

Sackville News

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Dear Parents/Carers

Accompanying the senior students to the town Remembrance Day ceremony has undoubtedly been one of the highlights of my time at Sackville. This year senior students **Eric Parker** and **Leah Bush** laid the school's wreath, and many other members of the Sackville community were present. This is a tradition that means a lot to the school, and one I know will continue for many years to come.



Another thing that Sackville is renowned for is sporting achievement. Of the many fixtures we are now currently running **two results stand out**. First well done to our **junior cross country runners** who turned in some stellar performances in the Mid-Sussex cross country championships on Thursday November 4th. Year 8 were particularly strong, with our boys' team coming first and the girls' second.



For the year 8 boys **Finley Wigmore** came 2nd, **Tomas Dewberry** 10th, **Tom Quin** 13th, **Nathaniel Eaton** 15th, **Brodie McMullan** 16th and **Will Blackburn** 19th.

For the girls, **Ruby Mitchell** came in 8th, **Freya Pearson** 13th, **Charlotte Hodges** 18th, **Rose Wyartt** 21st, **Elsa Woodcock** 24th, **Summer Hills** 25th, **Maja Ciesielska** 27th and **Isabella Lyons** 29th.



In year 7, the boys' team came 5th and the girls 7th. In the girls' team **Bea Killkenny** came 14th, **Rosie Humphrey** 24th, **Liv Reading** 25th and **Phoebe Kelly** 29th.

For the boys **Edward Lawrence** came 15th, **William Spiers** 16th, **Yanni Hudson** 21st, **Morris Kane** 22nd, **Cadan Mackenzie** 26th, **Ruan Rossouw** 27th, **Hudson Saunders** 29th, **Charlie Anderson** 32nd and **George Trehearn** 37th.

Meanwhile our **senior girls' swimming team** put in an impressive performance at the **London Aquatics Centre** in the national Schools' Championships last Saturday. The

team came **16th in the Medley Relay** and **17th in the Freestyle Relay**.

A fantastic effort to know they are in the top twenty schools across England. Well done girls! Thank you to **Mrs Richards** for accompanying the girls to the event.

Pictured here are **Mia Carew, Chloe Grantham, Abbey Hall** and **Rachel Davies**.



Congratulations too to **Amber Bayliss** in year 8 who came away from the East Grinstead Fortitude Taekwondo Competition with an armful of awards.

She achieved **gold** in **sparring** and in **patterns**, **silver** in the **flying high kick** and **bronze** in the **flying side kick**.

One to watch out for!



Our **year 8s** are certainly learning to love their new year leader **Mr Pearson**. After his Halloween extravaganza last month, he organised a **Fifa 22** evening for some of his year, where the students were able to challenge each other – and Mr Pearson. Mr Pearson managed to beat one of the students, but we will spare that person's blushes here!

Clear skies meant a record-breaking turnout at our

observatory open evening this month, with **over 100 guests** of all ages enjoying astronomy. Great views of the **Moon, Jupiter** and **Saturn** were had by all as shown by this stunning photo of the Moon's South West quadrant by **Jay Murphy (8JCK)**.



One guest said *"Thank you everyone who gave up their personal time to host this event last night! It was amazing...and we were blown away by Max's knowledge!"*

I'd like to thank **Mr Bush**, year 12 student **Max Goddard** and local enthusiast **Steve Pond** for their continued support of these excellent evenings. For more details about our observatory [click here](#).

Work continues apace back in lessons. Take a look for example at these storage boxes produced by our **year 9 design and technology students**. This is their first practical project and teacher Mr Treen is rightly as proud as the students.



In biology, we got the results of the **National Intermediate Biology Challenge**. Congratulations are due to our fantastic year 13 competitors. Out of the class of 18 A Level students, seven gained amongst the highest awards in the country. Congratulations to **Leah Bush, Sophie Payton, Hannah Plumb** and **Lily Meredith** for achieving the **Highly Commended** award, and particular recognition should go to **Hannah Sisley, Lucas Ryan** and **Issy Carrick** for

achieving the **Bronze award**. We are thrilled to continue to provide these types of opportunities to our science students to help promote appreciation and awareness of the subject.

We were delighted to welcome back **Hannah Karpel** (pictured on page 3) and **Sacha Pritchard** (class of 2015/17) to launch a really exciting **competition to our year 10 textile students**.

Sackville has been chosen along with seven other schools and the students are invited to **design a look for a doll** provided by Hannah to meet a short brief. Hannah is in the last year of her Fashion Journalism course at Central St Martin's College in London.

The winners will receive the opportunity to be mentored by influential industry figures. Textiles teacher Mrs Pope is as excited as the students!



Not to be outdone, our year 10 linguists put on a great show in London last Friday. Seven students accompanied **Miss Stewart** and **Madame Monnier** to the **Institut Français in London to take part in the annual poetry slam**. This year nearly 100 students from seven different schools took part, collaborating with each other to create and perform poems in a variety of languages on the theme of climate change.

We are very proud to announce that **Lucy Beard** and **Elizabeth Sisley** made up half of the winning team, and also took the prize for best imagery with their work likening climate change to a car breaking down.

Athena Nainby and **Hannah Taylor** also made the finals and **Darragh Halpin**, **Louis Finlayson** and **Lucas Welton** were asked to join three professional poets on the judging panel. Bravo!

Elizabeth was on show again at the Rotary Club Debating Competition 'Youth Speaks' at St Swithun's Church on Tuesday evening, with **Emily De Saulles** and **Ellie Blackstock**. I was delighted to be present to hear them speak lucidly and convincingly on the motion '*It is culture not law that will bring about gender equality.*'

In a tight competition, they were pipped by Imberhorne – well done to them too.

