

# FROM THE STUDY

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009

How does one introduce a newsletter in the week they have made a life changing decision? Firstly can I clarify that I am not retiring and, although now 50 years old, I am not heading to one of 'those places where old people live' as one of the children suggested!!!

It was a decision not taken lightly, but one I felt I had to make. Widford is a super school with the most wonderful children, a tremendous staff and the best set of parents on the circuit. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work at the school, firstly as a teacher and for the last 10 years or so as a Head, a period where the school has I feel, established itself as one of the finest in the area. I am pleased to tell you that my wife Susannah has no plans to leave Widford, so I am sure I will get to hear how you are all doing!

## HEADMASTER'S AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children, Maxwell Sharp (KGM) for reading, Joseph Dunn and Fraser Moss (1E) for History, Harvey Ravitch, Charlotte Ritchie and Alexander Strong (1P/BS) for English, Daniel Adey (3D) for Maths, Polly Pryor, Rebecca Strong and Ava Tiney (3D) for English, Ellie Main (3S) for Science, Lois Lucas (4G) for Maths, George Duce (4P) for Geography, Arya Vindlacheruvu (4P) for Maths, Poppy Allen, Emily Foreman, Ben Read, Pippa Ritchie, Evelyn Ronn and Phoebe Wickham (5H) for English, Ted Stroud (5H) for Maths, Matthew Morley-Jacob (6T) for Maths and finally, Nathaniel Patten and Georgina Stevens for English. Well done to you all!!

## POLITENESS & COURTESY CUP

The winner of the Politeness & Courtesy Cup this week is Alice Copping. Congratulations Alice!

## SPORTS NEWS

### RUGBY

**Brentwood17 – 12 Widford**

After a sluggish start leading to the conceding of an early try, Widford found some form and confidence and began to play some of their best rugby of the term. Once again captain Matthew Gilham led from the front with some fierce running and he was ably supported by Cameron Sheppard on the wing and Tavy Hayden in the pack.

After only 10 minutes, scrum half Matthew Morley-Jacob left the field after taking a heavy knock, to be replaced by Joe Burton. The middle third of the game was dominated by Widford who deservedly took the lead 12-5, through tries from Joe and Tavy, one of which was converted by Matthew G. With the clock ticking down Widford failed to deal with two speculative kicks which eventually led to scoring opportunities for Brentwood, giving them victory 17 – 12.

A disappointing result and one not really deserved when put against the effort and improvement in performance. I know all the Widford supporters were very proud of their boys, puff those chests out and hold those heads high !!

Colours awarded to Cameron Sheppard and Tavy Hayden.

Man of the Match - Joe Burton,

### **NETBALL V BRENTWOOD**

Our U10A and U11A Teams played away at Brentwood on Tuesday. In games interrupted by a torrential downpour, all the girls played brilliantly. The U10s won 10 – 5 and in a very exciting evenly matched U11 game the result was a draw, 6 – 6. Well done.

Colours awarded to Katie Gardner and Hollie Edmeades.

### **NETBALL V RODINGS PRIMARY**

Our U11B+C teams took on the Rodings in two friendly matches on Wednesday. The Bs won 5 – 1 and the Cs won 6 -3. Thanks to great passing and super shooting from both Widford teams. Well done girls!

### **UN9'B' RUGBY V ELM GREEN**

It was the 5<sup>th</sup> of November when a determined Widford travelled to Elm Green on a brisk autumn afternoon. After a coin toss won by Elm Green, the home side elected to start. Elm green began at a blistering pace, scoring almost immediately after kick off. That sparked Widford into action. Upon the restart, I passed straight to lightning-paced Noah Chilvers, who tore apart the bemused home defence. What followed was an action packed first half and by the time the whistle sounded for the interval, the score couldn't have been closer 6 – 6, Noah having claimed 5 of the 6 tries and Oliver Swainston darting over for the other. After a brief rest, Elm Green stormed out of the blocks once again but no one would let them get away easily. A rapid exchange of tries saw the scores remain level late in the second half at 9 – 9, Noah claiming 3 more. However in the final few minutes Elm Green claimed 3 consecutive tries leaving the final score at 12 – 9 in a performance Widford could take great heart from. Every player did the Widford shirt proud and not one of them should feel disappointed with their marvellous performances.

Man of the Match. Noah Chilvers.

By Luke Degun

### **UN 9 RUGBY V ELM GREEN**

We started off well and scored a try followed by some excellent tackling by Alex, Elliot, Oliver and Teddy. Unfortunately, Elm Green came back and by half time they were 4 – 3 up. We came back and put lots of pressure but they broke through our line with two tries, luckily Teddy sneaked a try in the corner. Final score, 6 – 4. Well done lads.

By Joe Penny.

### **UN9 NETBALL V ELM GREEN**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November some of the Year 4's went to Elm Green for a netball match. In the first quarter we were a bit slow and Elm Green were better, but Jessica intercepted the ball well and Isabelle was great at finding a free space. The first quarter ended 3-3. In the second quarter, we were more awake and everyone was playing well. Jessica again was doing well, I did a few interceptions. The end of the second quarter finished 6-7 to Elm Green. In the third quarter Olivia and Arya were doing some great shooting and Hannah was also playing well. This quarter finished 11-7. It was the last quarter and the ball was going everywhere and everyone was playing brilliantly. The final score was 10-13. Well played girls.

### **F.O.W.L COFFEE MORNING**

Thank you to everyone who supported the F.O.W.L Coffee Morning yesterday. We raised in total £314.68 and the proceeds will go to Widford and Thriftwood School.

Please look out for more events organised by F.O.W.L. in the coming months. Thank you, Lisa Benson.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD.**

#### **NORMANS DUTY WEEK**

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Form 6 to Duxford</b>
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Forms 4 &amp; 5 'Countback Kid' Maths Show</b>
	<b>Forms 4 &amp; 5 Parents Evening</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>'Remembrance' Assembly</b>
	<b>U10 Netball &amp; Rugby v St Cedds @ Chelmer Park</b>
	<b>2.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Forms 4 &amp; 5 Parents Evening</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>U11 Netball Tournament @ New Hall</b>
	<b>U11 Rugby v St Cedds @ Chelmer Park 2.30pm</b>