



SAXON MOUNT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

A message from Richard Preece, Executive Headteacher:

We are approaching the end of Term 3 and a number of our children are away on the exciting residential visit to Carroty Wood this week - we hope they have an amazing time learning about and experiencing new things. It has been a busy term since we came back to school in January and the time has flown by. I am pleased to say the reputation of Saxon Mount School continues to grow and the work undertaken by Miss Jagot and our staff team is being recognised locally and nationally as excellent, particularly in terms of curriculum and work related learning. Well done to everyone involved in this important work.

A message from Amanda Jagot, Head of School:

Thank you for taking your time to read our term 3 newsletter. It has been a busy and exciting term in school. I have been particularly proud of our year 11 pupils who have shown a real determination to work hard towards their examinations.

Attendance:

As you are aware, we have been running an attendance challenge for pupils over a ten week period. I am delighted to say that 69 pupils had an attendance of at least 98 % during the challenge. Attendance at school is really important. Pupils whose attendance is above 97% do better in life than those with poor attendance. As a school, our attendance figures continue to be really strong in comparison to other local schools. If you have any difficulties getting your child to school, please do not hesitate to contact the school for support.

National world book day

The Tuesday Club are planning a range of activities for us to celebrate World Book Day. This will take place on Friday 8th March. More information to follow.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March, we will be raising money for red nose day. The venture group are organising some exciting activities, including a 'dance off'.

INSET Day

Please remember that on Monday 25th February the school is closed to pupils.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish you all an enjoyable break.

See you again in term 4.

Best wishes

Amanda

Head of School's 'Worker of the Week'

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved this award during term 3.

Lewis Higgins

Adam Templeman

Rohan Umpleby

Zandro Villanueva

Ben Goldsmith

Upcoming Dates for your Diary:

February	<p>Friday 15th: Term 3 ends Monday 25th: INSET, school closed for pupils Tuesday 26th: Term 4 starts</p>
March	<p>Tuesday 19th: School photographer</p>
April	<p>Tuesday 2nd: Subject Parents' Evening Friday 5th: Term 4 ends Monday 22nd: Bank Holiday Tuesday 23rd: Term 5 starts</p>
May	<p>Friday 24th Term 5 ends</p>
June	<p>Monday 3rd: Term 6 starts Thursday 20th: INSET, school closed for pupils Friday 21st: INSET, school closed for pupils</p>
July	<p>Monday 1st - Friday 5th: Activity week, Year 11 Thursday 4th: Mike Thornton Games Friday 5th: Last day for Year 11 pupils Friday 5th: End of Year School Reports Home Wednesday 10th: Year 6 taster day Tuesday 23rd: Term 6 ends</p>

'I Can' Careers Event

A small group of Year 10 pupils visited Eastbourne for the Annual 'I Can' Careers Fair at the Kings Centre. They spoke to local colleges, support organisations and employers. There were plenty of activities for the pupils to have a go at and lots of freebies to collect. It was a good opportunity for the pupils to start thinking about what may be on offer for them after Saxon Mount.



Year 10 Creative Café

On Wednesday 30th January, Year 10 spent the morning taking part in a Creative Café. The morning began with pupils thinking about their skills and strengths. They had an opportunity to speak to a number of local employers. They listened to employees about their journey to the workplace and how they got from school to work. During the second part of the morning pupils took part in two work based tasks. All the pupils engaged really well with the event and asked some very good questions.

		
<p>Source Park Pupils learned how to respond to an accident using basic first aid.</p>	<p>General Dynamics Basic engineering skills were explored by making a tower from spaghetti and marshmallows.</p>	<p>JayTech Glass Manufacturing Some pupils made cardboard boxes for storage and delivery and others put together droppers for small bottles.</p>
		
<p>Glyne Gap Nursery Groups looked at how to prepare individual lunchtime meals for SEND nursery age children.</p>	<p>Rhythmix Pupils explored music and technology.</p>	<p>Ben Smith Appliances Pupils recorded stock numbers and serial numbers and created price labels.</p>

Design & Technology

This term in Construction, the Yr10s have been learning about making timber products. As part of this, they all made a wooden tray. They learnt new techniques for joining wood such as wood screws and corner halving joints, as well as how to calculate the amount of timber required. They also learnt how to use new tools such as a plane, thumb router and marking gauge and the uses of different PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and how it can keep you safe.

