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**Challenging, supporting and inspiring, giving every child the confidence to succeed**

**T**his half term has been a veritable feast of all the things so many of us love about Shoreham College. We have seen community action and engagement in the form of volunteering and in the form of extending our famous warm welcome to our local community. We have welcomed 2 year olds to a sports session, 9 year olds to a science workshop, visitors from Zanzibar and from Safe in Sussex. We hosted our local MP, Tom Rutland, and 90 year olds who enjoyed afternoon tea following the dress rehearsal of

our junior show. Each event showcased a different side to our community engagement and our pupils gain so much from these opportunities to get involved and to make a difference to others. I am so proud of our pupils and equally grateful to the staff who work so tirelessly to facilitate this range of opportunities and experiences.

Meanwhile our parent focus groups were an important opportunity for us to understand the experiences of our families and it was

wonderful to appreciate how much our pupils benefit from being known, supported, nurtured and challenged and how important the range of opportunities are in helping our young people grow into resilient, confident and indeed impressive young people. I hope you enjoy reading some of their many and varied accomplishments in the following pages and I wish you and your families a wonderful festive season.

**Mrs Bakhtiari, Principal**

## ALL SINGING AND DANCING!

*This year's Junior Christmas Play, The Amazing Advent Calendar, was another all singing and all dancing production.*

**T**he pupils in the junior school took us on a journey following chocolate loving Nicolas, played by Rocco from Year 6, as he found himself falling through his grandparents' magical advent calendar into the Christmas story itself. Along the way he saw Mary and Joseph, persuaded the shepherds to do as the angels told them and go see the new baby boy, and had an encounter with the Three Wise Men. Eventually, tired and confused Nicolas found himself back in his own room

now with a much better understanding of the true meaning of Christmas. Year 7 and visitors from local old people's homes came and thoroughly enjoyed the play, and it was also applauded as a great success by the parents, and I am sure there wasn't a dry eye in the hall when the singing and dancing was done. A huge thank you to the junior school teachers, and to the children who sang and danced their hearts out.

**Mr Batstone**



## Christmas Post

**R**ather than sending home our Christmas cards in book bags, Little Lions and Reception enjoyed visiting the post office to buy our stamps and post the letters home instead.

This year we were extra lucky because a postal worker happened to be collecting the post while we were there! She showed us how she opens the letter box with a key and what it looks like inside and told us all about where the letters will go before they end up on their doormats!

Thank you also to the kindness of the people at Southwick post office who always greet us with a smile!

**Mrs Ritchie**







## Toy Story

**Y**ear 1 had a brilliant time on their visit to Steyning Museum. They loved investigating the wide range of old and new toys, behaved beautifully and asked some really thoughtful questions. They enjoyed learning what old toys were like and what they were made of. We even got to see an old china doll, an old train set and a very old teddy bear that was over 100 years old.

Miss Simmons

## ODD SOCKS

**A**s part of anti-bullying week everyone was invited to take part in 'Odd Socks Day'. Our pupils provided a colourful reminder that individuality is something to celebrate, as we stood together against bullying.



## LITTLE ONES AT THE LIBRARY

**L**ittle Lions and Reception had a wonderful visit to Southwick Library last week! We learned about all the books we could look at in the library and how we could use a library card to borrow a book to take home. The children then had the opportunity to explore all the books with their friends and those with cards could borrow a book of their choice, checking it out by scanning it on the machines - very exciting! We then listened to a brand new story all together. Thank you to all the lovely staff at Southwick Library for always making us feel so welcome.

Mrs Ritchie



## Magical time for Year 6

**W**hat a truly magical time Year 6 had visiting Warner Bros. Studio tours, as part of their Harry Potter topic. The butterbeer was flowing and there was even a flutter of snow in the air, perfect for seeing the world famous 'Hogwarts at Christmas'.

Mrs Harris



## CHARITY WREATHS

A very festive and fun Christmas wreath making session was enjoyed by 16 of our pupils. Christmas cheer, seasonal tunes and the expertise and direction of Miss Awbery inspired some beautifully festive wreaths to be made by everyone who attended. This after-school event raised over £100 for Safe in Sussex charity.





