



Sackville School

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Sackville News

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Dear families

Welcome to our latest edition of the Sackville News. An opportunity for us to share in more detail some of the activities and events that students have engaged in this term. As ever there are plenty of sports updates and experiences to share. Taking the U14 girls and boys teams to the National Hockey finals in Nottingham earlier this month has to be one of the highlights of the term as an incredible experience for the students to have had. As I often say, it's not about winning but the experience and making memories. Opportunities such as this will stay with them a long time. Thank you to the staff and parents/carers that helped make it possible.

We have had so many visitors to the school for our 'Find it Out Thursday' Futures events, with the likes of Jonathan Ramsden from the Cats Protection League, the Army and Matt Brown who gave a talk about the vast amount of opportunities in the automotive industry. Our speaker of the term has to be the visit we had from Mark Grist, poet and rapper who was an absolute inspiration to our Year 8 students. There are many more items featured in this edition, sections of which are written by the students themselves.

Enjoy the read.

Jo Meloni, Headteacher



Weir Wood Rowers Club

I'm thrilled to congratulate each and every one of our rowers on completing their first-ever rowing session on the beautiful waters of Weir Wood Reservoir! As a fellow rower, I know just how exciting and rewarding it is to take those first strokes and feel the boat glide beneath your blades. Rowing is not just a sport, but a community.

In very changeable conditions it was great to see the enthusiasm and ability of the students. Rowing is a unique and challenging sport that demands both physical and

mental strength, and I have no doubt that they will continue to grow and improve with each session they complete. Wolfgang, our very accomplished and professional rowing coach, saw great ability and potential in our students which was brilliant to see. Once again, congratulations on completing your first rowing session at Weir Wood Reservoir. I wish you all the best in your future training and look forward to seeing you out on the water again soon!

Ms Katie Pashley, Leader of Sackville Rowing Club



Mark Grist Poetry Workshop Year 8



On Friday 12 May we had a visit to Sackville from Mark Grist. He read some of his poems to us and we had a workshop with him. In my opinion I think that this is a good chance to learn from him and have a go at making our own raps/poems. He taught us a lot of things that we didn't know before, and explained well how to make a good rap. I think this is beneficial for English. It is a good opportunity if you are interested in rap or poetry because he also explains how to make yours successful, so that people would be interested in what you write. The school should definitely have Mark Grist back for another visit because the workshop is amazing and we could learn a lot more from him in the future.

Luca S

I really enjoyed doing the Mark Grist poetry workshop and I thought it was very insightful and made me think about what I want to do when I'm older. I learnt lots of new skills towards poetry and how to win rap battles. He also told some of his experiences like when he left being a teacher to fulfil his dream of being a poet and some more personal experiences like how he met his future wife. He now writes her poems every Christmas! Poetry is very beneficial for English because it makes you better at creative writing. I strongly believe the school should get Mark Grist back for another visit.

Ben G

Last Friday, we had a visit from Mark Grist. In my opinion I thoroughly enjoyed the experience as I realise how important poetry is in English as it helps us understand someone's views on something in a more meaningful way. One thing I want to take away is that you can write a poem about anything and poems don't always have to rhyme. He also sacrificed his career as a teacher to fulfil his dream, which shows he worked hard. I think Sackville should have Mark Grist back as it provided us with new knowledge and it would be a great experience for all years, not just year 8.

Kleopatra D



Last week Mark Grist came to our school to give Year 8 an insight into poetry and rapping. I was lucky enough to experience the workshop he ran. Over the course of the hour he explained how to rhyme and how to implement this into raps and poems. Before this he gave an assembly to explain who he was and why he raps and his story. It was inspirational to many of those in attendance as he went on to say how he pushed through the hard times and picked himself up. Although rapping and poetry isn't very appealing to me, I still found it interesting, due to him explaining rhymes in a different way proving that his workshops appeal to all and anyone can come away understanding rhymes a lot

better than before. I think that every student should get a chance to have a workshop from him as it can change their opinion and understanding of poetry and rap.

