

SEDGEHILL

weekly

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MESSAGE FROM MS CASSIDY

My Sunday evenings are currently much enlivened by David Attenborough's Blue Planet II. Unless you are one of those lucky few who can experience these sights in person, there is no better way of enjoying the wonders of the natural world. My highlight so far is the bird-catching trevally fish, although even that does not quite match the baby iguanas vs racer snakes in the previous Attenborough Plant Earth II.

Often, the most interesting part of the whole programme is the 10 minutes at the end when they show us how the footage was captured. The expertise, patience and dedication of the camera crews is truly inspiring. This week, we were shown how they captured footage of the spawning of the grouper fish. This is a once a year event and required the camera crew to film day-and-night underwater on a Pacific reef surrounded by hungry grey reef sharks.

First time, despite a highly experienced crew and local experts, they missed the crucial event by a matter of minutes. And there was nothing they could do. So, the next year, they came back. This time, having learnt from the mistakes of the previous year, they returned with a bigger crew, capable of keeping a 24 hour watch, and so they got the footage they wanted.

This was a great reminder that even the best people in the world in their field can make mistakes, but what they then do is learn from those mistakes and work hard to put them right. And that is what we expect our students to do at Sedgehill - not never to make mistakes, but to work hard to learn from them when they do.

STAFF INSET DAY

Last Friday, staff visited other schools to get some ideas and inspiration for their own teaching. Here is what some of them had to say:

The displays at Walthamstow Academy were amazing and really stood out, especially on each of the classroom doors. It showed a great collaboration between teachers and students.

Mr Olenga, ICT

The day highlighted the importance of the language we use with students, both in and out of lessons.

To hear how the girls at Guildford High School engaged in sophisticated debates in their learning, I was reminded of how crucial it is for us to prepare our students for a more lofty world ahead of them in order to ensure their full inclusion in it.

Ms Cooper, Drama

The languages lessons were good with grammar as a focus - we will try to embed this into our lessons, as it is important for the new GCSE exams.

Ms Dacoury-Tabley, MFL

PERFECT STUDENTS

Perfect Student is presented to the student from each year group who has, in that week:

- 100% attendance;
- 100% punctuality;
- gained the most achievement points.

This week's Perfect Students are:

- Year 7 **Harry Saunders**
Year 8 **Maria Binzaru**
Year 9 **Ben Levy**
Year 10 **Shantaya Douglas-Smith**
Year 11 **Sophie-May Pilcher**
Sixth form **James Conroy**

Well done to all of the above students.

JACK PETCHHEY AWARDS

Sedgehill School takes part in the Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Award Scheme. Every month, staff and students can nominate students who they feel have exceeded the standards of achievement or made an outstanding voluntary contribution to the school. The Student Voice committee then chooses one student to receive the award for that month. The student receives a certificate and £250 to spend on our school.

We are pleased to announce that the winner for September was **Ben Levy** in Year 9 and for October was **Amy-Louise Arter** in Year 7.



Ben was nominated *"for excellence in languages and being an independent & active learner ... His approach to learning languages is always very enthusiastic and encouraging. He is a fine student to have in any classroom with perfect behaviour and attitude to learning."*

Amy's nomination form stated that she *"has been such a positive student since joining us at Sedgehill ... She has taken a keen interest in a variety of clubs and been an excellent role model for the year group. She has shown visitors around the school and received some excellent feedback. ... With 100% attendance and positive attitude ... Amy is a delightful student who is keen to make a positive change to the community at Sedgehill."*

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Apologies for any confusion over the date, but the Information Evening for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award is next **Tuesday (21 November)** at 5pm in the Theatre Space.

The DofE Award is the world's leading youth achievement award is open to all Year 9s and 10s at Sedgehill. To complete the award, students have to undertake challenges in four areas: skill, physical, volunteering and expedition. For more information, please email amees@sedgehillschool.co.uk

YEAR 10 ART TRIP

Year 10 Art GCSE students visited Guildhall and Tate Modern art galleries to explore the work of a variety of Still Life artists in relation to their coursework themes. It is important that students visit galleries to see art first-hand. It helps students to gain a more informed understanding of how the work was made and how it communicates its message. Students analysed key pieces and explored the connections between traditional and contemporary approaches to help them to generate ideas for their final exam pieces. The students behaved impeccably and represented the school wonderfully.

"I was really inspired and I loved the way you can see the way the artist had made the work when you looked closely"

- Year 10 student



There are some wonderful exhibitions on in London at the moment. If you get a chance, go and see them.

MISST ASSEMBLIES

Later this term, YearS 7 and 8 will be taking part in MiSST performances for their parents. The performance is a culmination of this term's work in our MiSST lessons, where students have been working on a number of pieces, as well as a joint piece with the school band.

The dates for the assemblies are as follows:

Year 8 - Thursday 30 November

Year 7 - Friday 1 December

Family and friends are welcome to come along to the performance, which will begin at 9.00am, finishing at 10.00am. There will then be a chance to meet the music department staff and enjoy some refreshments afterwards.

Please RSVP by returning the reply slip (given out in lessons) to Miss McVey in A209 by Friday 24 November. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the music department.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 21 November DofE Information Evening, 5pm

Thursday 30 November Year 8 MiSST performance, 9am
Year 10 Parents' Evening, 5-7pm

Friday 1 December Year 7 MiSST performance, 9am