

Seaton House School Newsletter



For the week ending: **Friday 19th January, 2018**

Dear Parents

We began our week with a visit from the Sutton Mayor and how very impressed she was with the behaviour of all our girls! It was a lovely experience to see past pupils return and say how much they missed the school - they have such happy memories of their time here.



I want to thank the mums who attended the coffee morning today and say how impressed and grateful we are to have such a dedicated core of POSH ladies. I know that not everyone could be there this morning but it is truly amazing to see just how much the parents have done for the school and the girls over the past term. A big 'thank you' to everyone who forms part of this team.

I would also like to give a brief update on our building plans as it has all gone a bit quiet on that front! Our building plans for Senior House have been approved for the main school but we are now in the process of sorting out a lease agreement with the bowling club. This always takes time as the lease is a new one and pertains to the new pavilion. The school is also in the process of arranging finance needed for the new build. There is genuinely no set timeline on these things as applications are tended, rejected or accepted, all in their own time! I will keep you informed of any new developments as they occur and appreciate your patience on this matter.



Quotes of the Week – By FV & FVI



FV & FVI attended a day-long First Aid Training Course yesterday, run by St John Ambulance. Here are some of their thoughts about the day:-

'Thanks to First Aid, I can save a life!' - Ramya.

'Every child should learn First Aid - it's great!' - Cara

'My favourite part of the day was bandaging up Honey and Sahar' - Abi

'Only 25% of adults are first aid trained - we need more!' - Olivia

'I enjoyed it when I got to dress wounds using bandages and also when we were practising the recovery position on our partner' - Eleanor

'I loved learning about the recovery position. I was surprised to find out that there are seven emergency services and that you can text 999!' - Shriya

'I learned how it feels to have an asthma attack. First Aid is important so that people can get help quickly' - Natasha



Pupil Achievements

ABRSM

Annah Mawani, FIII - Grade 1 Piano, Pass

LAMDA

Phoebe Lloyd, FV - Level 1 award in Communication (Grade 3), Distinction

Annah Mawani, FIII - Award in Communication - Speaking Verse and Prose Entry Level - Merit

Sandhya Sachchithanantham, FIII - Level 1 award in Communication (Grade 1), Distinction

Riding - Chipstead Riding Club, Winter Walk and Trot Championship

Olivia Ford, FVI - 4th place rosette awarded

Trampolining

Amelie Morgan, FII - achieved Trampoline Proficiency Award, Level 5

Gymnastics

Alice Merry, FVI - Awarded Seaton House Gymnast of the Term, last term.

Swimming

Khiana Chudasama, FIII - Swim England Award, Water Skills, Level 2

Georgia Page, FI - Swim England Award, Rainbow Distance 15 Metres

Karate

Orlaith Davidson, FIII - awarded her Green Belt

Skiing - Ecole du Ski Francais

Anna Gurova FI, awarded 2ND STAR (2ÉME ÉTOILE) for a test: a series of around ten perfect parallel turns on a moderately steep slope.

First Aid Day



On Thursday, Sally and Liz from St John Ambulance came in to school to teach FV and FVI some life-saving first aid skills. The girls were taught how to cope with bleeding, bruising, burns and scalding and how to dress a wound with bandages. They learned to recognise an asthma attack and how to assess an accident scene, how to put someone into the

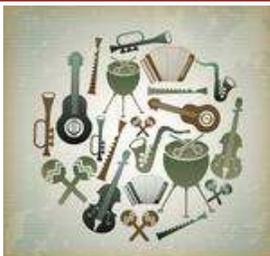
recovery position and how to deal with shock. They are now familiar with the contents of a first aid kit and would be able to assist someone who is choking or who has fainted. These skills will save lives. Huge thanks to Liz and Sally for spending the day with us, teaching us these invaluable skills and to Mrs Mannooch and Mrs Fairweather for organising such a fantastic, worthwhile day.



