

PETERSPEAK

The Newsletter from
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South Bank, Middlesbrough
'Learning together - Living in Christ'

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Adjudicator's Decision

It is with great regret I have to inform you the Adjudicator decided to uphold the Local Authority decision to close St Peter's. The projected date for this closure is July 2012. It is very sad, and in our opinion a wrong decision. However, after the devastating blow the staff, Governors and students of St Peter's are working harder than ever to achieve our best possible results. Please pray for us.

Student Progress

The recent Year 8 Parents' Evening was well attended. We outlined our innovative curriculum which facilitates many students being able to pass GCSE exams before they are forced to leave St Peter's. This avoids difficulties matching the curriculum in their new school.

Year 9 are continuing on their three year KS4 to increase their chances of higher grades in 2011.

Year 11 are reaching the end of their studies and many have already achieved good grades in the modular aspects of their courses. The students who have studied Wider Key Skills with Mrs Phillips and Mr Ainsley have had 100% pass rate to date. Excellent!

Staffing

Mr Forster leaves us for a promotion to commence his new post at Nunthorpe School after Easter. We wish him great success in the future.

I am pleased to report **Mrs Phillips** will take over the role of Head of St Alban House. This is an excellent appointment and the students in her care will be well cared for.

Attendance

Our attendance and punctuality statistics show some improvement, but still do not hit the target figure. It is imperative that the young people attend regularly and on time. Not only is this good training for their future, if they are absent their learning is interrupted which in turn may affect their final grades. Please support us in ensuring your child attends regularly including avoiding taking holidays in term time.

Congratulations go to: -

The following students have achieved a **Head's Merit Certificate** this half term: - Sophie Green, Suzy Appleton, Michael Kelly, Jack Butcher, Laura Scoins and Georgia Wilkins.

Pope Idol winners this year were Jack Butcher and Sophie Green with Michael Kelly. Unfortunately they did not win the contest overall at Middlesbrough Little Theatre but the overall standard has risen and they were level footing with the winners.

The **U14 Netball Team** won the inter-schools tournament on Thursday 11th March. Pupils involved were: - Natasha Scurr, Jessica Reed, Courtney Norman, Melissa Hunter, Melissa O'Neill, Sam Martin and Hannah Coverdale. The team were coached by **Miss Small**.

Sports Ambassadors

Eleanor Hart and Luke Miller have been selected as Sports Ambassadors for the School Sport Partnership. They will be working with ambassadors from schools across Redcar and Cleveland on promoting the 2012 Olympics. Part of this role will involve organising a primary Olympic Festival for the feeder primaries, during National School Sport Week.

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Six pupils from St Peter's were given the opportunity to perform live in front of 10,000 fans at a Bradford Bulls Rugby League Match. Jack Butcher, Katie Smith, Kayleigh Owens, Samantha Martin, Rebecca Graham and Sammy Lee Broomfield all successfully auditioned and took part in a week long singing, dancing and media project that resulted in this fantastic experience.

3 Year 9 Students have been successful in achieving a bronze award in the UK intermediate Mathematical Challenge in February 2010. They are: Callum Allan, Andrew Alcock and Gajus Girdenis.

St Thomas More House for attaining the highest percentage attendance this term. They will be having a non-uniform day on Thursday as a reward.

Ex-student **Jessica Robinson** who has succeeded in the auditions for Andrew Lloyd Webber's new musical "Over the Rainbow". Out of 90,000 applicants Jess is now one of the last 11 and will be on our TV screens weekly. Please vote for her to go all the way and become "Dorothy".

Easter

Holy week has been marked in school in various ways commencing with pancakes on sale made by **Miss Glanville** and **Mrs Davey** on Shrove Tuesday, culminating in services for each year group on Thursday morning. This has been co-ordinated by **Miss Glanville**. It ensures our young people experience the true meaning of this most holy of Christian festivals.

In conjunction with this, **Mr Ward** has initiated another fund raising activity this half term, to raise money for St Teresa's Hospice, Darlington; the Multiple Sclerosis Society; and Aids orphans in Uganda. The fund raising is part of our regular inter-house challenges. Each form has been set the challenge to design a giant teddy bear poster. The design must match the theme of Teddies in Europe (a national initiative) and reflect the House colours or patron saint. The winning designs from each of the four Houses will be made up into a set of clothes to dress a real teddy bear. Your support for the fund raising will be appreciated.

Upcoming Sports Clubs

Trampoline Club will be starting on Thursday 22nd April and will run every Thursday 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

A Cricket Club will be starting for Years 7 & 8 on Wednesday 21st April and will run every Wednesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

Dates for your Diary

1 st April	Break up for Easter Holidays
19 th April	Return to school
3 rd May	Spring Bank Holiday
4 th May	Year 10 Exams week
10 th May	Year 7 & 9 Exams week
10 th May	Year 8 Reports issued to parents
17 th May	GCSE Exams commence
21 st May	Year 11 Leavers' Mass
28 th May	Lourdes Pilgrimage leaves school
28 th May	Break up for half term
7 th June	Return to school
22 nd & 23 rd June	Year 6 Transition Days & Parents' Evening
30 th June	Year 11 Prom at Rushpool Hall, Saltburn
2 nd July	Review Day for Years 7, 8, 9 & 10
6 th July	Health & Fitness Day
16 th July	Sports Day
20 th July	Aces
21 st July	Whole School Trip
23 rd July	Break up for Summer Holidays

There may be other dates to add later in the term of which you will be informed.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Easter.

Mrs P J M Hanrahan
Headteacher