



**ST EDMUND'S  
SCHOOL**  
CANTERBURY



**4th October 2019**

# Junior School News

Dear Parents and Guardians,

There have been a number of times this week when I have felt extremely proud. Firstly, our wonderful Harvest Chapel service occurred on Tuesday. As always, the Chapel was a feast of delights for the Harvest Service, and the Form 3 absolutely excelled themselves in their performance of "The World Came to My Place Today". I was also delighted to take part in our super Scratch Choir which performed Rutter's "Look at the World", an extremely moving piece which actually made several members of our parent audience cry! The Form 3 had made a sugarcraft world covered in vegetables as part of the decorations in a workshop led by parent volunteer Mrs Head. Mrs Head's sugarcraft has become something of an institution in Junior School, and I am extremely grateful to her for all of the hard work she so willingly puts in to support Lower School both with her one off workshops and her regular sewing club. Mrs Head is part of the Canterbury Sugarcraft group who meet monthly in Barham Village Hall. There are classes for adults as well as children, and I have included some additional information about it in this week's newsletter in case any children, or indeed parents, have been inspired to give it a go! You can read all about the Harvest Chapel service later in my newsletter.

I was also extremely proud to award the badges for our new Form 8 House Captains, Sports Captains and their Deputies during a special Head's Line on Monday, and the badges for the Form 8s who will be taking on Seniorship Roles this morning. I have been so pleased to see so many of them step up and take on responsibilities. We look forward to seeing them grow into their roles over the course of the year. More details about these positions of responsibility can be found later in my newsletter.

Yesterday afternoon I was excited to join Form 3 following their work on instructional writing in English where they had followed a recipe and made some delicious apple crumble using the school's apples. It was an absolute delight to eat their fantastic creations with them and to see just how pleased they were by what they had managed to make. They were keen to tell me all about the poetry they had been researching to celebrate National Poetry Day. Louis was incredibly excited to find an entire book about football poems! I shared with the children that my mother would often recite poetry to me at bedtime rather than reading me a story when I was little. It is only now as an adult that I have realised how many poems I know by heart simply because of that bedtime gift. Perhaps the children might like to share their poems with you as a bedtime story this weekend!

Finally, I had a bit of personal news which I am extremely proud about this week. I was informed earlier in the week that I have been appointed as a Fellow of the Chartered College of Teaching. I feel very honoured to have been recognised by such an important national body within the teaching profession and I look forward to working with other Fellows on education strategies and policy in the future.



## Harvest Chapel

On the 1st October at St Edmund's School Canterbury a Harvest Festival happened in the chapel.

Mrs Thyssen, the director, started the idea at the end of the summer holidays. Mrs Thyssen started making plays 5 years ago. The play began because Mrs Thyssen was inspired by a picture made by Van Gogh called "The Sower" and also there was a book called "The World Came To My Place Today".

When the play started, it started with Form 5 dancing then with some crows dancing. At the end of the play some people sang while bread was given out to the audience. When the play finished all the food and money that were going to charities were Porchlight and Catching Lives.

by Robert Scholer (F4)

The performance was opened by a dance from Form 5 children Isla Anderson, Eddie Florence, Riley Chidwick, Cora Regan-Mears, Autumn Goodey, Aiden Kearney, Maria Swash, Tabatha White, Esme Thapa. This was followed by Form 3's play "The World Came to My Place Today" which was narrated by Mr Yanni, Masha Polgase-Korosteleva, Jonty Harris-Harding, Lucy Hollingsbee and Charlie Emson (all F8). The intercessions were written and read by Form 6 children Ella Jones, Danny Shaw, Jessica Reynolds, Amber Wilkinson and Percy Meacham, and the Bible Reading was read by Seamus Soutar, George Blunt, Tom Barter, Jake Rigden and Issy Nolan (all Form 7). My special congratulations go to Filip Powell (F5), Omna Aurora (F7) and Setayesh Kalantari Khandani (F7) for reading poetry in their first languages. Setayesh read "A Hundred Rubies" in Persian, Omna read "Autumn" in Hindi and Filip read "Fields" in Czech with the translation of "Fields" read by Frederick Butler (F8). Thanks also to Thomas Young (F8) for his beautiful clarinet playing.

