



THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College

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Message from the Head of College

Welcome to this penultimate edition of The Voice before we get to yet another end of the Academic year.

The main news this half term is the success of our bid to gain the Inclusion Charter Mark (see page 2). A huge amount of effort went in to preparing evidence to support this application, which showcased the College's work to ensure 'Inclusion for All'. A formal presentation of the award will take place in June.

I would like to use my section of the newsletter this time to pay tribute to Mr Barrett, Head of Humanities, who is leaving us for pastures new in Norfolk. Mr Barrett has been with the College since 1999, initially as Teacher of History and Geography. He has moved an already successful department forwards and his passion and enthusiasm for his subject areas are to be commended. The College wishes him every success for his future relocation – he will be sorely missed



M Sandeman

YEAR 11 NEWS

The Year 11 last day is Thursday 26 May 2011. It will be a day of activities and fun. It is non-uniform! The Revision Timetable has gone out to students and is also on the College website. I would encourage all of our students to attend these sessions whenever possible.

The Prom is on Friday 8 July 2011 at the Marriott Hotel, Peterborough starts at 7.30pm until midnight. The full amount of £25.00 should now have been paid. There will be a disco and buffet. The bar will sell alcohol free drinks only. A photographer will be there, so make sure you have extra money to pay for your photos!

Finally...I would like to wish you all the very best of luck for your exams and for the future. Make sure you revise hard and get the grades you deserve!!

Mrs M Warrington, Head of Year 11

Key Dates next term

Term starts	Monday 6 June 2011
Year 8 Parents' Evening	Monday 13 June 2011
Cucina Bistro Evening	Thursday 23 June 2011
DofE Presentation Evening	Thursday 30 June 2011
Sixth Form Induction Days	Monday 4 July 2011—Tuesday 5 July 2011
Year 6 Primary Day and Evening	Wednesday 6 July 2011
Year 13 and Year 11 Prom	Friday 8 July 2011
Year 10 Work Experience	Monday 11 July 2011—Thursday 21 July 2011
Activity Days	Tuesday 19 July 2011—Thursday 21 July 2011
End of Term	Thursday 21 July 2011



Outdoor swimming pool open to the community for 2011, contact 01733 254040 or see website for further details.



Sweat The Technique 2011

On Thursday 12 May 2011 the dance showcase took the College by storm and put on an amazing show. Well done to all those who took part and gave excellent performances. The evening was a huge success and all the students did the college proud.

Thank you to all of those that came and supported the students. Watch this space for Sweat the Technique 2012!!

This show had dances from a variety of clubs that the dance department offer. If you are interested in joining a club to perform in next year's show ask Miss Bugby or Miss Rowland for more details.



COLLEGE NEWS

INCLUSION CHARTER MARK 2011



The College is pleased to inform parents and students at Arthur Mellows Village College that on 29 March 2011 the College was awarded the Inclusion Charter Mark. This success would not have been possible without a huge amount of effort by all staff in assisting with the compilation of evidence which only served to exemplify the excellent work already being done to support Inclusion of all students. A special thanks should be extended to Mrs Parnell who steered the College in the success of this award.

Mrs Sanderson, PA to Head of College



The Jaguar Cars Maths in Motion Challenge

A group of students from Arthur Mellows have been involved in the challenge, which is proving to be one of the most popular and established Maths challenges in the country.

The challenge involves students working together in small teams, who compete against each other in an effort to win a grand prix type race using simulation software and become UK champions.

The activity involves a wide range of basic mathematical skills, some practical, being used and applied. We managed to win through a regional heat and have just missed out in a semi-final, finishing 14th in the Key Stage 3 category. The top 12 from hundreds of entries, won their place to the final held at the Heritage Motor Museum in Warwickshire. This was a terrific achievement as it was our first year getting to know the software.

Participating students: Year 8 Alastair Wright, Conner Pearson, Jagatdeep Kalra, Oliver Tod, Nathan Caine and Year 7 Toby Shonfeld, Gary Ciccone. A big thank you to Mr Staffieri for all his efforts guiding the students

By Miss L Marshall, Maths Teacher

Students pictured from the left to right; Alastair Wright 8ASH, Conner Pearson 8ASH, Jagatdeep Kalra 8ASH and in front Gary Ciccone 7VWA



BISTRO EXPERIENCE

On Wednesday 11 May 2011 a group of Year 10 students took part in the Cucina Bistro Evening. The group included: Daniel Fardey, Eve Miller, Ellen Worship, Chelsea Baker, Amber Kenny, Kayleigh Reed and Jenny Webb.