Hannah W

Last Thursday we had a visit to Sackville from Mark Grist. In my opinion it was really fun because you get taught how to rhyme words that don't 100% sound like each other. He is a really funny man. I think he is a good person because he gave us an option out of 3 about what type of rhyme we could do, so that the workshop was not limited. We were able to attempt to beat him in a rap battle. I think it is his goal to teach us about rap and poetry and also how to get money from it so that we can have this as a hobby or do it as a career in our older years.

Marley B-F

In the workshop last Friday, we were visited by Mark Grist. I enjoyed the poem workshop because I felt I learnt a lot about rhyming and other components of writing poems and rapping. I also found Mark funny and nice. I learnt that you don't have to use perfect rhymes when writing poems which I didn't know before.

Ben V

Last Friday, we had a visit to Sackville from Mark Grist. In my opinion it was very funny and inclusive. He showed us some poems and raps he'd written and performed them for us. We each got to write our own raps and learnt how to rhyme better. I think that Mark Grist should come back to Sackville and do another workshop because he was very nice, included everyone's ideas and told us how to make them better.

Emilia L

Last Friday, we had a visit to Sackville from Mark Grist. In my opinion, it was a great opportunity to meet someone like him. Understanding poetry is beneficial for English because it can take you away to another world, it also includes some really good writing techniques you could learn from. One thing I took away is that not everything has to rhyme directly: like 'dad' and 'had'; Mark taught us that 'limbo' and 'window' rhyme. I think it was a fun experience. The school should have Mark back because it's nice to have something different.

Ami G



STEM Challenge Final

I am very proud to report how confident our students were when communicating with engineers and various officials at the recent STEM challenge final. I was also very impressed with their huge knowledge of how to make a car and the way they approached and overcame any



problems that presented themselves. There were lots of new experiences for each of them including overcoming any fears they may have had. I was also pleased to see our students speaking with the judges at the end of the event, gaining their feedback on how to make improvements to the car.



Overall I think it was a great day. Amazing ambassadors of our school. A huge thank you to Kristina Parsons who was our driver and first aider on the day, and to James Costain for sorting out IT issues for us. Well done everyone involved. **Anna Ferguson**

"It was a good day out. The judges were kind all though it was still stressful (in a good way)." **Ben W**



The Rotary Coronation Bake-off

The Rotary Coronation Bake Off took place at Imberhorne lower school. This was to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. Six Sackville students and six Imberhorne students from **Years 7, 8 and 9** went to bake their amazing creations that they had designed. These were then judged by local cake experts and the winner announced. The Sackville students included Phoebe L Year 7, Chloe B Year 7, Louise R Year 7, Destiny J Year 8, Imogen H Year 8 and Eden W Year 9.



Louise Year 7



Imogen Year 8



Eden Year 9



Chloe Year 7



Destiny Year 8



Phoebe Year 7

Year 9 Create and Cook Competition

The year 9 hospitality and catering option groups took part in a Create & Cook inter class competition. They had to design and make a 2 course meal for 2, using locally produced ingredients that were in season. The competition was judged by Max Leonard (a local chef). The winners of Class 9B were Zara and Rose. The winners of class 9A were Sienna and Georgia and the winners of class 9C were Brandon and George.

Well done to everyone involved.



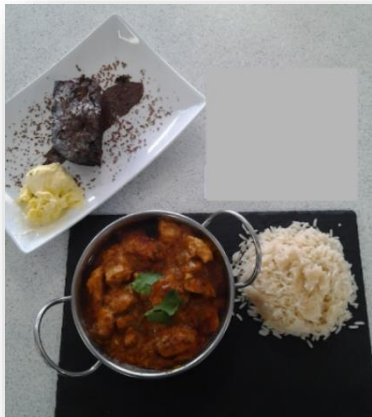
Winners Class 9A – Sienna and Georgia



Winners Class 9B – Zara and Rose



Winners Class 9C – Brandon and George



Raising Funds for the Local Foodbank

"I started making bracelets and sold them around my road for 50p or a tin of food. Some people donated generously and one person even gave me £10.00. In the end I raised £50.00 for the food bank and I spent that all on the food and items that they needed and requested. In the end there was a massive load of food in my trolley. The food bank was very grateful and said that I could have a tour of it, which is exciting!" **Lois Year 8**

What an amazing achievement Lois, we are very proud of you! **The Sackville Community**



SIXTH FORM



British Sign Language Course

We are so proud of our 10 students and one member of staff who have all achieved official certification for the Introduction to British Sign Language (Young People). The course ran over 10 weeks online and we were thrilled that for the penultimate session our teacher, Emma Sharpe from Study Sharpe, came to deliver the session in person.



