



ST EDMUND'S  
SCHOOL  
CANTERBURY



17<sup>th</sup> January 2020

# Junior School News

It has been a busy week in Junior School.

On Monday the Lower School celebrated Mrs Thyssen's special birthday. Mrs Thyssen received so many birthday cakes that she was able to give every child in Lower School a slice!

In Chapel on Tuesday we learned about the Gideon International Association and the story of a Gideon bible thrown out of a window, chucked into the bin, rescued and then returned back to the Gideons.

On Wednesday House Singing began...

Thursday and Friday saw the Junior School host 34 pupils from local schools for 'Year 7 Experience Days'. In Science lessons our taster pupils made sinister looking 'shots' of algae and in English they discussed Haiku poetry and volcanoes.

The Year 6 'buddies' did an amazing job of supporting the new pupils, who may well have felt a little nervous or anxious about visiting a new school environment.

A copious amount of hot chocolate was drunk and a good time was had by all!

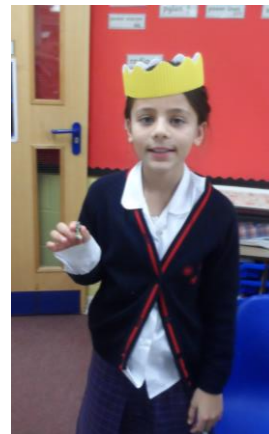


## Form 4 Celebrate French Epiphany

On Monday Form 4 studied French tradition on January 6<sup>th</sup>, Epiphany Day. Pupils made a traditional French cake, known as a Galette or 'French King Cake'.

The Galette was cooked and at the end of the day pupils were allowed to eat it. They had to be very careful as there were charms (known as féve) inside to be found.

The pupils who found charms in their cake were crowned kings / queens and allowed to keep their charms. **Michaela Dullabh** demonstrates!



## Form 3 Perform 'You're Safe With Me'

Mr McKean reports on a recent pupil-led shadow puppet show. This is part of Form 3's Science topic on light and shadow.

*Today I was delighted to watch Form 3 perform their play called You're Safe with Me by Chitra Soundar and Poonam Mistry as part of their Light and Shade topic. Pupils used torches and puppets to cast shadows onto a white sheet to tell the story of when its bedtime for a group baby animals of the Indian forest who can't sleep when the skies turn dark and the night grows stormy. It's only 'Mama Elephant' with her words of wisdom who can reassure them.*

*The skills and dexterity that the pupils showed was very impressive. They had clearly put a huge amount of effort into planning the show. My thanks to Mrs Patmore and Mrs Stanley for facilitating this wonderful opportunity.*







## House Singing Gets In Full Swing!

This week the Junior School corridors echoed with the sounds of children singing the pop music songs they are currently learning. Below is a report from **Abigail Beale** (Form 8).

*On Wednesday, the students all had their first house singing of the year.*

*We all enjoyed it very much.*

*Roper sang 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. Chaucer sang 'Best Song Ever' by One Direction. Marlow sang 'Shake It Off' by Taylor Swift and last but not least Becket sang 'Shotgun' by George Ezra.*

*Everyone is very excited for the next practice. The teachers prepared us very well and we all had a go. We cannot wait until the House Song Competition on February 7<sup>th</sup>!*



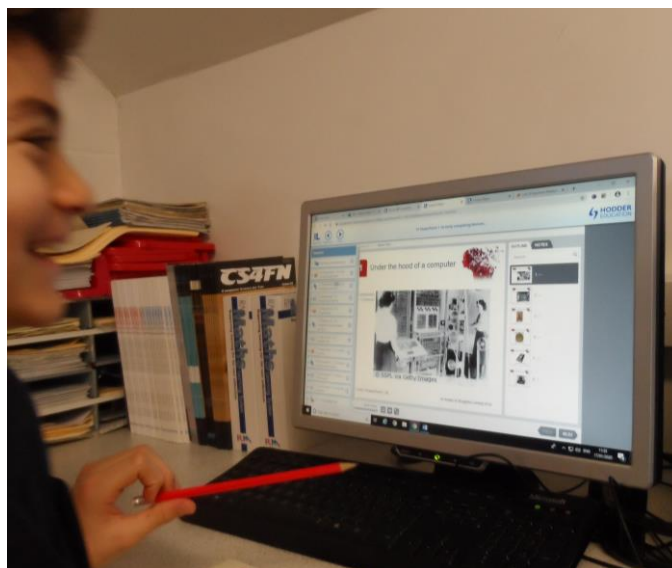
## Year 7 Computing

Yesterday I had the opportunity to visit Mrs Barnes's bustling Year 7 ICT class.

**Nathan Sutton** and **Hetty Moran** showed me their work on the topic 'What does it mean to compute?'

During the lesson pupils navigated the Virtual Learning Platform and identified the meaning of the word 'compute' through the ages.

It was interesting to learn that an abacus is considered to be an early form of a computer, along with sundials and Stonehenge.





