



St Egwin's C.E. Middle School

Newsletter



April 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

As you know, I have decided to move on to new things and will be leaving St.Egwins CE Middle School at the end of next term. Mr. Nick Pullan has been asked by the school Governors to step up to Acting Headteacher for the Autumn and Spring Terms. He has kindly agreed to this and we will be working together next term to ensure the smooth running of the school. Interviews for the position are planned for late in the Autumn term.

This term we say goodbye to Mrs. Jayne Gill. Jayne has worked at the school for seven years. Having taught at Greenhill School, she came to us as a Teaching Assistant. However, we realised that she was brilliant at display and we have been so fortunate to have Jayne putting up corridor and classroom displays. She also worked tirelessly with Mrs. Capewell arranging placements for Youth Challenge youngsters and accompanying them to carry out their voluntary work in the community. We wish Mrs. Gill all the best. She will be missed.

Mrs. Higgins is on maternity leave having had her son, Oscar Felix. A bonny 9lbs 12oz! Meanwhile, Mrs. Jones returns to the Design Technology department from her maternity leave. We are lucky to be keeping Mrs. Coates as she has agreed to a job share arrangement with Mrs. Jones.

The Spring term is always a busy one. In February Mr. Langley organised the annual Inter-House Competition, giving pupils the opportunity to demonstrate their skills in a number of events, some live events such as instrumentalists and singing and some non-live events including baking and story writing. The standard of entries was very high. Congratulations to Harry Gorrall who got 4 gold's and 3 silver's in the events and helped his house, Jade to win the trophy.

We had a super "Looking to the Future Day" and I would like to thank Miss. Davis for organising the event. I would also like to thank all the parents who gave up their time to talk to our KS3 pupils about their careers.

On March 24th we held our Mothering Sunday mega Bring and Buy Sale. We raised £1178.40 which is going towards Activities' Week subsidies and our school charities, Dumila School Tanzania and Worcestershire Air Ambulance. Thank you to everyone for their support in sending in items and giving their children some money to spend.

Pupils have been out and about on trips. Year 8 went to the Big Bang exhibition in Birmingham and Year 6 pupils visited places of worship. Year 7 stayed in school, having a wonderful time with "Spoz", creating their own raps. We have a winning group performing at the Palace Theatre in Redditch later in the month.

At St. Egwins we work hard and play hard. I was immensely proud of the school when I read the pupils' main school reports. Children at this school have a great work ethic; they enjoy their learning and want to do well. As ever, it has been good to meet so many parents at our Parents' Evenings. If you were unable to attend but would like to speak to your child's teachers, please contact the school office.

Please take a few minutes to read the rest of this term's news. As ever, our sports teams have done well and our musicians been taking part in special events. Thanks to Miss. Thompson and Mrs. Sadler for the music and drama at our Easter Service and, of course, to all the youngsters who took part.

I wish you all a sunny Easter but not so sunny our chocolate eggs melt!

Best wishes

G. B. Kennedy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

YEAR 6 VISITS TO PLACES OF WORSHIP

Year 6 pupils were given the opportunity to visit a non-Christian place of worship in an attempt to broaden their horizons, improve their religious knowledge and understanding and promote tolerance and respect. On Thursday 16 March we set out to several destinations in Birmingham and had an interesting and informative morning.

GURU NANAK NISHKAM SEWAK JATHA GURDWARA



SHREE GEETA BHAWAN MANDIR



ISLAMIC EXPERIENCE EXHIBITION



GEOGRAPHY

Another busy term in the Geography Department has reached it's climax!

Year 8 have been arguing (sensibly!) about the development of a new gold mine, whilst Year 7 have had similar discussions about the UK's place in the EU.

The new weather station is up and running, streaming live data across the school. It will also have a link to the new school website so you can check the conditions any place, any time. A huge thank you to Mr Merrett, who has worked tirelessly to get it up and running. In addition, the new Weather Watch Team will be meeting once we get into the summer term.

Mr Jordan

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

WORCESTERSHIRE FESTIVAL OF LANGUAGES.

On Monday, 3rd April, 10 members of year 6 went to the Worcestershire Festival of Languages at Prince Henry's High school.

In front of a packed auditorium in the Arts centre, they performed a play in French written by Elise and Juliette in year 8, about a rather chaotic restaurant. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done to all of them!