Year 13/14 Leavers' Assembly

It was great to celebrate the start of the exam season with a celebratory assembly for our years 13/14 students. Students were treated to two videos; one with good wishes from members of staff and the other of students reminiscing about their seven years at Sackville! We wish them well throughout the exam period and look forward to our next celebration at sixth form prom.



Taster Day at Chichester University

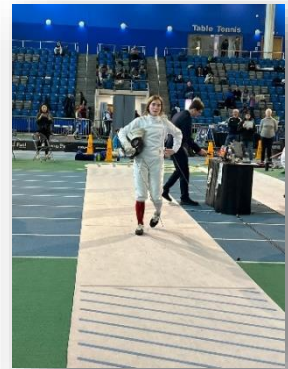
What a superb taster day at Chichester university for our **Year 12** sports students. Each group had 4x45 minute sessions ranging from physiotherapy & psychology to outdoor education & sports therapy. They experienced environmental chambers, tested their ankle flexibility, monitored the difference in force between each leg, climbed rock faces, analysed their top speed, evaluated the importance of sports psychology and so much more. It was a great experience and a real eye opener to the world of sport and exercise. Thank you for having us [@chiunisport](#) we had a fantastic day.

Fencing - U16 South East Regional Finals

Huge congratulations to Hannah who did amazingly well to come 18 out of 64 competitors at the U16 British Youth Fencing Championship held in Sheffield recently.

Hannah is now well placed to try and get into the GB squad at U17 level!

Well done on such a fantastic achievement!



Year 9 Boys State School Hockey Nationals - Match Report Lewys H

This year Sackville's year 9 boys' and girls' hockey team qualified for the state school nationals. It was an early start for us. We had to get to school for a 6.30am departure. We travelled 4 hours to get to our destination, Nottingham. Each team played in a group of 5 and we played 4 games in our group; we lost 3 times and pulled out a win in our last game against The Wirral Grammar School for Boys 2-1. As a result, we qualified for the semi-final in the Bowl Trophy. George P scored 3 to get a hatrick and Morris K scored 1 to take us into the final.

In the final we played Northampton Grammar School for boys and we got off to a bad start conceding 1 in the first few minutes of the game but we got one right back with George Pollard scoring a great chip goal. We had numerous opportunities with one on one's against the goalkeeper and short corners but couldn't convert the chances. Sadly, in the final minutes of the game as we chased a win we unfortunately conceded 3 and lost the Final. **The Team:** Tomas D, Henry B, Morris K, Lewys H, Ben C, Tom Q, Woody R, Eddie L and George P, Cpt



In the end we all had a fun day and it was unlucky that we didn't win. We arrived back at Sackville at 8.15 pm exhausted but very happy!

A big thank you to Mr Currie and Mrs Smyth for taking us there and to Mr Dewberry for driving us to Nottingham and back providing us with a comfortable coach. **Lewys H**

Girls Hockey - The National State Schools U13 Tournament-Match Report by Mia and Ami

We really enjoyed our hockey games at The National State Schools U13 Tournament in Nottingham. We had to get up early, and everyone on the coach was hyped and ready for the day ahead.

It was a privilege to be able to play against grammar schools and the competition level was at a good standard.

We won our first match 2-1. The second/third match we lost 1-0 but both of those games were very tight and the other 2 teams were very lucky to have scored. We won the next game and then drew the fifth game and then lost the last game 3-0 loss.

Overall it was a fun experience and everyone enjoyed the day. We would love to do it again if we had the chance.



Thank you for taking us Mrs Smyth and Mr Currie.

Mia and Ami



U12 Boys Cricket Team

U12 Boys Cricket lost to Lingfield College by 8 wickets.

First ever game for the majority of the boys. Sackville 128 for 7 with an excellent innings of 55 not out by Charlie T who carried his bat. Hashmat, Frankie T and Toby B bowled well. Excellent effort boys, well done!

