St Benedict's Newsletter

21 June 2024

Inspired by our talented students!

Over 70 people came to enjoy the work exhibited by our wonderful Art and Design A level students this week at their end of year show. With a range of diverse outcomes on display, from family tree inspired paintings to fashion inspired by nature, a tent based installation, hanging textiles inspired by the theme of transformation and ceramics that started out as an investigation into the work of national artist Grayson Perry.

A poignant mural was made as a memorial for Salvador Modke by Wikki Kroszkiewicz as a tribute to his love of music and creativity. This project caught the attention of many, so we look forward to seeing this installed in the school grounds later this term.

A huge well done to all our Art and Design students this year, it was wonderful to celebrate your success with a wider audience. Thank you.

Mrs Chacksfield

Year 7 Walsingham Residential

129 excited Year 7 students departed on Thursday to spend two days in sunny North Norfolk. Their adventure will see them exploring the tree tops on high ropes, mountain biking around Holkham Hall and enjoying fish and chips on the sand dunes in Wells at sunset. Students will complete the scenic pilgrimage to The Shrine of Our Lady and explore the beautiful village which is steeped in history and abbey ruins.

Mr Senior

Super8 Athletics

Year 10 boys and girls competed at the track earlier this month, the boys came 2nd out of 12 teams. We entered two teams for the girls and they came 5th and 8th out of 12 teams, well done! Special mentions to Holy Vadakelan who came 3rd overall in the long jump out of 22 athletes and Matijus Juchna who won the 200m with the fastest time out of 23 athletes. Also Charlie Oxborrow 3rd and Seth Gaw 8th in the 1500m out of 24 athletes. Well done to all involved!

Year 9 boys and girls competed at the track last week and both teams came 5th place out of 14 teams. Some great running from Molly Murphy and Eleanor Slater who came 1st and 5th in their 1500m race, in a group of 28 runners! The girls relay team had the 2nd fastest time in the medley relay! David Lupsa won his 1500m and 7th place to William Glover out of 26 athletes. Well done to all involved!

Mrs Wright

Year 8 French Trip

On Monday 10th June, 78 Year 8 students went to Lisieux in Normandy for five days of cultural, historical and spiritual enrichment. Staying in L'Ermitage Sainte-Thérèse, we spent the week doing various activities and enjoying the warm hospitality of the community of the Sister Servants of Sainte-Thérèse. During the week, we spent two mornings in one of the high schools, Collège Pierre Simon de Laplace, enjoying language games, quizzes, lunches and experiencing different lessons in French such as Maths, Science and PE.

We took part in a town trail, getting to know the history of Lisieux, and visited the magnificent Basilique Sainte-Thérèse. Our students also attended mass in the Cathédrale Saint-Pierre where their behaviour was exemplary and was noted by the priest and congregation who were very pleased to talk with us and share the history and love of their community. Our trip included a visit to the D-Day 360° cinema at Arromanches and a walk around the British Normandy Memorial at Ver-sur-Mer which records the names of the 22,442 people from more than 30 countries who were killed in action from June to September. Our students were calm and respectful as they walked around the monuments alongside many members of the public, war veterans and relatives of those who fought in WW2.

On a different note, the students also experienced a tour of the Livarot cheese factory that culminated in a cheese tasting. There were many who relished the opportunity to have handfuls of

pungent cheese before lunch, however some found it a little too cheesy! Fortunately, we were all treated to an afternoon of high ropes and zip wires with plenty of fresh air.

It was such a pleasure taking our students to France. They were such a delight, and their enthusiasm makes it all worthwhile. However, these trips could not happen without our dedicated members of staff, so I would like to thank Mrs Berry, Ms Chacksfield, Miss Dalby, Miss Drabik, Mr Stafford, Mrs Szczech and Mr Taylor for their support on the trip, and to all the members of staff who helped behind the scenes.

Bon week-end!

Mr Richmond

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Year 10 Social - 28 June

To celebrate a wonderful year, we are holding a social event on Friday 28 of June. The event starts at 7.30 and finishes at 10.00pm. It will take place in school and will consist of a silent disco and BBQ.

The cost of the ticket is £8.00 excluding the cost of BBQ.

Tickets can be purchased on Parent Pay.

Please contact me at: vwray@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk if you have any questions. We would like to see as many of the Year 10s as possible to celebrate a fantastic year.

Mrs Wray

Careers

Generation Logistics Week 2024 - Discover more about this vital sector!

