



THE VOICE of Arthur Mellows Village College

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Message from the Head of College

I hope you find this latest edition of The Voice an interesting read, with some of the articles continuing onto the College website with more detailed news. It always pleases me to see students finding the time to participate in all the extra-curricular events that are planned, whilst still continuing with their studies. Well done to you all!

The College has another extremely busy half term coming up, with quite a few events that involve parents. I would like to thank all parents for their continued support.

M Sandeman

LOCAL HOUSEBUILDER DONATES £1,000 TO ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE

Bourne-based home builder Larkfleet Homes has kindly donated £1,000 to the College. The money has been used to buy two Visualisers for use by students and staff.

A Visualiser is a camera on a flexible mounting which can be plugged into data projectors. This allows images of books, students' work and small demonstrations to be projected onto a large screen. The images can be recorded and saved for later use. In addition the images can be annotated, zoomed in and used in imaginative ways to enhance the visual impact of material and prompt discussion and evaluation amongst the students.

One of the Visualisers will be located in the English Faculty and one in the Central Resources for use by staff and students of all ages around the College.

Headteacher, Mike Sandeman commented: "We are delighted to accept Larkfleet Homes' generous donation that will further enhance our educational facilities. It is great to see investment by local businesses into nearby communities."

As a further gesture, Larkfleet Homes would like to offer all parents of students at Arthur Mellows Village College £2,000 discount on the price of a Larkfleet property. Please visit www.larkfleethomes.co.uk to view all current developments.

Larkfleet Homes' development at Parsons Prospect on Thorney Road in Eye near Peterborough currently has both two, three and four bedroom homes available, starting from £147,995, (before discount).

The high standard of environmental construction of Larkfleet's properties allows householders to save up to £600 a year in energy bills. With rising energy costs a new Larkfleet Homes will continue to save you money year on year.



MAIN RECEPTION PARKING AT THE COLLEGE



I am writing to advise you that with effect from Monday 28 February 2011 the small car park adjacent to the Main Reception of the College will be closed to cars at the stated times on the front gate. The collection and drop off at the beginning and end of every day should not take place on school premises unless agreed with either the College directly or the Local Authority, when access would be allowed, for an identified period of time, if there was an issue with mobility or a medical condition, eg a child is on crutches.

I can confirm that these measures are being introduced as there is a Health and Safety issue with the parking in this small car park a present.

Your assistance and co-operation would be greatly appreciated to ensure this area remains safe for all users

Mrs C Clayton
Deputy Headteacher

Key Dates next term

End of Term	Friday 18 February 2011
Term starts	Monday 28 February 2011
Year 9 Parents' Option Evening	Monday 28 February 2011
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Monday 7 March 2011
Cucina Bistro Evening	Thursday 10 March 2011
Year 11 Revision Evening	Monday 14 March 2011
College Performance at Key Theatre	Thursday 17 - 19 March 2011
Year 12 Parents' Evening	Monday 21 March 2011
Gifted and Talented Evening for Parents	Monday 28 March 2011
Presentation Evening	Thursday 7 April 2011
End of Term	Friday 8 April 2011



EASTER PLAYScheme

MONDAY 11 APRIL 2011—FRIDAY 15 APRIL 2011
8.30 am—4.00 pm

FOR CHILDREN AGED 8 UPWARDS

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND AN APPLICATION FORM
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COLLEGE NEWS

Arthur Mellows Village College Presents



*By Tim Firth
Music and Lyrics
by Madness*

THE KEY THEATRE
17th March- 19th March
Nightly at 7:30pm

Tickets £8.50 (£6.00 concessions)

Box Office 01733 207239

or book at www.peterboroughkeytheatre.co.uk

An Amateur production by arrangement with Joseph Weinberger LTD

New York

Without wishing to sound melodramatic, I write this on the brink of death through sheer exhaustion. We were in New York itself for about 72 hours in total, during which time we crammed in an unbelievable amount of media-related excursions and sight-seeing. Within an hour of arriving, we were waving giant foam fingers whilst watching the Knicks lose at basketball to Dallas in Madison Square Garden, despite the presence of Chris Rock and Justin Bieber to cheer them on, though the latter was booed by the 30,000 strong crowd. As the sensible headed for sleep, some brave souls ascended the Empire State Building for amazing night-time views of the Manhattan cityscape.

