

SHELDON Standard

Well done to the Sheldon Riding Team



On a blustery bank holiday Monday six of our riders travelled out to King Sedgemoor Equestrian centre to compete in an eventers challenge. This is a timed course of show jumps and cross-country jumps. The aim is to jump a clear round as close to the optimum time as possible. The track had some really challenging fences and we had two new riders on the team.

In the first class the fences were 75cm in height and our team, Archie Bryce, Tilly Hutchings, Hetti Crome and Zara Bucknell finished in 3rd place. Just missing out on a qualification spot in the national championships. Hetti also finished with an individual 8th place.

Our second team jumping 85cm, which was made up of; Rebecca Sartin, Bethany Sartin, Tilly Hutchings, Zara Bucknell and Archie Bryce, had more mixed fortunes. Unfortunately, Bethany's pony on arrival had picked up an injury and was unable to compete. We hope that Minstrel makes a speedy recovery. Rebecca had a lovely round but pilot error cost her a place, Archie stepped into the breach for us and he and his new pony did a very good job over the bigger fences. Zara jumped clear but was much too fast picking up time penalties and Tilly completed with a faultless round finishing in 7th place as an individual. An excellent result in a huge class.

We are always looking for new riders to join our teams. I am afraid that you will need to provide your own horse and be able to transport it to events. If you would like to learn more then please come and speak to Mrs Minors in humanities.



As part of Claudia McQuillan's (Yr 9) Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award skills section, she has been cooking/baking over a period of 3 months.

Claudia had decided that at the end of the skills section she would hold a cake sale raising money for her chosen charity, Stand up 2 cancer.

On Saturday 28th January, Claudia baked and held a cake sale on the drive at home. The event was advertised locally with friends and neighbours coming to support her by buying cakes and cookies.

Claudia raised an impressive amount of £150.71 for Stand up 2 cancer.

An outstanding effort!



Head-itorial

We have already arrived at the end of the first half term, a point in the year where the nights are getting longer and the days brighter; it certainly makes a difference. Hopefully enjoying some glorious weather next week will be our ski party who are away in France, our first such visit in three years and one that is eagerly anticipated. It has taken a lot of painstaking effort on the part of Mr Humphreys to organise, firstly having met the obstacle of Covid, then the seemingly ever-changing rules and regulations that have followed. But, they are finally heading away on Friday and I hope they have a fantastic time. The last two weeks have also allowed me to show a number of visitors around the school, some of whom are prospective headteacher candidates. They have all commented on the purposeful atmosphere they have been met with and many have decided to apply as a result. Interviews will take place over three days in the first week back and, as an interested spectator with no involvement in the process, I will look forward to seeing how it all pans out. When the governors have made their decision, they will let you know by separate correspondence.

Neil Spurdell
Headteacher

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National Cross Country Finals - Here We Come!

On Saturday we had four Sheldon runners competing in the South West Cross Country Championships. To even qualify for this event is a fantastic achievement. Athletes had to finish in the top 10 at the Area Championships, a competition with all 10 local secondary schools, followed by another top 10 finish at the Wiltshire County finals. On Saturday each age group race contained the top 80 runners from the South West of England. Sophie Maxwell and Layla Gardiner were both running in the Junior girls event Layla finished 41st and Sophie finished 13th. What's impressive is that both girls are only Yr 8 and have another year in this age category. Harry and Josh Maxwell both ran in the inter boys race. Josh finished in 6th place and Harry paced the race superbly and won! All four of Sheldon's runners have now qualified for the National finals in Nottingham in March. We wish them the best of luck at the Nationals.

Miss Wainwright, Head of P.E.



Layla Gardiner and Sophie Maxwell



Josh and Harry Maxwell



Lettings at Sheldon



Sheldon hosts many Community Activities. If you have a youngster aged two to sixteen, there are opportunities to dance with Phoenix Dance and Classical Ballet, act with Stagecoach, sing with Rock Project, play badminton with NWPB. For very little people, there is First Steps Soccer and Rugby Tots. Adults can enjoy Yoga and Pilates classes or join a Badminton club.

Alternatively if you would like to hire a facility for your group, check our facilities on <https://app.sportskey.com/venues/1130> or contact Lynne at lettings@sheldonschool.co.uk

Music Results

Well done to the following on their recent music results:-
Charlie Boyd - Grade 2 Piano Pass with Distinction
Bethan Eldridge - Grade 3 Piano Pass
Hannah Cuthbert - Grade 6 Piano Pass with Distinction
Alicia Kitainik Trinity Guildhall Piano Grade 5 Passed with Merit
Annie Spurway - Grade 2 baritone - Distinction

Have a great half term break.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on
Monday 20th February 2023