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Headlines

At a staff meeting on Wednesday the 2nd of November students from the school council spoke to staff about their experiences of the new 100 minute lessons. Even for the most experienced of us standing up and talking to 80 or so teachers can be a very daunting experience, but Tom Elsom, Katie Walden, Zoe Murphy, Louis Godden, Arya Sunil, Georgia Laughlin, Lyle Miller and Sophie Sparrow were composed, eloquent and skilful in their execution of this challenge. Well done to them. The staff found their views very thought provoking and future training sessions will focus on how we achieve the very best. This session was followed up by Charlie Lewis-Pyke and Jamie Robertson from 8K who spoke to staff about their English Monsters and Villains IMPRESS project. The boys had produced an extraordinarily creative and skilful project using animation. Well done boys – a brilliant achievement.

The exam season has started at Westbourne with students in Years 10 and 11 sitting very important Maths and English exams. Being prepared for examinations is a skill in itself and takes organisation, communication and hard work. Firstly the student must be organised, by knowing what exams are taking place, planning a revision timetable and stocking up on exam essentials such as pens, pencils, rulers, calculators etc. Then the student must demonstrate communication skills by listening carefully to the teaching staff to find out what they need to be revising and advice on how best to tackle types of questions. Also the student needs to talk, particularly to staff but also to parents and carers, explaining the pressures on their time and any concerns they may have. Finally the student needs to demonstrate hard work – giving up free time to concentrate on achieving the very best in these examinations through research and revision.



We will be holding a minutes silence on the 11th for Remembrance Day. Poppies are available from student services – any donations will be warmly welcomed.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-bullying week is commencing 14th November 2011.

This year's theme is 'STOP AND THINK— WORDS CAN

HURT' and aims to tackle verbal bullying. There are anti-bullying wristbands on sale in the Youth Club and Student Services. On Friday 18th November 2011 there is a civvies day when students can pay £1 to wear their own clothes. All proceeds will go towards anti-bullying week. Also on Friday 18th November there will be a music event in the main hall at lunchtime and we hope as many students as possible will support it.



'eats' are our Ipswich based caterer who will be introducing a great new menu and a bright new look to the kitchen counter .

They're passionate about providing fresh, tasty, healthy school food, at purse pleasing prices.

They will be introducing the great new menu on 15th November 2011 featuring;

- Tasty new dishes & a new menu which is themed throughout each week. The menu will be further developed on an on going basis
- Selling prices that remain unchanged, providing excellent value for money.
- A great new range of drinks
- A 'compleats' two course meal of the day, price at £2.10 (the free school meal value).
- Repeats loyalty cards – buy 9 hot drinks or soup & get one free.
- Hotpots – piping hot pots of potato such as baked, diced or lumberjack potato dusted with herbs or spice with optional sauces such as BBQ or chilli.

In addition to these developments five students will be selected to join an eats forum. Why? It will allow them to say what they and fellow students want to eat for lunch & how service can be improved.

*For more information and menu details visit our website
(www.westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk/Students/Canteen-menu)*



Further details in the form of a handy pocket size leaflet will be given to students week commencing 14th November 2011.

Rewards Trips

Invites to the Christmas Rewards Trips are imminent! If your child has an exemplary behaviour, attendance and punctuality record they will have the opportunity to attend one of the following trips:-

- West End performance of Shrek and the London Christmas Lights
- Ice Skating in Chelmsford followed by Christmas shopping at Lakeside
- Snow Zone in Milton Keynes.

These trips will be on 19th December 2011 which is the first Monday of the holidays and are organised to reward our students who do the right thing all the time.



Below are just some of the fantastic things our students have achieved recently; (the staff who have nominated them are in italics)

Mr Melton

- **Damien Collis** of 9R won a national swimming gala held in London over the weekend. He won the 100m free style in a time of 1min 4sec :13, a personal best and an incredible time.
- **Tom Winder** also 9R took part in a national ballroom dancing competition in Blackpool.

Mrs Settle

- **Billy Bowen** in 9L has made brilliant progress in reading.

Mrs Potter

- **Marley Jarrett** in 8K for his huge improvement in Humanities.
- **Charlie Lewis-Pyke** also 8K for a brilliant effort in the recent History Assessment
- **Lanya Sarawan** in 8R for a very good effort in the recent History Assessment.
- **James Aleksic** in 9W for his help and continued hard work in History.
- **11C History** who, on the whole, have a great attitude to their work, and teaching them has been such a rewarding experience for me.

Well done to all these students—we are very proud of you!

Impress!



Mr Wilmot would like to praise **Elle Sanders, Chloe Quinton, Lucy Brighty, and Emma Cook** in year 8 for their fantastic Impress Projects.

Miss Cichy would like to congratulate **Kimberley Miles in 7D**. She submitted an outstanding Impress Project for DT Graphics on the topic of Confectionary Packaging Design; Miss Cichy awarded her a Diamond award because it was of such a high standard and could easily be mistaken for GCSE work!

Mrs H Cook would like to thank **Charlie Lewis-Pyke and Jamie Robertson** from 8K for their brilliant Impress project for English and for standing up in front of all the staff to talk about it.



Well done to all of you!



Accelerated Reader

Firstly well done to all the students that have received certificates and prizes for completing their quizzes in Accelerated Reader, there are too many names to list but you know who you are.

