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## ALICE IN WONDERLAND



The Piggott  
**School's Annual**  
Play will this year  
be performed

on Thursday,  
February 11<sup>th</sup> and  
Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>,  
7 pm. in the Main Hall,

with tickets priced  
at £5 for adults,  
£4 for students.

Tickets are available at  
lunchtimes in the Drama  
Studio, and will also be  
available on the door if  
tickets remain.

## NEWS FROM THE HEAD

It is with relief that we have reached the end of this half term, one in which the weather has dominated too many conversations and in which some of us became uncomfortably familiar with the BBC Weather webpage! May I thank you all again for your understanding and patience when difficult decisions had to be made early on in January – and a further ‘thank you’ to my colleagues who have made sure that lessons lost have not had a negative impact on the students.

We were pleased with the ‘final’ outcomes of last year’s exams when Performance Tables were published earlier this term ([www.dcsf.gov.uk/performance/tables/schools](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/performance/tables/schools)). This gave us clear proof that the progress made by students whilst at the Piggott School is well above the national average and that the grounding that they have here makes them strong candidates for future places at university or in work. This is shown by the excellent offers that have poured in from first-rate universities for our current Year 13 students and by the high numbers of Year 11 students who have opted to apply to the Piggott School to follow their A Level courses next year.

I’m pleased to inform you that Mrs Alderman, who left us for her maternity leave towards the end of January, has given birth to a

healthy boy – Evan. Ms Robertson also leaves us to start her maternity leave at half term and, taking their places, I’d like to welcome Mr Davies (in History) and Miss Clarke (in Psychology). Welcome too to Ms Fox and Mrs Hutchings in the LSA team.

In future I plan to restrict my contributions to the School’s newsletter to no more than once a term; instead I will be writing a brief *weekly* ‘memo’ that will appear on the opening page of the School’s website. In this way I hope to be able to keep you up-to-date with events more immediately. The half-termly Newsletters will continue to appear, of course, with detailed articles about and written by the students and staff. May I also remind you that I hold a monthly ‘Clinic’ to which you can come without appointment, if you have matters you wish to discuss / raise with me. Please check the website for dates of these; the next one after half term will be **Monday March 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Finally – a **big** thank you to everyone who has enabled us to raise so much money recently for Haiti. Our ‘Day for Haiti’ on Friday made me realise what a very special School this is – I was enormously proud of the effort the young people put into their fundraising!

*Hilary Winter, Headteacher*

## CHRISTMAS AT THE PIGGOTT SCHOOL

The festive period was a busy time at the Piggott School. Following a successful carol singing event outside Waitrose in Twyford which raised £135 for Feed the Children, our annual Carol Service was held at St. Mary’s Church in Wargrave to a packed congregation. After weeks of rehearsal and preparation, the School Choir, musicians and readers gave an excellent performance which was enjoyed by all. Our thanks goes to Rev. Cook, who led the service and the PSA who organised the refreshments.

On the following morning Years 7 and 8

walked to St. Mary’s for their Carol Service, which was followed by Christmas Dinner back at the school for 350 pupils who, in true Christmas Spirit were served by the members of staff.

On the last day of the term a festive layer of snow meant that the traditional whole school assembly had to be cancelled, but happily it was still possible to hold the annual Christmas Rock Concert and achievement assemblies before we finally closed for the Christmas Holidays and a well deserved break.

There was a choice of 28 projects offered to each of the Piggott School tutor groups, ranging from an Albatross protection kit (£50) to a Capercaillie action kit (£3). Each tutor group throughout the School chose a project that they wished to support from a list on the RSPB website [www.rspb.org/sumatra](http://www.rspb.org/sumatra)

Sponsoring a sheep and saving a tiger were probably the most popular projects, but funds were raised for other projects such as fish supper for a bittern and home for a water vole. Ideas to raise funds varied from wearing odd footwear, silly hats, washing cars and dressing as a tiger.

In total the school raised £1,085.00.

Attached are some photos of Mr. Connor's Year 10/11 tutor group who were raising money for saving a tiger.