My sincere thanks go to Mrs Thyssen who masterminded the service, and also to Mrs Stanley and Mrs Burden for all of their help with costumes and decorating the chapel and to all of the Lower School and Music staff for their support with the service. Additionally, I would like to thank Mrs Donnelly for helping the children to prepare all of their international readings, and to the Barker Family for providing the hops for the beautiful hop arch over the chapel entrance. Thank you to all families who provided Harvest donations, the tinned and packet produce will be donated to Catching Lives and we have raised £151.10 for Porchlight through the sale of the fresh produce, once all of our IOUs have been paid!







## New Junior School House and Sports Captains for 2019-2020

Following an extremely competitive application process, I am delighted to announce the new House and Sports Captains for 2019-2020:

### **Becket:**

House Captains: Charlie Emson & Milly-Jay Reeve

Sports Captains: George Wager & Toral Patel

Deputy House Captain: Emily Jackson

Deputy Sports Captain: Samuel Berry

### **Chaucer:**

House Captains: Marcus Crossman & Gabriela Nacif-Higson

Sports Captains: Henry Goodwin & Matilda Marriner

Deputy House Captain: Leah Hodge

Deputy Sports Captain: Leo Watters

### **Marlowe:**

House Captains: Jack Hodgson (absent for photo) & Masha Polglase-Korosteleva

Sports Captains: Will Knoupe (absent for photo) & Emily Press

Deputy House Captain: James Hodgkinson

Deputy Sports Captain: Maisie Wright

A full photo of the Marlowe team will be printed when we are able to do so.

### **Roper:**

House Captains: Fabian Crooks & Daisy Holt

Sports Captains: Luke Robinson & Holly Allom

Deputy House Captain: Tilli Perry

Deputy Sports Captain: Adam Whitlock





## Form 8 Seniorship Programme

Today in Head's Line, I announced the first Seniorship Responsibility holders as part of our redeveloped Seniorship Programme. I was delighted to see how many Form 8 pupils were keen to take on additional responsibilities to support our school. I have appointed the following:

Name	Seniorship Responsibility
Frederick Butler	Leading Cartoon Club
Charlie Bond	Hospitality Host
Tom Blunt	Hospitality Host
Leo Watters	Maths Mentor
Olivia Standen	Reading Buddy
Marcus Crossman	Reading Buddy
James Hodgkinson	Reading Buddy
Henry Goodwin	Leading Chess Club
Masha Polglase-Korosteleva	Ecowarrior
Roya Rahman	Ecowarrior
Thomas Harper-Cox	Press/Photography
Abigail Beale	Press/Photography
Tilli Perry	Press/Photography
Lucy Hollingsbee	Leading Form 6 Art Club
Emma Cook	Leading Form 6 Art Club
Emily Jackson	Help with Nature Garden
Maisie Wright	Animal Care
Leah Hodge	Leading Art Club Pre Prep
Charlie Emson	English Monitor
Poppy Gower	Activity Leader
Toral Patel	Activity Leader
Jack Hodgson	Activity Leader
Adam Whitlock	Leading Form 7 Football Club
Luke Robinson	Leading Form 7 Football Club
Harry Atkinson	Lower School Buddy
Charlie Alexander	Lower School Buddy
Will Bradley	Stage Crew
Gabriela Nacif-Higson	Stage Crew
Annabel Ogston Lemmens	Leading Scratch/Coding Club
Fabian Crooks	ICT Monitor
Luke Beatty	Science Monitor
Max Chessum	Supporting Science Club
Thomas de-Berry	Chapel Monitor
Alex Smith	Office Help
Jack Holcroft	Office Help





## Lower School KIC Theatre Workshops

Ian from KIC Theatre visited the Lower School yesterday to provide some drama workshops to link into their topic work. Form 3 took part in a workshop focusing on friendships and respect. They explored what makes a good friend and how our facial expressions affect other people's feelings. Through a simple game they experienced how it feels to be left out of a group. At the end of the session all the children were each able to name a characteristic of a good friend. Mrs Swatman was mightily impressed with how the children worked together and the excellent suggestions they had during the workshop.



