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Ixworth Remembers



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Important Date!

**Thursday 3rd
January 2019**

**Students Begin
Term**

Latest News

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Headteacher's Welcome

Another busy term is drawing towards a close, and one can see the exhaustion in the faces of students, not to mention the staff! It has however been a successful term with a number of highlights, including a record number of students receiving Ixworth Pins and a significant increase in sporting fixtures. I have also been impressed by the quality of the Year 7-9 Extended Projects and have included a newspaper article Isaac in Year 7 has written in response to the 'Morality and Ethics' project students undertook in November.



Mr Barrow
Headteacher

It was also wonderful to see such strong turnouts at our Remembrance services marking 100 years since the ceasefire of the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, back in 1918. All generations were represented and the events of that weekend will linger long in the memory, both collective and individual.

I would like to thank all students for their considerable contributions to our Remembrance services and to the local branch of the British Legion and the Honnington Military Wives.

Mr Barrow, Headteacher

Book Mastermind

On the 30th and 31st October and the 1st November, Ixworth School ran the first round of the Book Mastermind Competition. This is where contestants pick a book that they would like to be tested on and then answer a series of questions - all unknown in advance of the competition!



I am pleased to say that Joe Catterwell won with his book Percy Jackson and the Battle of the Labyrinth. The other runners up were myself, Alex Laddell and Charley Ennis who will be accompanying Joe at the next stage of the competition where he will have to pick a different book to be tested on, as well as a general knowledge round, in early March next year. He will be pitted against the winners from the other local schools.

Joe, the winner, said "It was a great competition; I really enjoyed the experience".

Well done to all who participated and good luck to Joe Catterwell in the next round.

Thanks also to Mrs Campbell for organising the competition again this year.

Holly Bamber, Year 9

My first term at Ixworth

Hello, my name is Hannah Murrell and I am 11 years old and I joined Ixworth Free School in September, I am in year 7.

I have absolutely loved my first term here, it has been the greatest experience of my life so far. I never would have thought that I would be so happy at Senior School. All of the teachers are so supportive and lovely. I have many new lessons, such as DT, Philosophy and Ethics, French, Drama and Enrichment where I have tried Football, Rugby, Team building and my favourite Debating. When it was raining the field was soaking wet we couldn't have Enrichment that week, so we had a big general knowledge quiz, in the new hall which I thoroughly enjoyed. When I go into school each day I feel so excited for the day to start. Mr Barrow knows all of our names, and if we do special work, we get invited to sign his special book the "Headteacher's Book", which I have done twice. When I first started in September, I was very nervous, maybe up until half-term. Now I feel a lot more confident. I think this is because the teachers look after us very well and support us in everything we do. Mr Budden is my form tutor, I am 7X. We have lots of fun in tutor time, watch Newsround and play games. Mr Budden is always available to us if we need to talk or tell him anything.

Even in the short time I have been at Ixworth, there have already been lots of opportunities to do exciting things in addition to the normal lessons. Early in October, I took part in the "Book Mastermind" competition. I didn't get to round 2, but it was very enjoyable. I will definitely have another try next year. In History we made Roman shields and then did a re-enactment of a Roman battle. The Library is open for us each lunch time, and I go in there most days to read, play chess or a game with some friends. Some lunchtimes I play table tennis, which is great fun!

I have made new friends which I am very happy about as I was very worried that I wouldn't and be lonely.

I love the uniform, it is very smart and comfortable and I feel proud and confident in it.

The Restaurant food is absolutely gorgeous and I have tried lots of new things. We have "Kitchens of the Globe" and that is when foods from all around the world are cooked. We have had one this term and that was Greek food, beef kebab with rice, it was lovely.

Another thing I absolutely love are the amazing exercise books, I have never seen anything like it. They have a lovely photo on the front cover that describes the lesson, for example for Maths it is a protractor and a compass with squared paper underneath. French has the Eiffel Tower, English has a close up of a golden fountain pen. Inside the books have lots of information about what things we will be learning over the five years of senior school.

I am having a wonderful first term and look forward to the next fourteen terms ahead of me!

Hannah Murrell, Year 7

We Shall Remember



Ixworth fell silent on Remembrance Sunday to honour the sacrifices of servicemen and women, as the village marked 100 years since the end of the First World War.

At School we hosted a lunch for the entire village and then wartime inspired entertainment in the afternoon, followed by the Sunset Ceremony which was attended by Cameron Foreman's 107 year old great grandmother. Special mention should be given to Kian and Evan for their contribution to the ceremony which was captured by BBC Look East.

Mr Barrow said: "We were proud to welcome the local community to Ixworth Free School for Remembrance Day; thank you to all involved and to everyone who joined us in commemorating the centenary of the First World War.

It was poignant to see the young and old come together to share stories and remember all those who gave their lives 100 years ago."