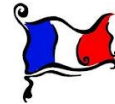
Secondly congratulations to all the students that have received their certificates for reaching their reading targets— they are as follows:

Zoe Ablitt, Lauren Andrews, Tia Bell, Alisha Hixon, Aleksandra Kasinska, Robyn Mager, Shannon McSheen, Jodie Miller, Ajmain Saleh, Elle Scott, Sumayah Tawfiq



Linguists of the Month October 2011

Ajmain Saleh 7H
Megan Harrison 8K
Eleanor Rumbold 9L.

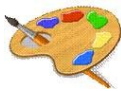


Scientists of the Month October 2011

Noor Nessa Khatun, 7L
Joshua Tribe, 8K
Georgia Bode, 9N
Merita Osmani, 10D
Katie Walden, 11W



Artists of the Month October 2011



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| Mia Etheridge | 7N |
| George Fields Talbot | 7N |
| Kamran Hassan | 8K |
| Megan Carver | 8T |
| Aiden Clarke | 9W |
| Ellie-Rose McLellan | 9K |
| Sam Downer | 10N |
| Georgia Brunson | 10N |
| Georgia Cawston | 11D |
| Jordan Castaldo | 11W |



Children In Need

James Aleksic in Year 9 has been responsible for organising a Children In Need event at Westbourne Sports College on Friday 18th November 2011, 5:00-7:00pm. There will be performances from the Westbourne School of Samba, the band 'System' and Dance Attitude. There is a raffle with fantastic prizes and a community fete with lots of fun and games including tombola, stalls, refreshments, lucky dip and more.



James has been involved in organising and promoting the whole event and has worked very hard for this worthwhile charity. Please support James and the charity by coming along and enjoying all that is on offer.



Well done to all of you!

Westbourne School of Samba



It seems like a long time ago now, but on Sunday the 25th September the Westbourne School of Samba performed at the Dragon Boat Races at Alton Water, in aid of the St Elizabeth Hospice. It was a beautiful sunny day and the races were a great spectacle. Many of the crowd commented on how the band added to the atmosphere, and the accomplished drummers even featured on BBC Radio Suffolk's coverage of the event. Sullivan Ford was interviewed on the radio explaining a bit about how the band works.

The pupils did Westbourne Proud and it was a great way to finish the summer Samba season!

Their next gig will be at the much anticipated Children in Need event on Friday 18th November here at Westbourne.



If you want to find out more about Westbourne School of Samba Ben Powley in 10D has made his own website about them, please go to <http://westbourneschoolofsamba.tk/> - well done Ben!

Sports News

On Tuesday 15 November after school, Miss Annandale and Miss Whitfield are accompanying the Year 8 girls netball team to Holbrook HS for an away league match. The Year 7 girls are playing there too, in a friendly. Results to follow! Team sheets will be posted to PE noticeboards, Form Tutors and HOY. The Year 8 girls are also due to play Ipswich Academy at home after school on Wednesday 22 November.

On Thursday 17 November between 1.15pm - 3.15pm, Mr Moore will be involved with running a year 5 and year 6 Tag Rugby Festival at WSC. Three of our year 11 Sports Leaders will also be assisting with the running of this event.

As mentioned earlier in the newsletter congratulations and well done to Damien Collis 9R who won a **national** swimming gala event in the 100 metres freestyle.

Aim Higher News

On Saturday 1st October, Four Year 11 drama students (Tasha Abbott, Holly Pike, Amy Poole and Samm Turner) took part in a drama workshop at the University of East Anglia , for Gifted and Talented students. The girls worked with a small group of students from Norfolk and Suffolk, under the guidance of a drama lecturer. They had the added bonus of a tour round the campus during their lunch break and the girls reported that they particularly enjoyed meeting students from other schools.

During November each year, Movember is responsible for the sprouting of moustaches on thousands of men's faces in the UK and around the world. The aim of which is to raise vital funds and awareness for men's health, specifically prostate cancer and other cancers that affect men.

To this end a fine band of Mo Bros (see picture) have been recruited to cultivate their upper lips, working towards a variety of styles. Over the next month colleagues will be working towards The Wisp, The Trucker, The After Eight, The Rockstar, The Connoisseur, The Undercover Brother, The Abracadabra, The Box Car or The Regent.

If you feel able to support all the chaps and make a donation to the team, follow this hyperlink <http://mobro.co/westbourne> and on the left click on 'Donate to My Team'.



Oliver! Tickets On Sale Now!

There are now less than four weeks left to ensure you have your tickets for the biggest show of the year! The Expressive Arts team proudly present Oliver! as this year's college show, and if you act fast you can still get yourself a pre Christmas saving with your ticket prices! Until 18th November, ticket prices have been reduced to £5 for adults and just £3 for students and concessions. In addition to this, a family ticket (consisting of two adults and two students) is just £15 but only until next Friday. After this time ticket prices will return to £6 for adults and £4 for students and concessions.

The show dates are Wednesday December 7th, Thursday December 8th and Friday December 9th, commencing at 7.30pm in the main hall.

Tickets are now on sale to students at break and lunchtimes outside the hall, available from school reception to visitors, or by returning the reply slip on the letter sent home with students this week - this letter is also available on the college website. *Ticket enquiries can also be made by e-mailing boxoffice@westbourne.suffolk.sch.uk*

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible over the three nights to show your support to the cast members who have been working incredibly hard this term to create a show to remember.

Key Dates

- 14th –18th November—Anti-Bullying Week
- 18th November—Civvies day
- 7th, 8th and 9th December—Oliver!

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