Form 4 worked with Ian to think about what life would have been like in a Celtic settlement. The children enjoyed acting as warriors, painting their faces with woad and spiking their hair with lime. They made pots, tended animals, hunted, fixed palisades and built houses. They worked well both individually and within larger groups and all had lots of fun when engaged in the activities



Form 5 enjoyed a workshop which had a Victorian theme. The children imagined being from all part of society and practised bowing and curtsying to each other! They also worked together and pretended to be a machine in a factory. They were either bobbins or part of the loom. They enthusiastically and noisily acted their parts and demonstrated this to the rest of Lower School in the plenary session. It was great to see the children taking part, listening and following instructions and most of all, thoroughly enjoying themselves!



## Form 3 Make Apple Crumble

As I mentioned at the start of my newsletter, Form 3 made Apple Crumble this week as part of their Harvest Topic whilst looking at Instructional Writing in English. Here are a few photos which sum up the experience!





## Junior School Lunchtime Concert

The Junior School Lunchtime Concert on Tuesday 1st October was very well received and a wide variety of piano pieces were performed on the warm tones of the Steinway Grand. The performers were: James Hodgkinson (F8), Theodore and Jeremy Isom (F4), Matthew Williams (F6), Peter Symon (F5), James Wood (F5), Ben and Josh Coleman (F5).

A special mention must go to Thomas Young (F8) who performed Terminal by John Williams on the clarinet with superlative musicianship. This piece, with its difficult passagework and widely contrasting range, was something to behold. Very well done to all performers for giving us such an enjoyable lunchtime recital.



## Lottie Lou Visits Vlogging Club



First and foremost, Vlogging club has an open door policy so Ms Barnes is keen to encourage any pupil who hasn't yet signed up to go along and see what it's all about!

Vlogging club saw their first guest speaker this week, discussing and holding a Q&A session about what makes a successful vlog. Lottie Lou Smith is our very own St Edmund's vlogger who runs her own successful vlog on life as a boarder. This is an independent vlog which Lottie has set up herself. Lottie gave a background to how she started and what has helped her get to where she is today.

Pupils asked many questions including what influences her style. It was great for pupils to learn how vlogging has evolved from being videos that are 30-40 minutes long, to much shorter and more multi-media based, allowing the opportunity to develop many skills both in front of and behind the camera. Lots of filming = lots of editing but greater results. Perhaps the best piece of advice Lottie gave and one that can be said of almost anything we do in life is to "be yourself". A big thank you to Cameron Crouch, our F7 vlogger who took the initiative to organise the session with Lottie and of course Lottie Lou for giving us her valuable time this morning during her last year of A-Levels.

## Chorister Demo to F3 & Pre Prep

This year Chorister Voice Trials are on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Dr Flood and some of the Choristers gave a demonstration to Form 3 and to Dragonflies to show them what being a Chorister is all about. We hope that the boys will consider the possibility of becoming Choristers or that everyone present might encourage their friends from outside of school to audition. Thank you to the Choristers and Dr Flood for providing the demonstration.







## Eliana plays in this week's Head's Line

I was very proud of Eliana Rogers-Bricout (F4) who played the piano in Head's Line this morning. Although I only asked Eliana to play yesterday as someone else was unwell, she stepped up fearlessly and gave a confident rendition of a piece which she has been working on recently in her lessons. I do hope that others will have been inspired by Eliana's example and will step forward to perform over the coming weeks. Well done Eliana, we all enjoyed the dynamics which you incorporated into your recital.



## Form 7 Residential Trip to Kingswood

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, pupils in Form 7 left for The Kingswood Activity Centre, Ashford, on their three-day residential trip. After stowing their belongings into their dorms and making their beds, pupils began an adventure of challenge and risk. Activities such as the High Wire Zip Line thrilled pupils as they zoomed at breakneck speeds towards the safety of terra firma. Other activities such as Den Building, Obstacle Course and Fire Lighting tested and developed pupils' teamwork and communication skills. For many, including a number of the teachers, The Leap of Faith was the most challenging activity. Climbing up a 25 metre pole with nothing to hold onto but small wooden hand grips was a daunting task; however, many overcame their fears and reached the top. When at the top, pupils jumped towards a trapeze type bar, which many managed to reach. Whilst feeling a little tired, the pupils returned to school on Friday feeling as though they had been part of something special. Joseph Goodwin said "It was a great trip. It was really nice to be able to get to know the newer pupils who joined in September while doing fun and challenging activities". My thanks go to Mr Mckean who masterminded the trip and to Ms Barnes, Miss Glynn, Mr Hawkins, Rev'd Bennett and Mrs Ward who accompanied the children on their expedition. I really feel that it supported the Form 7 to settle in.





