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Dates for your

Diary

Monday 13 - Friday 17 February 2017
Half Term

Monday 20 - Friday 24 February 2017
Y11 Mock Examinations

Monday 20 February 2017
Y9 and Y10 MENACWY/DIY Vaccines

Tuesday 21 February 2017
Parents Open Forum

Tuesday 28 February 2017
English Reading Transition Event (Y4 and Y5 students)

Wednesday 1 March
Waveney Youth Politics Expo

Thursday 2 March 2016
YK Maths Challenge Team Event - Y8/9

Tuesday 7 March 2017
Kitchens of the Globe (Turkey) - 12.15pm

Wednesday 8 March 2017
PE Cross Country Transition Event (Y4,5 and 6)

Thursday 9 March 2017
Y10 Norfolk Careers Festival

Thursday 9 March 2017
Y11 Progress Evening

Monday 13 March 2017
ESB Exams

Monday 13 March 2017
Area Finals of Book Mastermind

Tuesday 14 March 2017
World Pi Transition Event (Y3, 4 and 5) - 4.15 - 5.30pm

Tuesday 14 - Thursday 16 March 2017
STEM in Industry Visit to BT

Friday 17 March 2017
Y8 Otley Taster Day

Friday 17 March 2017
Sports Relief Run

Wednesday 22 March 2017
Primary Schools Invited to Watch School Production

Wednesday 22 - Friday 24 March 2017
School Production - A Midsummer Night's Dream

Monday 27 March 2017
Y10 Visit to Cambridge University

Tuesday 28 March 2017
Ypres Battlefield Trip

Tuesday 28 March 2017
Parents Open Forum - 9.30am

Wednesday 29 March 2017
GCSE English Trip to Woodbridge - 7.30pm

Friday 31 March 2016
Enrichment Day

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Headteacher's Welcome



**Mr Lees
Headteacher**

Welcome to our February edition of the Saxmundham Voice. It has been an excellent start to the Lent Term, with a real sense of urgency about the school.

Year 11 are busy preparing for their second set of mock examinations, as well as completing their Controlled Assessments in a number of their subjects. I look forward to talking to parent/carers of students in Year 11 at their final Progress Evening on 9 March at 4.15pm.

In the rest of the school we have students preparing for this year's school production 'Midsummer Nights Dream' which takes place in March; students in Year 7 & 8 have been involved in 'Why go to University' workshops; and on Tuesday this week we held a Safer Internet Day for all students. This was a hugely educational day for both students and staff. One of the facts that stuck with me from the day was that 'Images are a very popular way of communicating online. So much so that there are roughly 400 million snaps sent on Snapchat every day! These images also tend to generate a lot of comments and reactions, for example there are 8,500 likes and 1,000 comments every second on Instagram images'. Something for all parent/carers, as well as students to think about.

I hope that you enjoy reading this latest edition of the Voice, as we celebrate student achievements both inside and outside of school. It truly is remarkable to see all of the opportunities that students receive and then take full advantage of at Saxmundham Free School.

I look forward to speaking to you further at our regular Parents Open Forum or at your son/daughters Progress Evening.

Twitter – Please remember that you can follow Saxmundham Free School on twitter: @SamundhamFS. Please also check our webpage for regular news and events updates.

Mr Lees, Headteacher

Safeguarding Update:

Should you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Mrs Swan, Designated Safeguarding Lead, or Mrs Gibson, Assistant Safeguarding Lead on 01728 633910 or for more information, please visit www.saxmundhamfreeschool.org.uk. Saxmundham Free School's named safeguarding governor is Mrs Pastor.

Business and Enterprise

Visit Sam's Café

On Monday 30 January Business and Enterprise students Alex, Pollyanna, Harry and Lily were invited to Sam's Café in Lowestoft to experience a days work in a busy community café. The students experienced a variety of roles on their visit from the baking of popular café items such as bread, scones and bacon & cheese turnovers to the preparation and creation of ice cream milkshakes. The students were also trained by the café staff to use the professional barista coffee machine where they made Lattes, Cappuccinos and Espressos for staff and paying customers.



“My day at Sam's was really fun, I enjoyed making lots of food and making drinks with the Coffee machine, the people at the café were nice and welcoming”. Pollyanna Smith.

“The barista training was the highlight of my day and it was great learning about the business behind a busy café. We're extremely grateful for the experience we were given by the staff at Sam's”. Alex Savva.

Judo

Congratulations to Hannah Lumb

Hannah had a fantastic weekend in January at the British schools qualifier event in Thetford. She was in the Year 7/8 under 44kg category and of her three fights, she managed to win them all and receive a Gold medal.

