

SEATON HOUSE

NEWSLETTER



14th February 2020



Time really has continued to move apace as we race towards half term. This week we have had the delights of two poetry afternoons which were excellent. Our adjudicator Mrs. Hunter had nothing but praise for the girls' confidence and expression. She found it extremely hard to choose between them as there were so many outstanding performances. The girls should be very proud of themselves and all those who recited an individual poem will receive a certificate after half term.

Particular congratulations to all those girls who were placed (see later in newsletter for complete list) and especially to Inaya in Form II who won the Junior House competition and Arissa in Form VI who won the Senior House section.

The Early Years and Form I have also been getting creative this week with their junk percussion workshops. You might want to keep an eye on your best pots and pans at half term in case they decide to have a go themselves!

Form VI took part in a Junior Citizen event this week, a multi-agency child safety event run by Reigate and Banstead council. Junior Citizen aims to provide children with the skills and knowledge they may need as they prepare for secondary school. The girls had sessions with the police, fire service, RNLI, Hope UK, and school nurses. They covered many areas including the age of criminal responsibility, drugs and their effects, fire hazards and evacuation. The sessions also covered recognising the smell of gas and the appropriate response, how to stay safe in water and all about hidden sugars and their impacts on our bodies. It was a thoroughly worthwhile and extremely informative afternoon that will hopefully help our girls to make sensible choices and stay safe as they become increasingly independent.

I am very much looking forward to the swimming gala after today's practice in which all the girls swam their very best. Please ensure they all have a navy costume and house coloured swim hat (red, white or blue).

World Book day is just after the half term break (5th March) and we would like the girls to come dressed as a character from a book. During the day we will have a special assembly and the girls will do some themed activities in their English lessons that day.

Finally, I would like to wish all of you a very happy half term.

Achievements



Amelia B – Form I British Gymnastics Proficiency Award Level 8



Matylda Wright Form V – The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music – Grade 2 Piano



Lucy – Form III – Better Tennis Medal



Holly – Form IV – Rainbow Distance award – 15 Metres



Gardening Competition

Well done to all the girls that entered this competition. Maya and Lakshmi did a fantastic job organising this event. We awarded certificates to the winners.



Well done to all of Form V and Form VI who received their Choir badges today.



Finally, Orlaith and Georgina Form V showed the school their wonderful silk scarf painting.



News from Early Years

This week Nursery and Reception enjoyed a junk percussion workshop. They have also taken part in lots of craft activities as part of their class reward. The girls have designed and made bags and puppets. As part of our story focus the girls had to work in teams to make a new basket for the Lighthouse Keeper using only newspaper and tape! This was a great challenge to promote team work, problem solving and encourage resilience. They all did a fantastic job.



Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February was Safer Internet Day and the focus this year was on how young people explore and express their identity online. The girls had discussions about the meaning of 'identity', they completed an online wheel thinking about what they do online and, for the older girls, how they choose to represent themselves online. Every girl then designed their own avatar.



Avatar drawn by Annabelle in Form I

Poetry Afternoons

Junior House

Pupils from Reception, Form I and Form II and their parents enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of poetry on Wednesday. Each form performed a class poem and individual pupils from Forms I and II recited a wide variety of poems from their own composition to Shakespeare! Mrs Hunter adjudicated and commented on the very high standard attained by all performers. All sixteen participants received a Head Teacher Award sticker and certificates were presented to the following pupils:

Form I Dulcie – Gold, Vivienne – Gold, Arya – Bronze



Form II Inaya – Gold and overall winner, Sophia – Gold, Kitty – Silver, Aryanna - Silver



Senior House

Form III Gold – Mila, Silver – Asmara, Bronze – Shreya and Anna



Form IV Gold – Shiveya, Silver – Srikala, Bronze – Aaliya



Form V Gold – Rosie, Sahar and Matylda, Silver – Georgina and Sandhya, Bronze Shivaani



Form VI Gold – Arissa (Also Overall Winner) and Amelia, Silver – Lakshmi, Bronze – Damilola and Maeve



News from Junior House

Form II have been focusing on money in our maths lessons. We decided to plan a party and had to choose which food to buy, work out how much money we would need to pay for it and then give the correct amount of change. It was a busy lesson.



News from Senior House

Form III have been learning about equivalent fractions and fractions of quantities this week.



FIII have been weaving hammocks.



This week, Form IV worked in pairs in music to compose their own melodies using only four harmonising notes which they then “decorated” so that each note was repeated. They had to memorise their melodic patterns and listen carefully to each other. Well done, Form IV.



FVI studied Edgar Degas' masterpieces, including his ballerina paintings. They used a variety of media to show movement in their own pictures.



Reminders

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>

All pupils from Reception to Form VI have been given a username and password for the Maths online program 'Times tables Rockstars' which they can use at school or at home. Please let Mrs Hossenbux know if you need any additional information about this.

Dates for your diary

**Please note that the following hockey matches have been postponed.
25th February (Chinthurst) and 26th February (Aberdour)**

Thursday 27th February – Cake Sale run by Form V at break time in aid of the Australian Bush Fires Appeal. Children may purchase a cake for 50p

Friday 28th February AM – Swimming Gala- Cheam Leisure Centre.

Saturday 29th February 9am-12pm Science Open Event

Children must be accompanied by an Adult at all times

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

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

Monday 9th March Auditions for Spring Concert (pupils need to have passed their Grade 1)

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

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

Independent High School Event

On **Wednesday 26th February at 3.30pm** parents of forms IV and V are invited to our hall to meet the Headteachers of local independent High Schools such as Sutton High, Caterham and Reigate

Seaton House 90th Anniversary Ball 20th June 2020

Don't forget to get your 90th Ball tickets at www.shs90.uk