We each got to prepare the meal in groups of 2 or 3. We used Monday and Tuesday night after school to prepare for the Wednesday night. We catered for 51 diners. The menu was: Starter – Oriental Beef Noodle Soup, Main – Parmesan coated Sea Bass, Gnocchi and Sweet Peppers and Dessert – a trio of Rum Baba, Trifle and mini Baked Alaska.

The experience was really useful and helpful. It was very rewarding and pleasing to know that people enjoyed it. Some of the comments were "Fabulous evening...flavours and taste – first class. Very enjoyable", "This was a lovely evening" and "Baked Alaska – amazing".

We fully enjoyed the experience and would recommend it to anyone who gets the chance to do it. We would like to thank Steve and the other Cucina ladies and not forgetting Mrs Nash, for giving us the chance to take part and making the event so memorable.

By Eve Miller 10PHI and Ellen Worship 10LMA

* Photos and further comments from the evening (and previous events) can be found on the College website under 'News and Events/Cucina Bistro Experience'.



PRESENTATION EVENING 2011

On Thursday 7 April 2011, Arthur Mellows Village College held its annual Presentation Evening, during which certificates and awards were presented to a representative number of students indicative of real success achieved at all levels. It is a tradition that such successes have become an established expectation at Arthur Mellows.

Academic results, however, are only one indication of success. In other areas, particularly sporting and cultural, many individuals and groups of students have been involved at all levels. Our students show enthusiasm which is most creditable to themselves, their parents and the College staff who care for them.

Our guest speaker this year was Anthony Bartram, Midlands Reporter, BBC Network News. Anthony was a former student of Arthur Mellows. Anthony left Arthur Mellows in 1989 after persuading a local newspaper to sponsor him through Journalism College and after a year of studying, Anthony joined the Peterborough Standard group of newspapers as a trainee/tea boy.

Anthony moved to the Evening Telegraph as a crime reporter and recalls on his first day that the editor who hired him was sacked! Anthony eventually moved to the BBC, for Radio Cambridgeshire. Whilst at the BBC Anthony went on to become a TV reporter and presenter for Look East and finally in 2007 became a Network Reporter covering the Midlands. Anthony still lives in Nottingham with his wife and four children, and has just finished writing his first novel.

The following students achieved Outstanding Achievement Awards in the subsequent areas:

- * **Jamie Giggs**, for English Language and Literature
- * **Emma Derbyshire** for English Literature
- * **Leah Short** for English Language and Textiles
- * **Josh Lovell** for Mathematics and Physics
- * **Natasha Bloodworth** for Biology
- * **Rosie Connolly** for Chemistry
- * **Dominic Wright** for Environmental Science
- * **Daphne Bolster** for Modern Foreign Languages
- * **Oliver Merry** for Sociology, Psychology and ICT
- * **Zoe Goodchild** for Psychology
- * **Holly Weaver** for Art
- * **Fletcher Cooper** for Graphics, Media Studies Philosophy and Ethics
- * **Mary Tenney** for Resistant Materials
- * **Sam Smith** for Applied Business
- * **Brett Bark** for Business Studies
- * **Sophie Wright** for Health and Social Care
- * **Georgia Sharman** for Travel and Tourism
- * **Charlotte Hinch** for Geograph and General Studies
- * **Rob Graham and Catherine Duerden** for Drama
- * **Daniel McGinn** for Sport
- * **Ellena Matthews** for History
- * **Jenny Orrell** received 'The Duncan Fleet Duke of Edinburgh Award'
- * Outstanding Progress Awards were received by **Rachel Taylor** and **Tom Hirst**, whilst **Emily Beales** received the Governors' Award for the Best GCSE Results
- * **Joe Baines** and **Zoe Clark** received the Head Boy and Head Girl Awards
- * For the first time an award was given for an 'Outstanding Record of Attendance'; **Rob Graham**; during his 5 years at Arthur Mellows, Rob never had a day absent

An extract from the speech given by Anthony during Presentation Evening:

'But there is another well known name here at this school I wanted to tell you about. I had heard of him, and you will have too, but I knew next to nothing about the man. His name was Arthur Holdich Mellows – he is that important looking chap in the painting on the wall outside this hall. I must have passed his picture hundreds of times while I was here, but all I ever knew about him was that the College was named after him and he was once the Mayor of Peterborough.