The names of the fallen from Ixworth are:

George William Argent, Richard John Argent, Albert James Balaam, James Banham, William John Bantick, Joseph Bishop, George Brunning, Charles W.A. Bullass, Douglas Bullass, Oliver John Bullman, Percy L. Butcher, Thomas Edward Calver, Maurice Capps, Richard Norton Cartwright, Arthur William Coe, Herbert Coe, Charles S. Cotterill, Noah Crosby, Cyril Cutting, Patrick Dobbin, Frederick Dunnett, Albert Frost, Sydney Frost, Percy Robert Gaskin, Edward E. Hammond, Thomas Arthur Hammond, John Morley Hawes, Alfred Arthur Howe, Bertie M. Knott, Ernest Kontt, Luke Walter Landale, George Leech, Alfred L. Masters, George J. Boyd Masters, Henry Charles Miller, George Frederick Mauldon, Joseph J. Moore, Ernest C. Palmer, Frederick Peck, John Peck, Alfred E. Plummer, Harry Plummer, Frank Reeman, Leslie Reeve, Henry W. Oslade Seeley, Ernest Alex J. Spooner, William Talbot, John N. Tuck, Frederick T. Turner, William Tyler, Thomas F. Harry Wake, Sydney Wales, Harold W. Warren, Walter Warren and Dennis G. Wise.

Year 9 Reporting Team

Remember Them



STEALING MOTHER

By Isaac Russel Turner

On Tuesday lunchtime, a mother was caught red-handed, on camera in Tesco Metro, stealing a loaf of white bread, with her child in tow!

Residents were astonished to learn of the incident, which happened in broad daylight, in a quiet village community in the heart of sleepy Suffolk.

The manager detained the mother and child, and swiftly called the Police, who reportedly arrived in under 4 minutes.

The Police were quick to cordon off the area and set up an interview room for all witnesses.

Detective Chief Superintendent Steve Plod gathered all the important witness statements he was however, subjected to some astonishingly different opinions and perspectives.

"I was shocked," said Mrs Fussopts, "Never in a month of Sundays have we had any stealing in the community. It's an outrage and she must go to prison, stealing must not be tolerated, it's a crime and that is that. Without law and rules, where would our society be? It would be chaos on the streets!"

In contrast Mr Kind stated "She looked very frail, I was concerned for her health and for the wellbeing of her child. There is simply no way any decent community, can punish this poor women, she clearly needed the food, she isn't a bad person just because she wanted to eat. I personally wouldn't have called the Police, surely the Manager of the shop can afford a meagre, costless loaf of bread?"

Another resident felt the full force of the law was required to ensure the matter didn't become a regular occurrence. "Crime is on the rise," said Mr Pride "Only last week some-one cut a rose off my rose bush. I just don't understand why they haven't caught the culprit and this women

may even be the person responsible. She has to be found and reprimanded!"

With greater sympathy a lady who works within the Social Services suggested the woman needed some support. "We must ask ourselves why she is stealing," said Miss W Fish "Perhaps she has no money or even worse no home and she was just trying to survive. I wonder if she has any family or friends for support and guidance? As part of the community we should try to help her, shouldn't we?"

A local solicitor was also present and he outlined the legal stance on the issue. "Stealing is a criminal offence in the eyes of the law, irrespective of reason. Our judicial system will process the matter in accordance with statute law. Statute law is there to protect the innocent. If a jury believes the mother is guilty of her crime, she will be sentenced. It is unlikely it will be custodial as it's a minor offence, that's unless she has a string of previous offences. Of course the sentence may be lesser given extenuating circumstances," said Mr Law. "Property rights are the fundamental unpinning basis of human society." He concluded.

The Manager of the local nursery school was on hand to provide her comments. "I can't believe she stole while she had her child with her, what kind of example does that set," complained Ms BusyBee. "Social Services, need to be informed as there is a child protection issue and the child may need to be taken into care. The mother clearly can't provide care."

A Nurse who witnessed the travesty empathized with the mother. "Times are hard and sometimes, my meager wages aren't enough to pay for childcare, bills and have enough left for food," Suggested Nurse Jab. "The mother looks like she hasn't eaten for days and she may need to have medical help both physically and mentally. Would a custodial sentence help her? I think not."

A resident who is familiar with prison life

being a prison officer, offered his advice. "Prison life isn't too bad and at least she will have a roof over her head and regular food." Mr Bars suggested. "I think some criminals even get themselves nicked just for some comfort behind bars."

Finally Reverend Almighty was on hand to provide a religious view of the incident. "Thou shall not covet your neighbours ox or donkey or anything else belonging to your neighbour," preached Rev Almighty. "This means stealing is against the commandments of the bible and this is the word of the lord. We must therefore follow the bible as guidance in all moral decision making. I do however, have great sympathy for those who are less fortunate, and we pray for their souls. Our church has a great programme in place to support the homeless providing food and shelter and we welcome anyone in time of need. It is most distressing to note this lady and her child, who look so thin and have resorted to theft. I can but hope they will be dealt with compassionately within the parameters of the law."

After hearing all the witness statements, the Manager of the shop had decided not to prosecute. Instead he will provide a facility for the needy, in which all food that will expire will be given away for free rather than thrown away. The Manager felt prosecution, would not benefit the mother or the child and his new programme may give her a little support. In addition, he's asked Rev Almighty, to provide details of the support from his Church and the Nurse to offer some medical assistance. The lady from Social Services, also provided some leaflets for support groups in the area.



Year 8 Art Trip

Sainsbury Centre of Visual Arts



Norwich Castle



Well Done Obi!

Congratulations to Obi who came first in the East of England Martial Arts Games Qualifier!



Congratulations Theo!

Well done Theo who won the 2018 Go Karting League in Norfolk!



Friends of Ixworth Free School

A huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who were tirelessly to raise money for the School. This year we have been able to re-decorate the library and buy new chairs and, of course, more books; and have also been able to build a new outdoor shelter so that students have more shelter during break and lunch. Thank you!



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