FROM THE HEADMASTER’S DESK

Congratulations to all the pupils who have been entered into East Anglia’s Independent Schools’ Art Competition. Looking through the entries, I have been hugely impressed with the standard of work and each and every pupil should be proud of their efforts. Next week the judges will have to make some very difficult decisions and we look forward to the results.

Well done to Year 8 who enjoyed learning about Gothic Stories with The Red Heart Theatre Group on Tuesday. I have read, with some trepidation, their ‘Tales of Terror’ and there is little doubt we have imagination and creativity in abundance!

As Open Morning approaches on October 7th, may I thank all the pupils and parents who support us on what is a very important day for the school. Touring with prospective parents is always a real pleasure but the pupils are, without doubt, our greatest asset and Open Morning is the opportunity for them to take the lead. They do a marvellous job and are a credit to the school and to their parents.

This term, we have had an unprecedented level of interest from prospective parents, particularly for entry into Year 7. Given places are limited, I would be grateful if Year 6 parents, would give the school as much notice as possible if they intend to transfer to other schools.

LITTLE SAINTS DOUGH DISCO

Pre-school children have been enjoying taking part in daily sessions of ‘Dough Disco’. ‘Dough Disco’ is a fine muscle exercise to music that accelerates brain to finger control. There will be links to the songs they are using added on Tapestry for parents who would like to support this at home.
We have entered some fantastic pieces of artwork into this year’s ISA East Anglia Art Competition. Family members of the entrants are invited to the regional competition which is being held at CATS Cambridge on 7th October, between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. Any artwork which wins a prize will then be entered into the national competition.

Below (and continued over the page) are all of this year’s selected entrants. As a school we are only allowed to enter a small selection of pieces so well done to all those who have been chosen and we wish you the best of luck in the competition!

Abigail, Year 10
Evie, Year 11
Jack, Year 9
Amelia, last year’s Year 11
Ellie-Rae, last year’s Year 11
ISA FILM & DIGITAL ART
The ISA have now introduced a new film and digital art competition and this year Saint Nicholas are very happy to be submitting two fantastic entries in this category and we hope to increase this number next year. Good luck to Ashton (Year 9), Jack (Year 2) and Amelia (last year’s Year 11) whose entries are shown below.

HARVEST FESTIVAL REHEARSALS
The lower school have been busy rehearsing for their Harvest Festival next Tuesday.

COFFEE MORNING
We are Macmillan Cancer Support

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN ORDER FOR IT TO HAPPEN AGAIN
We will be holding a Macmillan coffee morning on Thursday 5th October
There will be a parents coffee morning from 9.00am – 10.00am after drop off in Mountbatten Hall. The pupils’ cake sale will be held throughout the morning. Further details will be sent out in a letter.
Last year we raised over £1000. Let’s beat it this year!
All cakes baked and donated should be brought to Mountbatten Hall on the morning of 5th October ready for the sale. The more cakes we sell, the more money we make for Macmillan. Ready, steady, BAKE!
When baking or buying cakes, please remember we have a nut free policy in school.
YEAR 1 SCIENCE

On Wednesday, Class 1N carried out different science investigations using the senses of touch, smell and sight. The children enjoyed guessing the objects using only their touch as well as deciding what they were smelling. Nice work Year 1.

YEAR 7 TRIP TO NORFOLK LAKES

Year 7 have been enjoying their trip to Norfolk Lakes this week. A full report will follow in next week’s newsletter.
YEAR 8 GOTHIC TALES STORYTELLER

Report by Edie, Year 8

On Tuesday, Rupert from The Red Heart Theatre Group Company came in and performed two gothic stories as part of the Gothic Horror unit we are doing in English.

The first story was the ‘Red Room’ and the other was the ‘Tell Tale Heart’. I enjoyed listening to the stories very much. My favourite was the Red Room because I liked how he used his body language and voice to identify different characters in the story. He also used sound effects and different types of lighting to create atmosphere and tension in the room. The Red Room had a lot of descriptions that created tension and made us jump!

