



THE BUGLE

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Section Debating Final

Friday 8th March saw the final of the Section Debating in chapel in front of the assembled prep school and staff. The motion was "Ignorance is bliss" with Templars (Pippa Wilmot, Freddie Sywak and Suki Healey) proposing and Vikings (Elizabeth Corkill, Will Jeffrey and Claudia Bishop).

The main thrust of Templars argument was that childhood is a time of happiness ahead of the woes and anxieties of a more well-informed adulthood. They gave many pertinent examples of times when it can be better not to know or when learning the truth makes us sadder. Freddie Sywak spoke superbly with scarcely any notes and with great aplomb - he was the highest-scoring overall speaker.

Vikings riposted with the argument that knowledge is power and the root of progress and that what you do not know can hurt you. Will Jeffrey aptly quoted Thomas Gray's *Ode on a Distant Prospect of Eton College*, and each member of the team brought strong examples of the dangers of ignorance and the benefits of knowledge. Quite rightly Claudia Bishop reminded us that St Aubyns stands for the growth of children's minds through knowledge.

A fine debate ended with close scores: Templars 97 - Vikings 101. Congratulations to all who have taken part in debating and public speaking this term.

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Springboard Success!

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been successfully taking part in the Springboard Performing Arts Festival over the past couple of weekends:

- Henry Liu: 1st in Prepared Prose Reading, 1st in Acted Solo Scene, 1st in Solo Verse Speaking, 1st in Piano Duet and 2nd in Grades 4 & 5 Solo
- Dilara Sahin: 1st in Sonata Class, 1st in Acted Solo Scene and the Shield for the best solo acting in Ages 10 -13
- Dan Hobden: 2nd in Grades 2 & 3 Solo

Pupils, staff and parents pull together in snowy weather!

The unexpectedly heavy snowfall on Monday evening and Tuesday morning presented the St Aubyns community with an interesting challenge! Parents were not able to collect pupils from school and three minibuses having set off as normal at the end of the school day, were forced to turn around and come back to school, taking up to 5 hours to get here! Throughout the evening and into the night, staff, parents and pupils pulled together to ensure that everyone was safe, well fed and had a bed for the night. The minibus drivers had a particularly important job to keep the spirits up of the children on their bus, which they did remarkably well. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved - a potentially tricky situation was handled efficiently and effectively because of you all!

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Pre-Prep Superstars

Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded Superstar Certificates:

Nursery: Farrah Phillips for moving on to reading and Raphael Phag-Udom for trying so hard with his pencil grip and writing;

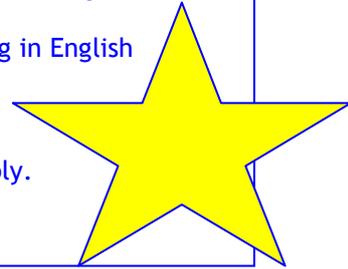
Reception: Thady White for writing an excellent book review;

Year 1: Jasmina Laurillard for her sentence writing about Handa's Surprise and Savely Kuzmin for a great start at beginning to read in English;

Year 2: Harry Moore, Toby Brown, Coco Healey and Anna Ramsden for excellent letter writing in English to a 'Child of the Future'.

Good behaviour stickers were given to Malena Fogg, Alex Hitchings, Millie Edwards, Selenaz Alkhudairi, Shouq Aywad and the whole of Year 2 for an excellent effort in their class assembly.

Very well done to all of you!



Wind in the Willows a Triumph!

Many congratulations to all those who took part in the Senior School production 'Wind in the Willows'. From backstage crew to performers, lighting to make up, it was a real team effort. Very well done to all of you and special thanks to Miss Spink who displayed her usual energy and expertise to make this such a success. Please see photos in the next edition of the bugle.



World Book Day Celebrations!

Pre-Prep celebrated world book day last week with a number of events. Year 2 had fun in their 'Secret Book Swap' whilst all classes enjoyed sharing stories throughout the day. Nursery felt very grown up going upstairs in the Cottage to share books with Year 1, and Year 2 read brilliantly to children in Reception. Class books were made and children talked and wrote about their favourite books.

We hope that everyone enjoyed spending their World Book Day vouchers!



IAPS Netball Tournament at Roedean

Super netball was played by our U13's team at the IAPS Roedean Tournament on Friday 8th Match. It was raining and VERY windy and the weather was rather unpleasant but the girls never complained once! We arrived for 9.30am and started practicing shooting, passing and catching skills and soon warmed up. The tournament started promptly at 10am and our first match was against Penntorpe School then followed by Cranleigh, Windlesham House, Saint Ronan, Dunhurst, Duke of Kent and finally Brighton College. Throughout the day great skills and teamwork were used in the centre court, with our defence making lots of outstanding interceptions. Our shooters for the day, Leila Strasman and Taia Hardy managed to score many goals but unfortunately not enough to go through the 2nd round. At 2pm the teams going on the 2nd round were announced through the loudspeakers, but we didn't qualify and we made our way back to St Aubyns. It was encouraging to see just how much the team has grown in confidence and skill since the beginning of term and they should all be very proud of themselves. They played 7 BRILLIANT matches and kept smiling and proudly represented St Aubyns amongst 44 schools. What an amazing day, probably the best matches and performance I have seen from the team so far this year. NL

Team:

Nandi Clarke, Olivia Standing, Leila Strasman, Suki Healey, Rebecca Garland, Elizabeth Corkill, Claudia Bishop, Taia Hardy