

Message from the  
Head – Nicola Bull

This term has certainly shown us that we must always be prepared for the unexpected.

OFSTED, snow closures, a small after-hours fire and the worldwide focus on Salisbury have all demonstrated this.

As you know though, OFSTED was very successful and, as you can see from some of the pictures, the girls enjoyed their snow days too! However, we have learnt that we should be clearer about the amount of work that we expect the girls to do if we ever have snow like that again.

We were pleased to be asked by the BBC to be filmed for a segment on South Today to discuss the impact on Salisbury teenagers of the chemical attack on Sergei and Yulia Skripal. Zara, Katy and Eleanor spoke brilliantly and were also featured on BBC Wiltshire radio.

I wish to take the opportunity to thank all the staff who gave up their time to go on the French and Spanish immersion trips this term. The girls who went thoroughly enjoyed their trip and definitely came back speaking the language more proficiently which is the aim of these trips.

Finally, I wanted to share with you news of our 2018 international charity. St



Snow Days

Students enjoyed the extreme weather at the beginning of March, and many sent Mrs Bull pictures of their snowy creations. The winner of a box of chocolates was Eve Thomas in 7P with her adventurous rabbit!

Eve Thomas 7P



Holly O'Shea and Olaf 9N



Maddy Shelley's penguin 9K



Mrs Garbett's Monsieur



Year 10 students being filmed for the BBC South Today programme

Edmund's will be supporting OAKS (Overseas Aid for the Kids of Sierra Leone). This is a small, family-run charity who built a school in Bo, Sierra Leone. Nic, a builder and his sister, Laurel from Liverpool wanted to help children who have no access to education in the war-torn country. They were both able to come to St Edmund's to lead some assemblies. We are so excited to be supporting OAKS; we know that every penny we raise will go directly to the children at the OAKS school.

Many thanks for all your continued support and feedback and we hope you like the new-look report which was developed through consultation with groups of parents and is in your daughter's school bag now!

We hope to see you at the Friends of St Edmund's Bingo Evening on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April – it is always a fun evening for the whole family and there are some fabulous prizes to be won! By supporting the work of the Friends, you are directly supporting the school to improve facilities which will benefit your daughter.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break and I hope that we all begin to feel that spring has finally sprung!

**Nicola Bull**



Children learning at the OAKS school in Bo, Sierra Leone

### French School Trip: Chateau de la Baudonniere

40 girls arrived safely in Normandy on 11<sup>th</sup> March and thoroughly enjoyed their week. They were immersed in French culture and the instructor told them that their French was much improved by the end of the trip.

Whilst taking part in an initiative exercise at the Chateau, Team St. Edmund's completed their challenge in 10 minutes. The instructor has been at the Chateau for 6 years and has never known a group to complete it so quickly! Bravo!

Trying snails (Escargots)



Chateau resident



Assault course



Rafting in the rain



### The Spanish Trip

The girls had a wonderful time in Alicante in spite of the snow reappearing just as they were due to travel. We will show you their pictures and stories in the next issue.

### Subject Consultation

Thank you to the Year 7 parents and students who attended the St. Edmund's Subject consultation on 26<sup>th</sup> March. It is always a pleasure to see parents and discuss the progress that your daughters are making.

### Easter Egg Raffle

The students raised an amazing £88.55 for our school charities by raffling Easter eggs. Thanks to everyone in Parks house who contributed chocolate.

### Kenya Appeal

Over Easter we are appealing to you to consider having a spring clean! You can donate any unwanted textiles (clothes, shoes, bags, towels, bedding, belts, curtains) to our fundraising appeal for Kenya 2019. The collection date is April 24<sup>th</sup> at school. Thank you!

## Sporting Success

- The St. Edmund's football squad wiped out all opposition at the Salisbury Schools football tournament, winning at all age groups. Well done teams!
- Congratulations to the U13 Netball team who finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the U15's who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Salisbury Netball tournament. Both teams have qualified for the Level 3 Winter School Games.
- Our Intermediate and Advanced Gymnastics squad took part in the Level 2 School Games event. They were all fantastic!

Football Squad



Netball Squad



Gymnastics



Training in the snow



## Dates for your diary

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April- Year 8 Subject Consultation

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April- Bingo Bash

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May- Bank Holiday

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May- Key Stage 3 Celebration evening

W/C 28<sup>th</sup> May- Half Term



If you have anything that you would like to see in the newsletter please send your comments to [ccrook@st-edmunds.eu](mailto:ccrook@st-edmunds.eu)

## Reflecting on the term

- The students benefitted from a Prayer Space at school, and were able to visit a quiet room which allowed them the opportunity to think about dreams, happiness, thankfulness, forgiveness and betrayal, friendship, love, bereavement and hope. The Prayer Space is run by The Bridge Youth Project <https://www.the-bridge.org.uk/prayer-spaces.html>
- Bournemouth University hosted our Year 8 students for a taster day as part of our raising aspirations programme
- Girls met H. L. Dennis the author of "The Secret Breakers" series of books at the Trafalgar School at Downton
- W/C 12<sup>th</sup> March was British Science week and St. Edmund's were keen to get involved. Mrs Evans oversaw the events with workshops featuring dissection, alchemy, bubbles, ice cream and forensics. The students taking part were so enthusiastic and had lots of fun while learning.
- Year 7 girls took part in the Spire FM "Small Talk" slot and were on the radio throughout the week talking about a variety of topics.

Prayer Space



Bournemouth University visit



"The Secret Breakers" author visit



British Science week