FRENCH TRIP LATEST

France 2017 – all payments should have been completed, and consent and medical forms handed in. All pupils must have an EHIC card, please apply in plenty of time. See the NHS website for details and to apply on line. There will be a parents information evening approximately 2 weeks before our departure, meanwhile, if you have any questions, please contact Mrs Butler.

France 2018 – we have accepted deposits from 54 students, all of whom should have received a letter and payment card.

Mrs Butler

SCIENCE

BIG BANG

The whole of year 9 went to the Big Bang fair at the NEC in Birmingham. They experienced ‘hands on’ activities and science shows galore! Lots of freebies and careers advice handed out.

SALTERS CHEMISTRY FESTIVAL

Nina Reid, Juliette Emond, Elise Allberry and Madeline Hedgecott travelled to University of Birmingham. They competed with other schools in a Chemistry competition and came second! Which was a fantastic achievement. Well done girls.

Mrs R Sadler

ECO MECOs - ST Egwin's Eco Group

We are having a good year planning our eco work. We have focused on the ideas of reduce and reuse as these are the areas we evaluated needing further development. We have also spent time working on a fundraising plan to help raise money. We are launching an ECO Stationery Shop and will be selling equipment that can be used in lessons. It will be run by ECO MECOs after Easter on a Friday break time beside the dining hall.



The money raised will be used to buy equipment and supplies required for running the green house and school garden area. If you are having a tidy up in your own garden we would really appreciate any **garden tools** such as: forks, spades, trowels, hoe, rake, etc. Any **spare wellies** or thin **rain coats** for the students to use during lessons when learning outside the classroom, or a **small donation** specifically for use for the garden.

The garden and greenhouse areas are prepared, hedgerow planted and the wildflower area is seeded, we will be growing more fruit and veg next term using the garden area as another outdoor classroom for clubs, plus lessons. It is great to have an ever increasing number of pupils involved.

Mrs R Croft

♪ DAY-OF-JAZZ WORKSHOP AT THE DE MONTFORT SCHOOL ♪

On Wednesday 22nd March, fourteen of our talented instrumentalists from Yr7 & Yr8 were invited by Miss Thompson to take part in a **Day-of-Jazz Workshop** hosted by The De Montfort School, Evesham.

The event was led by two professional jazz musicians (Jonathan Silk and Chris Mapp) for Middle school students within the Evesham area and was organised by Severn Arts as part of a series of exciting educational initiatives being delivered across the county to develop skills and enthusiasm associated with jazz music.

Throughout the day, pupils were encouraged to work in different ways with their instrument – the focus being on jazz improvisations as well as composing from scratch without following any traditional musical notation.

A great day was certainly had by all and on our return minibus journey back to St. Egwin's we were all in fine voice singing our newly discovered belief that:

☺ “if you're not moving, then you're not grooving!” ☺

Miss Thompson

ART DEPARTMENT

This year the Easter egg competition was incorporated into the Inter House competition. There was an array of decorated boiled eggs entered with notable outcomes from:



Lawson Sadler 7TSB



Juliette Emond 8SVD



Ruby Cox Jade 6VH



Claire Jones 7SRC



Evie Bayliss 7TSB



Alessia Kilicaultan 7JAC



The overall winner was Tanisha Crossman of 7SRC with her pumpkin themed egg design.

Many congratulations to all pupils who took the time, in their own time, to create all their wonderful entries.

Mrs A Tyler

PE DEPT

SUCCESS FOR ST EGWIN'S YOUNG LEADER TEAM

This years Multi Skills Festival for our feeder first schools' year one pupils was a great success. With activity stations designed and run by our year eight Young Leader team, we needed two consecutive afternoons to accommodate upwards of 170 excited year one pupils from: St. Andrew's First, Swan Lane, Bengeworth Academy and Harvington First Schools all brought pupils to take part, have fun and learn some new skills. The feedback from accompanying teachers was really good, with many positive comments and encouragement for our Young Leaders who create such a positive environment for learning in our sports hall. We now look forward to working with pupils from St. Andrew's First who will receive coaching in the fundamental movement skills programme at St. Egwin's again, from our Young Leader team.

Earlier in the year St. Egwin's provided Young Leaders for the Winter School Games, held at Worcester Uni Academy. Our leaders were responsible for officiating over the New Age Kurling competition as well as Netball for the year seven competition; again all Leaders were congratulated on their mature and sensible approach.

Well done Leaders, I'm very proud of you.

