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National Poetry Day

Thursday 8th October was National Poetry Day and thanks go to Ms Cliffe who organised activities including a visiting poet to help the students to take pleasure out of writing, reading and listening to poetry. More details can be found inside this newsletter.

Evelynn Sharp, the poet, said this about the day:

"I was very struck by the quality of the children's writing and their commitment in the creative writing workshops. Please offer my thanks to the children who took part in the workshops and to the volunteers during the large-group session, along with my wish for them to continue the writing and to keep speaking from the truth of themselves."

Next Friday 23rd October, apart from being the last day of term, is also a non-uniform day when the whole school will be raising money for the campaign to fight breast cancer. Students chose this charity and so we are asking everyone to wear something pink and make a donation to the charity on that day. We think a reasonable donation would be a pound and we encourage all our community to make a contribution towards this worthy cause.

Thank you,

Keith Pailthorpe

REMINDER: Thursday 22nd October is a Parents Evening to meet subject teachers of Year 7 students (5.30 till 7.30 pm). Your children should be making appointments for you with their teachers. Please check!



Modern Foreign Languages
Department



MFL WORDS OF THE WEEK.

SPANISH - Week commencing 12th October, 2008



YEAR 8

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junio
noviembre

febrero
julio
diciembre

marzo
agosto

abril
septiembre

mayo
octubre

YEAR 9

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MFL WORDS OF THE WEEK.

FRENCH - Week commencing 12th October, 2008



YEAR 7

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YEAR 8

La voiture
Le bateau
L'autobus

La mobylette
Le moto
Les pieds

Le train
Le metro

Le vélo
L'avion

YEAR 9

Je fais
Je mange
Je vais

Je vais faire
Je vais manger
Je vais aller

Je joue
Je regarde

Je vais jouer
Je vais regarder

*Congratulations to Emily Swaddling, 9SRE2, who has achieved a **Highly Commended** award in the National Storytelling Competition run by the National Association of Teachers of Travellers. Well done, Emily; a fantastic effort!*

This is the beginning of Emily's prize winning story:



Traveller's Story

It was the year 1963. I was on the road again. I was just seven years old and I started travelling with my parents. Our beautifully decorated caravan and our huge horses, Lauren and Hardy, were pulling us along the dusty road. Lauren, the taller of the two, was a wedding present from my grandparents. Hardy, slightly shorter and a little bit overweight, was given to my father as payment for work on a friend's farm in Suffolk.

If we could find a site, we would stay there for a week or two. My dad would find a job to bring money in for food and clothing. Back then it was hard to find decent jobs that paid good money, so whatever money my dad could earn had to last. When he went to work, me and mum stayed home to clean the van and look after the horses.

We couldn't afford much because we were travellers and people back then didn't trust us; but we were happy and dad seemed less angry now he was away from the farm. Mum said I'd understand when I am older. It was all to do with money or something, but I couldn't see what the fuss was about. I liked the farm. All my friends were there and I missed them. Don't get me wrong, living in a caravan is great fun, but whenever I found a school that I liked mum and dad got moved on or I got picked on because I'm a traveller.

National Poetry Day 2009



To celebrate this year's NPD, the professional writer, Evlynn Sharp, came in for the day to work with Year 7 students.



Evlynn gave a talk about her work and then read some of her poems to the year group. She also shared some of the poetry she's worked on with teenagers in London and a fantastic poem that she'd written using ideas from Miss Cliffe's 7D English class. Next, some year 7 volunteers stepped up to the stage and, with Evlynn's help, created a poem together on the spot!

Forty lucky year 7 students also took part in two poetry workshops run by Evlynn Sharp. The following poems were written in the workshops entirely by ETC students; what a talented bunch!



Behind my mask I am a twenty year old girl that is very shy and troubled.
I've been through a lot, you see.
I remember it like it was yesterday.
I could feel her coldness as soon as I walked in the room.
It was like an iceberg on my face.
I lent towards her face.
I could hear nothing.
She was dead.

Amber Newman, 7SHO3

Today I'm confused.
Confused about what to do with my life,
Where to go,
What to say.
I have done it all.
I've met the president.
I've got all As.
I don't know what to do.
I don't know what to do.
I have done it all.
I have done it all.

Charlie Hylands, 7REL2

Behind my mask
I am a girl who loves being herself.
I live my life
Like every day is my last.
Just think,
You only live once.
So try to stay happy
And never give up hope.
Try your hardest every day
And people will accept who you are.

Calista Woods, 7SRE2

He left without saying goodbye.
He spat on the floor,
Flung himself into the car.
He left without saying goodbye to his girlfriend.
She watched the car with the flashing lights
Taking him away.
A tear fell down her cheek.
The police had him then...

Jenny Seavers, 7BBO3

So it's big THANK YOU to Evlynn Sharp, all the staff who supported us and especially our very talented Year 7 poets!

Miss Cliffe and the English department.

Spanish Theatre Trip to Eastbourne College Robinson Crusoe en español



On Tuesday 13th October we took 12 GCSE Spanish students to Eastbourne College to watch a Spanish Language Adaptation of Robinson Crusoe performed by an international theatre company. It was really good fun and the students behaved impeccably. Although some understood more than others, they all thought it was very amusing. Everybody was in great spirits after the play and Mr Connors was especially happy to have been picked on and called 'un bicho'!

This has become an annual event and we hope that Eastbourne College will invite us back again next year. Thank you so much to the following students for making me proud to be their teacher:

Jess Gouveia
Michael Parsons
Shane Lloyd
Isabella Teixeira
George Smith
Anita Ksiazczyk
Kieran Farnes
Dayane De Paula
Sam Hines
Chris Mockford
Lauren Fox
Shelby Capon



Miss Delgado & Mr Connors

DATA COLLECTION SHEETS

Thank you to all those parents who have returned their forms, there are a large number still to be returned. Please could you ask your child(ren) for their forms, amend where necessary and return to the School to enable records to be amended accordingly.

