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Staff News

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Nathalie Landroit as Head of Modern Foreign Languages in succession to Lucy from January 2013. Miss Landroit is a native French speaker and is currently Head of MFL at Cumnor House where she has worked since 2008. She has degrees in Applied Linguistics from the University of Lyon and the University of Brighton. She studied for her PGCE at Brighton as well. She will be visiting the school later this term to make the handover as smooth as possible. Miss Landroit will be involved in Girls' Games and will take over as Year 6 Form Tutor.

Richard Rowland will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Richard has given a great number of years of dedicated service to St Aubyns and has maintained a very fine tradition of History teaching in the school. He has been tireless as a Form Tutor, on the games field, and in activities such as Chess. I will be advertising for his replacement in the near future.

Claire Baker is to be congratulated on the news that she is expecting her second child. Her maternity leave is planned for February to October of next year and I will be advertising for maternity cover soon.

Claire Harries will be leaving St Aubyns at half-term and is planning to enjoy more time with her family. Claire has brought many excellent innovations to the school office and has been a great support to parents, children and to colleagues. I will be advertising for her replacement immediately.
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Curriculum Summaries

Curriculum summaries are now on the school website under 'Further Info'. The information for the Pre-Prep is in its usual format. In the Prep we have given the information by subject and hope this will be helpful and interesting to read. In some subjects more detail will be added to the documents as the academic year goes by.

The Week Ahead

September

Monday 24th

Standard Assessments Years 2 - 8 begin

Tuesday 25th

Wednesday 26th

Football: 1st XI & U9 VI A&B v Lancing Prep (H)

Colts VII A&B v Lancing Prep (A)

Netball: U13/12 &U11 v Brighton College (H)

Thursday 27th

PM Year 6 Maths trip to Windlesham

Friday 28th

2.45pm Pre-Prep Harvest Festival

4.45pm Prep Harvest Festival Preacher: Mr David Steell,
Minister of One Church, Brighton

Saturday 29th

Sunday 30th

Harvest Festival

Our annual Harvest Festival will be taking place on Friday 28th September for both the Pre-Prep and the Prep.

The Pre-Prep will gather at 2.45pm in the Chapel and the Prep will follow with their service at 4.45pm. Parents are warmly invited to both services.

As always, we will be grateful for all donations of food, drink and toiletries, which will this year be sent to the Basics Bank, an organisation run in Brighton and Hove to help families who need extra support at home, as well as those who don't have a home to go to or who are making a fresh start in life. If you would like more information, the website to go to is

www.brightonandhovacitymission.org.uk2.html.

Donations will be gratefully received in the glass corridor by the offices from Monday 24th September



Pre-Prep Superstars

Superstar certificates have been awarded to:

Nursery: Jeanne Delalonde for progress towards being able to write her own name and Charlotte Hitchings for progress in Maths;

Reception: Henry Laurillard for fantastic reading;

Year 1: Dora Harries for great work this week, especially on capital letters in English, Isabella Asher and Eliana Trosino for a beautiful and careful painting of their eyes and to Jasmina Laurillard for her concentration and good effort with adding three numbers;

Year 2: Anna Ramsden for being so helpful and supportive to others in the class and to Samantha and Gordon Lin for settling in so well to St Aubyns.

Good behaviour stickers were given to Eve Baker, Charlotte Montier, Dylan Nichols, Laurence Cole, Millie Foster and Hassan Majid. Congratulations to all of you!



Year 8 Field Trip to Seven Sisters Country Park

On Friday 14th September the Year 8s went to the Seven Sisters Country Park as part of our Geography studies of National Parks. On arriving we were introduced to a man called Alan who would be our guide for the day. He took us to the Information Centre which is housed in an old barn (the whole centre was once a farm) and showed us a short PowerPoint on the background of the Park. He then gave us two questions that we should ask ourselves throughout the day, in order to answer them when we had finished our tour. The two questions were; 'How much of the landscape of the Park is natural?' i.e. never influenced by human activity and, 'Do you prefer the landscape as it is now or would you prefer it if it was allowed to revert to a tidal estuary with salt marshes?'

At the beginning of our walk we stopped to label a diagram of the old meanders that were cut off in 1846 so the river could be made much straighter. During the course of the day some of us made a tally of all the interest-groups in the park. We ended up with 130 groups of people, these were; walkers, dog-walkers, ourselves, other school groups, canoe enthusiasts, university students, tourists, joggers, cyclists, disabled people and surfers. At the highest point on the Park we observed a monument commemorating an old church and village that was probably wiped out by the first bubonic plague.

After lunch in another barn, Alan gave a lesson on the history of the barn. He asked us how much of the Park was actually natural and the answer was a mere 1%. There was a mixed decision as to the preferred landscape of the Park. We learnt a large amount of facts that one can only learn when one sees the subject matter up close and for real. It was a grand day out and thank you Mr Ndaou for taking us.

Eric Swinn-Ward 8S



Pirates of the Curry Bean!

Rehearsals have already started for the annual Year 3 & 4 play, which this year is called 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'! Children all have their scripts and it would be really helpful if parents could help them to learn their lines at home. Costume letters will be given out before half term.

Props needed

Miss Spink would be grateful for any of the following props:

- 2 thick sailing ropes (each about 4m in length)
- a telescope
- a big old treasure box (treasure optional!)
- a big fluffy hand puppet parrot

A request from Nursery

The children in the Nursery are exploring a topic about 'Our Homes' next week. If you have a spare Argos catalogue or any other 'home' catalogue which they could cut up and use, they would be most grateful. Please either take it straight to the Nursery or pop it in the office. Many thanks.

Individual Photographs

The proofs of the individual and sibling photographs which were taken in the first week of term are now ready and your child will be given them to bring home at the end of the day.