Rupert explained how these stories were created many years ago and how when the authors first created these stories, they were a new genre. I spoke to some pupils and they said that they enjoyed the story telling because it was interesting and that they could use what they had heard and learnt in some of their own gothic horror stories that they’ll be writing in English. I am definitely going to use some of Rupert’s techniques in my own writing and I hope that people will enjoy my gothic story as much as we enjoyed listening to him telling these gothic stories.

YEAR 8 MATHS

Year 8 set 1 tackled some tricky algebra this week in maths. Everyone put maximum effort into their learning and coped really well with some difficult mathematics. The pupils used Tarsia puzzles to make a challenging topic more fun. Congratulations to Henry, Olly and Tom who were the first group to complete the challenge and well done to everyone else for their enthusiasm and determination with the task.
RECEPTION PHONICS

This week the Reception children have been learning the ‘p’ sound with the help of some pirates, princesses and police men and women. They particularly liked making their ‘p’ pirate hats.

SAVE THE DATES

Please see below some ‘save the dates’ for the next two weeks:

- 2nd October - Harvest Festival rehearsal
- 3rd October - Year 9, 10, 11 Chelsea’s Choice theatre show (theatre 1.30pm - 4.30pm)
- 3rd October - Lower school Harvest Festival (St Mary’s Church 2.00pm - 3.30pm)
- 4th October - Selected Year 8 and 9 pupils to Green Plan-It launch (Capel Manor)
- 4th October - Early Years Foundation Stage meeting (pre-school 4.30pm—5.30pm)
- 4th October - Year 10 FutureWise Profiling / Work Experience meeting (theatre 4.15pm - 5.15pm)
- 5th October - Year 11 Next Steps meeting (theatre 4.15pm - 5.15pm)
- 7th October - School Open Morning (10.00am - midday)
- 11th October - Year 11 effective revision meeting (theatre 4.15pm - 5.15pm)
- 12th October - Year 10 and 11 GCSE geography river fieldwork in Loughton
- 12th October - Year 4 trip to Paradise Wildlife Park
- 13th October - Selected Year 10 pupils to Lloyds London
SPORTS REPORT

RUGBY

Report by Henry, Year 11

On Thursday the Year 10 and 11 rugby team played in a tournament at Upper Clapton Rugby Club. We played two games, one against Saint Marks and the other against Saint Johns Epping. We beat Saint Johns Epping 10-0 with outstanding attack and defence, not allowing them to step foot in our half. We then beat Saint Marks 22-0. A special well done to all the forwards who dominated in the rucks and scrums despite the massive opposition. Also well done to Charlie, Matthew and William for scoring outstanding tries.

SATURDAY RUGBY

Report by Noah, Year 9

On Saturday the Year 8/9 boys team travelled to St Edmunds for a rugby match. Unfortunately we lost 25-15 but the boys played really well with Billy making some great tackles and Edison and Darcy making some great runs. Jacob also made an amazing try-saving tackle towards the end of the second half. Overall, we played really well and everybody should be pleased with the outcome. However, maybe we could put in that extra ten percent for an even better outcome in the future. Man of the match was Noah.
**NETBALL WIN FOR THE U11s**

There was a convincing win for the U11 girls netball team last week, beating Stoke College 9-1. What a great result. Well done girls!

**NETBALL SUCCESS AT MARK HALL**

**Report by Olivia, Year 9**

On Wednesday the Year 9 netball girls played Mark Hall.

We started off with a tough first quarter losing a few balls here and there, however after we adjusted and tightened our technique, things greatly improved.

All of us gave our absolute best and I feel this was reflected in the score. In the very last quarter, after two neck and neck quarters, we were still tied at 10 all. We knew that in order to get the win we had to take our game to the next level and thankfully we did! By doing that and keeping a calm, collected and positive mind set we achieved the win. The final score was very tight at 12-13.