



Sheiling School Ringwood - Newsletter

Easter 2011



Shrove Tuesday Fun — Pancake Races and X-Factor Carnival!

On Tuesday 8th March...we celebrated pancake day with Pancake Races. In the afternoon we dressed up for the X factor Carnival. But then Farmer David came on and he thought it was the Eggs-Factor (queue lots of egg-themed jokes - eggstraordinary!) Oliver said he dressed up like an old man, but really he looked very cool in his white jacket (see picture above, right!) Watchmoor dressed up as boys and girls—the girls dressed up as boys and the boys dressed up as girls! Sheiling House were dressed as Pirates (above) and there were also people dressed as fish, street dancers and trees! We started with Grant who was the co-presenter. He introduced the judges – our lovely Estelle and Kathleen as Dannii Minogue and Cheryl Cole, Steven was Louis Walsh and Frodo kind of like Simon Cowell – Oliver said he looked like he had a cabbage on his head! Every house did a sketch – a play, a song or a dance. Lukas liked Westmount's Abba song (with Oliver's crooning!) Oliver liked singing Dancing Queen and Casey liked doing the Chicken Dance. We also did a dance with Fabian and had a visit from a French chef called Monsieur Fricassee! We had supper all together and then there was a disco. Everybody had a great time.

Written by Casey, Oliver, Lukas and David of the IT Club!

Summer Fair and Open Day...make a note on your calendar that this year's Open Day is Sunday 3rd July. At the parents' day in February we collected money to start the cash prize fund for the raffle. Donations of cash or prizes for the raffle are still needed.

Summer Fair and Open Day

Sunday, 3rd July 2011 from 1pm...

We will also need help to sell (and buy) raffle tickets and volunteers to help run stalls and set up on the day. Offers of help/support to David Morley please—01425 477488

College Project Update...we have progressed to the second stage of registration as a provider of further education with the YPLA and are soon to lodge our application with the Care Quality Commission to provide accommodation and care for young adults with special needs. Fingers crossed! We have been visiting and having discussions with other Camphill Colleges about programs and registration. We are finalising the College Business Plan and the development of our site in anticipation of successful registration and a September start. So steady progress on this exciting project. If you have questions about the college proposals please contact me.

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Photo: This Charming Man: Joshua enters into the spirit of Red Nose Day (below)



A Taste of Easter...Shhhhhh.....it's sleeping! This was one of the clues telling us where the Easter egg could be hidden. As most of us are going to celebrate Easter at home this year, we decided to have our little Easter Egg hunt in Sheiling House just before the holidays. So on Sunday afternoon we got a message saying that there was a little present for each person in the house, hidden somewhere in the Sheiling School. We got little cards with our names, giving us clues where our egg might be hiding. One was deep asleep in the bed, one was taped on top of the monkey bars and another one was burning in the oven...but where were the others? No need to try and look though...we found them all! Yum. *Anna, Sheiling House*

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Mother's Day...the 3rd Year Seniors visited the Arcade Florist in Ringwood (*above*) to hang up hearts they had decorated with messages for their mums to celebrate Mother's Day; also remembering those children who do not have a mum. There was a special heart tree in the florists and they donated some pocket money to the Hope for Children charity which helps orphans to find a home within a family. *Julie*

Volunteers Needed...on Bank Holiday Monday 30th May the Ashley Heath car boot sale will be donating their proceeds to us as their chosen local charity. We need people to be there to shake buckets and smile, from 7am to late morning. *Please contact David Morley if you can help—01425 477488*

After School Clubs...there have again been a wide range of clubs on offer to the Seniors and some of the Lower School pupils this term. To celebrate, at the end of the term the Drama Club gave a performance of their play—The Lion, The Hunter and the Birds (*see picture below*). It was great! *David*



Goodbye to Astrid...our faithful school nurse, Astrid Ebrey-Henning (*pictured right*), has decided to seek new adventures in a Camphill community in Norfolk! Astrid has been with us for over 6 years and has taken a leading role in developing the medical support and cover here at school. Her energy and enthusiasm will be missed and we wish her well in her future endeavours. Thank you Astrid! *David*



Dorset Parents and Carers Day...On Monday 28th March, Sue, Nikki and I represented the school at the annual Dorset Parents and Carers Day held at Kingston Maurward College near Dorchester. It was a non-stop day with a constant flow of interested people visiting our stall. The feedback we received from visitors was extremely positive, with comments like 'I've heard of you... brilliant school; great place; wonderful with children like mine; lots of exciting things happen there'. We also had very positive comments from representatives from the local authority. *Paula*



Photos: Activity Day 19th March: (*above*) Niamh doing puppet making and... **Sheilings School FC:** practise time (*below*)



Seniors' Fundraising...Seniors 1 worked very hard to raise money by washing cars, for children affected by the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. They were also studying earthquakes in their main lesson. They raised over £100 and paid this into the bank as part of their independent travel work. The Seniors Valentine's disco also raised £30 which they are sending to an Orphanage in North India. Allison had talked to the Pupil Council about her visit there and they then decided they wanted to help the children and raise some money towards clothes and food. Well done the Seniors! *Paula*



Photos in this edition: Sarah, Charlotte, David, Julie, Estelle, Carmen