



The Head's Lines

Graduation

Huge congratulations to the Class of 2014 who graduated last Saturday at our annual Graduation ceremony held at the Marriott Hotel Sukhumvit. Obviously under the present restrictions we altered the time around so that the ceremony started at 3.00pm rather than 5.00pm and was finished including speeches and some entertainment by 8.00pm. It was a wonderful afternoon spent with the families and friends of the graduates who all were relieved to have finished their final external school exams, and very much enjoyed this final school event. They will receive their results in early July and then they will be off to the different Universities they have selected around the world. I know our school community joins me in wishing them every happiness and success in their chosen career directions and we hope they will stay in touch with our school community as part of the school alumni.



High School Production: Les Miserables

What a fantastic production with wonderful performances from all the cast. There were over 70 individuals in this musical and it was great to see so many students taking on speaking and singing roles showing what a talented group of young actors we have. The costumes and visual effects all worked incredibly well to make it a visually spectacular play throughout, with the ensemble scenes looking and sounding brilliant.

I would like to thank the whole High School student cast and everyone who has been involved in making the props and developing the special effects, it really made a fantastic performance and one everyone should be very proud of.....
a great achievement ... Well done.



Old rings for new limbs

We all have opened a soft drink can before. We pull the ring, throw it away and continue to enjoy the drink, unmindful of the good use this small pull ring can be put to.

At St Andrews you can contribute to a good cause and collect ring pulls, which will be donated at the end of the year to The Prostheses Foundation of H.R.H. These pull rings, when melted down, provide the base aluminium metal that is used in making artificial limbs for amputees. The aluminium is needed to connect the three parts of the leg – the sockets, shin and feet.

So for a small, good deed on our part at St Andrews, it can make a huge difference to people less fortunate than ourselves, through the improved quality of life they will gain from being able to walk again.

So please place your ring pulls in the bottles which are positioned next to the Sports Hall as you enter school. For the added incentive of collecting, it will also be a House competition and points will be awarded when they reach different levels in the tubes. So get collecting!



Political Situation

The school will continue to talk with ISAT and other contacts to try to get a clearer picture of what is happening with regard to the current political situation. If further problems occur we will update the school community via email, the webpage and FACEBOOK. Let us all hope that solutions will be found soon to the difficult situation that has developed which will a peaceful resolution to the current problems the country faces.

Mr. Paul Schofield
Head of School

Important Calendar Dates

Mon. 26 th – Fri. 30 th May	Week Without
Mon. 26 th May	KS1 Sports Day
Thurs. 29 th May	Y6 Music Concert
	Y5 Indus Valley
Fri. 30 th May	Y2 Assembly,
	8.00 am., Sports Hall
	House Fashion Show
	12.30 pm., Quad
Mon. 2 nd – Wed. 4 th June	Half- Term Break
Thurs. 5 th – Fri. 6 th June	Y3 Greek Day
Thurs. 5 th - 9 th June	Primary FOBISIA Game

School Bus Service

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If you are thinking about moving to Dubai, please click www.nainternationalschool.ae, the link to a new Nord Anglia school in Dubai.



Library News

It has already been mentioned but I'd just like to say a BIG well done to the High School with their production of Les Misérables. You have all showed great talent and it was truly an amazing performance!! I thoroughly enjoyed watching it, so well done guys!

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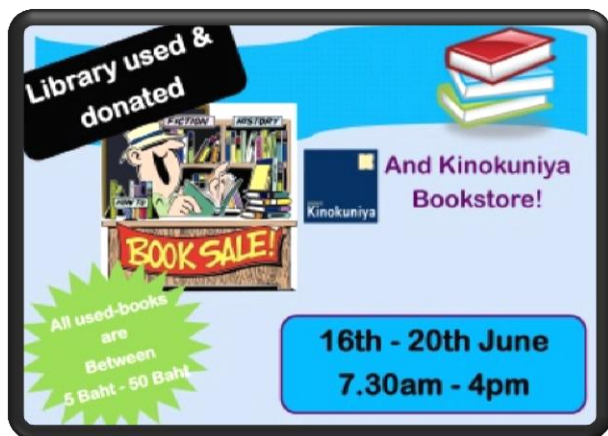
It has come to my attention that some pupils give a library book to a friend to read instead of returning it first to us. This can result in an overdue book, which consequently means the pupil is not allowed to take a new book out and, if not being returned, will eventually be asked to pay for a replacement. If you think your son/daughter might have done this in the past or as we speak, could I kindly ask you to explain to the importance of not given it to a friend to read? They can either come to the library together or we can reserve the book for his/her friend. Thank you very much!

