

SEATON HOUSE



NEWSLETTER

24th January 2020



Despite some damp, dreary weather this week there has been plenty of life and activity around the school. Early Years and Form I, had an excellent Lego workshop which had all the girls fully engaged in building and creating models and trying to solve problems.

A group of our most able musicians went to St. John's Leatherhead for a music workshop where they sang and played and even put on a concert in the evening. Full details and pictures to follow next week. Thank you to Mrs. Wilson for taking the girls.

Form I rounded off our week with an excellent assembly on Chinese New Year which is celebrated this weekend complete with Chinese dragon! The girls all spoke clearly and acted their parts. Congratulations to you all.

We are looking forward to our Poetry Recital Afternoons later in the term. All the girls will be learning a class poem to perform. In addition to this, we would like to encourage as many of the girls as possible to learn their own individual poem by heart, which they will perform to their peers and staff. We will then choose a selection from every year group to perform at the Poetry Afternoons which will take place on Wednesday 12th (Rec-Form II) and Friday 14th (Forms III-VI). Junior House girls need to know their poem for Friday 7th February and Senior House for Monday 10th February. This is a recital and therefore there is no need for props or costume.

We are still having issues with parking impacting both on local residents and also the safety of our pupils. **Please ensure you park in the correct places and never on the double yellow lines.** This is particularly important near the Early Years building. We are an integral part of this community and need to work with local residents. Also, we will need our neighbours support if we are to re-develop our site and therefore I would ask again for you all to be considerate and **drive and park with due care and attention.** I would really rather not name and shame drivers, but I will if it continues.

Finally, I would like to wish Catherine well as she goes to the ISA Young Musician Final this weekend in Warwick. I am sure you will do very well. Thank you again to Mrs. Wilson for accompanying Catherine for this event which I am sure will be an excellent learning experience.



ACHIEVEMENTS



Daisy - Form IV - Grade 3 singing with Merit – Trinity College London

&

Leona – Form VI - Grade 3 Piano with Merit – The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music



Orlaith – Form V – 1st Snowboard (Junior/Adults) Ecole du Ski Francais



An amazing piece of art – Well done Anya (Form III)



Well done to you all. Keep up the good work.

News from Early Years

Nursery and Reception classes enjoyed a fantastic Lego workshop this week. Nursery used Lego to make faces and in Reception class the girls helped to make new brick houses for the 3 little pigs. The children displayed perseverance, problem solving skills and great creativity.



News from Junior House

This week Form I have been practising their number bonds to 20. They used cubes, matching pair games and even enjoyed a game of bingo! The girls are making great progress



In Science, Form II have been learning about different habitats. They made the most of the winter sunshine and went to explore our very own pond habitat.



News from Senior House

Form III have been learning about money and money calculations in Maths this week- in particular working out how much change to give and receive. They enjoyed playing shops in the Maths lesson where they were both customers and shopkeepers, calculating the total cost and change needed.



Hindu workshop.



Form IV girls had an excellent, informative workshop about Hinduism complete with costumes and dancing. Thank you to all who helped make this happen.

Form V are learning all about Materials this half term and this week they have planned and carried out an experiment into dissolving. The girls chose different solids and tested whether they were soluble or insoluble in water. They had to think carefully about how to make it a fair test and worked well with their partners to gather their results.



In Art, Form III enjoyed paper weaving.



FV enjoyed exploring some tie-dye techniques in their art club.



On Monday, Form V presented Form III with posters and booklets that they had made in History. Form V had to think how they could make their work appealing to our Form III pupils with plenty of information, colour and clear explanation. Both classes gained from the experience. Well done Form V.



REMINDERS:

- Would pupils please remember their instruments for Strings Group on Wednesdays (break-time) and the School Orchestra on Thursdays (lunch-time).
- A big thank you to those who have already started to sponsor the girls for the My Marsden March. Here is a reminder of the JustGiving link

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/seatonhouse-mymarsdenmarch2020>

- Swimming. If your child is not going to participate in Swimming on a Friday, the school must be informed on the day before (Thursday). Please email the office with your child's name and the reason why she cannot swim. We need to know in advance so that we can ensure correct staffing levels for swimming. Obviously, if something happens on the day, please let us know as soon as you can.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday 29th January 1.45pm U11 v Old Palace hockey match. AlleyCatz delivery

Future dates for your diary:

Wednesday 12th February Junior House & Reception Poetry Afternoon (Parents invited)

Friday 14th February Senior House Poetry Afternoon (Parents invited)

Saturday 29th February 9-12 Open Morning

Friday 6th March 2020 FII Assembly (Parents invited) POSH—Headteacher's Coffee Morning

Thursday 12th March (FIII, IV, V) Mothers' Day Gift Sales.

Friday 13th March (FI, II & VI) Mothers' Day Gift Sales