



School Newsletter



180th Anniversary celebration

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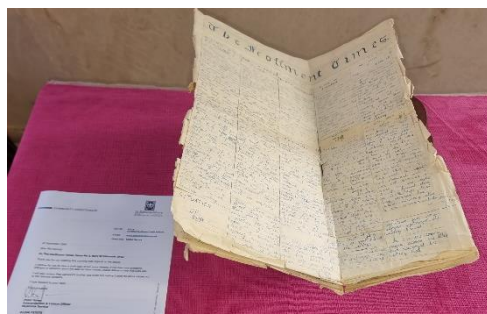
180th Anniversary celebration

It was lovely to see so many families and past pupils attending the 180th Anniversary celebration. It was a fabulous day, full of fun, relaxation and a good slice of nostalgia. We loved welcoming back so many past pupils, including a large number from the class of '57, who enjoyed a tour of the building alongside the exhibition itself. One visitor was 101 years old and she had plenty of great memories of the school.

If you were unable to attend on the day, and therefore missed the exhibition, many photos were taken. These now form a section of the school website in the 'News' section. Each picture is quite high quality, so can be zoomed into if you would like to read the extracts, memories and accounts of the school's history. This was a beautifully arranged display which built very nicely on from the Jankyn Smyth service earlier in the week, where the children learnt about the origins of the school. This service itself was a truly lovely event, and the school choir did themselves proud during the service, singing alongside a much more mature choir.

It was very kind of the Guildhall Feoffees to invite some Year 6s to accompany me to the 'Cake and Ale' ceremony. The children were a credit to the school, as they chatted with the adults and shared their ideas and questions about the history of Bury St. Edmunds.

All in all, with the added joy of sports week as well, it was a great week for the school and the staff.



Guildhall Times from 1942

Office update

Please update the office with any changes of address or other contact details. It is vital that we have the means of contacting parents in the event of emergencies.

Anniversary Tea Towel

The Friends of Feoffment started taking orders for the school anniversary tea towel. Some orders were made at the anniversary fair. If you would like to place an order then please contact the school office. We will need a minimum number of orders for us to process the purchase.

Orders will be for delivery next term, £4 each.

Progress and Reports

Hopefully you all received your child's school report last week. The children have done really well in making progress this year and in some areas this progress has been excellent. There is still lots more to achieve before every cohort in the school is where they need to be, but this year has been a great start in many ways. Our Year 6 writers had their writing moderated by the local authority a couple of weeks ago and 75% reached the expected standard (an increase on 65% last year). In Year 1, all of the excellent work of the Year 1 teachers in adopting and implementing the Little Wandle phonics scheme has paid dividends. 91% of the Year 1 cohort passed the phonics check (a big increase from 67% last year). This has also been reflected in those taking retests in Year 2 and those working on their phonics in Reception. Obviously cohorts are different and present differing needs, but these improvements are all great steps in the right direction.

Next Year's classes and teachers

You will have today been sent the class lists for next year. We will be speaking to the children from all the classes tomorrow, once they have got used to their new groupings. There will naturally be some uncertainty and concern from a few children, as they've not had this as part of their school experience before. We are mindful of this and will support those children who might be more concerned than others. Please reassure them that they will still see all of their old classmates several times a day, and that they will have a larger range of friends following the class splits.

The lists you have been sent only share the class names and the children in those classes.

We have a number of teacher changes for next year, with some existing staff moving on to pastures new and a new group of teachers coming in. Leaving the school at the end of this academic year are Mrs Weller, Mrs Schofield, Miss Ward, Mrs Pruel and Mr Di Blasio. We wish all of them the greatest of success in their new schools or new opportunities. We also thank them for all the effort and hard work they have put into the children's education at Guildhall.

Starting with us in September will be Mrs Reynolds, who is an experienced English leader, who will be leading English across the school; Mrs Arrow, an experienced Maths leader who will be leading Maths across the school; Mrs Simon another very experienced KS2 teacher and Mr Yaxley-Griffiths, a fantastic Early Career Teacher in the Early Years. Also starting a new role within the school from September will be Mrs Laura May, who will starting a teaching apprenticeship.

House Points Trophy

We must congratulate the Diamonds house for winning this week's House point trophy.



Classes for next year

Reception

Hedgehogs – Mrs Hewett (Mrs Startup) & Mrs Viniski

Squirrels – Mr Yaxley-Griffiths

Year 1

Badgers – Mrs Allen & Mrs Di Blasio

Owls – Miss Lavery

Year 2

Caterpillars – Miss Hailstone

Bumble Bees – Mrs Austin & Mrs L May

Year 3

Seals – Mr Mashford

Dolphins – Mrs Robinson

Year 4

Polar Bears – Mr Peters

Penguins – Mrs Simon

Year 5

Lions – Mrs Arrow

Leopards – Miss Spencer

Year 6

Panthers – Mrs Reynolds

Jaguars – Mrs Taylor (Miss Abrehart)

Sports Day

Thank you everyone who came to the school sports day a week or so ago. It was a superb event and parents fully played their part in creating a great atmosphere for the children.

Congratulations must go to the Emeralds team for winning the sports day trophy.



More sporting success

A huge well done to the school's Year 3 Football team who won their inter school tournament at the weekend. It was lovely to celebrate your trophy with you and the rest of the school today.

Year 4 and Year 6 plays

We've had two year groups treading the boards in the last couple of weeks. The Year 4 children all did remarkably well putting on their performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. It was wonderful to see the Year 4s working as a team and managing to pull off such a great performance.

This week is the turn of the Year 6s, as they stage their play Emil and the Detectives. It has been so brilliant to be able to allow your children to show just how theatrical and dramatic they can be.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Suffolk Library service have just released details of their Summer Reading Challenge, please see the flier opposite for details.

Music sessions for next year

Please look out for details of our exciting Music tuition offer, which will be circulated from the office later this week. Hopefully there will be something there for your KS2 child. At the moment we are not offering anything for KS1.

Upcoming diary dates

12	JUL, WED	● 3:15 – 4:15pm	Lego club Year 3/4
13	JUL, THU	● 3:30 – 5:30pm	Gymnastics Club Yr 1&2 3.30-4.15/Yr 3,4,5&6 4.30-5:30
17	JUL, MON	● 9:30 – 11:30am ● 3:30 – 4:30pm	Transition day Year 3-6 Basketball Club (Clarke Coaching)
18	JUL, TUE	● 9:30 – 11:30am ● 10:30 – 11am	Yr 4 Violin Lessons Yr 4 Violin Concert - in hall
19	JUL, WED	● 3:15 – 4:15pm	Lego club Year 3/4
20	JUL, THU	● 9:30 – 11am ● 3:30 – 5:30pm	Leavers assembly Gymnastics Club Yr 1&2 3.30-4.15/Yr 3,4,5&6 4.30-5:30
21	JUL, FRI	● All day	Last day of the year



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