....and last but not least, don't forget the last
(USED) BOOK-SALE!
of this year!!

The boxes for book donations can be found inside the library.

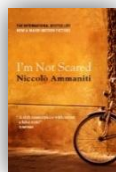


We are also very excited to welcome Kinokuniya during this week. As you know, they have a great selection of the latest books for all ages, so make sure your grab some summer reading for your children!



Books of the Week

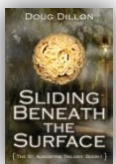
High School Fiction: I'm not scared (by Niccolò Ammaniti)



The hottest summer of the twentieth century. A tiny community of five houses enclosed by wheat fields. While the adults shelter indoors, six children venture out on their bikes across the scorched, deserted countryside. Whilst exploring a dilapidated

and uninhabited farmhouse, nine-year-old Michele Amitrano discovers a secret so momentous, so terrible, that he dare not tell anyone about it. To come to terms with what he has found, Michele has to draw strength from his own sense of humanity. It is Ammaniti's ability to inhabit the mind and perspective of his young hero that makes I'm Not Scared such an affecting and extraordinary novel. *(Recommended for age 15+)*

KINDLE High School fiction: Sliding Beneath the Surface: [The St. Augustine Trilogy, Book I] (by Doug Dillon)



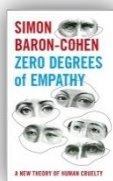
In America's oldest and most haunted city, St. Augustine, Florida, teenager Jeff Golden is in trouble. Horrible dreams won't let him sleep, and he is up to his eyeballs in terrifying, paranormal experiences.

Finally, Jeff turns to his girlfriend Carla, and Lobo, the mysterious Native American shaman, for help. But what he discovers is a lot more than he bargained for. A ghostly presence linked to a local historic cemetery is not only threatening Jeff's sanity but his life as well. And before he knows what's happening, Jeff finds both himself and Carla pulled into one of the nastiest and most bloody events in Florida history. It is a place from which they may never escape.



High School Non- Fiction (age 16+): Zero Degrees of Empathy: A new theory of human cruelty

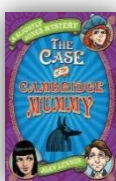
(by Simon Baron-Cohen)



Simon Baron-Cohen, expert in autism and developmental psychopathology, has always wanted to isolate and understand the factors that cause people to treat others as if they were mere objects. In this book he proposes a radical shift, turning the focus away from evil and on to the central factor, empathy.

Unlike the concept of evil, he argues, empathy has real explanatory power. Putting empathy under the microscope he explores four new ideas: firstly, that we all lie somewhere on an empathy spectrum, from high to low, from six degrees to zero degrees. Secondly that, deep within the brain lies the 'empathy circuit'. How this circuit functions determines where we lie on the empathy spectrum. Thirdly, that empathy is not only something we learn but that there are also genes associated with empathy. And fourthly, while a lack of empathy leads to mostly negative results, is it always negative? Full of original research, Zero Degrees of Empathy presents a new way of understanding what it is that leads individuals down negative paths, and challenges all of us to consider replacing the idea of evil with the idea of empathy-erosion.

Primary Fiction: The case of the Cambridge Mummy (Slightly Jones Mystery) (by Joan Lennon)



An ancient curse has been let loose in cold wintry Cambridge. Priceless artefacts are found mysteriously crushed to dust at the Fitzwilliam Museum, long-dead Egyptian queens stalk the corridors of the Girton College – but what do bicycles and bloomers have to do with it all?

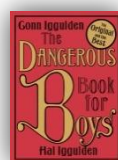
Slightly Jones is faced with her most bewildering case yet and her most ruthless opponents. Can she find the answer in time, or will it be a bleak midwinter for everyone?

Happy Reading!

Khun Toi, Khun Noot, Ms Astrid

Primary Non- Fiction: The Dangerous Book for Boys

(by Gonn and Hal Iggulden)



Not one of our newest book but still very popular with boys – I wonder why! If ever there were a book to make you switch off your television set, The Dangerous Book for Boys is it.