## Sporting News

With our fitness tests now complete we have moved on to our rotation of PE disciplines this week with mixed cricket and netball on the agenda for Form 7 and 8.

It is very rewarding for us in Junior School PE when at time you can stand back and watch our own pupils deliver part of lesson and the Girls in F7 and 8 warmed to the task of introducing Netball to the boys and vice versa with Cricket. Both sports feature highly in the family sporting life in the Southern Hemisphere, where mixed version of both games are played weekly. Mrs Relf certainly experienced this in New Zealand whilst Mr Penn's sporting travels to Australia and South Africa had the same results with fantastic sporting experiences for all of the family.

It will take time to nurture this in the UK but at St Edmund's JS but mixed sport is successfully well underway in the teaching and playing environment with more to follow on this story in the coming weeks.

Matches have begun this week for the boys' hockey teams and the success of last term has carried on immediately.

**U13a and b had wins at the Duke of Yorks' School, Dover**

**U11a and b winning away to Kings Rochester.**

We do not often single out players in team performances but it is great to report that **Morgan Abbott** from F4 was selected this week to play a year early for our under 11a team this week in recognition for not only the progress that he has made with his hockey skills but also for his growing understanding of match play beyond his years. Keep it quiet though...he even scored!!! Well done Morgan.

The girls teams move into competitive action next week with a full fixture card of 8 matches where all girls from F5 to F8 will represent the Junior School. 2 weeks of practise and selection has now nearly finished and the standard of play has been exceptional, the noise deafening.

JS fitness club has resumed normality now that Mr Penn has dug out some old vinyl and downgraded the Thursday morning playlist to incorporate Deep Purple but Mrs Relf firmly believes that due to the 7.45am start, noone listens or cares anyway. The club goes from strength to strength!!





## Rewards

In Head's Line this week we celebrated the following pupil achievements:

**Robyn Davis, George Blunt, Meena Hay** for gaining Bronze Star certificates.

**Alice Florence, Oscar De Varennes, Penny Beck-Evans, Alex Morrissey, Alice Yeomans-Attwood, Robert Scholer, Ben Holcroft, Omna Arora** for gaining their Silver Star certificates.

**James Sutton** for gaining his Silver, Gold and Platinum star certificates.

**Ben Coleman, Tabatha White** for gaining their platinum star certificates.

**Alexander Strzeminski-Bowden, Jeremy Isom, Theo Isom, Ami Watters, Jonty Harris-Harding** for gaining their AB Music certificates.

**Matilda Marriner, Peter Symon, Rafa Barton Hodges, Matthew Williams, Noah Le Grange, Rhyd Lowe** for gaining their Trinity music certificates.

**Monty White and George Sutton** for gaining their Rock School music certificates

Certificates of Excellence were awarded to **Krum Tsanev** (for sailing the Atlantic, no less) and **Juliette Matharu** (for exceptional courtesy).

Have a great weekend,

Acting Head of Junior School



## Next Week

The week ahead: **w/c 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>16:30 Form 8 Parents' Forum (Drawing Room)</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>14:00 – Netball: Girls U13A, U13B, U13C, U13D, U13E v St Lawrence College (away)</b> <b>14:00 - Netball: Girls U11A, U11B, U11C v St Lawrence College (tbc)</b> <b>16:30 Form 3 &amp; 4 Parents' Forum (Drawing Room)</b>
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Cake sale in aid of World Wildlife Foundation</b> <b>14:00 – Hockey: Boys U11A, U11B, U11C, U11D v King's Rochester (Home)</b> <b>19:30 Old Edmundian Quiz Night</b>
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Open Exeat</b>
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Open Exeat</b>

## Pick Up Times

<b>Wed 22nd January</b>	<b>Netball</b>	<b>St Lawrence</b>	<b>U11 A</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>3.45pm</b>
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## Looking Ahead

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January—Old Edmundian Quiz Night

Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend the Old Edmundian Quiz on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. A delicious meal will be served and you are welcome to bring your own drinks.

Tickets £10 per person or £100 per table of 10. Book your tickets here [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-edmunds-school-canterbury](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-edmunds-school-canterbury). All money from the event will go towards boarding refurbishments.

If you would like further information then please [foundation@stedmunds.org.uk](mailto:foundation@stedmunds.org.uk)

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January Junior School Cake Sale

#### Calling all Wildlife Lovers:

On Friday we will be holding a cake sale in the JS playground during morning break. This charity event is organised in aid of the work World Wildlife Foundation is doing to lessen the impact of the current bushfires on the Australian wildlife. More information on <https://support.wwf.org.uk/australia-bushfires>

Please come and support this worthwhile and urgent cause either through donating NUTFREE cakes & biscuits or buying cakes on the day. Cakes can be left with Mrs King or Mrs Thyssen on Friday morning.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Stanley, Emily, Jess & Leah (Form 8 pupils)

**E Safety** If parents have any concerns about their son or daughter's online security, they should immediately contact Ross Underwood, DSL & 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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