Year 5 Boarding Night

Today our Year 5 pupils had a tour of the boarding house and were able to ask questions about boarding to Miss Tims, our night matron. Mr Ndaou, our Head of Boarding, is promoting a Year 5 boarding night this coming Tuesday (25th September) for all those who are interested in experiencing boarding.

There are still places available (at a cost of £15 - 50% off the usual rate). This will be added to your end of term bill. Please let us know if you are interested.

Sports News

1st XI v Handcross Park and Cottesmore

This week saw the first team travel to Handcross Park for a triangular tournament against both Handcross and Cottesmore. The games were played as IX aside and 25 minutes per game. The St Aubyns team played the first and second games in the tournament. The first game was against Handcross and although the game saw a tense and even start, it did not take long for the boys to assert their authority and after withstanding early pressure the Handcross team fell to a heavy 7 - 0 defeat. Buoyed from their performance the boys set to work playing Cottesmore. This was a close affair for the first half with Cottesmore holding a 1 - 0 lead for some time. As the game drew on the boys again gained the upper hand and ultimately ran out 5 - 1 winners meaning that they were overall winners of the tournament. SW

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Colts A Football

The Colts A had a busy afternoon on Monday as they participated in the Lancing College Tournament comprising 24 schools. The boys played 5 matches in the group stages. The first match was a massive hill to climb as our boys succumbed 4 goals to nil to Westbourne House after they gave them too much respect. However, they came back strong and drew against Haslemere before going down 3-0 to Copthorne and 1-0 to Brambletye before finally drawing 0-0 in their last group match against Windlesham House. This result made sure they didn't come last in their group stage so they managed to go through to the Consolation competition where they met Cumnor House. The boys played their hearts out in this match and managed to score their first goal of the tournament through a well taken shot by Luca Trosino. Tom hit both the cross bar and up right post respectively as the boys pressed on. However, Cumnor House managed to level the scores in the dying minutes of the second half therefore forcing extra time. The fight for a place in the Semi Final of the Consolation place continued until again the dying minutes of the second half when Cumnor had the rub of the green and managed to snatch the winner thereby forcing us to pack our bags. It was such a good experience for our boys most of whom will be back again next year. Well done, boys for all the efforts. SN

Under 9A Football v Handcross Park and Cottesmore

This triangular tournament was played at Handcross Park. We played first, against Handcross. From the opening whistle, our attacking trio of William Blair, George Deverall-Bartlett and Daniel Jeffrey presented problems for the opposition, passing the ball well and showing good pace. William's shot at goal 30 seconds after the start was deflected by a Handcross player into his own goal to open the scoring for us. Thereafter, George scored a hat-trick of goals to make it 4-0 to St Aubyns at the final whistle. Our goalkeeper, Aidan Drew, and defenders Freddie Collard and Leo Smith were given a more testing time in our second match, against Cottesmore. They passed the test well against some strong-running Cottesmore attackers, Aidan making a particularly fine save at a crucial stage of the game. George scored two more goals and Daniel also found the back of the net to make the final score 3-1 to St Aubyns. Well done to the whole team on winning the tournament and on giving maximum effort right up to the final whistle. RR

Under 9Bs win Handcross Park Triangular Football Tournament

The Under 9B team had an afternoon of exciting football when they participated in the Handcross Triangular Tournament on Wednesday. They played their Handcross Park B counterparts first in a match they dominated right from kick off.

Charlie and Archie were awesome in attack whilst Ben and James comfortably controlled the midfield leaving Stefan and Henry to mop up any stray balls as they completely out played their opponents. By half time the boys were leading by two goals to nil after well taken goals by Archie and Charlie.

The second half saw chance after chance go by and although the boys failed to add on to their tally this time, they still dominated and showed a lot of promise.

The second match was against Handcross C team and the boys just continued from where they had left off this time with Henry Clifton-Sprigg and Xavier thrown into the fray. Both boys justified their inclusion as impact players by playing their hearts out. Xavier was then dully rewarded with a very good goal which opened the proceedings in this match. Archie scored his second followed by Charlie and finally Ben to seal the match 4-0.

A very well done to all the boys and in particular to Peter Yelf-Stephens who was so patient in goal despite hardly experiencing any action as he was hardly tested by the opposition.

Well done, boys! SN

U13/12 Hockey v Lancing Prep

On Wednesday, the Under13/12 team took on Lancing Prep as the hockey season began. It was clear from very early on that it was to be a tough game and during the first half, Suki and Nandi were going to be tested in defence. The girls battled hard during the first period but Lancing Prep were very powerful and skilful, ending the half up by 6 goals. In the second half Leila, Olivia and Elizabeth started to get more of the ball up front and tested their goal keeper but to no avail. Lancing continued to battle and in her first ever hockey match, Rebecca made some crucial tackles at vital times. Unfortunately, our opponents scored three more goals in the second half and if it wasn't for Claudia as keeper, the score line may have been even more in Lancing's favour and she deserved the player of the match title. All the girls played hard until the final whistle and even though it was a big loss, they were all determined and upbeat, certain that the next match would be better. Final score: Lancing 9 - 0 St Aubyns MH

U11 Hockey v Lancing Prep

On Wednesday, the U11 hockey squad played Lancing Prep at Lancing College for their first hockey match of the season. It was a very close first half with both teams trying very hard and scoring two goals a piece (Pippa and India scored our two). Dilara made some fantastic saves too! In the second half, Lancing got into their stride and put us under pressure. Lalita, Rosie, Freya and Lulu did well to close the opposition down as much as possible but we ended up losing an extremely tight match 3-5. Kamalika stepped up and played brilliantly up front, stringing together some great passes with India who then went on to score our brilliant third goal. She is the player of the match. Tough luck girls, you played really well for the first match of the season! LT