



Shebbear U14s and U15s win North Devon Rugby Sevens Tournament



Dear Parents,

We finally got into the Sixth Form Centre this week and the wait has been well worth it. The building is a fabulous new asset to the school and my Form Three girl historians were whooping at the nice new loos with underfloor heating (they all took their shoes off!). The Upper Sixth have been allowed in this week to get settled and the Lower Sixth will join them next week. It is noticeable how easily the Sixth Formers are finding it to work in such user-friendly facilities. The building isn't quite finished yet, but we hope to hold the Form Four Parents Evening there on Monday to allow parents to have a look.



Another long term project to be finished this week is the amazing film of last year's Barbados tour, filmed and produced by old Shebbearian Kieran Bryan. He is clearly a very talented film-maker and it captures the essence of the trip and also has some wonderful footage of Charlotte Simpson which her family will cherish. It was shown today to everyone who took part in the tour, but will also soon be available to view on the internet. This and the Poland trip film really underline the benefit to me of such experiences.



There was some fantastic news from the rugby field this week with overall victories for both the U15s and U14s in the North Devon Sevens. Many of the schools we played against have ten times as many boys to choose from so our performances - the U15s beat West Buckland by forty points in their final and the U14s beat Park School in their final - were pretty special. There is another feast of sport this weekend with a huge block fixture against Mount Kelly.

Another potential treat this weekend is to visit the North Devon Schools' Art Exhibition at the Burton Gallery in Bideford. It would be easy to take for granted our regular success in this, but I was once again delighted to hear that we were awarded many prizes including individual awards for Amy Honey, Peter Wong and both Luke and Eloise Maxa. The drive and support all our artists receive from Mr Barlow and Mrs Appleton-Wahl is phenomenal.

Simon Weale



News from the Prep School

Dear Parents,

After a much needed break to recharge batteries the pupils in the Prep School have returned full of energy and enthusiasm this week, and I have been hugely impressed with how quickly they have settled down to their work.

For Year 6 our focus in History has now shifted from one 20th Century tragedy to another. Having just studied the fascinating accounts of the sinking of the RMS Titanic, we are now turning our attention to Britain at war. As an introduction to this topic I set a piece of homework over the half-term break, asking the children to research the causes for the outbreak of World War 1 and to identify the major protagonists. I was pleased with all their efforts but must single out Toby Hutchinson for a special mention for the extraordinary effort he went to to meet this brief.

Toby didn't stop at just researching the events that were the catalyst for the start of the conflict, but then went on to produce a forty page power-point covering every aspect of World War 1. I am now wondering whether I should just let Toby take my place at the front of the class and allow him to teach this topic.

Staying with this Year 6 history topic for a moment longer, this week our pupils were also given a fascinating and poignant insight into the life of soldiers fighting in the trenches at the time. A collection of letters, diaries and other personal effects belonging to a young soldier and kindly loaned to the Prep School by the Gillies family, were put in front of the pupils. They were then set the challenge of finding out as much as they could about his life before the war, his role within it and what became of him. They will be continuing with their investigations in the week ahead.

Prep 3 were off to Rosemoor on Thursday where they investigated the key ingredients of soil and finished off by making 'soil soup'! They then investigated different soil types and tested their PH levels.

In Prep 2, pupils welcomed a new classmate this week. Harry Edwards-Brady joined our Year 1 and 2 class on Monday and to all accounts has settled in beautifully, quickly making many new friends.

Next week, among the many other visits, visitors and fixtures that are taking place, we will also be participating in World Book Day in the Prep School and in the Kindergarten. For this day we are asking pupils to come dressed as characters from books they love and we will spend the day celebrating all things book related - making books, creating story scenes and holding a book themed quiz, amongst other activities. We are also hoping that pupils and parents will head to the kitchen (or supermarket!) to create (or purchase!) cakes that we could sell to raise money for charity.

The charity we are supporting on this occasion is the Volunteer IVHQ Program, which is raising money for books and other resources for schools and kindergartens in storm-hit Fiji. Our interest in supporting this particular charity has come about because Max Woolrych-Higgins in Year 6 will be joining his mother next term in Fiji, where she will be working as a volunteer for this charity. I am sure it will be an eye-opening experience for them both and we wish them well in their endeavours.

Mike Furber

Next Week in the Prep School:

Monday 29th February

Fairtrade Fortnight begins
Under 9 Football / Netball v Kingsley (A) 2.00pm

Tuesday 1st March

Fire safety visit for Prep 2 and Prep 5

Wednesday 2nd March

Prep 4 to Rosemoor Gardens
Year 6 Swimming

Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day

Friday 4th March

Pre-Prep 1 to Rosemoor Gardens
Assembly: Rev M. Warren



Raise awareness for fair trade

Host your own fairtrade breakfast, and send your selfies to:

eblundell@shebbearcollege.co.uk



World AIMS

Send us your Fairtrade Breakfast Selfies!

