Headlines

Finish the Forest has been an amazing whole-school activity with all students able to plant at least one tree in Heartwood Forest. By Wednesday over 1700 trees had been planted and next week we will give the final figure which could be close to 3000. This is a wonderful achievement and I would like to thank Mrs. Mapley, Mr. Head and Mr. Hopkins in particular for overseeing this activity. In addition we would also like to thank Fo$S for their generous donation towards this activity.

On Wednesday evening the PE faculty delivered the annual gym show in the SandPit Theatre. The standard of gymnastics was really impressive with students of all ages tumbling, jumping, balancing and whatever else they do to a very high standard. All age groups were represented and it was great to see the senior students leading the younger ones. A massive thank you to Mrs. Cracknell, Ms. Clarke and the entire PE faculty for staging this event. Well done everyone!

Also on Wednesday evening our senior rugby team played in the Herts County Plate final at Old Albanian RC. They played Knights Templar School, putting on a very strong performance to win 43:0. Congratulations to all of the team on this win and a big thank you to their coach, Mr. Head.

On the topic of rugby you will see a poster advertising a very special Charity Match that will be held on Wednesday 25th April – 7.30 p.m. K.O. at Old Albanian RC, St. Albans. The match is to mark our 30th anniversary as well as raise funds for the OLLIE (One Life Lost Is Enough) foundation.

The teams are Sandringham Barbarians v OA Grizzlies. Our Barbarian team will be composed of staff, students, ex staff, ex students and some parents. It will be a strong team and hopefully we will see some real Champagne Rugby on display from both sides. We would like as many people to come along to watch the match and contribute to the OLLIE cause.

Entry is free but we will be collecting for the funds and possibly have a raffle. There will be a bar and food available so why not make this a family event and join in the fun. Hope to see you there.

Allen Gray
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

19 March 16:30 Y10 PTC
21 March 15:15 Y12 & Y13 EPQ Presentations
23 March 19:00 Fo$S Quiz Night
26 March 19:00 Spring Concert
26 March 19:30 Fo$S Sandfest Planning @ Rose & Crown, Sandridge
29 March End of term

Please visit our school website for the most up to date diary dates

Headteacher’s Commendations for week ending 16 March 2018

Alexander Clarke 10N English
Kaitlynn Baughan 7E PE
Joseph Harris 7E Pastoral
Lydia Illingworth 7E PE
Abiyaz Islam 7E German
Emma Laney 7E German
James Morris 7E Pastoral
Oscar Paul 7E German
Jaylin Solanki 7E Pastoral
Joseph Stagg 7E German
Stephanie Wilkin 7E Maths
Edward Arkell 7F Art
Stanley Bedwood 7F Art
Sienna Brierley 7F Art
Madeleine Brown 7F Art
Bryony Cooper 7F PE
Ysabelle Cooper 7F Art
Frey Ellis 7F Art
Maisy Filler 7F Art
Jessica Foster 7F Art
Oliver Goode 7F Art
Margot Koppe 7F Art
Benjamin Walker 7F Art
Finn Elsmark 7J English
Lily Kerr Payne 7N PE
Nathanial Mapley 7N Pastoral
Zoe Webb 7N Pastoral
Cameron Wilson 7N Pastoral
Aarav Shah 7S German
Kunaasha Ranjan 7SH Art
Elizabeth Bennett 7T German
Cami Hawes 7T German
Shiam Ardeshna 8A Theatre
International Women's Day

Thursday 8th March was International Women's Day. To celebrate this event Mr Moane and six students travelled to Sir John Lawes school in Harpenden to take part in a gender equality forum. During the day we heard some truly inspiring speeches by local MP Bim Afolami, Professor Marcia Worrell and Dr Kamna Patel. We then got involved in four interactive workshops each facing a different aspect of gender equality: the pay gap, sexual harassment, the male perspective and STEM. These workshops included role play, discussion and speeches. We had a chance to communicate with other schools taking part in forums via video call. It was a great opportunity to see what other schools were doing to battle gender inequalities.

Overall this day was very informative giving us some useful statistics which helped us form our own opinions. At the end of our day we came up with three actions to implement at our own school and community to improve gender equality. All schools shared their plans, so it made for an interesting, eye-opening experience.

