

Friday 28th September 2018

Inventor Dr John Taylor visits Sibford



Pupils enjoyed a talk from inventor Dr John Taylor who told pupils 'Have fun ... and change the world'. For more information see: <http://www.johnctaylor.com/>

A group of Year 7 pupils spent the morning at Broughton Castle this week participating in an RSC workshop on Macbeth. The workshop was organized by local MP Victoria Prentis and included 8 schools from the area. Participants worked with the text from Macbeth through games and small groups and then had the fantastic experience of watching professional actors perform selections from the text and then re-directing the actors with suggestions. Sibford pupils were outstanding, participating with enthusiasm and focus. A wonderful morning with the RSC at Broughton Castle! (Andrea Mardon, Drama Department and LAMDA teacher)



National Boarding Day

Saturday 6th October 2018 is National Boarding Day! Boarders will be treated to an internationally themed meal on Friday 5th October and a trip to Milton Keynes on the Saturday. Should you wish for your child/ward to join in the fun on either night, we would be happy to offer a 50% discount on the usual flexi rate.



Please remember that this year, we are offering 50% discount on the price of all occasional boarding nights if staying late at school as the result of a school-based event such as a sports fixture, a school trip, an open evening etc.

For more information and to book in, please contact Victoria Baker, Head of Boarding – see <https://portal.sibfordschool.co.uk/information/boarding/> for more information.



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A reminder:

Pupils should check their Firefly pages daily for information about prep, activities, music lessons and their timetables.

They can access their Firefly page by going to www.sibfordschool.co.uk/portal and selecting the Senior School and 6th Form Firefly icon. They should then log in with their school email address and password by clicking on the Office 365 logo (not the cloud user login box).

It is a good idea to copy a link to the Firefly page to your computer desktop to make navigation more straightforward. (V. Macaulay, Head of Key Stage Three)

European Day of Languages

Year 9 language students celebrated European Day of Languages by cooking French and Spanish recipes.



Toby Spence read the following section of Quaker Faith and Practice in Meeting for Worship. True faith is not assurance, but the readiness to go forward experimentally, without assurance. It is a sensitivity to things not yet known. Quakerism should not claim to be a religion of certainty, but a religion of uncertainty; it is this which gives us our special affinity to the world of science. For what we apprehend of truth is limited and partial, and experience may set it all in a new light; if we too easily satisfy our urge for security by claiming that we have found certainty, we shall no longer be sensitive to new experiences of truth. For who seeks that which he believes that he has found? Who explores a territory which he claims already to know?
Charles F Carter, 1971

As part of their World War One studies, Year 9 pupils visited Sibford Gower churchyard. They are pictured here next to the grave of William Barton, a driver the Royal Airforce who died in June 1918.



Match Reports



Another full week of competitive fixtures for the Sibford sports teams:

A solid victory by the Year 7 rugby team; playing much the better of the two teams. Some excellent forward play by William and Ryan allowed Harry to link the play well with his backs. Leo played well on the wing and Josh used his power and strength to score twice. The Year 8 rugby team had to wait to play their first match of the season after last week's cancellation. They produced some outstanding rugby before succumbing to a defeat by Wyckham Park. Tension and Milo were the stand out performers with some last ditch tackling and penetrative running. However, the whole team showed plenty of courage and grit, which will stand them in good stead for the rest of the season.

The U12A, U13A and U12/13B hockey teams went toe to toe with competitive Tudor Hall teams. The U12A worked incredibly hard to match the quality of the opposition, departing

with a well-deserved draw. Isobel S showed great determination and focus in attack and came away with player of the match. The U13A team worked tirelessly as a team, going into the second half with a one all draw. Sadly, Tudor Hall proved to have the edge on fitness and managed to score the winning goal in the final minutes. A good performance by all. Player of the match - Olivia. Finally, the U12/13B home fixture ended in a excellent one all draw, Amelia H with the Sibford goal. Summer and Tally worked relentlessly in defence to keep Sibford in the game and Maddy P put in a fantastic overall performance.

Wednesday's match saw the 1st team hockey girls travel to The Cooper School, Bicester for their second game of the season. Another excellent showing saw Sibford take a convincing lead in the first half. Fantastic link up play in midfield between Sophie, Esther and Anoushka got Sibford on the front foot. In the second half, Freya and Shae kept a solid line at the back when called upon to keep Sibford's lead until the end.

Finally, Thursday's fixtures saw Sibford return to Wyckham Park with the Year 10 rugby team, who managed the 2nd out of 3 wins for the week. Charlie B and Joe H getting their first tries and all the boys showing fantastic maturity and team work throughout.



The U15A & B hockey teams returned to Kingham. After a shaky start for the A team, they managed to pull themselves back in the second half with an improved performance. They didn't manage to grab an equaliser but lots of positives to focus on. Player of the match - Darcie. First game of the season for the B team and they put up a good performance.

They started slowly lacking confidence on the ball allowing Kingham to go 1-0 up. The second half saw their confidence increase and they were more determined. Kingham had an early goal in the second half and Sibford didn't have enough to pull the score back. Player of the match - Kristie.