facilities available to them.

THANK YOU



School Association

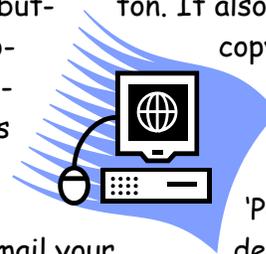
Once again the School Association has raised several thousand pounds for the school throughout the year. Events such as the summer bar-b-q and the Christmas Fete have helped provide much needed additional funds for the school.

Please continue to support these events, it really does make a difference!

Further updates of School Association fundraising events will be advertised on future newsletters and via Parent Mail. Please watch out for them.

Parent Mail

As part of our drive to improve the way we communicate to our parents, this year we signed up to the new 'Parent Mail' email alerts system. By providing us with your email address we are able to notify you of news and important information at the touch of a button. It also means we save money on photocopying! Thank you to all those parents who have already given us their email addresses. Anyone who would like to join the 'Parent Mail' alerts please email your details to: office@sherbournefields.coventry.sch.uk



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Key Stage 1



Starfish Class (KS1) has had another action packed year! With topics around homes and houses, shops and shopping, clothes, the World Cup, mini beasts and the Seaside we have been out and about on the school minibuses almost every week! Another highlight of the year has been weekly cooking sessions with Val - the children have made some delicious sweet and savoury food - a favourite being strawberry meringue ice cream! Lots of the recipes can be found on the C Beebies website if you want to try them out at home. Many of the children have participated in lunchtime clubs this year - cheerleading and choir have been a big hit! Each week the children look forward to finding out who will be Star of the Week. Our class puppet Molly keeps a look out each week for hard work, good behaviour and respect for all before she makes her decision! Molly and the staff agree it has been another wonderful year.



Key Stage 3

In June ten students from KS3 had an exciting and sunny week at Plas Dol-y-Moch. We tried canoeing amongst many other things. As the weather was so lovely we took a mountain walk and spent the day on the beach. Some of us tackled rock climbing whilst others spent extra time in the mountains. We had a great time and worked hard together. The weather definitely helped make our stay more enjoyable!!



History Week

Again KS3 had a shared History week with President Kennedy School. This years theme was the 1960's. We covered the Space Race, fashion, music, Kennedy's death and the different food trends during that time. As part of our history celebrations we visited the Space Centre in Leicester. Big thanks to our friends at President Kennedy for joining us all week.



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Cheerleaders make History

On Saturday 27th June a group of 23 pupils and 17 members of staff from Sherbourne Fields travelled to Manchester's National Velodrome to perform in front of thousands. The group performed a routine as part of a national cheerleading competition. Coach, Keelie Hill, herself twice a national cheerleading champion said "This is the second time we have entered the competition and also the second time a disabled cheerleading team has performed at a national event". The Sherbourne team practised hard leading up to the event and gave 100% during the performance. The team had a fantastic day. They got a standing ovation and reduced the crowd and international judging panel to tears! Each member of the team were awarded certificates and medals along with a main Team Cup to take back and display in the school reception area. The UKCA hopes that in the future there will be a national special schools competition. We will definitely be entering our team next year so watch this space!!

Well done Sherbourne Stars!!!



New Staff Appointments

Congratulations to all new staff on their appointments. From September we welcome the following new team members

- Laura McLLwaine - K53 Class Teacher
- Nicola Whitehurst - Teacher
- Emma Denny - Teaching Assistant
- Lian Kelly - Teaching Assistant
- Amy Hagan - Teacher

Recent Appointments

- Carla Foulks - Teaching Assistant

Internal Promotions

Congratulation to both Fiona Gillespie and Shivaun Moriarty on their recent appointments as Acting Deputy Headteachers (Primary and Secondary respectively). Both will take up their new posts in September.

Farewell

Sherbourne Fields are sad to be saying farewell to their Deputy Headteacher Bart after many years of service. All of the staff and students at Sherbourne would like to wish Bart a long and happy retirement and would like to thank him for all his hard work during this time. We also say a farewell to Lesley Bartishel, Assistant Headteacher and Key Stage 3 Phase leader. Lesley has also been here for a number of years and will no doubt enjoy her retirement alongside Bart!

Meriem Luqman (TA 57) has now taken her maternity leave. We wish her well and look forward to meeting the new addition to her family in due course!

Anne Taylor (TA 58) will be leaving to start her PGCE at Leicester University. Congratulations Anne and best wishes in your future career.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Sam Kendall (TA 56) who has gained a place on a GPT Course at Newman College. He will be back with us as a student teacher and we look forward to supporting him on this course.

Leavers Assembly

This will take place on Friday 23rd July at 10.00 in the hall and you are very welcome to join us. A list of all the holidays are on the back of this newsletter.

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Holiday Club

This year for the first time the primary and secondary holiday clubs will be separate. The primary holiday club will be based at school for all five weeks of the holiday. These pupils will be doing activities such as art, cooking, drama, music and sports. It is a joint holiday club with Three Spires and Tiverton. The secondary holiday club will run for the first three weeks of the holidays. The pupils will be going out on a different trip everyday to places including Cadbury's World, bowling, cinema, restaurants, Twycross Zoo, Birmingham Hippodrome and the beach. There are still some places available at both holiday clubs. If you are interested please contact Jodie and she will give you more information.



Music

The end of term is being punctuated by a series of concerts in the hall where the pupils are having a chance to show off some of the work they have done to the rest of the school and parents. The sixth form performed on Wednesday 7th July and the rest all 'did their bit' the following week.

The pupils have been singing a wide variety of songs, and playing their instruments as accompaniments at the concerts. Jellyfish 'Passed the Drum'; Starfish and Seahorses sang and did sound effects to 'All God's Creatures'; Dolphins played and sang 'My Dog's a Good Dog'; S1, S2 and S3 played and sang to a Jamaican song called 'Run, Run, Run'; S4 and S5 performed Chinese Music; S6 and S7 played and rapped to 'Mozart's Holiday Rap'; S8 played their instruments to a song called 'This is the Sound'; and the sixth form played and sang to 'Boogie Woogie Rock' and 'I Love it When You Call' by The Feeling.

This year has seen a new way of recording the pupils work - by using a digital video recorder so that each pupil can leave for the summer with a DVD of some of their work,

Birmingham Symphony Orchestra come over to play to us, amongst other live music throughout the year. We are also fortunate to be able to continue to offer extra music sessions this coming year in the form of choir, extra small group singing, and some guitar and keyboard sessions with Karen Whyte a peripatetic music teacher.

Dates for your diary

School finishes on Friday 23rd July and re-opens on Monday 6th September for students. Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd will be teacher training days for all staff members.



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Key Stage 5

Students from KS5 had a fantastic stay at Dol-y-moch. They enjoyed a range of activities which included mountain walking, canoeing and for the first time sea kayaking!! Once again staff and students had a wonderful week.

Last week 11 students from the Sixth Form went to London for the day. They took part in a tea dance in Trafalgar Square, visited Downing Street and went on a river cruise to the Tower of London. The staff and students enjoyed a lovely meal next to Gherkin before returning home.