Fairtrade's aims are to get farmers a better deal for their labour, so they can make their own decisions, control their futures, and lead a dignified life that everyone deserves. The Fairtrade Foundation works to get better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for the workers.

To support this fantastic cause, we would like as many of you as possible to get involved in a Fairtrade Breakfast, by holding your own Fairtrade Breakfast at your house, during this Fairtrade Fortnight to raise awareness of Fairtrade. Many other schools are taking part in this and we hope you do to.

A Fairtrade Breakfast has to have at least one Fairtrade food, and one Fairtrade drink. For example you could have hot chocolate and a banana which both come from Fairtrade sources, then we would like you to take a selfie with your breakfast, and send it to us. The pictures will then be put in the school newsletter. The email address to send the photos to is

eblundell@shebbearcollege.co.uk

Lizzy Flaherty



Kindergarten Photoshoot

The children in our Kindergarten had a visit this week from Mr Charman who came to take new publicity photographs of our wonderful facility. All the children looked very smart in their Shebbear sweatshirts and behaved very well, playing with all the different toys while the photos were taken. At the end they posed for their very own group photo.

Jacqueline Biddlecombe

BAKE SALE!

A plea from Summer Dunscombe:

On Friday 11th March I am taking part in the Big London Night Walk in aid of The Big Issue Foundation. The walk is 20km all around London and I will be walking from 10.00pm through to 3.00am. For this I have to raise £200 and I need one last push to reach my target. Therefore, on Thursday 3rd March there will be a bake sale to raise funds. Please may students bring in cakes and money to help me reach my goal. Students will be invited into the new Sixth Form Centre for this event. Thank you.

Hardback Books Needed Please!

A plea from Meg Ryder-Green:

Please can I have any hardback books that you may have and no longer need, for use in my A-Level Art project. If you want to clear some shelves and help with my art project at the same time, please bring the books to the School Reception. Thank you.

Model United Nations

Some reviews from our pupils:

'BGSMUN was a great success. It was a very informative and interesting day that was highly enjoyable throughout. The committees were serious, debating important issues that the world faces. The political committee that I was in was debating religious extremism and forced migration. It was very serious, towards the end however, we were allowed to debate some clauses and resolutions that lightened the mood such as hugging lessons for all in the world in order to promote world peace. The whole day was great fun and I learnt some new and important debating skills.'

Katie Harris

'BGSMUN was a resounding success for me from the start. I was rather nervous but as time went on I found myself interjecting in debates and I read my amendment and argued for it. During this day I grew in confidence and now have a passion for debating.'

Oliver Arden

'Going to BGSMUN on Sunday the 31st of January was a very informative learning experience for me. As this was the first time I went to a MUN conference, I found it crucial to go and experience how a speech should be presented and how to cope with the pressure of talking publicly in a serious environment. I look forward to the next challenge at the QUMUN and hope to hone in my skills in public talking and hope to have as much enjoyment as I did at the BGSMUN.'

Ben Parker

175 Years Celebration

To commemorate our 175th year we have a small range of souvenir products on sale - a hoodie, teddy bear, and a mug which are on display in the Dining Hall.

Full details, photos and order form can also be found at:

<https://shebbearcollege175.wordpress.com/shop-2/>

To place an order, please complete the form and return it for attention of Mark Charman. Closing date for orders is Friday 18th March.



Midsummer Ball 2016 - 175 Year Celebration

Tickets are selling well for our Midsummer Ball in on Saturday June 25th. Don't miss out, it is set to be a superb event. See the page at the end of this newsletter for full details.

Full details and the ticket order form can be found at:

www.midsummerball.co.uk

Celebrating 175 Years of Shebbear College and hosted by The Friends of Shebbear College and The Old Shebbearians' Association, the black tie event will be held in a grand marquee in the grounds of the College. Welcome drinks will be at 6.30pm and there will be a Champagne bar and three course gourmet meal from Dartmoor Kitchen, followed by a prize draw and charity auction. Live music will be provided by 'Joey the Lips'.

Tickets are priced at £75.00 per head and tables of ten are available.

There are also opportunities to support the event and raise awareness for your business as a sponsor or by donating prizes for the charity auction and prize draw. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please email Rebecca Weale on

sponsor@midsummerball.co.uk

If you require any further information please email

info@midsummerball.co.uk

CAN YOU HELP?