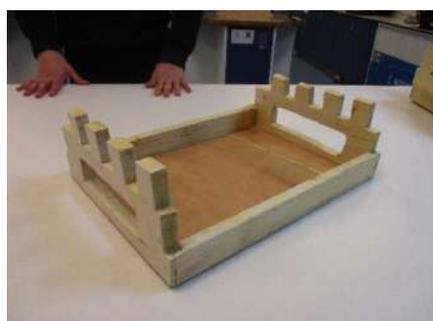
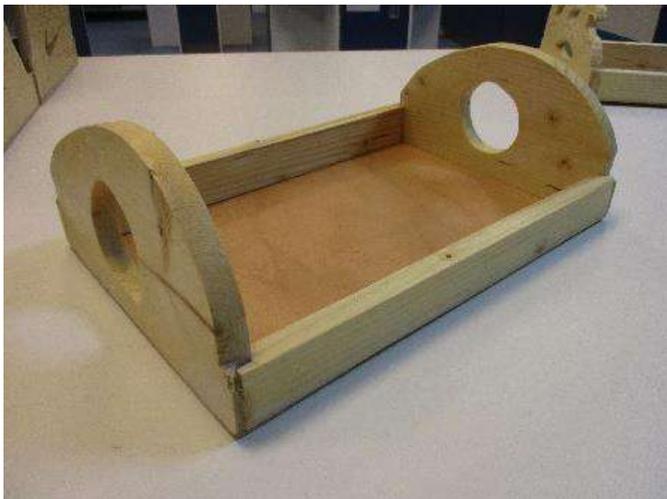
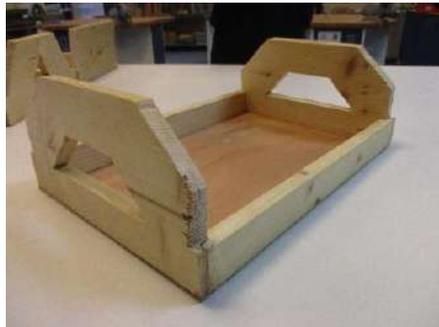
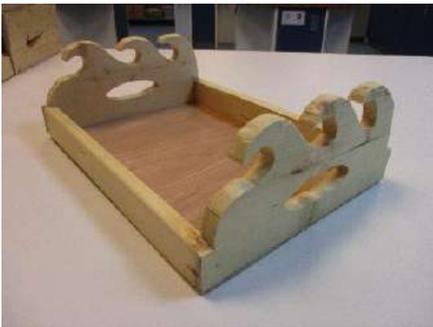


Table Cricket

TAS, AS3 and some pupils from the main school took part in some table cricket sessions delivered by The Sussex Cricket Foundation last term.

In February, they entered a tournament against other schools, and came second. Well done!



ASF

Pupils from the Venture group and AS4 visited the Imperial War Museum.



They reflected on what they saw and heard in the Holocaust Exhibition and looked at some of the jets and vehicles on display.

AS3 have been learning about materials and their properties in Science. They carried out an experiment investigating the most suitable material to make an umbrella from.



AS4 have been learning about the human digestive system in Science. They created posters to show their learning.

The first place your food starts digesting is in your mouth



Next is the oesophagus it's a tube that pushes food to the stomach.



There is acid in your stomach that cleans your food to the stomach.

The food goes to the intestine and the good stuff goes to your body and the bad stuff leaves and the other end.

Digestive system



Mouth
Teeth
Tongue

Chewing is the first stage

In the throat



Swallowing

Tongue pushes food into the back of our throat and passes into the oesophagus.



The muscles in your oesophagus push the food down into your stomach. There is acid to clean food and stop you from getting infections.

Then it goes to the small intestine and the large intestine. All the energy goes to your body in your blood.

Venture Class



Pupils in the Venture Class have continued to work extremely hard both in and outside the classroom. We have spent a lot of time on completing practical Maths activities, using skills in real life situations in budgeting, estimating costs and measuring. We have developed our Literacy skills by producing written work for presentation in assemblies and display.

This term, pupils have begun to organise all the fantastic efforts they have been putting into preparing and cooking the weekly staff lunches into work for their BTEC Hospitality option.

There has been so much praise for the range and quality of food. We have offered two-course meat, vegetarian and vegan dishes, including sausages and mash with giant Yorkshire puddings, vegan Thai curries, lasagnes and a range of cakes and bakes. The pupils cooked 160 cakes and cookies for a whole school charity fundraiser.

The colder weather has not prevented the pupils from enjoying valuable outdoor experiences and in October, we spent a day at Bushey Wood where the pupils learnt how to light fires from scratch using logs collected from around the site. We organised 'Backwards Cooking', where the pupils prepared their own lunch in the outdoor kitchen and cooked their meal in the fire. Despite the bitterly cold temperatures, the pupils were totally focused and worked so well as a team. The organisers commented on their positivity and good work ethic and we hope to take part in a follow up visit later this term to learn more skills.

More recently, we have visited Battle, Port Lympne, St Leonards and Hastings and the pupils have been required to make weekly shopping trips, where they have really developed confidence in selecting the best value foodstuffs and working within their budget; all invaluable life skills.



One particular focus has been on team working to problem solve and develop practical enterprise skills. We have done this through making and selling Christmas crafts and we hope to do more throughout the course of this year. The pupils have researched local and national charities for us to donate to through our fundraising and this has further developed their understanding of the wider community. Some of the older Venture Class pupils have begun the process of thinking ahead about post 16 choices and this term, the first of a number of visits to local colleges has been arranged. It is a very busy, exciting time for us all!

Mrs Catt and the Venture Class.

Year 11 Food & Cookery

It has certainly been a busy and exciting term for the Year 11 students. They are all working hard towards their qualification in Food & Cookery and have prepared, produced and presented a range of delicious dishes. These pictures are just a sample of how hard they have been working.



Chicken Noodle Soup, made by Josephine.



Cajun Chicken Pasta, made by James.



Chicken & Mushroom Puff, made by Julieann.



Apple and Cinnamon Muffins, made by Grace.



BBQ Chicken Pizza, made by Shannon.



Mushroom Risotto, made by Joseph.

Chicken and Mozzarella Bruschetta, made by Michelle



Chorizo Chicken Ragu with Jacket Potato, made by Victoria

Brilliantly baked plaited loaf, bloomer and Coburg, made by Ola, Jack and Alfie.