## Jessica's Riding Success

Jessica Reynolds (F6) went to the Regionals with her team for British Dressage Quest last Saturday & they were placed 4th out of 14 teams, narrowly missing going to the Nationals by only a few points! They were the only team which included children, all of the other teams were made up solely of adults. What a fantastic achievement!



## Marcus Gets the Gold!



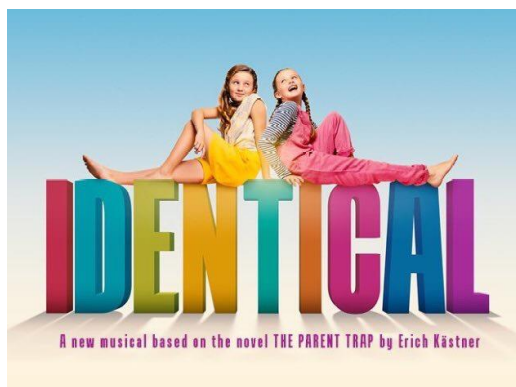
Marcus Crossman (F8) won a gold medal in the 400m freestyle event at the 50m pool in Crawley on Saturday at the Lis Hartley K2 long course event. This was a level 2 meet with tough qualifying times across three counties. We are extremely proud of Marcus' achievement, and also of the effort that he is putting into his training, getting up very early in the morning to train before school. Marcus has been perfectly demonstrating how hard work really does pay off!

## Riya and Esme perform for the Nepalese Ambassador

Riya (F6) and Esme (F5) Thapa were privileged to be invited to perform a dance at the Nepalese National Day Celebrations in London on 20<sup>th</sup> September. They performed to the Ambassador, His Excellency Dr. Durga Bahadur Subedi; Director for South Asia of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the UK, Mr. Gareth Bayley; and Member of the House of Commons and Chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Nepal, Hon. Virendra Sharma. Well done girls!



## Camilla Sees Double!



Camilla Boarman-Powell (F7) has been unveiled the poster girl for the new musical "Identical". The musical is based on the novel "The Parent Trap" by Erich Kästner and will be premiering at the Nottingham Playhouse from July 31st 2020 to be followed by a three week run at Theatre Royal Bath in September. Camilla was asked to model for the poster and we think she has done a terrific job!





## Robert Completes Hever Triathlon

Congratulations go to Robert Scholer (F4) who completed the Hever Castle Triathlon last weekend. I am familiar with the course as I used to live very close to Hever and particular credit must go to Robert for completing the swim in the Castle Lake!



## Form 4 Visit the Science Labs



This week, Form 4 visited the science laboratories. As part of the topic on digestion the children conducted an experiment to investigate how starch is digested in the small intestine led by the head of Science, Dr Jones. The children had the opportunity to use scientific equipment such as Visking tubing (to replicate the small intestine), pipettes, test tubes and syringes. They added the enzyme amylase to a solution of starch, which was then gently warmed to replicate body temperature. They then added iodine to see if there was any starch remaining in the intestinal solution and blue Benedict's Solution to see if the starch had been broken down into sugars. Dr Jones congratulated the Form 4 scientists for their excellent listening and investigative skills. Our thanks go to the Senior School Science staff for making the Form 4 visit so exciting!

## Internet Matters!

Giving a child personal space to develop and grow can be a difficult balance to strike, especially when that space involves cyber space. It's a relief to know that many initiatives exist to help guide us as parents and allow our children to grow and develop in a safer space, minimising any potential risk for harm. You may have recently heard about the BBC's 'digital wellbeing' "Own It" app. If not, we'd like to share some further information as we're always on the look-out for anything that helps our children grow in order to reach their full potential. An excerpt taken from the BBC site explains perfectly how the app works "It monitors how young people interact with friends and family online and through messaging apps. It uses AI to evaluate a child's mood so it can offer advice or encourage them to talk to trusted adults. The app is designed to offer help and support especially if children are about to share sensitive data or send an upsetting message". If you would like to find out more, please use this link [https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-49726844?fbclid=IwAR3EkCtqlrrsuH8CbWk\\_WqkgxcsZD6mNCvGUVO4Emka9ayT-yjETNkeGJqw](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-49726844?fbclid=IwAR3EkCtqlrrsuH8CbWk_WqkgxcsZD6mNCvGUVO4Emka9ayT-yjETNkeGJqw)