This is a plea to ask if anyone can lend us a chiller trailer or two for the Midsummer Ball so that we can chill the champagne and white wine? If you can help or have any suggestions please call 01409 282000 and ask for Andrea Stairs or email:

info@midsummerball.co.uk

Thank you!

Memories of Past School Trips

Back in the day #tbt on LinkedIn

Our Old Shebbearians have been discussing their memorable school trips on our Shebbear College group on LinkedIn.

Bill Warren (57-65) spoke of a trip to Davos in 1964 or 65. He said 'It was a fab experience in so many ways - train across France into Switzerland, stayed in a hotel in centre of Davos close to the Olympic skating venue, climbed mountains, visited Lake Como and spent time meeting the locals in Davos!'

Edward Jones spoke fondly of the Blackpool first team football tour 2002 (no doubt run by Andy Bryan?) to complete our unbeaten season and win team of the year!

In 1971, Martyn Pattison went on a trip to Interlaken with his class. *'Trips to the highest railway station in Europe on the Jungfrau and the amazing Ice Palace, the bears in Bern, jumping in snow up to your chest, chair lifts, cable cars, not to mention the music boxes and flick knives! Amazing adventures for an 11 year old!'*

Simon Orr concurred 'yes great trip to Interlaken, can remember drinking some sort of peppermint tea, and ate some weird cheese, can still remember breathing in the cold fresh air on the chair lifts up to the Jungfrau and a snow fight when we reached the top.'

Hugh Milner had vivid memories of the Scout camp run by the school and added *'Sheb gave me my love of the countryside which I took into fell walking and my 50+ years career and remain passionate about.'*

Thank you for sharing your stories.

Naomi Giddy

What's on ...

Saturday 27th February

EuroDisney Trip Departs

Sunday 28th February

Boarders' Go Karting

School Play Rehearsal, 10.00am - 5.00pm

Monday 29th February

Fairtrade Fortnight Begins

Lower Sixth Futurewise follow-up interviews

Form Four Parent Teacher Meeting, 5.15pm

Tuesday 1st March

Lower Sixth Futurewise follow-up interviews

Wednesday 2nd March

Lower Sixth Futurewise follow-up interviews

EuroDisney Trip Returns

Thursday 3rd March

'An Inspector Calls'

Hall for Cornwall, 4B and 5A English Groups, 2.30pm

Friday 4th March - FIELD DAY

Form 4 'Careers with Futurewise'

Sixth Form Biologists DNA Day

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition Planning Day Form 5

Form 5 Physics Controlled Assessment Day

Rugby Success

During half term an U15s South West Rugby Tournament was held at Sandy Park, Exeter, with teams from Devon and Cornwall playing and overall about 120 boys competing. Overall, two prizes were given, one for the best Backs tackle, won by Alessandro Aliberti (Devon) and one for the best Forwards tackle, won by Charlie Short (Cornwall) and Will Cowan-Dickie (Cornwall) was also given a special mention. So, Shebbear boys dominated the field and big thanks must go to their rugby coaches at school who have trained and encouraged these boys throughout their time here.

Judith Aliberti

North Devon Sevens Tournament

The U13s faced some tough opposition in their group matches at the North Devon Sevens Tournament this week. In their first match they came up against the eventual winners, Pilton, and despite losing Jacob Luxton to injury in the first couple of minutes, they put up a brave fight before going down 21-5 - Dan Shaw scoring the only try.

A much better performance followed against South Molton and despite going behind the tries scored in the second half by Joe Faulkner, Lewis Whitten and Dan Shaw were enough to give the boys a 15-12 victory.

The match against Park School proved to be crucial and after going 21-0 down, it was always going to be a huge challenge to come back, but again the boys showed great spirit to fight back to a final score of 21-12.

The final match against Great Torrington was all about pride and once again tries from Findlay Irish and our man of the tournament, Dan Shaw, saw us edge home by 14-12 and finish on a positive note.

Andy Bryan

Shebbear's U14s travelled to West Buckland for the annual North Devon 7s competition this week and they had a tough group facing Park School in their first game. Will Cunningham started the score board ticking over with a well-balanced chip and chase to put Shebbear in the lead. Park School had some talented and strong rugby players who put Shebbear under a lot of pressure. Shebbear had to defend for the rest of the first half and did so remarkably well, not letting Park score. The game finished 12-0 to Shebbear.

The next two games saw much more convincing wins against Great Torrington (56-0) and Ilfracombe (36-0). Fergus Fong was always supporting players and scored a well worked try after a break from Patrick Faulkner.