So who was Arthur Mellows? I thought I would do a bit of digging into his past. Arthur Mellows was born in 1892. I tried 'Googling' him to find just a dozen or so references about him. Not a lot to show for a man who's legacy still stands in the bricks and mortar of this school. His family tree shows he was the son of a Solicitor and Town Clerk of this city. He was bright; studying classics at Oxford, he was brave, signing up with the Huntingdonshire Cyclists Battalion when the First World War broke out; rising to the rank of Colonel. During his life he served as a solicitor and Labour Controller in Baghdad, which was an important and much fought over trading post even then. As a City Councillor Colonel Mellows was heavily involved in rolling out an ambitious education programme for Peterborough. As Mayor he opened the Lido. He was president of Peterborough RFC. His life ended abruptly at the age of 56 when he was killed in a car accident. This College was finished and named after him a year later in 1949.

So that's the man summed up in about a minute. Mellows was bright, brave, civic minded and highly respected in his day and I am quite disappointed not to have more to report. If he had been around today, he would no doubt have a Facebook site and we would be able to follow him on Twitter.

He now has about 1500 followers among the students of this College today and his legacy has helped educate tens of thousands. Of those dozen entries about him on the Internet, most of the brief lines would fit into a single tweet, and yet more than 60 years later the City and local community he helped shape is still benefiting. Taking a closer look at the man in that painting, we may consider how much of ourselves is out there on the Internet and the significance of it being there.'



PE NEWS



YEAR 10 EXCEL THEMSELVES!

Fifty Sports Leaders from Year 10 staged and organised a FANTASTIC event for Year 2 students from our feeder primary schools on Wednesday 18 May 2011. Leaders had to plan, set up and run a range of 22 different activities for a total of 240 students to enjoy. What a BRILLIANT job they did. All the young students had an active and purposeful time learning new skills, playing games and interacting with both the other youngsters and our leaders.

Many leaders were nervous to begin with but their fears were soon put to rest once they started. They had no choice but to get stuck in and take the lead — they had 12 pupils at a time listening to their every word. Well done Year 10 leaders for playing your part in giving the Year 2 students a great sporting experience they will not forget.

The following students were especially praised by accompanying teachers as having a real aptitude for leading the sessions: Jordan Bunch, Robert Mills, Hannah Wayland, Emma Watts, Charlotte Maclellan, Kayley-Jayne Hughes and Fiona Roden.

Thank you and well done to all.

Mrs D Wilding, Schools Sports Co-ordinator at Arthur Mellows Village College



Year 7 Regional Rugby Tournament



On Friday 1 April 2011, fifteen Year 7 students represented the College at the South of England Rugby Tournament in Bishop's Stortford.

The students had made their way to the regional round after good results in the Peterborough and Cambridgeshire rounds. Six out of the fifteen students were playing their first competitive Rugby game and representing the College for the first time.

Although the students did not make it through to the final they did have competitive games, improving in each game of the tournament, finishing with a fantastic three try win over St James School.

Every player had a fantastic tournament against some of the best schools from the south of England. Special mention must go to new comers Mackenzie Dale for being Arthur Mellows' top try scorer, Jack Hogg for controlling the game extremely well at Fly Half and Jack Hopkins for some great try saving tackles on the wing.

The squad; Harry Harbinson, Kieran Coulson, Nathan Taylor, Conor Morton, Mackenzie Dale, Lewis Manning, Ben Stone, Alex Carter, Jack Hogg, Lewis Taylor, Charlie Meadows, Josh Watson, Jack Hopkins and Ben Buckberry.

Mr D Low, PE Teacher

Year 7 Cambridge Schools Football County Champions

Junior Football:

Arthur Mellows Village College 2, Neale Wade 1

The Year 7 Football team secured the title of County Champions on Thursday 31 March 2011 with an excellent victory over Neale Wade at Chestnut Avenue.

The route to the final saw the Year 7 team beating some very good opposition, including the Voyager, Longsands and Sawtry.

The Year 7 team demonstrated a high level of technical skill and deserved the victory with both goals coming from the boot of Tommy Smith. Captain Danny Jarvis collected the Cup and each member of the squad picked up a medal. Well done and congratulations to the whole team.

Mr Jones, PE Teacher

The squad; Conor Millen, Ryan Brennan, Josh Stubbs, Max Crowson, Josh Garner, Danny Jarvis, Sam Shields, Callum Richardson, James Ferris, Tommy Smith, Matt Richardson, Sam Sheffield, Sam Carter and Rhys Lenton

Managed by Mr Jones and Mr Neaverson.