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Until today we didn't know that you can be registered to text 999 in an emergency, that there are apps for mindfulness or that there are a whole host of helpful websites to assist us in any situation. If you would like to find out more information about St John Ambulance and the wonderful work that they do, please click on the following link: www.sja.org.uk



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Updates and Reminders

- **Orchestra.** *Girls, please remember to bring in your instruments for Orchestra on Monday.*

Leadership Assembly - Seaton House welcomes the Mayor

On Monday morning we welcomed three very special guests to Seaton House School: The Worshipful the Mayor of the London Borough of Sutton Councillor Jean Crossby and Lauren and Ella, former Seaton House Pupils. Both girls are now at Nonsuch High School. Ella was Head Girl when she was here at Seaton House and Lauren is now Head Girl at Nonsuch. The girls are both doing extremely well and are loving every minute of life at Nonsuch. They attribute their success to the wonderful staff at Seaton House, especially Mrs Wilson, 'an amazing and inspirational leader.' The girls wanted to talk to us about leadership, how we all have the qualities to be great leaders and how important it is to use these qualities and to work hard to achieve our goals. They asked our pupils to think of some role models, citing Emily Davidson as a perfect example. Emily was a Suffragette, she fought for women's rights and gave her life so that women could vote. Madam Mayor agreed with the girls - she commented that with hard work, a cheerful and positive attitude and a clear goal, any young girl can be whatever she wants to be - Prime Minister, lawyer, engineer or astronaut. Future Mayor anyone?



Former Seaton House Pupils - Outstanding Achievements

Following on from our previous feature, we are delighted to let you know that Lauren Erasmus, a former Seaton House Pupil, who left in July 2016, has been awarded the Jack Petchey Award for outstanding achievement at Nonsuch High School. Lots of our pupils will remember Lauren - she was Head Girl here whilst in Form VI and her twin sisters are currently in FI. This is an extract from the letter that was sent to Lauren by the Director of Assessment:-

We are really pleased to be able to write to you at the start of this year to formally recognise Lauren's outstanding performance in Year 7 at Nonsuch.

Lauren is a delightful student, kind and considerate towards others, polite to staff and a real asset to the Nonsuch community. Nonsuch monitors students throughout their time at the school to measure their academic progress and their attitude to learning. Lauren was the only student in the year group to be in the top 10% of students in three different measures: the top 10% of the year group, the top 10% demonstrating progress and the top 10% who achieved the most level 1 and 2 grades in her attitude to learning. This is an exceptional achievement and we wanted to share this excellent news with you.



Lauren was nominated by Mrs Todd, the Director of Assessment, for a Jack Petchey Achievement award because of her outstanding progress and achievement in Year 7. The committee approved her award and that means she gets £250 to spend on a school project - Lauren has chosen to celebrate with her form, Neptune, by buying the girls pizza & cakes and the rest she has chosen to give to the Music Department as she is very involved in Music at Nonsuch and they are going to use the money towards a set of classroom glockenspiels. Lauren has to write an account of why she won the award and, in February, there is a Borough-wide reception which is when she will receive a medal from the Jack Petchey Foundation.

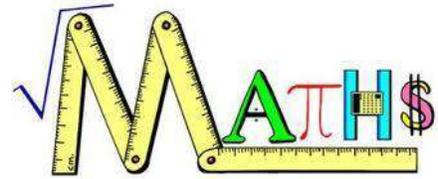
Lauren's family wanted to share this with Seaton House to show their appreciation of the 'truly excellent' foundation provided for the girls by Seaton House Staff, from which they can go on to achieve great things.

We are always delighted - and extremely proud - to hear about former pupils' achievements. Please let us know of any more by contacting us on marketing@seatonhouse.sutton.sch.uk

Primary Maths Challenge

Very well done to the following girls for reaching the Primary Maths Challenge Bonus Round which takes place on 7th February 2018:

Holly Attwood
Charlotte Elliot-Square
Sahar Firoozi
Sasha Harrison



First Aid Day



Congratulations to the following FV and FVI girls who attended the First Aid Course yesterday and were awarded their certificate:-

FV: Sequoia, Maja, Lucie, Zoe, Ellie, Tabytha, Nicole, Zerlin, Natasha, Beatrix, Kami, Shriya, Phoebe, Maya, Lucy, Matilda, Ramya, Dila, Sukey, Maya

FV: Holly, Ximena, Christyn, Scarlett, Abigail, Charlotte, Sahar, Olivia, Lara, Imogen, Sasha, Aanya, Alice, Honey, Isumi, Eleanor, Cara

Jokes of the Week – by Ellie, Reception

Ellie: Why did the banana go to the Doctor?

Mrs Stubley: I don't know Ellie - why did the banana go to the Doctor?