RADIO SHOW IN LIBRARY + ADAM FEDERICI - DEC 2009

Following our success as a School in encouraging pupils to walk and cycle to school, we won first prize in the Radio 107fm, Green Mile Competition. The prize was a live radioshow, broadcast from the School Library, during which a presentation was made to the school by Kyocera of a printer / scanner worth £350. There was also a guest appearance by Adam Federici, from Reading Football Club and their mascot Kingsley Royal.

Our 6th Form Football students were able to put questions live on air to Adam Federici about his successful career in football.



**NEW Year 7s & 8s  
GIRLS' IT CLUB**

Please have a look at the Piggott School website to find more information.



PIGGOTT SCHOOL CELEBRATES  
CHINESE NEW YEAR 2010



**New  
Comenius Projects  
for 2010**

In December 2009, teachers from our partner schools in Italy, Hungary, Germany and Finland, met at the Piggott School to discuss ideas for the forthcoming Comenius projects. The topics will be the environment and sustainability, and there will be a close link to the work that we do as an Eco-School. The projects are due to commence in October of this year.

We encourage a large number of pupils to participate in the projects and are developing strong links and friendships between all partner schools. **Comenius is a great way to broaden your outlook on life and to learn about other cultures**

## CAP MONEY COURSE IN TWYFORD

Christians Against Poverty (CAP), the national debt counselling charity, is running a free three-week money management course called 'CAP Money' through a partner church in Twyford.

The course includes teaching good money management skills, budgeting tips and overall advice on how to curtail expenditure. The course will be held at St Mary's, Twyford. It is open to everyone, of any faith or none.

This is the second time the course has been run in Twyford and trained CAP Money Coach Andrew Shapland will be on hand to lead the sessions and offer practical advice.

Those wanting to attend the CAP Money course can contact Andrew Shapland on 0118 934 4792 to confirm details.

## USE BUY AT PIGGOTT TO HELP US TO RAISE MONEY

Have you used our fundraising webshop yet? When shopping online, you can access over 100 leading retailers using our webshop, including Thorntons, M&S, Next, Amazon, Play, Game, HMV, BT and Expedia.

Every time you use our webshop to go to a retailer's web site and subsequently buy something, you'll automatically earn money for us! You don't pay anything extra by using our webshop, in fact there are often special offers available, so please try to use it whenever you can.

Why not encourage family, friends and colleagues to use it too!

You'll find our webshop at [buy.atpiggott](http://buy.atpiggott) (please bookmark this link for future use)



## 'Simplify' - Live small think big - March 2010

'Simplify' is a national project in which a group of folk in Twyford are planning to take part in March this year.

**The Challenge** - to live on roughly what you would receive on benefit for a month, and give the income you don't spend away!

**The Purpose** - From this experience to learn more about our relationship with money and how we might live our lives based on what we need, not what we want. Living more simply, and possibly more sustainably.

For information and resources, including spreadsheets to calculate what you and your family would live on visit [www.simplify.org.uk/](http://www.simplify.org.uk/).

If you'd like to know more please contact Revd. Simon Howard [revsimon@lineone.net](mailto:revsimon@lineone.net).

## NEW MATHS WEBSITE

Available for all the students.

"For me, doing Mathematics has always been like playing a game. At Manga High we've been working hard to bring out the playful side of Maths while ensuring that students get the essential skills to master this important subject.

<http://www.mangahigh.com/>



## MATHS CHALLENGE

Towards the end of last term four Sixth formers represented the school in the Berkshire heat of the Team Maths Challenge held at Hlghdown School.

The team did really well, coming 5<sup>th</sup> out of 21 schools, of which many were either selective or independent.

The Berkshire Cross Country Championships were held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January at Wellington College. Once again the Piggott School Cross Country teams attended, with over 80 boys and girls taking part.

The teams had a lot to live up to after winning three out of the four cups last year. The pressure was really on. It started off with the U13s girls' race, which was hotly contested by our girls, but they were unlucky not to finish in the top three. All members of the team competed excellently.

