



NEWSLETTER

Regular news updates from All Saints School, Lessingham

KEY DIARY DATES

13th March: Non-Uniform day for Spring Fayre donations

16th-20th March: Information Advice & Guidance week

26th March: Spring Fayre

27th March—17th April: Easter Holidays

20th April: Back to school

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ATTENDANCE WATCH

Norfolk's attendance figure is 96%.

Our current figure is...**91.54%**

Our classes of the week with **100%** attendance are **Mrs Czubaj, Mrs Paterson and Mrs Abigail** —well done

Message from the Headteacher

One of the greatest challenges for all schools as we move deeper in the 21st century is to further develop a learning culture in our schools which enables young people to become increasingly resilient. Many employers talk about resilience being the top of their list of qualities that they want to see in future employees and this is a reflection of the demands, stresses and ever varying challenges of professional life in the global workplace.

Resilience is a hot word at the moment, and is generally understood to mean the ability to bounce back from disappointment and to adapt to things we can't change. It's an important character trait that we want to encourage and build in our students. The act of teaching our children resilience can be hard for parents, carers and teachers, because we naturally want to protect our children from failure and disappointment. The good news is you can help prepare them for life's storms, because resilience is a 'work-in-progress' and something that we can continue to develop throughout our lives.

What helps a child to be resilient? There are many factors including knowing you have family and friends who care for you and can be depended on to help and support you. Equally important though is to teach students strategies that help them become more resilient—strategies for problem-solving, flexible thinking, and anxiety management—but we need to plan ahead. We need to teach students these skills when they are calm—not in the middle of a crisis. At All Saints we are working with all our wonderful young people to help them become confident and independent and manage even when for them it is phenomenally difficult. We know that by working with you as parents and carers we will together achieve this goal.

Headteacher awards

Caleb, Zak and Harry LC for *amazing reading*

Jenson, Hollie, Charlie and Freya T for *exceptional behaviour*

Young Enterprise

We are looking for plant pots and seed trays. If you have any to spare, (any size), please send them in with your child.



Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week? Do you have handyman or woman skills? Do you enjoy teaching young people how to be creative

Our enterprise man, Dave is moving out of the area this term so we are looking for someone to take over the reins and continue the success he has achieved with our students.

Please contact the school office for more information.

Achievements

Congratulations to Lucy in year 10 who has passed her Level 2 Food Hygiene and Safety for Catering course.

Congratulations also go to our Head Girl, Imarni, year 11 who has recently passed her Climbing Instructors award.

Imarni has been helping out on the North East Norfolk district mobile climbing wall and has recently completed her qualification to be an instructor. It took three weeks of assessment and an exam at the end. She is now a qualified climbing instructor for scouting and can volunteer on the mobile wall. Imarni will be going to different events and teaching the children how to climb.

At the moment Imarni needs an adult on the wall too as she is under 18, but can get her full permit at 18
So watch out for the climbing wall this summer and Imarni on the end of a rope

GCSE Art Trip to London

This week, Year 11 GCSE Art students went to London to visit the Picasso and Paper exhibition at The Royal Academy of Art :

We took the train from Norwich, over-ground and then underground to Piccadilly Circus, looked around the Lego shop and M&M store then continued to the Royal Academy.

Throughout the exhibition, we enjoyed the real-life experience of Picasso's work, inspiring us to recreate his art. Overall the day was a good learning experience for all of us and we had a great day.

A massive thank you from Miss King for organising the trip!

Further information can be found here: <https://www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibition/picasso-and-paper>



Spring Fayre—Thursday 26th March

In the run-up to this event , we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 13th March in exchange for donations for the Fayre.

There will be an option to order a hot lunch of Mrs Senior's scrummy pasta bake. And finally, on the day of the Fayre, there will be an Easter themed cake or cookie decorating competition.

See the attached Spring flyer for further information.

Blogging

Some of our students have been busy writing blogs. Below are the address's in case you would like to visit and/or comment if you want to.

The three sites are :

<https://allsaintsjuniors.edublogs.org> for the Juniors

<https://allsaintsyear7.edublogs.org> for the Year 7s

<https://allsaintsyear8.edublogs.org> for the Year 8s.

If you would like to comment, just click on the title of the post you wish to comment on. This will open that particular post with a reply form at the bottom. You can type your comment, type in the anti-spam words and leave an email address. It can be made-up if you don't want to use your own, as long as it looks like a real email e.g. allsaints@allsaints.com

Please remember the previously sent out school blogging rules. Comments will be moderated before posting but should always be appropriate and should not include surnames, for example, post as "Steven's mum" or "Helga's Auntie".

Reminder

*** Please remember to send written confirmation (in advance) for any appointment your child has during school hours.**

*** Please call the office every day before 8.30am if your child is unwell.**

World Book Day

<https://mattbeighton.co.uk/>

Author sessions can provide a great way to engage pupils in reading and writing and often leave lasting memories for many years to come.

All students took part in a question and answer session and there were some great questions.

Matt Beighton was born and raised in a small village on the outskirts of Leicester.

Leaving behind, a career in IT, Matt became a primary school teacher which was great as it gave him an excuse to read all of those books that adults sometimes feel bad about reading. If he could pass on one message to all the adults out there, it would be to read more children's books. When it became clear that juggling teaching and writing was becoming harder and harder, he made the leap.

Matt's favourite authors include Terry Pratchett and he's been a huge fan since he was 12 years old. His Discworld series can't be beaten if you love funny fantasy books. Matt also loves the Lord of the Rings and the Hobbit but will also go back to some of the other classics like The Famous Five. He is also a massive Harry Potter fan.



Careers Festival

On Thursday 5th March students in years 10 and 11 visited The Norfolk Skills and Careers Festival at the Norfolk Show Ground. This interactive event is aimed at 14-24-year olds to help inspire them for their future career and to demonstrate the various options available.

The Festival was structured around thirteen sectors covering Energy, Advanced Manufacturing, ICT – Digital and Creative, Financial and Business Services, Leisure, Tourism and Culture, Food and Farming, Science and Innovation, Health and Social Care, Construction and Logistics, Education and Training, Public Services, Retail and Enterprise and Careers advice.

This was a wonderful opportunity for organisations to connect with our students, for their potential future workforce, both to demonstrate and talk about the key skills involved in their industries and to break down unhelpful myths.

Lots of our students were able to pick up key information that interested them for possible work experience and their future careers.

We look forward to welcoming some of the sectors and colleges back to our school to take part in our careers / IAG week which starts on Monday 16th March.