## Junior School Sport

It has been an impressive past 4 weeks of sport in the Junior School where participation in school teams has been between 95 and 100 % on 'match day' Wednesdays with occasional additional Friday fixtures if opposing schools can accommodate us.

This week we are extremely proud to announce a superb achievement from our Under 13A boys' football team - they won the prestigious Kent prep schools', "Shapira Cup", now in its 47<sup>th</sup> Year! 10 schools were swept aside by our unbeaten squad and included: Junior King's, Northbourne Park, Dover College, Dulwich Prep, Marlborough House, King's Rochester and Wellesley House. A last minute 'bullet' header from Henry Goodwin (F8) secured a draw in the final; leading to St Edmund's being crowned joint winners with New Beacon. Samson Buck (F8) was named player of the tournament but the entire team demonstrated skill, agility and top class sportsmanship.

The Under 13A & B girls' hockey squads remain unbeaten after the B team won 2-1 this week. They continue to improve and develop a good understanding of match and team play. The talented Under 11/10 girls' hockey squad also continued to impress with a fantastic 2-1 win after going down to an early goal from King's Rochester but fighting back in the second half.

The Under 9 boys' football team won their second match of the season with a comfortable win against Dover College but although full of talent and energy we are now focusing on their technical and tactical awareness in lessons over the coming weeks.

The popular Thursday morning 'Wake Up and Shake Up' before school club had over 30 participants this week with fitness, fun and of course some of the worst music ever played by Mr Penn as he continues to roll back the years to 80s rock! They always try to use the astro and they will watch the weather carefully after Half Term before they retreat to the heated sports hall.

Next term will once again see more fixtures and as an added bonus, the cross country season starts as the team travel to Tonbridge next Thursday.







Have a lovely weekend.  
Best wishes,

Dr Emma Margrett  
Head of Junior School

## Looking Ahead

**Form 5 trip to the Kent Life Museum, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** Letters have been sent home but if you have any questions, please contact Mrs Surridge or Mrs Burden.

**Parents' Association Christmas Fair planning Meeting, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** after morning drop off in the Drawing Room. Open to any parents who would like to assist. Please consider taking part.

**Half term** begins after school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. Late stay will run as usual until 5.30pm.

**Scrabble Club** This will start on Mondays after half term in Mr Pellett's classroom from 4.45pm-5.30pm for Forms 6, 7 & 8. This replaces the 8am Monday English club.

## Wanted!

Cardboard boxes (cereal boxes), tubes and any cardboard containers of various sizes for a Form 4 art project next week. They can be left with Mrs King, Mrs Norton or Mrs Bradley. Thank you!

## Congratulations to:

**Josh Coleman and James Sutton** for gaining their Bronze star certificates.

**Percy Meacham** for completing his Librarian's training.

**James Wood, Juliette Matharu, Josh Coleman, Maria Swash, Autumn Goodey, Hugo Wache, Esme Thapa, Louis Garrard, Xiomara Harper Cox, Rohan Lowe, Cassius Preston** for gaining their Certificates of Excellence.

**Harry Hodgson** for winning Man of the Match at Appledore Football Club last weekend.

## Pick-up times:

<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Football	Northbourne Park	U11 A & B	Away	<b>4.45pm</b>
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Football	Northbourne Park	U13 A & B	Home	<b>4pm</b>
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Hockey	St Lawrence	U11 A & B	Home	<b>4pm</b>
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Cross Country	Somerhill		Away	<b>5.30pm</b>

**E-Safety:** If parents have any concerns about their son or daughter's online security, they should immediately contact Ross Underwood Director of Safeguarding Lead & E-Safety Co-ordinator. He can either be called via the school office on 01227 475600 or emailed at [rpu@stedmunds.org.uk](mailto:rpu@stedmunds.org.uk)



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