A FANTASTIC DAY OUT AT THE BARCLAYCARD ARENA, YONEX ALL ENGLAND OPEN BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Back in the chilly first week of March, I had the very great privilege of taking fifteen of our finest young badminton club players, to see the Yonex All England Open. This is one of the most prestigious events in the global badminton calendar and we were not disappointed by the quality of play. From super- fast doubles to the long, skilful rallies of the singles players, the whole day was a sight to behold with the world's best players right there across five courts in front of us. Pupils enjoyed visiting the children's activities, supervised by Yonex staff, eating ice cream, chips and chocolate, getting autographs from the players, eating ice cream, chips and chocolate, buying new racquets, eating ice cream, chips and chocolate, playing on the mini badminton court and, did I mention eating ice cream, chips and chocolate? (there was a lot of that!) The behaviour of our club members was impeccable and I would like to thank all of you that came for making it such a fun day for all of us.

As a Badminton England affiliated school, we are awarded free ticket to attend, which enables me to make the annual pilgrimage to Birmingham (it's a dirty job, but someone's got to do it!) to see the tournament.

Long may it continue!

Happy Easter parents, staff and pupils.

Stu Taylor
Head of PE

NATIONAL IN2HOCKEY FINALISTS MARCH 2017



Fil Sonnenfeld, Kyle Rothan, Austin Spotswood, Ben Robinson, Jack Tustin, Luke Hulme, Jack Downie, Jake Hopkins

INDOOR FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Year 8,7,6 boys have been taking part in a school indoor football tournament from February. There were some interesting team names ranging from, The Dabbing Crew, Obi Wan Kenobi Nil, Chicken Nuggets FC, #Get Wrecked and so on. Some very creative and strange team names!! They each had lots of games between each year, ending in the semi-finals and finals which were played this week.

The winners for each year:

Year 8 - Queen Park Strangers

Year 7 – Onion Sticks

Year 6 – Super 6's

All of the winning teams receive a trophy for their team which will be kept in our trophy cabinet for next season. Well done for everyone who took part and having a huge amount of fun and great football atmosphere.

K Robinson

The St Egwin's girls have had a fantastic year so far.

Year 7 girls gained silver medal in their Indoor Athletic competition at Prince Henry's making it through to the Winter School Worcestershire games at Worcester University. The girls didn't manage a medal but put every effort in on the day against some tough competition!

There has been some fantastic play and solid wins from all year groups in netball this term. The girls have shown great commitment by regularly attending training and improving their skills. The year 6 Girls netball team had a great start to their netball season winning their first game against Abbey Park with an impressive 24-1 score! In their recent District Tournament at Bredon Middle School, the girls worked very well as a team and finished in Bronze position overall!

At St Egwin's recent Arts festival, the girls performed dances that they had choreographed and had learnt during our dance module in PE. All of the girls performed brilliantly on the day and the festival was thoroughly enjoyed by both staff and pupils. In February, a handful of girls from each year group were asked to perform in a dance festival at Prince Henry's with other local schools. The pupils conducted themselves beautifully and looked very professional up on stage!

Zumba and cheerleading have been two new additions in PE. The popularity of Zumba has been overwhelming with over 60 pupils regularly attending Wednesday lunchtime club each week! In our PE gymnastics unit, the girls were introduced to cheerleading. The enthusiasm in the lessons has been much enjoyed by myself and I hope the girls are looking forward to their new cheerleading club starting after the Easter Holidays.

A great year so far to all St Egwin's girls, keep up your brilliant effort in and outside of lessons!

Miss Quinn

EASYFUNDRAISING

This year, we have raised £35.45 just by shopping online! You can help us to raise funds by joining easyfundraising. When you shop on a site that supports easyfundraising, a task bar appears at the top of your page and you can choose to donate (it does not increase your spend – the shop you are buying from donates the money). Simple! and extremely helpful to school.

The graphic features the Easyfundraising logo at the top left, with the text 'easyfundraising.org.uk' and 'feel good shopping' below it. The main headline reads 'Help out when you check out' in large, bold, teal letters. Below the headline, there are several shopping-related icons: a green M&S shopping bag, a white Tesco shopping bag, a stack of books, a soccer ball, a John Lewis box, an Amazon.co.uk box, and an ASOS box. A yellow AA logo is also present. At the bottom of the graphic, it says 'Join, shop and raise here:'.

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