Hannah was then asked to fight in the Year 8/9 category as they were short of a team member, which Hannah did without a second thought, despite all the girls being at least two grades higher than her. And amazingly Hannah went on and won a Silver medal!

Hannah has now qualified for the national school championship in Sheffield in April for Saxmundham Free School – well done Hannah!

Sports Fixtures

Football scores this term

- Year 7 boys beat Thomas Mills 3v0
- Year 7/8 boys lost 2v1 Hartismere
- Year 7 boys came third in a Football Tournament at Debenham – winning, losing and drawing a game.

The girls in Y7, 8 and 9 have also played in a number of fixtures against Beccles this term in a range of sports...and won them all!

Congratulations to all members of the teams for representing the school so well.



Harry Potter Book Night Transition Event

“This boy will be famous, a legend. I wouldn’t be surprised if today was known as Harry Potter day in future. There will be books written about Harry, every child in our world will know his name.”

Thursday 2 February marked Harry Potter Book Night. To celebrate Saxmundham Free School was transformed

into Hogwarts and students from local primary schools were invited for a magical night. Festivities included potion making; tea-leaf readings from Professor Trelawney; an appearance from the sorting hat; prizes for the best costume; not to mention readings from the novels.

Over 40 students from Saxmundham Free School and local primary schools contributed to this magical evening. A special thanks to those who helped out on the night, as well as the reading enrichment group, who spent their afternoons painting snitches, stringing bunting, and building a papier-mâché sorting hat.





Above: Students from Saxmundham Free School and surrounding primary schools assembled in costume at the Harry Potter Book Night

School Production

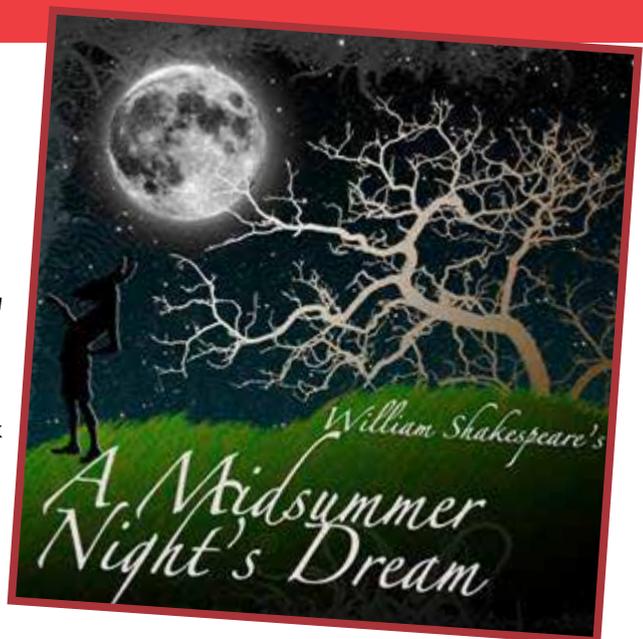
A Midsummer Night's Dream

22, 23 and 24 March 2017

Theseus, the Duke of Athens, is preparing for his marriage to Hippolyta. Hermia will not agree to her father's choice of Demetrius as a husband: she's in love with Lysander. Lysander and Hermia plan to elope. Followed by Demetrius and Helena, they unwittingly stray into the enchanted forest, only to have their affections toyed with by Oberon, King of the Fairies and his mischievous sidekick Puck.

Meanwhile, some artisans are rehearsing a play to present before Theseus on his wedding day. Puck overhears their rehearsals in the wood and plays a trick on them by giving Bottom an ass's head which frightens the others away. Also under the influence of Oberon's love potion, Titania, Queen of the Fairies, instantly falls in love with the transformed Bottom!

Eventually Puck manages to rematch each of the Athenians with their desired partner and all is restored. The Mechanicals perform their play and the wedding celebrations are a grand success.



Tickets (available from the office): £4 adult, £3 child or £12 for a family of 4
Doors open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:00pm

Cross Trust Competition

Poetry

Messages

*She spoke to me
In her language
Wonderful words
That just puzzled me*

*She wrote to me
In her language
Wild words
That just confused me*

*But then she drew for me
The beauty she portrayed
Sent an image to my brain
And suddenly*

The message became clear

Jade Rennie's (10A) Winning Poem

Saxmundham Free School students were once again victorious as they wrote their way into all of the top spots in the Cross Trust Poetry Competition. The Free Schools celebrated National Poetry Day by inviting students to write poems inspired by the theme of 'messages'. We were overwhelmed with entries and impressed by the incredibly high standards and creativity of our young writers.