A lonely David Lewis competed for the Piggott in the U18 race and finished 5<sup>th</sup>, an outstanding achievement after seeing off some of his competitors. This race was followed by the U13 boys race where Steven Seddon had to copy his older brother's achievement in 2009. This he did and won the race putting the Piggott School in a good position.

However, Edgbarrow finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in this race resulting in them winning the team competition. The Piggott U13 boys however finished in very respectable 2<sup>nd</sup> position.

The Team of the day must go to Miss Fellowes U17 girls. For the past 4 years the team have come in a close 2<sup>nd</sup> each year but this year went one step further and brought the cup home. Miss Fellowes states "I am very pleased with all the girls but a big mention must go out to the U17 girls who

have worked so hard over the past 4 years. I am so glad that their efforts have been rewarded and I am looking forward to retaining our title next year. Well done girls."

Next was the U15 boys race. The U15 team started the race with high expectations and confidence due to their fine season last year. This was continued during the race with Matt winning comfortably.

The penultimate race of the day was the eagerly awaited U17 boys race. For the past four years the U17 boys cross country team have not lost in any competition within the county. They once again did not disappoint, winning the race comfortably.

Going into this race Zak Seddon had to try and replicate some outstanding performances in previous races. This he did with flying colours, winning the race by a margin of about a minute. Another special mention must go to Miss Danni Seddon. In previous years it is fair to say that Danni has struggled on this course. This was rectified this year with a silver medal. A very strong run Danni; well done.

Mr Prince would like to thank all the staff who attended the day. Their help was much appreciated and without everyone being there the school would not have been so successful.

Thank you all for your help.

*Mr. Williams, PE Department*

## 2ND PLACE IN CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIPS

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February the Piggott Cheerleading Team met with anticipation at school ready to take on their first Cheerleading competition. After months of hard work and practice the girls were competing in the ICC Southern Regional Cheer and Dance Competition at Guildford Spectrum. On arrival at the venue girls were amazed at how many people were at the event, 53 teams took part on the day in many different categories. The girls were able to watch some amazing routines. The girls were entered into the High School Level 1 competition. Unfortunately we had to come after Ascension Eagles who were entered in a different category but were 6<sup>th</sup> best in the country! But this did not put Piggott off their steps, warm up went really well, then it was time to take to the floor. On they went smiling and screaming taking in the atmosphere even though there were a few nerves amongst them! But as soon as the music started they were away and performed with confidence and really tight timing. All the lifts were strong and they kept smiling all the way through. A huge round of applause and cheering was given as they leapt into their finishing position. A fantastic performance

and a real achievement for all the girls!

Now it was time for the results, the girls sat nervously amongst all the other competitors..... the results out..... Piggott 2<sup>nd</sup> a very impressive performance and trophy.

The next event the Cheerleaders will be starring in the Gym and Dance display which will take place on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will go on sale after half term.

A big thank you goes to The Polehampton Trust and the School Sports Partnership for helping to support the Cheerleading Programme.



### CONSULTATION ON WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (2011 - 2026)

Wokingham Borough Council is currently consulting on the next Local Transport Plan (LTP3). LTP3 will provide a long term strategy that aims to address the transport challenges facing Wokingham Borough now and in the future.

The Council's current Local Transport Plan (LTP2) expires on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011; LTP3 will supersede LTP2 after this date and will run until 2026. Given that your child travels to a school within Wokingham Borough, the Council would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire which is available electronically at:

<http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/transport-roads-waste/transport-policy/local-transport-plan-3-ltp3/local-transport-3-consultation/>

If you have any further queries regarding Wokingham Borough Council's LTP3 or would like to request a paper copy, contact the Transport Planning Team on (0118) 974 6472 or email [Transportplanning@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:Transportplanning@wokingham.gov.uk).

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### AT THE PIGGOTT SCHOOL

*Would you like to  
join us?*

Fridays 3.30 – 4.30pm  
in the Drama Hall £15 for 5  
sessions

[aa@piggott.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:aa@piggott.wokingham.sch.uk) or

**Angela Amor on  
0118 9402357**