



FRIDAY REVIEW

Friday 21st November 2008

Enterprise Week

The theme of the Week has been 'Recycling' and this has been woven into many lessons: 'The Big Draw' in Art department, composting and recycling household waste in science, preparing a radio jingle for podcasting on recycling in the Music department.

Sixthformers have organised a fete during break each day and all proceeds are going to our sponsored school in Uganda. Six sixthformers participated in Max the Cash, a competition organised by the Education Business Partnership to find enterprising ways of raising money. Slough & Eton won the section for the most enterprising idea through the selling of pens with USBs inside.

Year 7 had a demonstration of mountain bike skills from members of the British Team. Pupils were made aware of the importance of wearing helmets.

Year 7 also went to Grundons recycling plant in Colnbrook to see what happens to all household waste.

Year 9 & 10 pupils heard Gavin Kowalski, Head of South East Business Sales at 02, when he came to speak in assembly about recycling mobile phones; this was to support our charity initiative of collecting old mobile phones to send abroad for re-sale.

As part of their BTEC National Business Studies course our Sixthformers have raised £450 through selling raffle

tickets, games, bring and buy and samosas. We would like to say a huge thank you to all parents for their donations, buying raffle tickets and providing pupils with money to spend at the mini fete. In the past year our Sixthformers have also raised £500 from the tuck shop they run for the pupils every break time. The £950 will be donated to the school we sponsor in Uganda.

Enterprise Challenge

A group of Year 10 pupils participated in the Make Your Mark online challenge. Congratulations to Year 11 pupils Maleeha Mir, Zohaib Hussain, Aziz Khan, Adila Akhtar, Dilshaah Junaid and Kamran Asif who were involved in an Enterprise Challenge at Westgate School.

Prizegiving Evening:

Tuesday 25th November

This year the Right Reverend John Pritchard, Bishop of Oxford, is coming to present prizes at the above event. We are delighted with our pupils' achievements.

Free School Meals

If you are claiming income support, job seekers allowance or employment and support allowance, then your son or daughter may be entitled to a free school meal. We offer good quality food at a price that just covers our costs. I know that some parents feel that they do not want to claim free school meals, but this actually does the school a disservice. When the school is judged by people such as Ofsted, we are compared with similar schools and one of the major comparisons is the num-

ber of free school meals. Please claim if you are entitled.

Sports Results

Girls' Netball: Year 8 girls played Wexham School in an exciting match but lost 6-1. Shalay Buckley scored the goal.

Girls' Cricket County Trials: Good luck to Sherisa Gumbs (Yr 8) and Shenica Gumbs (Yr 11) at the trials on Sunday at Herschell.

Congratulations to Aysin Khan, Conrad Joseph, Kirk Rayner, Mudathir Abdullah, Salum Said, Faisal Said and Abdi Ali for representing Slough in the Berkshire 5-a-Side Football Tournament in Reading where they won ten out of eleven games and were Tournament champions!

Theatre Trip

Forty five Year 11 and Sixth Form students went to see "The Thirty Nine Steps" at the Criterion Theatre in London on Wednesday evening. This forms part of their studies in Drama GCSE and BTEC Performing Arts. Miss Garlic said it was a great evening and the youngsters were a pleasure to be with.

Seniores

On Thursday evening our Year 11 Seniores group had a very informative and inspiring talk from John Carlin. As ever, my thanks go to the contributors and organisers of this excellent opportunity offered to pupils.

French Conference

The French dept is organising a Conference in London for Year 10 pupils on Tuesday 10th March 2009 from 11 am to 3.15 pm. The day will be focusing on the demands of the GCSE exam and will be

largely conducted in French. Each presentation will be accompanied by an exercise. A work booklet will be given to each student and work will be done in class prior to the day. It will be a good "French Experience", fun, but focused. The cost including transport is £8 and packed lunch will be required. Letters will be given to students and reply slips to be returned by 28 November.

Medical Needs

Next week we will be sending home a form for you to indicate if your son/daughter has any medical needs that we should know about.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25th November:
Annual Prize Giving

1st-5th December:
Year 11 Entrance Exams

8th December: INSET day

19th December: End of Term

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