How many other books will help you thrash someone at conkers, race your own go-cart, and identify the best quotations from Shakespeare? The Dangerous Book for Boys gives you facts and figures at your fingertips – swot up on the solar system, learn about famous battles and read inspiring stories of incredible courage and bravery. Teach your old dog new tricks. Make a pinhole camera. Understand the laws of cricket. There's a whole world out there: with this book, anyone can get out and explore it. The Dangerous Book for Boys is written with the verve and passion that readers of Conn Iggulden's number one bestselling novels have come to expect. This book, his first non-fiction work, has been written with his brother as a celebration of the long summers of their youth and as a compendium of information so vital to men of all ages.

Chapters in The Dangerous Book for Boys include: The Seven Ancient Wonders of the World, Conkers, Laws of Football, Dinosaurs, Fishing, Juggling, Timers and Tripwires, Kings and Queens, Famous Battles, Spies, Making Crystals, Insects and Spiders, Astronomy, Girls, The Golden Age of Piracy, Secret Inks, Patron Saints of Britain, Skimming Stones, Dog Tricks, Making a Periscope, Coin Tricks, Marbles, Artillery, The Origin of Words and The Solar System.

Early years: Good little wolf (by Nadia Shireen)



Rolf, a small, gentle wolf, lives with Mrs. Boggins, who tells him he is a good little wolf. But when he meets up with a large, ferocious wolf, he is told that he isn't a real wolf. Wolves aren't little and good—they are big and bad.

To prove he is a real wolf, the old wolf tells Rolf he must perform certain tasks, such as blowing down a little pig's house. Rolf is a total failure . . . until the big bad wolf urges him to do something unspeakable to old Mrs. Boggins. Then the good little wolf proves that he can stand up to the big bad bully. Or so it seems. More mature readers may find a different ending that could lead to a great discussion!



Early Years & Key Stage 1
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I was walking to one of the school offices on Thursday morning when I rounded a corner and came across a group of intrepid explorers. Armed with collection pots, minibeast signposts and magnifiers, Miss Becca and some of the Early Years children were on a mission. The children were certainly engaged and could tell me all about what they were doing and what they were going to do next.

Miss Becca explains more....

In Early Years we plan our lessons based around the interests of the children. This week the children have shown a real interest in all things wriggly, especially bugs! We decided to go on a bug hunt around the school to see what we could find in the environment. The children were delving in bushes and found not one but eight caterpillars. The children learnt that they would turn in to cocoons or 'coconuts' as some of them like to say and eventually turn in to beautiful butterflies. We have brought them back to our classroom to watch this change over the next week. The benefit of exploring outside the classroom in Early Year's is that it allows children to engage with their environment brings a sense of wonder and excitement. This prompts them to ask questions and learn about the world around them and discover a new and fascinating world right below their little feet.

Miss Becca



Later the same morning Reception were using to outside spaces to further their understanding of capacity. With their different shaped water bottles, everyone guessed which bottle would leave the longest water trail, but I wonder who made the best estimate?



Trips

Unfortunately, until the situation in the city settles down we have decided to cancel the Reception Visit the Vet Trip and the Y2 Trip to the Butterfly Farm that were scheduled this week, and of course the Y1C trip to Build a Bear was cancelled on Friday. We will of course be re-organising the Build a Bear Trip as soon as possible and looking to re-arrange or find alternatives to the other two.

Year 2 Assembly

The Y2 Assembly did not of course go ahead last Friday. We have rescheduled this to Friday this week – 30th May. We hope Y2 parents can join us.

Miss Diane



Key Stage 2

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Week Without

Week without got off to a great start yesterday. It's wonderful seeing so many people taking part and there are so many different things that have been chosen to go without, from sweets and computers to the lift and biscuits.

Last week we held a competition to design a poster to encourage the students in Key Stage 2 to take part in the week without. Everyone who took part received 10 House points. The overall winner was Grape in 4G who received an additional 10 house points. Well done to everyone who entered.

