

Sponsored Walk

We have had a very productive week with students getting into the routine of lessons and extra-curricular clubs with enthusiasm. There is a positive and happy atmosphere around the school across both sites and an air of purpose. I would like to thank students, staff and parents for their patience and help on Monday when part of Beetons way was closed because of the lorry crash. Many students found themselves unable to walk to school after being dropped off by buses away from school. Our older students helped younger students to find their way to school safely which is an example of the great spirit of St Benedict's students working together. After school a number of students were again stranded by their bus and Mr Murphy kindly offered to drive them all home to Sudbury in the school mini bus – a real hero. Another member of staff received very public praise via Social Media:

“ This reminds me of Josh Chance 's PE teacher from St Benedict's , Mr Phil Taylor. He's the reason Josh went to school, he truly believed in Josh and gave him opportunities other teachers may not have. Mr Taylor is one of the reasons Josh so desperately wants to make the next Paralympic Games to say thank you for believing in him.”

Fr Tim Peacock came into school on Monday from Zimbabwe. Fr Tim was trained as an architect and has spent the last 34 years working in rural Zimbabwe designing and building churches schools and hospitals with the local people. We are hoping to support him so he can buy some furniture for the schools. If you can help in any way please contact Matt Spiller.

Year 11 Information evening was very well attended last night by parents, carers and students. Mr Croucher, Mrs Walker and Miss Cox led presentations about GCSEs, revision, intervention and how to be successful in Year 11. Thank you to all who took part. A reminder that a number of Year group Information evenings are coming up over the next few weeks, so please check your diaries.

Kate Pereira

Parents information evenings

Year 12– Thursday 28 September 7.00

Year 10– Thursday 5 October 7.00

Year 13 –Thursday 5 October 7.00

Year 7– Thursday 12 October 7.00

Year 8 Away Day

Year 8's have an away day at the USC next Friday (22nd September) and so will need to arrive at the USC for registration and not the LSC. Letter to follow with further details

Friday, 29th September will see the St Benedict's Sponsored Walk! All students from years 7 to 13 will be taking part and it promises to be a fun day for all. We will be walking to raise funds for CCTV for the school so that our students can be kept as safe as possible, as well as donating a percentage to a local charity and/or food bank, we are finalising the details as we speak. (If any parent has a link with a CCTV company, do let us know!) There will be a letter and sponsor form coming to you soon and we hope that it will be an enjoyable and successful day out. More information will follow once we have finalised the route and made the police aware that we will be out and about on that day. All queries regarding this can come to the new Deputy Headteacher, Dan Wright on dwright@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk

Nearly the perfect comeback!

Year 10 Boys football

Mildenhall College of Technology 2 - 2 St-Benedict's

The first game of the year for year 10 was a thriller. The first half was very competitive with both teams taking chances ,Theo Burnett Wells going close on a number of occasions. Our defence stood up to a very quick and powerful Mildenhall attack. The dead lock was broken by Mildenhall who scored an excellent goal on the counter attack!

At half time the heavens opened with a sustained down pour. Before we had a chance Mildenhall scored a free kick with the ball skidding off the surface to beat our keeper. The boys showed resilience to stay in the game and defend really well despite Mildenhall creating more chances. With 15 minutes to go our captain Charlie Morris finished well to get us back into the game! This changed the game and the confidence in our team grew. Alex Marco finished well to score the equaliser the boys deserved.

We thought the team had completed the perfect comeback in the last minute with a fast counter attack. Theo crossed the ball for Alex Swarbrick to score the winner! The boys' celebrations were cut short by the linesman fag being raised for offside for an earlier passage of play and the goal was disallowed.

There were number of strong performances in our team but JJ Wright, Thomas Poulson and Dermot Gray in goal deserve a special mention. Overall a very positive result! Well done boys.