Penny Kyriacou 9F
Chocolate Sale

Fawcett House want to celebrate Marvellous March by holding a ‘Choc Fest’. Please come along to enjoy your bag of chocolates sold for only £1 on Monday 19 March at break and lunch time outside B Block. All proceeds will be going to Macmillan to support the crucial work they undertake. Thank you.

Penny and Tyler 9F
Form Captains

French Exchange 2018

This Thursday we will be welcoming 25 students and their two teachers from the Jean Monnet College in St Jorioz on Lake Annecy. We have a fantastic programme lined up for our visitors and look forward to hosting them in our homes and also giving them a taste of life at Sandringham School. The Canteen has organised a French Theme for our school lunch on Tuesday. More news of the visit will follow in next week’s Sandprint.

Mme Kincaid

German Exchange 2018

On Wednesday 7th March, sixteen excited (and brave!) Year 9 students made their way to Quickborn, in north-western Germany, for the return leg of this year’s German Exchange. We were welcomed at the airport by the host families, their dogs and a large Union Jack; then the students were whisked away for their first evening in Germany!

Year 9 with Frau Kincaid, Frau Hewitt and Frau Hood were able to spend a few days in a German secondary school, taking part in lessons, and meeting the head teacher, Herr Brandt. It was fascinating to see the differences between the two school systems as well as the many ways in which our school experiences are similar. We had two fantastically organised days out, led by the German teachers; in Berlin students learnt about the recent history of the city via a visit to the “Mauer Museum”, and were able to read about (and touch!) the Berlin Wall.

ABSENCE LINE 01727 799564
Absence Email: (Available 24 hours) absence@sandringham.herts.sch.uk
Please report ALL absences before 9:15am on the first day of absence. This should be followed up by a letter on return.

Stuart Kemp, Assistant Headteacher
A trip up to the top of the “Fernsehturm” (TV tower) was the perfect end to the day. Students had fantastic weekends with their host families, some going to the seaside, and others visiting nearby cities. Monday saw the group undertake a visit to Hamburg. Despite the near-constant rain spirits stayed high, ice creams were eaten, and the day ended with a trip to “Miniaturwunderland”, a very impressive interactive display of model cities and landscapes. It has been a fantastic week; huge thanks to all those who made it happen and here’s to next year!

V…….is for Vociferous
Adjective
Loud, Boisterous
“I’m tired of his vociferous whining”

Library News

World Book Day Competition Winners

For World Book Day we held a “Battleships” competition in the Library and the winners were announced on Thursday 8.3.18. Congratulations to;

Sam Posner 8S
Poppy Clark 7S
Dorca Molnar 8A

They each won a large bar of chocolate!
Watch out for more competitions at Easter
RAH Hertfordshire Schools Gala Performance  
11th March

On Sunday 11th March, we took 50 singers to perform as part of the Herts Gala performance. The event featured over 1000 performers from primary and secondary schools, as well as the Herts County Youth Choir and Symphony Orchestra. The main event was a specially commissioned piece, by Will Todd and Michael Rosen around the story of Icarus. The matinee performance also featured Leona Tindall in Year 9, performing one of her own songs. The finale involved all the choirs singing David Bowie's *Starman* and a stunning version of *Final Countdown* with all the singers, dancers from Sandringham, the symphony orchestra, synth and the famous RAH organ! It was an incredible event to be part of and we are really proud of all our musicians. Well done all!

Spring Concert - Monday 26th March

Our Spring Concert is on 26th March and involves all our instrumental groups and choirs. Tickets are available at the Sandpit Theatre Box Office.

Junior Recital Evening - 8th May

Our Junior Recital Evening is an opportunity for musicians in Years 7-9 to perform solo or small ensemble pieces. This could be something from a recent ABRSM exam, or just something that you enjoy playing! The sign up sheet is on the Music Dept noticeboard, or just speak to any of the teachers for more information.

Amy Stothard  
Director of Learning: Music

Celebrating Student Success

On Friday 9th March it was the Herts Inter District Secondary Schools’ Swimming Championships.