The next morning we were up and out early for a 3 hour coach tour of film locations around the city, including the 'Friends' apartment building. This was followed by a 4 hour film-making workshop with the New York Film Academy with industry professionals who casually mentioned later that you could not watch MTV for more than an hour without watching some of their work. In the evening, the group split in 3; some went to watch a Broadway show, others took the opportunity to celebrate the Chinese New Year in Chinatown, whilst the rest watched the Rangers take on New Jersey, in a ferocious ice hockey showdown at MSG, which ended with New York hitting the post with the last shot of the game to lose 3-2.

On Friday morning, we went on a boat tour which took in the Statue of Liberty, followed by a trip into Queens to the Museum of Moving Image, followed by more sightseeing, with some students returning to MSG for a third night to watch Linkin Park and Pendulum.

As ever, our students were a pleasure to be with and a credit to the College, seizing every opportunity to explore the city and its many delights. I was delighted that by the end of the trip, most students' response to the question of their favourite part of the trip was the same: "Just being there."

To read more on the New York Trip please go to www.arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk

Mr B Zaidi

GIFTED AND TALENTED PARENTS' EVENING



On Monday 7 February the College held an evening for the parents of students who have been highlighted as Gifted and Talented. This was an opportunity to talk to parents about the wide range of extra-curricular provision and support which is available academically and pastorally at Arthur Mellows Village College. Whilst the aim of the College is to maximise the potential of all our children, we also recognise that Gifted and Talented children need support and encouragement to develop the confidence and self-belief which will motivate them to aim high and to compete on an even playing field with the independent schools for competitive university places.

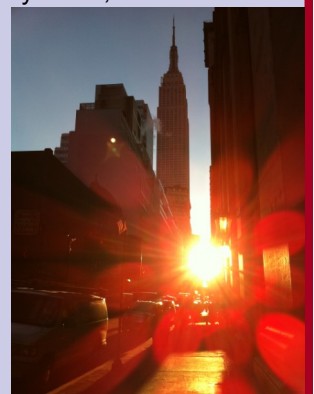
Kate Lewis, showcasing the English department as an example of academic provision, outlined the extra-curricular programme that is on offer for all Year Groups which has included working with the Cambridge Classics department as well as professional writers and poets. Emma Jacklin, on behalf of Humanities, showcased an example of a recent Year 8 project, the "Mad Medics." This highlighted the various skills which the students had developed through taking part in this project.

Jo Reid talked about the Oxbridge programme, which runs from Years 9 to 12 and the many ways in which the College prepares our top students for the academic rigours of the interview, as well as demystifying the application process. Joanna Roden, one of our students who has received an offer from the University of Cambridge to study History, shared her experiences of the programme and how it prepared her for the interview.

Iain Simper, the adviser for Gifted and Talented from "Excellence East", talked to parents about the online resources available for them to access in supporting their child at home.

The evening was over-subscribed and a second evening is planned for Monday 28 March for those parents who were unable to attend.

Mrs S Reilly



COLLEGE NEWS

Mad Medics

A huge well done to; Hester Baird, Felicity Lyons, Jada Brown, Anna Wood, Gemma Beales, Daisy Malton, Ellie Mackie, Dylan Dhokia, Joshua Rowbotham, Cyrus Ashraf, Elton Clow and Ryan Hunter all in Year 8 who successfully completed in the inter-school 'Mad Medic' project.



The Challenge: To create a short film to go with the opening of 'The Old Victorian Operating Theatre' at Peterborough Museum.

It all started with a trip to London on Thursday 4 November 2010 to see 'The Old Operating Theatre'. The students watched a performance explaining how the theatre was used. We learnt many gory and fascinating details such as why the operating theatre was in the attic of a chapel, and the importance of speed in operations before anaesthetics. Apparently, the record for a leg amputation was 6 minutes. The students then had a chance to look at the displays showing how medicine has changed through time.

Later that day, the students also had a chance to visit the Science Museum to gain a greater understanding of the development of medicine from Egyptian times to current techniques.

When we visited the Peterborough Museum, the students worked with Rose Edwards, Education Officer at Peterborough Museum to learn all about the museum's past as a hospital. The students heard dramatic stories of inventions, tragic deaths and amazing recoveries. After lunch, the students split into two teams to start filming. It was girls versus boys to see who could come up with the best story and film to bring the museum's past, as Peterborough's main hospital, back to life.

Back at the College, students set about work in earnest, with scripting and planning sessions with Ms Lewis. With one last visit to Peterborough Museum for filming, it was all coming together nicely. The students then tackled the tricky business of editing, for most a completely new experience. On the night of the presentations, we all sat watching the other schools' work and felt a sense of real pride with what everyone had achieved. Rose said that she was delighted with all the hard work the students had put in and looked forward to using the finished films at the refurbished museum.