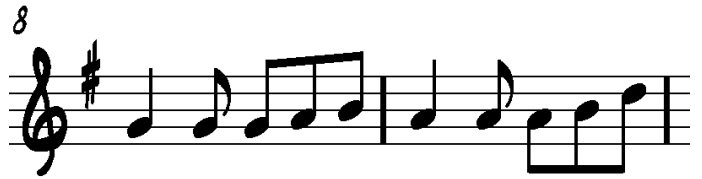


Here are some of the students and staff in Key Stage 2 showing what they've given up for the week.



Year 6 Music Concert

This Thursday is the Year 6 music concert. This will take place in the drama studio at 4pm. All parents are welcome to come along to this celebration of all of the hard work that the year 6 students have put into music this year. There will be a number of different pieces by soloists and groups.



Primary FOBISIA Games

Good luck to all of the KS2 students who are traveling to Kuala Lumpur for the Primary FOBISIA games. Do us proud.

Thought of the Week

There is no need
to have it all,
just make the
best of what
You have.

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Mr. Geoff



High School

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Two Fantastic Occasions!

It's been a great few days in the High School, with two of the highlights of the school year taking place in the last few days.

On Wednesday and Thursday last week we saw epic and powerful performances of this year's High School Production, **Les Misérables**.



Ms Shelley, Ms Jo, Mr Wayne and the cast have been working very hard throughout the year, supported by Mr Glynn and his wonderful Orchestra, James and Simon in Year 9, Ms Alex and her Art team, Amanda, Georgia and Aandie, Khun Namkang and Khun Nart in Purchasing, Khun Nok and Estates, Khun Shaktim and, last but not least, Jessie and Ken in Year 10 and Mr Simon C.



I saw the show on Thursday evening, after two days of hearing how good it was from everyone who had already seen it, and was amazed by the quality of so many of the performances – it was definitely one of the best school productions that I have seen!

I'm looking forward to seeing some of the highlights again and Expo '14, and to watching it all over again when the video has been edited...



Two days later, this year's Year 13 students, along with over 200 family, friends and teachers, celebrated their **Graduation** at the new Marriott Hotel Sukhumvit.

It was another very special occasion, with the lovely atmosphere reflecting both the very close bonds between the students in the Year and the huge contribution that they have made to life at St Andrews in their time here.

All the photos taken by the official photographer will be on the school's Facebook page soon...





House News

Fashion Show THIS FRIDAY!

This Friday will be the annual House Fashion Show. We are really looking forward to seeing the effort and creativity that this year's entrants have put into their designs. Here are the categories on display on the catwalk this Friday in the quad:

EY: Hawaii

KS1: Music

Primary Boys: Bikers

Primary Girls: Recycled handbags

High School: The 4 Elements – Earth, water, air and fire.

It should be a great show!

The Great Meccano Build Off!

This week is the second week of construction for the house teams. Akha House members are welcome in the DT room with Mr. Simon at break and lunchtimes all week in their bid to build the most fantastic creation.

So, if you think you could do something brilliant with this little lot, see Mr. Simon and get building!



House Music Competition

It is time to musically represent your house! This week, forms have become available from music teachers for the house music competition. Remember – auditions mean house points, and we are really looking forward to hearing all the musical talent in St. Andrews this year!

House Music Competition



Primary Auditions: 9th–13th June

HS Auditions: 16th–20th–June

Forms available from your music

teacher. 2 House Points per audition!!!

Ring-pull Collection

Well done to Karen and Yao who are leading the way in Miss Sarah's ring-pull collection. This is for a very worthwhile cause and will help make more artificial limbs. So, like Sabine pictured here, get collecting the ring-pull from any can of drink you have and let's fill up those collection bottles!



To The Point

The house points are getting closer and closer. The KS1 Sports Day and the Fashion Show this week may make a big difference here! The house point scores this week:

Lahu – 5942 points

Yao – 5814 points

Karen – 5700 points

Akha – 5671 points



St Andrews Fashion Show 2014

Friday, May 30th at 12.30,

in High School Quad

*Be creative,
walk like a model and win!*



Categories include:

Early years – Hawaii

KS1 – Music

Primary Boys – Bikers

Primary Girls – Recycle Handbags

High School – Four Elements (Earth – Fire –
Water -Air)

Rules are you have to
register before Friday,
16th of May and you
must make the clothes
yourself (try not to
spend any money)

If interested contact Mr.
Fred, Ms. Anne or Ms.
Sophie