Nathanial Mapley Y7 and Ollie Carpenter Y8 were both selected to swim for the St Albans District Swimming Team. St Albans competed against four other districts and were the overall winners on the night. Well done, what an amazing achievement!

Good Luck Taylor!

This Sunday, Taylor McCarthy in year 10 will be competing in the final of the ABA Boxing Youth Championship. This is an amazing achievement and a win would mean that Taylor would be crowned No 1. for his age category in Great Britain. Taylor, in a keen boxer and continues to excel at a high level. Training has been rigorous for the completion and I’m sure it will be a great day. Wishing you lots of luck, Taylor – we know you can do it!

We are always pleased to celebrate our Students’ success in the Sandprint. Please pass details to becky.dale@sandringham.herts.sch.uk for inclusion in future editions.
FOSS News

Quiz Night - book now!
Join us on Friday 23 March for a general knowledge quiz night. Our popular quiz master Stuart returns with one of his fiendishly fun general knowledge quizzes. Put together a winning team for a fun packed evening with a well-stocked bar with real ale and Prosecco! Tickets are on sale from the Sandpit Theatre: www.sandpittheatre.co.uk - £10 including a fish and chip supper (or alternative).

FoSS Summer Ball - Saturday 30 June
Hot on the heels of the Year 11 prom, FoSS are hosting a summer ball at school. More details to follow but save the date for THE social event of the summer!

FoSS needs you! Sandfest Planning Meeting
Monday 26 March
On July 14th FOSS are organising a summer festival. SANDFEST will be a celebration of 30 years of Sandringham school and hopes to bring together as many people as possible who have a connection to the school both past and present. There will be music, entertainment, activities, food and fun for all the family. We would also like people to take a trip down memory lane with photos and memorabilia of Sandringham School's 30 year history. The event will be free to enter as we want it to be open to everyone.

We would love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved with helping us to organise an event of this scale as we need you! There will be a SANDFEST Planning Meeting on Monday 26 March at 7.30pm in the Rose & Crown, Sandridge. Please join us to find out more - any help you can give, however large or small, would be really appreciated. If you can’t make the meeting then please contact the Chair of FoSS, Alison Williams, at huw.ali@ntlworld.com, and if you have a particular area of interest/skill then please let us know.

Thank you in advance for your participation in what promises to be a memorable event.

FoSS Team

St Albans Camera Club School Competition
It was wonderful to see the work of our photography A level students exhibited in St Albans Cathedral. We were delighted that Skye Adams, Anya Carroll, Rhiannon Hardy, Danielle Shadbolt, Olivia Townsend, Lily Charnock, Harriet Phillips-Murray and Clara Stub Norman work had their work shortlisted for exhibition as part of St Albans Camera Club School Competition.

All of the students worked hard to present their work to a professional standard, following the strict guidelines of the St Albans Camera club and as a result their work looked stunning in the beautiful setting. Well done to all the students for their outstanding efforts and superb photographic outcomes.

Elizabeth Kelly
Director of Learning: Art

Dance

Royal Albert Hall
On Sunday 11th March 40 dance students performed exceptionally well at the Royal Albert Hall. The dancers were a credit to the school and we are extremely proud of their performance. DVD’s are available to purchase, please check the programme for details.

A-Level Exam Evenings
Good luck to the A-Level dancers taking their practical exam on Thursday 22nd March. The students have worked extremely hard to prepare for their three practical elements and we wish them the best of luck.
Wednesday 21st March – Franticstein Year 12 Devised Drama

Year 12 A Level Drama students have been working with a stimulus of Nick Dear’s version of gothic horror Frankenstein, and the company Frantic Assembly. Through class workshops, group exploration and research of the company’s style and the underlying themes of the play, the students have created three unique and inspiring pieces of drama for you to enjoy. This is a free event, with a suggestion donation of £2.

Friday 23rd March – FOSS Quiz Night

Tickets to the FOSS Quiz Night are on sale now through the Sandpit Theatre box office – please book online or call the box office on 01727 799565. Tickets are £10 inclusive of a Fish & Chip supper (other meal options are available – please ask for details) and this year it’s a General Knowledge quiz so start swotting up now!

