

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our half termly newsletter designed to keep you up to date with what is taking place within Severn Academies Educational Trust (SAET). As is always the case in the first autumn term, our young people have been settling into new schools and year groups across the Trust.

This half term's school in focus is St Bartholomew's who had an extremely busy term with lots of achievements. Well done also to Hartlebury CE VC Primary who have recently been awarded the Silver Sports Award. A huge congratulations to Stourport Primary Academy on their recent Ofsted inspection where they were the first school in Worcestershire to be inspected within Ofsted new framework to be graded 'Good'. You will notice also the many wonderful events that have taken place for Harvest Festival, Macmillan Coffee Morning plus an excitable 4-legged friend!

Many of our young people have been involved in a variety of other educational experiences including the Dying2Drive scheme, Grandparents' Day, Roald Dahl Day and individual school's Children's Council elections. All of which support one of our key aims as a Trust which is to ensure that students wider experiences support both their academic and personal development.

Being part of SAET provides a strong base from which all our schools can work closely together, and it is this collaboration that will enable the very best practices to be shared and give all our students in the Trust the very best opportunities. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the work across our schools last half term and thank you for taking the time to read a little more about our schools and students' successes.

Chris King
Chief Executive

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Donations to Oscar Saxelby-Lee:

We are delighted that our community could support this cause for Oscar, as have so many other schools and people across Worcestershire. More information of how to donate can be found at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/handinhandforoscarsaxelby-lee>

In total we have raised - £2,004.18!





School in Focus – St Bartholomew's CE VC Primary

The first term has been exciting for St Bartholomew's with lots of success stories happening in school.

St Bartholomew's have also had a new Headteacher join them, Mr James, who has settled in wonderfully. Mr James informs us every Friday the school celebrates all of the amazing things that take place both for staff and students. These are shared in celebration assemblies and **Tea Parties**. During the Tea Party all students will get the opportunity to spend time with Mr James as he is getting to know all their friendly faces!

With the help of staff and students, St Bart's have been recognised as a designated **Jigsaw Flagship School**. This is as a result of their outstanding provision and commitment to personal, social and health education, as well as well-being and emotional and mental health. A huge well done to all involved.

Friday 27 September saw fundraising for **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. Whilst this involves all our schools, these exceptional cupcakes are definitely worth the mention! This event was very well and kindly organised by the Friends of St Bartholomew's PTA.

Thank you to everyone who helped support our schools in raising money for such an important charity.



On Monday 7 October, St Bart's celebrated their **Harvest Festival** at St Bartholomew's Church. Staff and students were joined by Rev Turner who led the service.

Here's just some of their students with all the amazing and useful food donations!

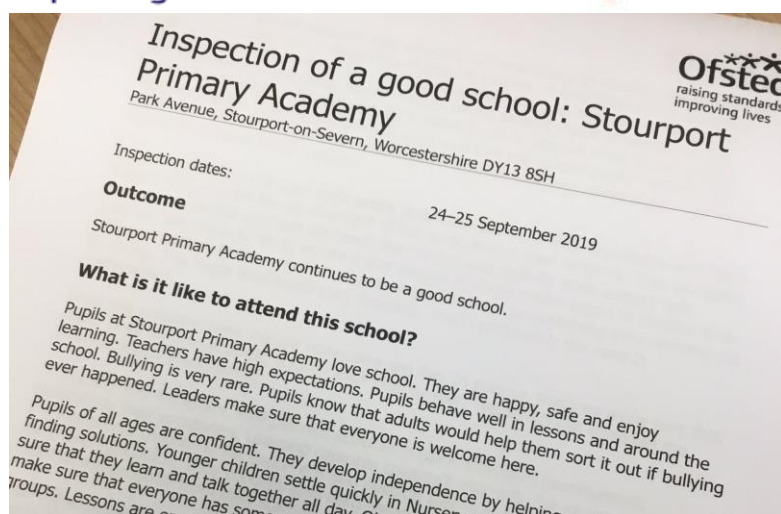


Baxter College's Bike Ride Fundraiser

On Saturday 21 September and Sunday 22 September, Principal, Mr Carpenter and six teachers took part in a gruelling 126-mile bike ride! This is so they can send students on a residential trip and also boost awareness about positive mental health, whilst also raising £3,250 to send 12 students to Jamie's Farm in Monmouth to enhance their life skills through team building activities.

