

Children in Need

'The Lord often reveals to the younger what is best' (Rule of St Benedict, 111, 3)

Thank you to staff, students and parents who supported this charity today. Our students and staff created a yellow theme by wearing something yellow. The Lower school site was a sea of yellow today at lunch time and Miss Cox noted that it reminded her of the sponsored walk when they had dressed up as Minions!

Year 11

Well done to year 11 for their exemplary conduct over the past two weeks of mock examinations. It has been tiring and stressful for year 11 as they have gone through the fortnight but they have shown perseverance and determination throughout.

Tests

All year groups have now had the first main set of tests for the year and most of the results have now been shared with the students. Parents will be receiving an overview of these in the next few weeks. Year 11 will be having their own 'mock results day' at the beginning of December when they will receive their results.

Staff

We said goodbye to Angelina Osborne today, receptionist and thanked her for the excellent job she had done since starting with us. We wish her the best of luck for the future.

Kate Pereira

Bar Mock Trial

Once again St Benedict's is about to go to court! Of course, this is for the Bar Mock Trial Competition, run nationally every year for schools by the Citizenship Foundation. Sixteen of our students from Key Stages 4 and 5 will don the outfits and demeanours of witnesses, clerks, jurors and barristers for a full day's contest in Norwich Combined Magistrates and Crown Court on Saturday, where they will prosecute and defend two cases they have prepared over the past weeks, largely under the guidance of Frankie Wright, a Year 13 student. This is a great opportunity for students to work together and to learn something about the legal system of the British Isles, as well as enjoying dressing up and trying out adult roles. Last year we came second by one solitary mark. This year we hope to better all our rivals and "send them down!"

Miss James

St Benedict's Got Talent

Students and teachers were greatly entertained during this Wednesday's Year 8 assembly as the week's theme of 'Talents' was given a very musical tone. Ben Lovesey (8RED), Oscar Lyons (8STF), Finn O'Donnell (8RED) and Billy Reid (8SOA) performed a medley of three songs and enraptured the gathered crowd. Ben was on guitar, Oscar on saxophone, Finn on keys and Billy was on drums. It was brilliant to see these four boys play so well together after many practices at school during lunchtimes. It must also be noted that Max Ledgerton (8SOA) also performed 'The Last Post' for the lower site Armistice assembly last week with great poise and poignancy. This flurry of musical endeavours has certainly raised spirits and hopefully inspired some to pick up instruments and have a play. I wish you all many merry musical moments over the weekend.

Mr Richmond

Scholastic Book Club

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-benedicts-suffolk> to browse the latest books and order online. **For every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 25p in Scholastic Rewards.** We can then use this to purchase more resources for our libraries. This is just in time for those Christmas presents! The books will be delivered to school and will be distributed to your child to take home.

Please place your **order online by December 2 2018**

Carla Moore
Librarian



PTFA—Raffle

To help raise funds for the production the PTFA will be running a raffle on the two nights of the show 24th and 25th of January.

We would really appreciate it if you are able to donate a gift that we could use.

Therefore if you are Christmas shopping and can add an extra gift, or food shopping and can put in an extra bottle of wine that would be great. Please send prizes to the school office.

Mrs Green

Sporting Highlights

Year 9 Girls Netball vs KEGS

The girls played King Edward School on Tuesday 13th November in one of the West Suffolk league games. They went out fighting and won the first quarter playing strong. Unfortunately, KEGS stepped it up a gear going into the 2nd quarter and came back to win the 2nd and 3rd quarter of the game. The girls did not give up and managed to come back from being 4 goals down to only lose by one point! If we had only 5 seconds more on the clock it could have been a different result as our shooters had the ball as the final whistle was blown! The end result was 14-13 to KEGS. Player of the match was Maddie Green and special mention to Freya Cooper and Milly Taylor.

Year 10 Girls Rugby Development Festival

A group of year 10 girls travelled to Stowmarket rugby club last Thursday for a rugby development festival. Throughout the afternoon, pupils moved round to different stations where they were coached a variety of different skills and the



day ended in games against County and Castle Manor. They all performed really well and showed excellent progress in the sport. Brilliant tackles made by Georgina Gammon! We are now looking at including a girls rugby club into our extra-curricular programme so that the girls are ready for their matches after Christmas. Watch this space!

Beauty and the Beast

The cast of Beauty and the Beast will be doing some performances at the Christmas Fayre in Bury St Edmunds next weekend if you would like a sneak preview.

Friday 4.45pm-7pm in the Abbey Gardens performances at 5pm and 6pm

Saturday- 10.30am-6pm with performances at 11am -2pm and 5pm in the Abbey gardens

Career Talks

Just a reminder that we have two careers talks coming up next week. Daryl Hearsom from Norwich City FC will be coming in on the 20th November to talk about the Norwich City regional development programme and careers in football and the wider sports industry. This talk will take place in room 11 from 1.30-2.15.

We also have Peter Howard from RSM UK coming in on the 21st of November to talk about career opportunities in accountancy, advice of making applications and job interview techniques. This talk will take place in room 26 from 1.30-2.15.

I am also pleased to announce that we now have two more talks scheduled. Firstly on the 13th December Mr Wright and Ms Coogan will be delivering a talk on the different pathways into teaching and what life as a teacher is really like. Secondly on the 25th of January 2019 Steve Flory from Hudson Group Plc will be coming to speak with students interested in careers in Graphic Design and Creative media. Steve also has vast experience in starting and running businesses and is happy to talk with any budding entrepreneurs about this.

It is not too late to sign up for any of these talks.

Scheduled Career Talks/Events

20th November Daryl Hearsom form Norwich City FC – Regional development programme, Careers in football and the wider sports industry. Room 11 1.30-2.15

21st November, Peter Howard RSM UK – Accountancy, Making Applications, Job Interview techniques. Room 26 1.30-2.15

4th December, Dominic Crame, JM Finn – Wealth Management, Investments, Stocks

13th December, Mr Wright & Ms Coogan - Teaching

11th January, Clare Lockwood, Oslers Solicitors – Criminal Law

16th January, Marcus West, Lark Recruitment LTD will be running a session for year 11 & 12 on: CV Writing, Cover Letters and Interview Techniques

25th January, Steve Flory, Hudson Group PLC – Graphic Design, Creative Media, Starting your own business.

Mr Steward Careers