Ellie: Because he wasn't peeling very well.

Ellie: What lies in the pram and wobbles?

Mrs Stubley: Errrr - I don't know Ellie - what lies in the pram and wobbles?

Ellie: A Jelly Baby



POSH News



Coffee with the Head update

Thank you to everyone who came to the first POSH meeting of 2018. It was great to recap on the success of the Autumn Term and set out our stall for Spring. Although the first few months of this year are quieter in terms of fundraising, much work will be going on behind the scenes developing the committee, progressing the charity registration and planning our headline event 'The Summer Fete'.

Autumn Term 2017 - Headline Figures

Income: £6,725.17 - Mostly raised from the Disco, Christmas Winter Wonderland and uniform sales

Expenditure: £9,841.81 - £6,634.70 of which was spent on iPads as well as funding for the Lego club and library books

We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Morrison for joining us this morning and supporting this new format which provided the forum for some interesting conversations including but not limited to the progress of the build and the way in which the subject of relationships and reproduction are broached in the senior years.

- **Build** - It appears that many parents feel out of the loop and so it was agreed that POSH would write to the Chair of Governors asking for a detailed status report. We will keep you updated.
- **PSHE Relationship & Reproduction Education** - Again this arose as parents of children in FIV and FV were unsure when/how the school teaches this important subject. Mrs Morrison advised that this happens in the summer term of FV. Parents are sent some guidance notes beforehand, outlining what will be covered and how the topic of reproduction will be presented. The committee put forward the idea of a workshop for parents to be run in conjunction to the classes for the girls but at this moment this isn't something that could be taken forward without further feedback from parents.

We will hold our next coffee morning at the start of the summer term. If you are unable to attend but have a topic you would like us to raise please let your form rep know.

Dates for your Diary

POSH Meeting: Thurs 22nd Feb 7.30pm

DISCO: Fri 2nd March 6pm - It's a Pyjama Party!

Easter Raffle: w/c 26th March

Bag2School Collection: W/c 23rd April

Summer Fete: Sat 23rd June

We will also be looking to add a parents' quiz evening and movie night for the children into our calendar of events.

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Refreshment help

We hope you agree that having the opportunity to wait inside with a cuppa is far better than queuing in the rain by the bins ahead of parent events. Please help us keep this going by offering your help to set up/serve/clear away when it is your form's turn. Upcoming events are:

SH Poetry Assembly: Mon 5th February - FV

JH Poetry Assembly: Wed 7th February - F1

Spring Concert: Thurs 8th March - FV/FVI & Orchestra

Also on the morning of Friday 9th March POSH will once again be helping the school to prepare for that afternoon's **Marsden March**. More info will be forthcoming nearer the time.



Diary Dates

Monday 22nd January: WoW Week. Gym Squad Practice 3.30pm - 5.00pm.

Tuesday 23rd January: WoW Week. CADA Dance 12.45pm - 1.15pm. Hockey V Banstead Prep (A) U9 (FIV) 1.50pm - 3.30pm. Musical Theatre 3.45pm - 4.45pm.

Wednesday 24th January: WoW Week. DramaBuds 3.45pm - 4.45pm. U11 Hockey v Banstead prep (A) 1.50pm - 3.30pm.

Thursday 25th January: AM - African Drumming Workshop, Senior House. WoW Week. Gym Club (FI & FII) 3.45 - 4.45pm. Orchestral Playday at St John's for selected SH pupils. 2.00pm - 7.00pm.

Friday 26th January: WoW Week. Swimming FIII, FIV & FV 9.30 - 11.30am. Gym Club (FIII - FVI) 3.45 - 4.45pm.

Second Hand School Uniform - em.penman@hotmail.co.uk



Desperately seeking uniform.

Due to the incredible success of last term - uniform sales raised almost £1,000 - we have found ourselves in the surprising position of being incredibly low on stock. If you have any outgrown uniform (winter, summer or PE kit) please donate it to POSH. Every penny raised goes back to POSH and is used to further enrich our children's education. We are particularly desperate for summer blazers, cardigans and **new style** summer dresses (we are no longer able to accept old style summer dresses).

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Delivery Dates for Spring & Summer Terms are as follows:-

Wednesday 31st January, Wednesday 21st March, Wednesday 13th June, Wednesday 4th July

Please place orders by midnight on the previous Sunday.