The winning poem was a beautiful account of a message transcending language and was written by Jade Rennie in year 10. Jade will receive a prize of stationary and a book of her choice. Aiste Strelkyte, Emily Walpole and Izzy Sievwright wrote highly commended poems and each will win a book of their choice. Ciara Ward, Natasha Cracknell, Francesca Patient, Scarlett Pastor, Evangeline Slater, William Baines and Mary Watts wrote commended poems and will receive praise postcards for their fantastic efforts. You can read the commended and highly commended poems on our website. Well done to everyone who entered and congratulations to our winners!

Creative Writing Club

This is a new lunchtime club for any kind of creative writer, from any year group. We meet in Dahl on Friday lunchtimes. It has already developed a good atmosphere, with students happy to share their work with others, and accept helpful criticism.

We have spent the last few weeks looking at different styles of poetry, and students have learned the technique of 'automatic writing' as a way of over-coming writers' block; they have written Haiku and Tanka (the second being where you add two seven-syllable lines to someone else's Haiku); and they have learned how to create a 'found poem' from a block of prose text. In the last session before half-term they will be learning how to write Pantun – a type of poem based around repeating individual lines according to a pattern.

After half-term we will be working on a range of short prose styles.

SFS Students take thislanguage.com by storm!

A new online media resource was introduced in French lessons last week and we're delighted to see our students and classes making their mark on the global leader boards already!



Last week 9A finished in 2nd position worldwide having earned an impressive total of 10,269 points, whilst Grace Denny took the Silver medal in the individual category with a magnificent 2,059 followed by Grace Lloyd who clocked up 1,826 points and took 5th place overall. An outstanding achievement involving several hours of dedicated online French practice outside the school day.

143:56:23	Now	Last week
1st	Newark Charter High	10663
	M Dunbar YR12	
2nd	Saxmundham Free S...	10269
	M Robinson YR9	
3rd	Corning-Painted Post...	8580
	V Munoz YR8	
4th	Smyrna High School	8421
	M Paul YR12	
5th	Dominion High	8205
	M Lupas YR11	

143:52:50	Now	Last week
1st	St Helena School	346
	MORRIS G YR10	
2nd	Saxmundham Free S...	205
	Denny G YR7	
3rd	James River High (C...	205
	Varley Twym... YR12	
4th	E.C. Glass High	196
	Underwood A	
5th	Saxmundham Free S...	182
	Lloyd G YR9	
6th	The Stanway School	171
	Webb S YR11	

Over 500 schools in the UK and 730 worldwide, currently subscribe to thislanguage.com, so we are immensely proud of the commitment our students have shown to earn their top 10 rankings.

Thislanguage.com is a fun, interactive and academically rigorous website, which develops students' language skills via a mix of authentic language videos, comprehension exercises, grammar activities and a rather addictive real-time multi-player vocabulary learning game known as Nutty Tilez. Students can play against their classmates as well as other students around the world, something which is proving highly motivating and engaging for all classes.

Swimming

Congratulations to Aidan Howard and Finley Pawle in Year 10 and also Mr Battle – but why?

Well amazingly Aiden and Finley have just won the 100m Backstroke and 100m Breaststroke respectively at Leiston and District Swimming Club, 16 years after our very own Mr Battle won the same two events swimming for the very same club!

2017 – Aidan Howard 100m Backstroke in 67.11s (a new club record).

2001 – Mr Battle 100m Backstroke

2017 – Finley Pawle 100m Breaststroke in 82.34s

2003 – Mr Battle 100m Breaststroke

2001 – Mr Battle 100m Breaststroke



CCF Update

There will be 11 spaces available in the CCF after the Easter Holidays for Year 8 students to join as part of the Wednesday Enrichment Sessions.

If you are interested in joining please speak to Miss Last.

Y10

GCSE Product Design Christmas Project



Over the Christmas holidays all Year 10 GCSE Product Design students were set a challenge to design and make a product based around one of the 6R's:

- Recycle
- Reuse
- Rethink
- Refuse
- Repair
- Reduce

The students really took to the challenge and produced some excellent outcomes showing real creativity and talent.



A special mention to the following students for their outstanding work: Jamie Roberts, Szymon Bojarczuk, Evie Salter, Aiden Howard, Lily Moore, Finley Pawle, Isaac Page and Chloe Hall.

Kitchens of the Globe - Korea

On Tuesday 31 March we welcomed over 90 parent/carers to our Kitchens of the Globe Korean themed lunch. This was a fantastic event with staff, students, parents and carers enjoying some wonderful Korean cuisine.

