



Newsletter 654
18th October 2019

Battisborough House

Year 8 had a short but productive field trip to Devon this week, gathering information for their extended geography projects. The pupils have been investigating the potential for solar and wind energy at South Battisborough Farm. Armed with maps, clipboards, anemometers and lightmeters, they collected data from a variety of sources, including opinions on solar parks from shoppers surveyed at a nearby Tesco supermarket. The boys and girls made an excellent impression with the general public. Mr Neville, a licenced drone pilot, took some amazing photographs of the landscape - one is at the head of this Newsletter.

Last week a number of parents came to listen to James Shone who gave an outstanding motivational talk to Years 6, 7 and 8 on overcoming adversity, with numerous tips for parents, pupils and teachers. It really was most moving and we will certainly get him back again. Information can be found on his website:

www.icanandiam.com

Our thanks to senior pupils for acting as superb guides at our Open Morning. It was a great success.

Hall Grove Country Fair and Grandparents' Afternoon - Friday 25th October - 1345 to 1700

The weather looks as if it may hold for next Friday afternoon's Country Fair. There will be music, cake and craft stalls, a display of birds of prey and some farm animals. This year there will be plenty of produce on sale from our own school gardens and farm; look out for Hall Grove honey, bottled apple juice, vegetables, flowers and new season lamb. Surfing Cow Ice Cream from South Battisborough Farm will also be sold.

Whilst this occasion is primarily for grandparents, parents are most welcome to attend later in the afternoon. We shall be raising funds for Mozambique, OSCAR and Christian Aid. Sebastian's Action Trust will also have a stand. Please bring cash to buy produce at the stalls.

Grandparents are asked to come **NO EARLIER** than the following times. Early Years and Pre-Prep, 1330; Years 3 and 4 1345; Year 5 and above 1400. Parents may come after 1445. Please note this is an outdoor event. Parking is on a field which is likely to be soft. Boots and coats are strongly recommended.

DIARY REMINDERS

OCTOBER

Tuesday 22nd
0835 8LM Assembly
1700 Year 3 Parents' Meetings

Wednesday 23rd
1700 Year 3 Parents' Meetings

Thursday 24th
0835 4MC Assembly

Friday 25th
0835 Harvest Assembly
Country Fair Grandparents' Afternoon

HALF TERM:
Monday 28th Oct - Fri 8th Nov

NOVEMBER

Monday 4th
0930-1500 Pre-Season Rugby Training
Pre-Season Netball Tour to
Battisborough departs

Thursday 7th
Rugby Tour to Scotland departs

Monday 11th
1030 Remembrance Service

Wednesday 13th
Year 2 to Winchester Science Centre

Tuesday 19th
0835 8JC Assembly

Thursday 21st
0835 3SS Assembly

Tuesday 26th
0835 7LR Assembly

Thursday 28th
0835 3EL Assembly

DECEMBER

Monday 2nd
School Exam Week (Years 5-8)

Tuesday 3rd
0835 4DL Assembly

Garden Produce Competition

The whole school has been invited to enter this exciting competition ahead of our annual Harvest Festival by bringing some produce grown at home. All entries are to be brought to Mrs Buckler in the Walled Garden on Thursday 24th October either between 0800 to 0900 or 1500 to 1600.

Categories: heaviest vegetable, largest pumpkin, three most perfect apples, most unusual vegetable or fruit, three most perfect eggs, tastiest jam pickle or chutney, tastiest soft fruit, most beautiful flower, most beautiful photo of your garden.

Remember to clearly name and add your class to your entry.

Remembrance Service - Monday 11th November

This special Assembly is always much enjoyed by parents and other visitors. It starts at **1030** in New Hall.

ISEB Common Pre-Test - Tuesday 19th November

Parents of pupils in Years 6 and 7 that have registered for a school who use the ISEB Common Pre-Test as part of their assessment process are advised that the test will take place at Hall Grove on the morning of Tuesday 19th November.

Senior Schools Fair -Thursday 5th March 2020

We will again be co-hosting a senior schools fair with Eagle House. The event will take place at Hall Grove on Thursday 5th March from 1530-1800 and over 30 schools will be present. We are careful to select a wide range of both boarding and day options so parents are able to explore all the possibilities. Further details will follow nearer the time but for now please put the date in your diary.

Music

Congratulations to those pupils who performed admirably in the Informal Strings Concert on Thursday. We had a range of instruments from violin to classical guitar and it was, as ever, a lovely way to spend a lunch time!

Sport

As half term looms the football season continues to bring success. Well done to the U11 A boys who qualified for the National finals being played in Taunton on Sunday 3rd November. The boys played some excellent football to escape a very tough group beating Lambrook and Rokeby with a draw against Cheam. They secured qualification after beating The Oratory in the quarter-final 5 – 0. They were unfortunate to lose in the semi-final against Edgeborough on penalties but finished the day with a fine win in the 3rd and 4th playoff.

On Tuesday night, a team of girls from Years 6 and 7 went to St Mary's for a swimming gala against four other schools. The girls acquitted themselves well, finishing a very creditable 3rd and should be proud of their performance against some very strong senior schools. The U11 A girls hockey squads played well on Wednesday and secured two wins. A special mention must go to the U12 A who have had a challenging season but recorded an excellent win which was thoroughly deserved after all the hard work they have put in during their lessons.

Congratulations to Jemima Fry who has been granted a place in the Topper 4.2 GBR National Sailing Squad, Jack McKinnon who has been selected for Surrey U13 hockey team and to James Brash who has qualified for the Surrey U14 Elite golf squad for 2020.

October Half Term Camps

For half term camp information, please click the link in the right-hand column.

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2019

9th September – 20th December

Half Term:

26th October – 10th November

Spring Term 2020

13th January – 27th March

Half Term:

15th – 23rd February (incl)

Summer Term 2020

22nd April – 10th July

Half Term:

23rd – 31st May (incl)

Autumn Term 2020

7th September – 18th December

Half Term:

24th October – 8th November

Spring Term 2021

11th January – 26th March

Half Term:

13th – 21st February

Summer Term 2021

19th April – 9th July

Half Term:

29th May – 6th June

Autumn Term 2021

6th September – 17th December

Half Term:

23rd October – 7th November

Battisborough Trips 2020

Year 5 27th April – 1st May

Year 4 4th – 7th May

Year 6 18th – 22nd May

Year 8 29th June – 3rd July

School Uniform Shop

Term Time Opening Times

Mondays & Tuesdays 0800 – 0915

Thursdays 1500 – 1730

NEWSLETTER

ATTACHMENTS

OCTOBER HALF

TERM CAMPS

EXTERNAL

CHRISTMAS

EVENTS

Lost & Found

A Q-Park Season Ticket card has been found in the school car park. Please contact the School Office.

Phoenix Football Academy

Phoenix Football Academy offers a wide range of opportunities for boys and girls all levels to enjoy the game, ranging from Full Academy Membership which delivers high-level technical coaching to Birthday Parties and Holiday Camps. All Phoenix events are held in a safe and controlled environment, working with UEFA qualified staff, the players will develop and learn at their own pace whilst having lots of fun and enjoyment and making lots of new friends. For further information please see attached flyers attached to the School website.

Battisborough House for the New Year

Welcome in the year 2020 with a special party at Battisborough House! Up to four families may share the rental from December 27th to January 3rd. Enquiries at: [Lynn Tilley](#)

Christmas Fayre at Great Fosters - Monday 25th November, 0930-1600

Gift stalls, raffles, refreshments. All enquiries: sunitashroff@mac.com. Flyer attached to the School website.