Mr Carpenter said: 'It has been proven from other groups who have accessed this provision that there has been an increase in attainment, higher attendance, improved student wellbeing and fewer exclusions.

"During their time on this working farm they will be encouraged to take part in activities that they may think are not possible and participate in team-building exercises, which will help them become well-rounded individuals as well as giving them valuable life skills for life after Baxter College. A series of events is being planned to raise the funds needed and we would be so grateful for any sponsorship to help us in our quest to change these young children's lives and make a difference to their future."



Stourport Primary Academy – Ofsted Inspection

We are delighted to inform you that Stourport Primary Academy have retained their 'Good' Ofsted outcome. The school was inspected on 24 & 25 September under a section 8 (2-day) inspection.

A huge congratulations to Mrs Elwis – Headteacher, her staff and governors that supported the school recently.

The full Ofsted inspection report can be found here - <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Well done to all!



SHS - International School Award

Stourport High School has once again been awarded the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom. This award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education.

SHS's international work includes collaboration with schools in Germany, France and Finland. It has involved a variety of students taking part in activities. For example, some students created a video about their school which was shared with their partner school in Schleusingen, Germany. Other students were involved in a 'Eurovision Song Contest' with schools in Germany and Finland. The whole of Year 7 took part in a German cooking day which culminated in a 'Bake Off' style competition.

Principal, Ms Deakin, said, "I am delighted that we have once again gained the International School Award. I believe it is very important that young people have the opportunity to work with their peers in other countries and also that they learn more about the wider world."



SPA – Pumpkin Competition

Every year around Harvest, Mrs Collins runs a pumpkin competition which the students can enter. This year saw some great entries and pictured are our three winners with pumpkins weighing in at 175g, 3.9kg and the winning one was 7kg. Some great growing going on as ever. Let's get one over 10kg next year!





SHS – European Day of Languages

Thursday 26 September was European Day of Languages and SHS organised a poster competition and there were 15 winners in total!

The 15 winning entries have been sent off to Aston University to be judged in the national competition – more news to hopefully follow. Well done to all involved.

Hartlebury CE VC Primary School awarded 'Silver School Games Mark'

We are delighted to announce that Hartlebury CE VC Primary School have been awarded the Silver School Games Mark again for 2018/2019. The school have successfully achieved this every year since 2012.



Meet Baxter College's School Dog - Bunsen

An adorable 4-legged recruit is helping students supporting counselling and reading sessions, as well as encouraging outdoor activities.

The three-month-old Labrador pup, Bunsen, is completing his apprenticeship year, training to become a school dog. Students will be able to choose if they work with Bunsen, who comes from a family of highly-trained dogs.

Mr Carpenter said: "A dog can be a really positive calming influence for our whole school community."

"He has already made lots of friends among our students and staff and seems unphased by the busy school environment."

Keep your eyes peeled for more features involving Bunsen!





Harvest Festival - SPA

This year SPA had a bumper harvest offering that will be sent to the Kidderminster Food Bank for sharing with families and the local community. A great big thank you to everyone that sent in items for the table. The Harvest Festival kicked off with the very popular song, 'Welcome to the Harvest Table' performed by the whole school in front of a packed-out hall of parents and grandparents. Afterwards, each year group sung or read out poems. This also marks the first public performance of Early Years class Rainbow who read The Enormous Turnip.

Harvest Festival – Wolverley Sebright

On Friday 27 September, Wolverley Sebright held their annual Harvest service at St John's Church. The church was packed and the students decorated it with their harvest art work, sung a selection of harvest themed songs and read a range of poems.



Hartlebury Gardening Club



Another hot, sunny year which seems to have favoured flowers and vegetables, though some came early and had past their best by show day. The warm, dry weather has continued into September prolonging some crops and fooling others into starting again. Entries were up again and the show was well attended so a big thank you for your support!

A very big well done to Daisy, who won the Endeavour Cup for the most points in Children's Art. All winners can be viewed in the Hartlebury Parish Magazine with a special mention for the school that says 'Thank you to the pupils and staff of Hartlebury Primary School for their colourful and very imaginative art display'.