All proceeds go towards raising funds for the school so do come along and support your school!

Monday 26th March – Spring Concert

Sandringham School presents their annual concert. This features all their choirs and instrumental clubs, including the ever-growing show choir, the famous jazz band and sinfonia orchestra. Tickets £5/3

Tuesday 3rd April - There was an old lady who swallowed a fly

The People’s Theatre Company return to the Sandpit for a retelling of one of the best loved nursery rhymes. This magical show has been written especially for grown-ups to enjoy with their children, so come and relive the delights of this most charming of tales complete with a feast of sing along songs, colourful animal characters and heart-warming family fun. Tickets £10/8

The SandPit Theatre News

We’ve had a thrilling week here at the SandPit with plenty of exciting events being offered by staff and students. We started the week with a BANG from the science department with the chemistry show. This was followed by an outstanding display of strength, balance, and coordination from our students in the gym display. On top of that we finished the week in style with superb performances from our GCSE Y10 drama students.

What's coming up?
Wednesday 4th April – Paddington (PG)
Over Easter the SandPit welcomes everyone’s favourite bear in his big screen adventure! Paddington makes his way to England in search of a new home in this epic tale that is fun for the whole family. Tickets £3/2

Thursday 5th April – Alan in Wonderland
Alice is stuck in Wonderland at the Mad Hatter’s tea party and it’s up to her brother, Alan, to rescue her. Forgetting that all things in Wonderland are magical, Alice eats a plate of cakes which turn her into a troll and now she eats everything and anything she can get her hands on! Join Booster Cushion Theatre to help Alan save Alice! Tickets £6/4

As always the box office is open Monday – Friday 11.30am - 3.30pm, and can be reached on 01727 799565 for event information, or bookings.

Also, for a full list of what’s on in the coming months, and to book tickets please visit our website www.sandpittheatre.co.uk

Steven Cotton
Box Office Administrator

PE Fixtures

Saturday 17th March
Y7-10 Football V Roundwood Park

Monday 19th March
Girls Y9 Futsal Tournament @ Batchwood

Tuesday 20th March
Y7 County Sportshall Athletics Final
Y10 County Handball Finals

Wednesday 21st March
Y9 Girls Hockey V Dame Alice Owens (A)

PE News

It has been an extremely busy time in PE and sport over the past couple of weeks and will continue right up until Easter as we near the end of some excellent seasons in our Autumn/Winter and Spring Sports. There have been lots of semi-finals and finals with much success. Well done to everyone who has been involved and continues to work hard for their teams.

On Wednesday Evening, in the SandPit Theatre, a group of daredevil students performed some gravity defying stunts and contorted their bodies into unbelievable shapes when performing in the annual Gym Show. It was a fantastic evening, with all students involved, doing themselves proud. The show has been a labour of love for many of them, particularly a group of senior students who took control of the show by choreographing a number of routines and organising practices.

Overall the show really was a celebration of our talented students work and showcased a high level of Gymnastics. One of the greatest things about the show is the way that it brings all of the year groups together to either choreograph or perform in routines. Special mentions must go to Anna McEwan and Erin Breen who were both driving forces behind the show and Grace Gill for her continued support and choreographic skills. The bar has been set high and we are already looking forward to next year!

On Tuesday we had two county finals with our Y8 girls football team playing at Wollams in the Wix Shield final and the Y10 boys playing in the County Plate final against Richard Hale. Our opposition were Onslow St Audery School. Despite goalkeeper Millie Fields fracturing her finger the week before and some of the team not attending due to the U12 district netball tournament, the team were excited to retain the title for the school. An early goal from the opposition meant that Sandringham had to re-shuffle their defence and raise their playing intensity. Two excellent through balls from Ida Sondergaard and Katie Leigh, gave Eliza Telford two scoring opportunities and she did not disappoint, giving Sandringham a one goal lead. Before the end of the first half, a superb run from Millie Flemming committed the goalkeeper one way and allowed Grace Macmuarry to score a further goal making the half time score 3-1 to Sandringham.

