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Forthcoming events

22 October 2014

Tutor Evening

(4.30pm to 6.30pm)

23 October 2014

Parent Focus Group

(5pm to 7pm)

Discussion topic – communication

12 November 2014

**Primary Cross Country
Festival**

(All day)

28 November 2014

Choir to visit Snape Maltings to celebrate the work of Benjamin Britten. Students will rehearse during the morning session and this will be followed by an afternoon performance which will be broadcast live on the Guardian website.

MFL Trip

In partnership with our sister schools in Beccles and Saxmundham, we are offering a visit to Le Touquet and the Opal Coast in France from 16 to 19 March 2015. Students will be given the opportunity to experience life in a French school, as well as undertaking a range of visits and, of course, having the opportunity to practise some French! Please contact Mrs Villiers if you have any queries.

Carnival Welcome Days

The academic year started in celebratory mood with our two 'carnival' themed welcome days. Students were treated to five workshops, which ranged from drumming, dance, business enterprise, art to Design Technology, providing an opportunity to experience different learning opportunities, alongside getting to know their peers.



Artist Steve Ferris and performers from Bangdrum joined the school for a fun filled two days. Special thanks go to Graham Watson (Director of the Seckford Foundation) who was on hand over the two days to welcome students to the opening our new school and parents/carers who joined us for the finale on the second day.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On 26 September 2014, Ixworth Free School joined the nation by hosting a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan cancer support. Staff, students and their families donated or baked some delicious cakes. The students' recipe book 'In the Mix' from Challenge 3 was also on sale.

Thank you to all who participated and helped us raise £175.40. It was a great event and lovely to see so many of you on the day.



Chelsea FC visit Ixworth Free School

On Monday 15 September 2014 the school had an exciting visit from two members of the Chelsea FC youth development squad.

Our PE teachers invited all students who wished to show off their football skills to attend the one-hour after school session. A total of twenty-four students attended from across Years 7, 8 and 9. Students were put through their paces in small-sided games with a focus on close control and skill, as well as effective movement on and off the ball.

The scouts also placed special attention to the attitudes demonstrated by the players and their willingness to listen and reflect on feedback.

The session was well received by all and ended excitingly, with eight students being invited to attend trials on Wednesday 24 October 2014 at Walsham-le-Willows Football Club. Congratulations to Ben Lyddiat, Cameron Foreman, Dylan Duggan, William Bruce, Edward Shepard, Ethan Street, Jacob Wade and James Barrell for being selected.

We would encourage anyone with an enjoyment or interest for football to attend our after school football club, which runs from 4-5pm on Monday afternoons.



Ensembles



The start to the Michaelmas term has seen several ensembles begin; enabling students to participate in a range of musical groups and perform a range of pieces. Students can choose from Wind Band, String Ensemble, Brass Ensemble, Choir and Samba Band.

Several of the ensembles performed during the Open Evening, such as the drumming delights of 8/9 ATO who performed the African drumming piece they have been preparing as part of their African Music project in their lessons.

Assemblies- Student led pieces

Many congratulations to Maddie Combes, Isaac Dalglish, Anna-Rose Pollitt, Amy Barrow, Jodie Manfield, John Neaverson and Lucas Measures who have performed in assembly so far this year. The students have all given accomplished performances and demonstrated real skill on their instruments or in the speeches they have delivered, as well as the confidence to perform in front of the whole school!



STAMP OUT Bullying



On Friday 26 September 2014 every student in the school demonstrated their commitment to stamping out bullying across the nation. In an inspiring show of solidarity, students from across the year groups met on the playground at 11am, where they, along with many other students from schools across the country, came together to convey their feelings about bullying: **That it should stop.**

At precisely 11am, the playground shuddered under the force of the whole school's stamping. Students stamped for 30 seconds and what may have created a tremendous noise, actually created a tremendous pledge to quite literally 'stamp out bullying.' It was lovely to see our school community support each other and the rest of the country, with an issue that we all feel very strongly about.

Cambridgeshire Area

Young Artist Competition

Following our successful enrichment days with artist Steve Ferris, we have been invited to enter The Cambridgeshire Area Young Artist Competition. Students wishing to take part must see Mrs Villiers for information and entries will be accepted from students in all years. Entries will be judged internally and the best two pieces will be submitted to the competition. All competition entries will be displayed in an exhibition to which entrants and their families will be invited.

Maths Challenge



This term has seen the launch of our times tables challenge to promote Numeracy across the school. Students are asked to complete the 100 multiplication sums as quickly as possible within a five-minute time slot. If they manage it, they become part of the 100 club! This encourages students to beat their previous times and it ensures their mathematical skills are progressing throughout the year.

I would like to congratulate the current Leaders from the first two weeks: Kimberley Goss who correctly answered 100% of the questions correctly in 2 minutes 19 seconds and Lanieta Cama who also completed the 100 sums, but in just 2 minutes. Huge congratulations to them both and we look forward to many more students joining the 100 club in the near future.



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Sporting news

What an exciting start to Ixworth Free School and the sporting opportunities that are available to all. The clubs are well under way after school and at lunchtime and if you haven't been already, just come along and get involved.

Lunchtime:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| | Indoor Athletics | Dance | Dodgeball | - |

Afterschool:

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Football | Rugby and Netball | - | Hockey | - |



On many occasions the clubs will be replaced with matches against local schools for individual year groups, which will be announced through clubs, PE lessons and on the PE noticeboards.

October is a busy month in PE alongside the fixtures, clubs and tournaments. There will be a district cross-country event at the Royal Hospital School in Ipswich. Students have expressed a great deal of interest. Mr Tomlinson and Mrs Adams will be taking the students to this event. Ixworth will also be raising money for local charitable causes in a swimathon in Bury St Edmunds.

Our first primary school festivals are fast approaching, where students will be developing their leadership skills at the cross country and tag rugby festivals, which are to be held at Ixworth Free School.

We are looking forward to students involvement and participation in the coming term and year, as well as the next edition of the newsletter reporting news on the outcomes of our fixtures, clubs and events.

contact us...

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