The afternoon was well supported and there was a lovely atmosphere.





Children's Council Elections & more – Wolverley Sebright

Students from each year group were elected to form the new School Council and represent their peers at Wolverley Sebright. The Council have already supported fundraising events in school this month, attended the first Junior Community Citizen meeting and are organising the upcoming autumn disco.



Roald Dahl Day – Hartlebury CE

Year 3 students at Hartlebury have been learning about the author Roald Dahl and his books. Consequently, the students all dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character on 12th September 2019. They looked amazing! They also made a 'Magic Medicine,' as in George's Marvellous Medicine. They learnt about capacity, looking at the bottles they brought in to make their potion and have written a potion recipe. The children really enjoyed making the 'Magic Medicine'.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

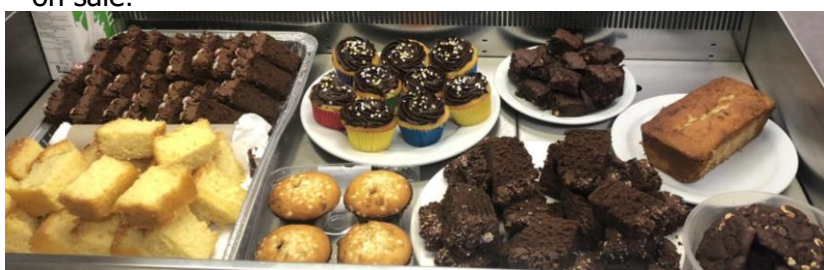
Macmillan Coffee Morning is an event which all our schools supported. Below are just some of the things they got up to...



SHS had a huge turn-out for their coffee morning with lots of delicious bakes on sale!



Baxter College students and staff raised £220 which is amazing! They had games supporting the event such as 'Dunkin Biscuit' and 'Berry Guessing'. The winners of the 'Dunkin Biscuit' were Ms Hobbs and Charlotte F (YR 10) and Mr Deakin won the 'Berry Guessing' game. The event was supported by Sam M, Maddison B and, of course, Bunsen!



Wolverley Sebright held their annual Macmillan Coffee Morning after their Harvest service. They were joined by family and friends. The School Council supported the PTA to ensure lots of cakes were baked (and eaten!).



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Hartlebury CE VC Primary hosted a tuck shop during the morning and a parents' tea and cake party in the afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute. Hartlebury raised an amazing £268.60!



Community Ambassadors

Last term we welcome our new group of Year 10 Community Ambassadors from Stourport High School and Baxter College who are committed to supporting other students in dealing with important issues that affect young people.

With the darker nights drawing in, Stourport Community Ambassadors have chosen Stay Safe as their first campaign covering personal safety, Halloween and firework safety and keeping yourself safe whilst cycling. Through quizzes, posters and information stands they will be offering advice and giving out freebies like glow in the dark stickers and flashing lights for bikes.

Baxter College are getting creative exploring and designing an informative and colourful display on internet safety and the World Wide Web giving key messages about cybercrime, online bullying, social media etc. This will form part of the Kidderminster Arts and Food Festival Space and Earth exhibition at Kidderminster Town Hall which was on 22 October.

Check out their dedicated website www.communityambassadors.org.uk

Pictures show the new Community Ambassadors with the Deputy West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner, Tracey Onslow.



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November
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November

Anti-Bullying Week
09:00

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White Ribbon Campaign
09:00





Grandparents Day - SPA

The grandparents of the children at SPA had the opportunity to visit the school on Monday 7th October in celebration of Grandparents' Day. Children collected their grandparents from the school hall and took them to class to show them what they do and to allow them to take part in the lessons. Afterwards, they all came back to the hall for a cuppa and a piece of cake or biscuits. This is always an exciting event and one that everyone looks forward to each year.

Thank you to all those who attended.



Dying2Drive Scheme - SHS

On Thursday 3 October, Year 11 students at SHS were involved in the crucial Dying2Drive course at Bromsgrove Fire Station. This is a course run annually to ensure the importance of road safety before students reach 17-years old and are able to start learning to drive legally.

Year 4 taking the lead - WSPA

Students in Year 4 led a whole-school assembly recently, which covered their topic – Ancient Egyptians.



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