However, Onslow came out fighting in the second half. Their large number of supporters gave them a significant boost and their striker scored two goals in quick succession. Ever the fighters, some great link play by Yasmin Howgego got the ball to Telford who showed incredible skill to beat 3 Onslow defenders and find the back of the net putting Sandringham back into the lead. Great defence from Molly Charnock meant that the opposition couldn’t find their striker and the time remaining for Onslow to equalise was steadily slipping away. With five minutes remaining, an accidental handball by the Sandringham defence meant that the opposition had what would surely be their final chance. Despite her injury, Fields looked confident as the Onslow striker stepped forward to take the shot. Under a huge amount of pressure the striker sent the ball over the bar and Sandringham were able to keep the ball up field for the remainder of the game, meaning they won 4-3 and were crowned County Champions! Well done to all of the girls for their commitment to the football team this season and for being excellent ambassadors for the school in the final. You did your coach proud!
The boys basketball final was also a very tense affair with the teams being very closely matched. In the first quarter Hale built a solid lead through some post play, which we struggled to deal with. As the first half wore on we started to get back into the game through some tough defence and some fast paced offensive basketball. At half time the lead was cut to just 2 points and confidence was high. The lead changed hands going into the final few minutes and the foul count was putting pressure on both teams. There were some very tense moments in the last few minutes and eventually Hale were victorious, lifting the trophy with a 3 point margin of victory. Well done to all the Y9 and 10 boys who played.

On Wednesday evening the 1st XV Rugby team were also in action in the Herts RFU County Shield final. It was an excellent occasion with a large crowd arriving at OA’s to support the team in this showcase event. The opponents were Knights Templar school from Baldock. It ended up being a very one sided match with some outstanding team play and some very good individual performances from our senior players. Rory Hextall led the team to a 43-0 victory in what saw some excellent attacking play and an even better defensive stand to keep them out. Well done boys on a great win and a fantastic stint from some of the Y13 boys in their school time.

Well done to the U13 girls rugby team who competed in the annual rugby festival at Hertford Rugby Club. Some fantastic first performances from new Year 7’s joining the team this year! After some great performances in the pool games winning two games and drawing one, they made it through to the next round as the runners up and unfortunately lost the subsequent games 7-4 and 7-1. Well done, a great afternoon of rugby! Player of the tournament – Fae Gibson!

A brilliant performance from the U12A netball team as they become district champions at the annual district tournament! Winning all pool games convincingly they went on to beat SRA in the semi-final and STAHS in the final, a fantastic achievement which hasn’t been won by a team other than STAHS for a number of years! Player of the tournament – Maddie Brown. Similarly the U12B team performed brilliantly, winning three out of four pool games, making it into the semi-finals but unfortunately losing to STAHS in a really tough game. Player of the tournament – Grace Pyne.

The Y11 boys were involved a County Cup bball semi-final on Thursday evening against St. Columba’s. It was a very close game and the first half saw the lead change hands several times. With the game closing in, foul trouble saw the game run away from us and SCC eventually took the win. Well done on a great performance and a superb defensive first half.

Last Saturday the Y8-11 boys were at St. Albans School for a Saturday football fixture. The matches were all played in superb spirit and gave the boys another opportunity to play on some superb pitches against some good opposition and enjoy a sporting morning of football. The results were shared with our Y8 and Y10 boys getting the wins and the Y9 and Y11s narrowly losing. Well done and on to Roundwood!

For more news, fixtures, team sheets and results don’t forget to follow us @SandringhamPE on Twitter and at www.sandringhamsport.co.uk

Andrew Cracknell
Director of Learning: PE
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Quiz Night

Friday 23rd March

Bar Open 7pm
Quiz 7.30pm until late

Dinner and Quiz tickets £10
A selection of meals available

Teams of up to 8
or join a team on the night

Licensed Bar
Real ales, prosecco, wine
and soft drinks

Tickets available at
www.sandpittheatre.co.uk
and 01727 799565

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'SANDRINGHAM BARBARIANS' v OA 'GRIZZLIES'

RUGBY CHARITY MATCH
WEDS 25th APR
ARRIVE FROM 6:30 ONWARDS AT THE OLD ALBANIANS RUGBY CLUB ST ALBANS AL3 6BB
KICK OFF 7:30 PM

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Families welcome
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