Qualifying as winners of our group meant we played the 2nd placed team from the other group. Pilton were a strong side who liked to run straight. Shebbear got 'sucked in' to playing a style of rugby that didn't suit them and the side went 12-0 down in the first half. However, the boys showed huge maturity and changed their game plan to move the ball around the field and as a result they scored a quick try before half time through Sean Nadin. Jack Joslin in particular was very good at getting his hands on the ball and moving it away from the breakdown. In the second half Shebbear finished the game with three more tries, and the game ended 24-12 to us. A fantastic turn around.

The final was against Park again, proving we had played in the strongest group. Casper Griffin was instrumental in his intelligent approach to the game and we looked dominant throughout winning 24-12. It was a pleasure to be involved with the side. The player of the tournament award was split between Tom Robins and Will Cunningham. Squad: Tom Robins, Nathan Coates, Morgan Hartman, Casper Griffin, Jack Joslin, Will Cunningham, Sean Nadin, Patrick Faulkner, Will Harding, Fergus Fong.

Jamie Sanders

The Under 15s travelled to West Buckland this week to defend the North Devon Sevens title that they have held for the last two years.



This year's squad were drawn in a pool of six teams including Park School, Torrington School, South Molton, Ilfracombe and Kingsley School. The boys were thrown into their first fixture almost straight off the bus and were understandably a little slow to get going against a physical South Molton side, however, the team held it together and managed to emerge with an important win. The next fixture was against Kingsley School, where Shebbear played much better sevens rugby on the way to a convincing win. After a long break the boys finished the pool stages with 3 back-to-back fixtures, the first of which saw them take on Park School, whom Shebbear had defeated in the previous year's semi-final. Shebbear produced a fantastic performance and blew away strong opposition by 37 points to nil. The boys went on to complete their pool fixtures with wins over Torrington and Ilfracombe to hold a 100% record and top the table. This meant that Shebbear would play Pilton College in the Under 15s Semi-Final. Another convincing display saw the boys win comfortably to progress to the Final where they would meet hosts West Buckland. Shebbear controlled the final from start to finish; dominating possession and territory on the way to a comfortable 42-0 victory which saw them retain the North Devon Sevens trophy for the third straight year.

It was a fantastic day's rugby, with the whole squad contributing over the course of the event. Over the seven fixtures in which the team competed they scored over 200 points, conceding just 12 on their way to winning the tournament, a quite remarkable performance. Huge congratulations to all the team who added the Sevens title to the 15-a-side trophy they lifted last term.

Under 15 North Devon Sevens Squad: Alessandro Aliberti (Captain), Will Cowan-Dickie (VC), Will Blee, Eddie Jones, James Law, Jason Man, Charlie Short, Toby Trott, Stuart Williams.

Nick Law

Football and Hockey v St Joseph's

The U12/13 A and B teams played St Joseph's this week at both hockey and football and came away with three wins and a draw.

The A team drew their football match 1-1 thanks to a stunning strike from fully 30 metres by Luke Maxa and then secured a comfortable 3-1 victory at hockey.

The B team did even better winning first at hockey and then football with Tony Chen giving an outstanding performance in the 2-1 win. Well done to all who played.

The U14/15s A and B teams played St Josepha this week and despite losing one of their football matches came out on top in both games of hockey.

Andy Bryan

Girls Hockey

U13 North Devon Hockey Tournament

We came out fighting for our first match against Pilton, and got off to an excellent start with Bess Scambler scoring in the first two minutes. Unfortunately Pilton came back strong and managed to win the match 2-1. However we quickly recovered from this match to win the following two matches against Holsworthy and Bideford College with very convincing scores of 3-0 and 6-0. Our attack played exceptionally well, in particular Bess Scambler, Maggie Dorey and Poppy Daniels who scored some excellent goals in these matches. Unfortunately we lost our fourth match to West Buckland, but we'll get them next time!! We picked it up again in our last match against Park School to win 4-1. Out of the six teams, we finished a very impressive third place.

Netball

U15 Netball v Holsworthy

U15's faced a tough rematch at the end of last term against strong Holsworthy team. After the first half, Holsworthy were leading but not by a significant amount. Shebbear were still in the game. Unfortunately Holsworthy managed to widen the score further in the second half with the final score at 22-8 to Holsworthy. Eevee Banbury played exceptionally well and was deservedly awarded player of the match.

U14 Netball v Holsworthy

The U14's also faced Holsworthy for the second time this term. The U14's played extremely well to win the match 24-4. Maddie Traxton's shooting was outstanding throughout with hardly any missed shots, therefore being awarded player of the match by the opposition. Well done to all the girls!

Kate Gunning

Picture this ... Superb facilities at Shebbear