I would once again like to say a huge well done to the students and thank you to all the staff, parents and governors who have helped and supported us with this project.

If you would like to see the completed films and read more about the 'Mad Medic' project please go to www.arthurmellows.peterborough.sch.uk

Mrs E Jacklin

COMING SOON...

**CINEMA
FOR THE COMMUNITY
AT
ARTHUR MELLOWS
VILLAGE COLLEGE**

Watch this space...



PE NEWS

NETBALL

We are very proud of our U19 Netball team who beat Hills Road Sixth Form College to become County Champions, enabling us, for the third year running, to represent Cambridgeshire in the regional finals in Thurrock, Essex held in January. Once again the girls enjoyed the experience and put up our best ever performance at that level. Well done to Mollie Smee, Simeone Compton (c), Laura Pike, Laura Colledge, Megan Haynes, Rebecca Haynes, Emily Ostler and Charlie Wing.

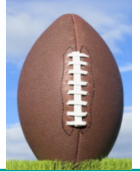


We have started our Year 7 and Year 8 fixtures this term with wins over Jack Hunt but defeats against Kings, but we look forward to revenge in the tournaments in March.



RUGBY

The Year 7 Rugby team had a great city tournament and have qualified for the County Championships, to be played later this month. Well done to the boys and Mr Low, who we are pleased to say will be joining us permanently in September 2011.



We have had a very busy half-term entering all of the competitions in the city.

BADMINTON

We took Key Stage 3 and 4 Badminton players to Bushfield to take part in the local competition. A particular mention to Holly Finding and Tom Hutton who won through their respective semi-finals. Both were beaten by the winner of the tournament

FOOTBALL

Our girls have done really well this year in the first round of matches. Both the U14 and U16 team won all of their games bar one and are in a good position for the next round to be played later this month.



The Year 7 and Year 8 boys have won through to the quarter finals of the county cup and have games later this term so we wish them luck.

DODGE BALL

The Year 11 Dodge Ball teams both acquitted themselves really well recently. Dodge Ball is a new game for us and the Year 11 teams had a sharp learning curve. We all enjoyed ourselves so much, that we will be introducing inter-form Dodge Ball to the College. We wish the Key Stage 3 teams good luck when they play next week.

CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country runners continue to produce excellent performances. We had several runners who represented Cambridgeshire at regional level. Mrs Burke and Mr Jones accompanied them to St Neots and were impressed with their performances.

Minor Girls

7CGE	Georgina Parrett	22
7VWA	Betty Porter	23
7THA	Kayleigh Pilbeam	46
7VWA	Eve Greenaway	29

Junior Girls

9SBL	Katie Hutchinson	5
9CCU	Megan Parrett	27

9EJA Megan Haines-Eynon 21

Inter Girls

10CPE	Emma Watts	9
10LMA	Shannon Ruff	7
11LSA	Charlotte Harris	11
10ECL	Grace Clarke	39

Minor Boys

7JTU Matthew Richardson 16

Junior Boys

8LED	Ashley Brumfield	26
9CCU	Steven Dovey	11
9ABU	Myles Philips	10

Inter Boys

10LHU Daniel Richardson 29

Senior Girls

12BZA Amy Haines-Eyon 7

YEAR 3 GYM AND DANCE DISPLAY AT ARTHUR MELLOWS VILLAGE COLLEGE

On Wednesday 2 February 2011, 200 students filled the Sports Hall and participated in a festival of dance and gymnastics. Every student took part in a class dance which they had prepared during their curriculum dance time at school. It was a great opportunity for pupils to show their work and perform in front of an audience.

Sports Leaders from Arthur Mellows Village College were on hand to guide and support the pupils during the display. A Level and GCSE Dance students showed some of their set studies, which was a great inspiration to the youngsters. Classes from Newborough, Northborough, Glington, Castor, Eye and Duke of Bedford primary schools attended.

Catherine Jenson (aided by the Dance students), a teacher and fitness instructor at Peakirk cum Glington Primary School, kindly led everyone in a mass warm up and cool down which was great fun, active and inclusive.

Particular praise must go to our enthusiastic and committed A Level and GCSE dance leaders: Dannii Jarvis, Daniel Mutton, Connie Porter, Laquicher Bloomfield, Jonny Bennett and Chloe Saddington, who were a great inspiration and super role-models throughout the display.

The next primary event at Arthur Mellows Village College is the very popular Soke Football and Netball competition for Year 5 and 6 pupils on Wednesday 23 March 2011.

Mrs D Wilding

