

PRINCIPAL'S BLOG

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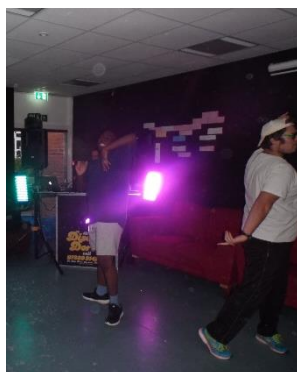
Enjoying and contributing to our local community

During the course of this month, our thoughts and minds turn to the commemoration of 100 years since the end of the First World War. We will be taking some of our young people to local services to commemorate the event and much of our curriculum will focus on the history locally where it is relevant and engaging to our young people.

We are delighted to have been invited by the Mayor of Swanage to join in the commemoration. It is clearly very important to him and other local people that the young people of Purbeck View are involved in significant events in the local community. We thank them for their interest and genuine, ongoing will to include us in so much of all that they do.

I look forward to sharing with you all, photographs of the events we are able to attend.

Our link with the local Gateway group has continued for many of our young people. Our youngsters particularly enjoyed the recent Disco. This is a link that we have been continuing to grow and foster over the last 12 months. Friends from the club have also joined us at Purbeck View as well as attending the youth club every Tuesday. I am sure you too will delight in the photos of our young people enjoying the club, just as I did on receiving them! Thank you to our wonderful staff for continuing to make this happen.



I would like to publicly thank one of our very talented and indeed thoughtful young people, Jason (Year 13), who recently raised £60 for a local children's leukaemia charity. Jason did this by recycling unwanted clothes. Well done Jason and thank you.

Well done to the young people who contributed to our Harvest Supper this month. They made their own bread and soup from vegetables they had grown. A veritable feast! Well done all!

Year 12 student, Freya continues to open the Queen of Tarts Patisserie on a weekly basis – advertised with a very professional looking menu displayed each Wednesday morning in our reception and sold in the staff room.

We were all so impressed by the recent note she sent to the Purbeck View staff and young people to tell them about what would be on sale and how much she had enjoyed making her merchandise!

Freya clearly loves the activity also and takes great pride in her produce. She wrote:

"Hi everyone,

I'm making chocolate ripple teabread.

Good delicious and tasty good. It's fantastic ,it's lovely looking, good - very good!

It will cost money - 50p

Thank you very much

You are welcome guys!

Freya good feels good – great!"

Well done Freya, we are very proud of you!



Freya planning her patisserie menu for the week ahead!

Another amazing achievement by one of our young people this term has been by Charlie. He has successfully completed all of the elements within the IT literacy based learning programme, *Lexia*. Charlie works hard to learn with increasing levels of independence and was very proud to receive a certificate in our weekly Celebration Assembly in recognition of his wonderful achievement! Very well done, Charlie – we are proud of you!

And finally...

Last but not least, I am sure you will all wish to join me in congratulating Jahiem on being nominated for the Reach for the Stars award with Lambeth Council in recognition of his learning achievements. We are awaiting receipt of his award which we hope to share pictures of in next my next blog. It is so wonderful to see our youngsters being recognised for their tremendous achievements by colleagues outside of Purbeck View – another positive start to the month I am sure you will all agree!

We are now into the final stages of planning Christmas so please do expect to see invitations to our termly Parent's Forum and the various Christmas festivities arriving via the post/email soon – we do hope you will all be able to join us!

Until next month...

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