Mr Taylor

St Benedict's News



Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride

On Saturday 9 September the 'Tortoises' (our previous Head Teacher Mr O'Neill, Mr Murphy, Father Alvan) and the 'Hares' three former St Benedict's students (Thomas Wesley, Liam Gladden and Jake Head) represented St Edmund's Parish in the Suffolk Historic Churches Ride and Stride event.

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1973, and makes grants to churches and chapels of all denominations towards repairs, improvements and restoration. Since its inception it has raised more than £5 million to make grants to more than 700 churches including St Edmund's parish. Last year the event raised £135,775.

The ride is non competitive and for cyclists of all abilities. The general idea of the ride is for the participants to ask people to sponsor them for every church or chapel they visit between 9am and 5pm on the day of the cycle. Mr O'Neill had devised an 'undulating' route of about 20 miles, including an optional 16 mile-ish' extension for the younger, keener cyclists.

We all left St Edmund's together at 10.30am and visited St Mary's and St James' in the town centre before heading off into the countryside. After a short 'pit stop' to provide Father Alvan with a slightly bigger bike we headed off into the countryside and popped into the churches in Fornham St Martin, Fornham All Saints and Flempton. At this point the two groups parted company aiming to meet up in Chevington later in the day.

Mr O'Neill, Mr Murphy and Father Alvan enjoyed a leisurely cycle which punctuated by a brief halt at the church in Risby (where they helped the volunteer with the Telegraph crossword and enjoyed one of the Vicarage apples), and short stops at Little Saxham (where they bumped into some parents of former St Benedict's students) and Great Saxham. Fuelled with liberal supplies of chocolate hob nobs and Scottish butter biscuits, not even an autumnal shower could dampen their enthusiasm as they headed towards Chevington.

All Saints Church in Chevington had decided to make the most of the occasion by holding an open day so Mr O'Neill, Mr Murphy and Father Alvan were greeted by the volunteers with enthusiastic smiles, cups of steaming hot tea and thick slices of chocolate cake, to the strains of Pachelbel's Canon being played on the cello wafting down from the organ loft. While the Tortoises waited for the 'Hares' the Chevington campanologists gave them a quick lesson in bell ringing and Mr Murphy made an unsuccessful attempt to break the record for running from the church porch and into the middle of the labyrinth outside.

Having sampled everything that the All Saints Open Day had to offer the Tortoises had to leave Chevington before the Hares arrived and headed back to Bury, not least because Father Alvan was due to take the 6.00 mass. Despite the extension loop being slightly longer than expected, the Hares only narrowly missed the Tortoises in Chevington and arrived back at St Edmund's church not long after them. It really was an enjoyable

day and a wonderful opportunity for the school community to support a parish event for a very good cause.

If you would like to (belatedly) sponsor the Tortoises or the Hares, please feel free to complete the attached sponsorship form and return it to the school with your donation. Alternatively, if you would like to participate in next year's event, watch this space!

Charity Events

3 other members of staff also took part in charity events last weekend, Miss Mak joined over 50,000 runners in the Great North Run, running for Macmillan and Miss Buchan and Mrs Catchpole donned their flashing bunny ears and joined over 2000 ladies in the Girls Night Out walk in Bury St Edmunds in aid of St Nicholas Hospice.

Tour of Britain Cyclepast!

Last Friday saw stage 6 of the Tour of Britain come right past the school and one lucky group of Year 9 students joined some keen members of staff at the roadside to cheer them on.



We saw Mark Cavendish, Tony Martin, Alex Dowsett and Geraint Thomas amongst other cycling stars. The speed was incredible! It all looked quite calm when the peloton cruised past chatting and then the team cars screeched past trying to keep up and you realised 26mph through the traffic islands is really rather fast. Sadly we were cut out of the live TV footage as the cameras switched to the breakaway just as the main group reached us but here is a picture! Mark Cavendish is in Dimension Data kit just behind the traffic island.

Open Evening— Upper School Centre

Tuesday 3 October 2017 6.30—8.30

Open Morning—Lower School Centre

Wednesday 4 October 2017 9.30—10.30