Logistics is a growth sector in East Anglia and is essential to UK trading, with more than 7 million people directly employed in the making, selling and moving of goods. A recent report by Logistics UK Report states that in March 2023, there were 214,160 logistics businesses operating in the UK, employing around 8% of the nation's workforce. Annual revenues for this sector in 2022 were £1.3 trillion and it contributed £185 billion to the UK's GVA (the value of goods and services produced). Predictions for growth up to 2030 are also positive.

In light of its importance, the Logistics sector is being promoted during 24-28th June via a Virtual Careers Fair and a wealth of resources to highlight opportunities within it. Click on the link below to discover more:

Link

Miss Hahn

Sunset Walk

Our Year 7 students who are taking part in the Sunset Walk are currently away in Walsingham on their residential but will be on the start line bright and chirpy on Saturday night. Here is our route. If you live nearby the route pop outside and give us a cheer.

If you wish to sponsor us here is our just giving page link.

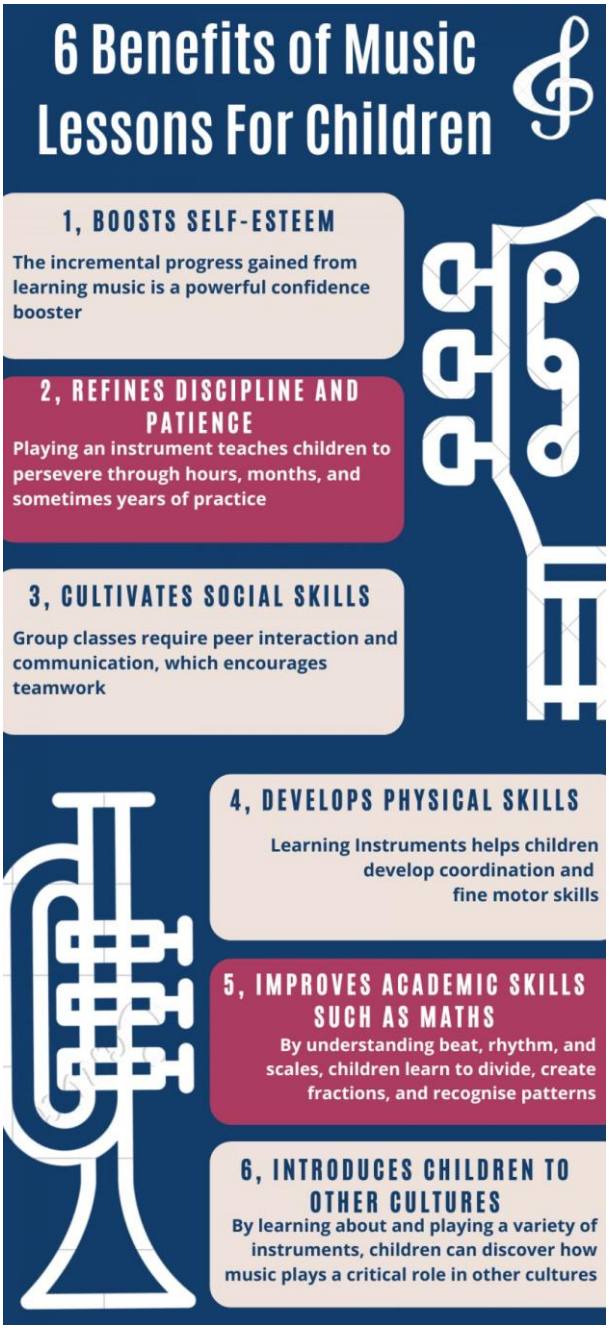
Just Giving Page

Mrs Roughley

Music and Lamda Lessons

If your son/daughter would like to start or continue with musical instrument/Lamda lessons in September please don't forget to fill in and return your paperwork to TRoughley@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk

Mrs T Roughley



Politics

This week we were pleased to welcome two more prospective parliamentary candidates to the school: Will Tanner from the Conservative Party on Monday and Peter McDonald from the Liberal Democrats on Thursday. Both candidates told the students a little bit about themselves and their priorities.

Mr Murphy

Dates for your Diary

25 June - Sixth Form Transition Day

26 June - Year 11 Prom

28 June - Year 13 Prom

28 June - Year 10 Celebration Evening

9 July - Sports Day

11 July - St Benedict's Day and Fayre

19 July - Break up for summer

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