U13 Boys Cricket Team

Our U13 Boys Cricket team beat Imberhorne in a great game of cricket. Imberhorne posted a competitive 101 for 5 off their 20 overs with Ethan J taking 3-18! Sackville were keeping up with the run rate but kept on losing wickets with some tight bowling by Imberhorne, until Charlie A 28 not out and Morris K 23 not out came together. They put together an unbeaten 55 run partnership to see Sackville home with 10 balls to spare. Well done to the whole team, a great game all round 🏏





.....also, our boys beat Oathall by 10 wickets in the Area Cup. Oathall 65 for 8. Ben V 3-7(wicket with the first ball of the match), Morris K 2-12, Tom H 2-14 and Harry H 1-11 were the pick of the bowlers. Bowling and fielding was excellent! Ben C 34 not out and Ben V 11 not out went past the Oathall score in 8 overs.

Great game, well done 🏏👏

..... and, a dominant performance from the Sackville U13 boys vs Lingfield College. Huge congratulations to Stephan.G for his first ever 5 wicket haul!!!! (Figures: 5 wickets, 1 run conceded). Well batted Ben.V with 40 odd not out. Well done boys!



U14 Boys Cricket Team

Sackville U14s beat Lingfield College by four wickets.

Mentions to George P with bat and bowl. Also, Barney M with an unbeated 40. Lingfield posted 117 and Sackville chased it with two balls to spare.

Well done lads 🏏👏



Athletics Track and Field Cup

What a fabulous day at the track and field cup. Some fantastic performances across the board, now to wait for the results. Congratulations to all who took part, 57 athletes in total, representing the school 🏆👏



U13 Girls Cricket Team

U13 girls cricket team had their first outdoor match of the season away to Brambletye. Some excellent bowling kept the scores low in a very close match.

Sackville lost by 5 runs. Bowler of the match went to Emilia L, Batter to Mia P and fielder to Liv R. A promising start. Well done girls.

U15 Girls Rounders Team

Our U15 rounders team had a lovely afternoon playing against Oathall and St Paul's. The progress and improved tactical awareness between the 2 games was excellent. PoM went to Gigi C who only bowled 2 no balls in 42 balls, which is phenomenal consistency. Well done girls!



U13 and U16 Netball



Massive congratulations to our U13 and U16 Netball squads who competed in the Sussex state schools' finals, in Worthing. Some excellent play throughout the day in very windy conditions. Both teams did exceptionally well with each team coming home with a bronze medal. Well done to all who took part, you were amazing and we are incredibly proud 🏆🏆

Year 11 Sackville Superstars

What a great way to start the final term with our year 11s, celebrating their achievements, attitude and effort over the past few years, with our annual Sackville Superstars competition! They tested their speed, stamina, strength, coordination & shooting abilities and were put through their paces. They are a cracking bunch of students who are a real credit to the school and it was a very close competition.



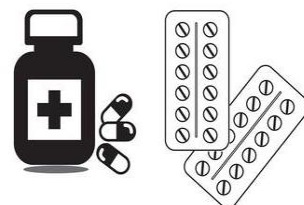
Overall winners were Bella K and Ollie S, who both won £30.00 each to spend at Herbert Sports who sponsored the event, alongside Hammerwood Ltd who sponsored the t-shirts. A big thank you to the PE department alongside Mr Batsford, who was stoic in goal 🥅

To keep up to date on all the sporting events, please follow us on our Instagram page @sackvillepeandsport.

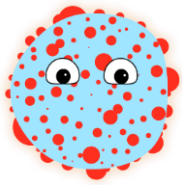
Kind regards, PE Staff

Medical Reminders

To ensure that we continue to support students when they are unwell, we need to make sure our records are up-to-date. As a school we will continue to administer ad-hoc medication as per the consent slip you have completed. If you wish for this to change, please contact the relevant year team. Should your child be diagnosed with any new medical condition please contact the school. In addition, should your child's medical condition change (i.e., they no longer need to use their inhaler) please contact their year team.



We will continue to provide the support and medical assistance you have already agreed to unless we hear from you.



In order to keep the more vulnerable members of our school community safe, a reminder to inform the school if your child contracts any of the following: Chickenpox, Shingles, Measles or Mumps. Please call the relevant year office, thank you in advance.

Thank you
Hannah Nibloe