



ALL SAINTS BENHILTON NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I cannot believe that the first half term has come to an end already!

Your children have been incredibly busy and I have been so impressed with their enthusiasm for learning. They have been involved in a variety of activities from fossil workshops, sporting events, Tower of London visits, Top of the Form Competitions to planning, organising and running fund raising events.

I wanted to capture these experiences and share them with you so I am pleased to be sending out this new style newsletter which will give you a taste of what has been happening in our school over the last few weeks.

I wish you all a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 20th February.

Best wishes,

Justine Whelan-Cox

NOTES/ REMINDERS:

- In light of recent events in the news we would like to ask if you ever send your child in with grapes, tomatoes, olives etc. to ensure that they are always cut up to avoid any risk of choking.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews on **Wednesday 22nd February & Thursday 23rd February.**
- I would like to remind you that hairbands/accessories should be smart and discrete and in school colours. We have recently seen very large bows being worn in school.
- If you bring your dog to school with you and tie them up at the top car park please make sure you take your dog's mess away with you. We have had a few occasions where the poo bags have been left on the floor by the gate.

Willow class to the Tower of London

Well the Year 5's had a Terrific Tudor Time at the Tower of London on a beautiful winter's day. We had the opportunity to view the Crown Jewels and to see the real Golden Orb that features in our class reader, *My Friend Walter* by Michael Morpurgo.

We then met with William Parr, the brother of Catherine Parr, who wanted Willow class' advice for his sister about how to be a good wife for Henry VIII.

This workshop allowed the class to partake in discussions about the previous wives of Henry. After a quick lunch, we completed the 'Elizabethan Punishment' tour, part of which took us to Sir Walter Raleigh's room in the Tower and along Raleigh's Walk, also featured in our class reader. This whole visit really brought our Tudor topic to life and tied in wonderfully with our English work. We had a super enjoyable time.



- **CAR PARKING** - the school car parks are to only be used by staff, school visitors and those who have a disability badge.
- We have noticed that the office foyer has been getting very congested lately and we would like to ask that unless you are waiting to speak to a member of staff in the office that once you drop off your child to leave the foyer.

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation with all of these matters. ☺

Sports Events

On 11th January 2017, All Saints Benhilton competed in one of four indoor athletic heats organised by the Sutton School Sports Partnership at Overton High School in Sutton. Supported by Overton's Sports leaders, the event ran very smoothly offering our Year 5 & 6 pupils the opportunity to compete against pupils from other schools in the Borough in a variety of track and field events. Each pupil was able to enter a maximum of 2 track and 2 field events such as multiple lap relays, obstacle relays, long jump (standing and triple), vertical jump, speed bounce, chest push throw and javelin throw. We all showed excellent sporting behaviour and thoroughly enjoyed the busy/loud, active afternoon. The photograph featuring the vertical jump activity shows our Emily Mann (Yr 6) in mid-flight!



In other sporting news, we recently played against St Cecilia's in a league netball match at home on 24th January and against Robin Hood Juniors in a league football match at the Sutton United Ground on Friday 27th January. Even though the results of each match did not go our way, we enjoyed the sporting activity none the less.

Year 1 Life Long Ago Workshop

The Education group came in to deliver a 'Life Long Ago' workshop to Year 1. We found out lots of exciting information about how fossils are formed and then we were able to be Palaeontologists and carefully uncovered a range of fossils buried in the sand. We found skulls, claws, teeth and even an egg!



Chestnut class to the Tower of London

On Tuesday 31st January, Chestnut Class visited the Tower of London as part of their topic on 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. They saw the Crown Jewels and learnt new words such as 'scabbard'. They discovered that after being destroyed by Oliver Cromwell in 1649, the Crown Jewels were remade for King Charles II in 1661.

The children were told gruesome tales by a princess from the 14th Century and found out about prisoners, escapees and beheadings! The children (and the adults) thoroughly enjoyed the day. It was exciting to travel on the train and tube and members of the public commented on how well the children behaved. WELL DONE

CHESTNUT CLASS!



Year 3 Mighty Metals Topic

Year 3 have been making their own embossed jewellery for their topic Mighty Metals. Once the children made their necklaces from cardboard and tin foil they then had to create a unique design from the Stone Age period using their prior learning. What images can you recognise?



Beech's IWM Trip

On Monday, Beech class went to the Imperial War Museum. On our visit we saw a real-life Spitfire, which was exhilarating. We also saw different shelters such as the Morrison shelter, the one person shelter and the Anderson shelter. Another thing we found fascinating was a painting about people working in factories to produce boats and planes. This painting captured our interests because we had to reflect on the true meaning behind the artwork.

Other things we saw included a wreckage of a fighter jet which belonged to Japan during WW2; the clothes that were worn by German soldiers in cold climates; and we discovered what life was like for the Allpress family during the war.

Our favourite part of this school trip was seeing the real-life Anderson shelter. Overall, this was an exciting trip enjoyed by everyone.

Written by Macy Cann



Year 4 trip to the Sutton Synagogue

The synagogue was fun. We tried lots of different bread. I liked the scrolls best of all because they were colourful. The stain glass windows were different because they all represented something.

Alex Twine, Maple Class



'Bread in a Bag'

The children in Ash and Elm enjoyed 'Bread in a Bag'. The children all made their own bread and then got to taste different bread from around the world. They had great fun.



The Smilez

We had a challenge from the Junior Dragons Apprentice Scheme to raise money for a charity called Smile - who helps children with disabilities. We had to come up with a business plan all together and we decided to do a raffle, face paint and an obstacle course / different games.

We named the team - Team Smilez and it was made up of School Council and Eco Council members from year 5 and year 6 and their names were Abi, Elise, Reece, Toby, Michael, Nana, Katie and Alex.

We decided to run the event on the 1st and the 2nd of February and we picked out the people who won the raffle on the 3rd. On Wednesday KS1 and the Early Years classes attended the event and the rest of the school participated on Thursday.

On the Wednesday we all thought that the children were easier to handle because they weren't running around as much and going mad, but it was much harder in some ways because they were shyer but overall everyone was amazing. We thought they really enjoyed it and they kept coming up to us asking if we are doing it again. The Smilez group loved entertaining them we think they really enjoyed it.

KS2 children didn't need as much support they enjoyed the obstacle course most but a lot of them had their face painted too.

We really enjoyed arranging and running the event and are so glad that we had the opportunity to do this and to make £483.00 for a very worthwhile cause.

By Abi Lenny - Leader of Team Smilez