# SWIMMERS MAKE A SPLASH AT ISA NATIONALS



Seven of our talented swimmers proudly represented our school at the Independent Schools' Association (ISA) national swimming gala. Having earned their places by excelling at the regional gala, they competed at the iconic London 2012 Olympic pool. Our swimmers displayed outstanding performances in both individual and team relay events and their dedication and skill were among the finest ISA swimmers in the country. A standout day came from Harry in Year 6, who achieved remarkable success by securing bronze medals in the 50m freestyle and 50m butterfly events. Adding to the excitement, Olympian and British record-holder Tom Haffield presented Harry's medals. Congratulations to Harry and all our swimmers who took part, Darcey, Lily, Scarlett, Alex, Alice and Etien. Competing at this prestigious level was an incredible achievement, and their hard work and determination made the entire school proud. Well done to all!

Mr Shelley

## Gold at Worthing District Schools



Our finest runners competed in the Worthing and District Area cross-country championships and the challenging course, with its tough, hilly terrain, tested every runner's stamina and determination.

In the Year 7 girls' race Isla gave a standout performance, finishing 11th in a competitive field, while Amelie shone in the combined Year 8 & 9 girls' race, finishing in an impressive 13th position. A huge congratulations to Gino, who delivered a race-winning performance in the Year 8 & 9 boys' event. Gino ran a superb race, timing his 3rd lap surge perfectly to secure 1st place by, what turned out to be, a comfortable margin in the end. This was a remarkable achievement and a well-deserved victory for Gino! Thomas also made his mark in this race, finishing 10th in a highly competitive field of over 60 runners.

We look forward to seeing what the rest of the season holds for our talented runners when we return to College in the new year, after the Christmas break.

Mr Shelley

## ROWERS HIT THE WATER

The rowing team hit the water for the first time after weeks of hard work in the gym. With perfect conditions and a lot of excitement, Our year 9, 10, and 11 rowers finally got to put their technique and fitness to the test. It was an unforgettable session, and safe to say... they've all officially caught the rowing bug! We look forward to the next session. Thank you to Shoreham Rowing Club for their kind help.

Mr Lightfoot





# Speaking out!



The excitement for the inter-house public speaking was palpable. Up first were Rodney with their speech on the effects of social media on confidence. They were followed by Grenville, who addressed the topic of the media. Raleigh then spoke about the possibility of Britain being a divided society. Finally, the speakers from Nelson urged the audience to be compassionate, rather than compare. All of the speakers were fantastic and it was clear that each house had spent a significant amount of time preparing for the event. The panel of external judges faced some difficult decisions about the placings. It was felt that in other years any of the speeches could have won. It was Nelson who emerged victorious with the speakers James, Ottie and Anabelle receiving the cup from the judges. Congratulations to every house for the competition. The standard of speakers this year was exceptional and the judges were very impressed with the ability of the pupils at Shoreham College.

Ms Whitmill



## Historic France

It was a very early Saturday morning start for the group of Year 10 and 11 French and history pupils who came on our inaugural trip to northern France. We travelled on the ferry to Calais, arriving in time to look round the weekly town market and buy some French snacks. We visited the town's De Gaulle and Churchill monument which symbolises the Franco-British alliance during WW2, and after an afternoon at the renowned Nausicaa aquarium in Boulogne we headed to our hotel. The 3-course evening meal was enlivened by a surprise extra course of "escargots" which Zac and Bertie bravely tried whilst blindfolded - délicieux!

We spent the next morning at the fascinating La Coupole, a state of the art museum housed in a huge dome-shaped bunker surrounded by forest which the Nazis had originally intended would be used as a base for launching V2 rockets towards London.

In the afternoon we headed into Lille to visit the Christmas market and to look around the old town; the beautiful architecture and festive decorations proved a great start to the Christmas season.

On the final day we braved the rain to look around the impressive town of Le Touquet, then the afternoon was one of more sombre reflection as students visited the war cemeteries of Étaples, the site of over 10,500 war graves.

Thanks to all the pupils for a very enjoyable weekend, we look forward to more trips like this.

Miss Bailey, Mr White and Mr Pinto

## COUNCIL QUIZ MP



We had a visit from Mr Rutland, our local MP. The student council excitedly prepared a range of questions from topics surrounding climate change to zebra crossings. We thank Mr Rutland for taking time out of his busy schedule to come in and talk to our pupils about his career path and his responsibilities as their local MP.

Mrs White



## Gingerbread houses

We held a festive gingerbread house competition and had some absolutely fabulously creative and very festive decorations and designs entered. Congratulations to the winners who, with all the other entrants helped raise £135 for Safe in Sussex charity.

Joint first - Eva and Amelie; 2nd Zara; 3rd Scarlett; joint 4th Olivia and Isla.

Mrs Stoner

## HOT-OFF-THE-PRESS!

Look out for our nativity photos which we will be posting on our social media pages over the Christmas holiday period!