Mr Endersby has been working hard to increase student leadership this year. I am delighted that the **student Green Group** have written an update on their work for this edition of the newsletter.

I wonder how many people who saw [the John Lewis Christmas advert](#) realise that the lion's share of the special effects were done by **Jamie Stitson** (class of 2014/16)? His company is involved in video special effects on which you'll agree the whole advert depends!

Before we get to Christmas, we are **strengthening slightly our measures to mitigate COVID infections**, including returning to **wearing masks in communal areas**. Mr Bush writes below, and I would urge you to read closely what our plans are.

Thinking ahead to Christmas, as I am sure we all are, is perhaps a good time to sign off. *Sackville News* will be back with a Christmas special at the end of term. In the meantime, very best wishes from us all.

Julian Grant
Headteacher



Parents' COVID update

Mr Bush writes:-

As you may be aware, **Covid rates in West Sussex, and specifically in Mid Sussex, are high**. Similarly, cases amongst young people are higher than those over 18, most of whom have been vaccinated twice or more. However, **this is thankfully not reflected in our own school**, where this week we have only a handful of cases across most year groups. Year 7 parents & carers were contacted last week after a spike in cases and we continue to ask you to **supervise** your own children in all year groups to take Lateral Flow Tests (LFTs) twice weekly.

Due to the high rates across the county the Director of Public Health for West Sussex County Council has asked all secondary schools to **reintroduce the wearing of masks in communal areas until the end of term** (unless exempt). This measure will **help keep our rates low** and will begin from **Monday 29th November**. At Sackville this means students and staff wearing face masks:

- ☐ in corridors
- ☐ in the canteen when queueing for food
- ☐ on buses

Students will **not be asked to wear masks in class** and will be allowed to sit in lunch rooms, the canteen and Bistro without masks to allow them to eat. As always, students who wish to wear masks in lessons are allowed to. Spare masks will be available but we must ask that **your child brings two clean face masks to school every day**, one to be worn and one spare.

We have also sent a letter from the School Immunisation Service with information about catch-up clinics in December for children who missed their vaccine. Please note **these will not be held in school** but instead be delivered at other locations across the county.

If you have queries about the content of this email please contact me at sbush@sackvilleschool.org.uk rather than reply to this email.

Thank you for everything you and your children continue to do, keeping Sackville a safe place for students and staff to work.

With best wishes

Steve Bush

Student Leadership - Green Group update

Within the Student Head team at Sackville it is very important for us to remain knowledgeable about current events happening in the world. Therefore as part of the student head team we have a group dedicated to dealing with how we can become a greener school and do our part to help the environment.

That is why we are currently going through the process of becoming an **Eco-School and consequently become Green Flag accredited**.

It consists of a **Seven Step process** that has been designed to empower young people like ourselves to introduce and lead environmental actions and education into our school. Within this process we have completed an environmental review. **This involved us going around the school asking many questions to students, staff and the site team about 10 key areas identified as important to becoming environmentally aware**. The next stage was to identify three areas to develop within the school from an environmental point of view, we have chosen; **healthy living, waste, and energy**.

We have now moved onto our action plan where we will plan and manage actions for our 3 Eco Schools topics, which we will put into action in the remainder of the school year. **To earn this accreditation we not only have ourselves working towards this but invite anyone interested in making a difference to help us.**

Green Group committee: Millie Knowles, Ciara Humphrey, Nicole Noakes, Sophie Payton, Jasmine Stevens-Rowse

If you would like to assist the Green Group with our Green Flag application please email 2122green@mysackville.co.uk



CHRISTMAS LUNCH BAG

Tuesday 14th December

Hot Roast Turkey & Cranberry Ciabatta

WHEAT, GLUTEN

OR

Giant Pig in Blanket Baguette

WHEAT, GLUTEN, SUPHITES

OR

Brie & Cranberry Ciabatta

WHEAT, GLUTEN, MILK

Chocolate Yule Log

WHEAT, GLUTEN, MILK, EGG

Accompanied by Chocolate, Sweets, Satsuma & Drink

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WEDNESDAY 8TH DECEMBER



£5.00




Crawley, Horsham
& Mid-Sussex

Volunteers needed

Do you have a few extra hours? Volunteers needed for our groups and home visiting.
We're looking for people with parenting experience who can offer friendship and support to local families with young children under 5 years.

Get in touch today and find out more: 01293 416327 or visit
www.homestartchams.org.uk

A photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a purple t-shirt, holding a small yellow object (possibly a fruit or toy) and looking at it. A young child with blonde curly hair, wearing a striped shirt and green overalls, is standing next to her, looking at the same object. They are outdoors in a grassy area with trees in the background.

**Be the change
that lasts a lifetime**



Volunteer for Home-Start



JACKSON 7

COACHING



CHRISTMAS HOCKEY CAMP



21st-22nd DECEMBER

2 day camp - 6-18 yrs



23rd DECEMBER

Performance Camp

13-18 Yrs - County level +

@ East Grinstead Hockey Club



HOCKEY DREAMS



FOUNDATION

**5% of all proceeds will go to
Hockey Dreams Foundation**

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WWW.EGHOCKEY.ORG.UK

Limited spaces available

The background of the top half of the poster is a vibrant pink, decorated with large, flowing splashes of purple and red paint that create a sense of movement and energy.

VENUe On THE Green

Open Evening

Wednesday 1st
December 7pm onwards

An opportunity to come along and
find out what we can do as a
community, to support our youth
with talks from guest speakers and
an opportunity to network.

VENUe On The Green Hartfield
Road Next to the Skate Park.

