

Weobley High School Newsletter

Christmas 2015



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

For some people, the Christmas season finally arrives when the John Lewis advert appears on our television screens for the first time. For others it is the Coca Cola truck! It is interesting that marketing companies are now able to kick start our 'festive spirit' every year and maybe if it weren't for them we would suddenly arrive at Christmas Eve desperately clutching a mince pie and sporting a Santa hat with the hope of stirring up the feelings of warmth and generosity associated with the season! I hope not. Children in school are always buzzing with Christmas spirit; the excitement is palpable as the term draws to a close and this can be infectious. We have just had our most successful Christmas Fayre ever; hundreds of you turned up and showed your support and we raised more money than ever before! I am also very much looking forward to our Carol Service; another highlight of my Christmas season! Working in a school one can't help but get drawn in to the festivities and I always feel that spreading good will is a great thing to do ... at any time of year! With that in mind I wish you all a fantastic Christmas and New Year whether you prefer a man on the moon or a big red lorry! See you on

Tuesday 5th January 2016!

A Star is Born!!!



Rosalind Griffith, Year 7 is currently starring in "Beauty and the Beast" which is running at the Courtyard, Hereford until 9th January. The photograph has been kindly supplied by www.russelllewisphotography.co.uk

Term Dates 2016

Spring Term: Tuesday 5th January to Thursday 24th March

Half Term: Monday 15th –19th February

Summer Term: Monday 11th April to Wednesday 20th July

Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Drama Club Takes to the Stage



The Key Stage 3 Drama Club once again ran from September to December with the annual Christmas performance on Friday 11th December. The club had its highest ever attendance this year with a whopping 43 pupils who wrote, directed and performed their show 'Doctor Who Knows What's Going On!' Miss Richards would like to thank all the pupils who attended the club for all their hard work and excellent attitudes. Special thanks also to Freya Kelly in Year 10 who was an excellent assistant and helped keep everyone in line. The club will return in September 2016 and all pupils in Key Stage 3 are invited to attend.

Year 9 Learn New Skills

93 Year 9 students and staff went on a trip to Birmingham to the National Skills Show at the NEC in November. On display were exhibits and employers, covering the area of 12 football pitches. With 'Have a Go' sessions, advice, demonstrations and talks, there was something for everyone to explore and be inspired by, from the Arts and Media to the Armed Forces and major engineering companies like Jaguar Land Rover



A Weobley First

The hall was a buzz of noise and activity one day in October when Year 11 went Speed Dating! Well actually it was a careers event, but the elements were the same. Small teams of students had a fast paced 6 minute slot to find out as much as possible about employers, ranging from architects to engineers, blacksmiths to bankers and many more in between. This not only tested their communications skills, having to engage with strangers in a formal situation and work as a team, but also it gave them an opportunity to discover about careers they might not have previously considered. Year 11 were amazing. They certainly impressed the employers, so the future is looking good for the job market!



Who will be the next Apprentice???

On Friday 18th December 2015, the whole of Year 9 will be competing to become "Lord" Peruffo's Apprentice.

Pupils will have to work together in their form groups to research, design and prototype a product. They will pitch their idea to members of the Senior Leadership Team before manufacturing the product and selling it across the school. This activity will test the pupils' ability to work as a team; they will have to choose a Project Manager and come up with their idea before splitting into various sub-teams to create it. They will be competing to win a special prize, and hoping to avoid those immortal words;

"You're Fired!"



Bumper Year at Christmas Fayre

A huge "Thank you" to the PTFA, staff and pupils for all your hard work in preparing for this year's Christmas Fayre. The school hall was packed out with people visiting the huge selection of stalls, either looking for that last minute Christmas present or trying their luck on various tombolas. Together, we raised just over **£2300.00**. This is a fantastic achievement in the current financial climate.



Year 10 Travel Across the Channel

The Geography and Art department ran a fantastic field trip to Switzerland. The primary aims were to study renewable energy and climate change (retreating glaciers) for the Geography curriculum and an opportunity visit some of the best Modern and Contemporary Art museums in Europe. The trip provided pupils with an opportunity to use their modern foreign languages and give them a memorable, cultural experience



The MFL department travelled via the tunnel to the picturesque village of Boppard. Whilst there they visited the magnificent Cathedral in Cologne, sampled chocolates from the Lindt factory and took a boat ride along the Rhein to Rudesheim to bask in the breath-taking views of the Rhien Valley. Pupils got plenty of opportunity to use their language skills and sample the local cuisine.



The Sound of Music

The sound of beautiful voices filled the school hall on Thursday 10th December. Various carols, from traditional to modern, were sung by Weobley's many choirs. The congregation were put well and truly in the Christmas spirit with this, the first of Mrs Lowry's school concerts. The evening concluded with festive mince pies and hot chocolate.



Photograph of the Month

Taken by James Roberts



This Term's Sporting Round-up.....

Success at Kings

On Sunday 13th November the Equestrian Team travelled to Kings Riding School in Bromyard. Lauren Waygood won a rosette for being the best rider in her class. Josie Colman, competing for the first time, jumped clear and came third in the 75cm class.



Girl's Embrace Rugby

The PE department have been thoroughly impressed with the enthusiasm and dedication to girls rugby club. Up to 40 girls from KS3 attended on Friday evenings this term, battling through the rain, cold and darkness! A massive thank you to Head Girl Sophie Weaver for organising the training sessions, Chloe Armstrong for all the hot chocolates and her coaching staff led by Whizz Ettinger and supported by his glamorous assistants Harry Jenkins, Lewyn Pride and Bradley Cane. The girls showed great progress over the weeks in both lesson time and after school rugby club, and were swiftly entered into their very first competition. On a cold, dark evening back in November the U13 rugby squad travelled to Ledbury RFC and participated in two competitive full contact games. A narrow defeat against Queen Elizabeth School and a battle against Goliath 'John Kyrle High School', the girls showed great spirit and fight throughout the evening.



Player of the night – Harriet Gurney

A Winning Term for the Boys!!!

Years 7, 8 and 9 Boys Rugby has had a fantastic season. Unbeaten, the Year 7's went on to win the County Rugby tournament. Just missing out on top spot, Year 8 came up against a powerful John Masefield team. The boys gave 100% effort but experience just got the better of them. Monday 30th November saw the Year 9 boys crowned "County Champions". Well done to the forwards who kept supplying quick balls to the backs.

The Basketball session got underway with a fantastic performance from the Year 8 team., not only taking part in the first County tournament but going on to win it. "Man of the tournament" went to Joe Russell. With the Athletics indoor season starting in the new year, here's hoping Weobley can mirror the success of previous years and regain the County Championship title.

