

Sir Thomas Boughey High School

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Mrs Biddulph
-Assistant Head

Habari, a greeting in Swahili as we hope this edition of our newsletter is read by the parents, pupils and staff of both Sir Thomas Boughey and of Makiidi High School, Tanzania. This is a school we are working in partnership with to stimulate an interest in a different country and culture and to offer a range of extra curricular and enrichment activities to pupils in all year groups.

In Tanzania, parents must pay their children's school fees as well as buy any equipment needed for lessons, including exercise books and textbooks. Lessons are very traditional in style, learning by rote. Class sizes are large, sometimes over 60 pupils,

and pupils face the additional challenge of being taught in English, which is not their first language.

A link can be a positive experience for both schools. Letters have already been exchanged, sharing details about school life, aspirations and ambitions. We now hope to go further, through the 'School In A Box' project. Our pupils will regularly send copies of resources, equipment and examples of their work to be used in lessons. In return pupils from Makiidi High School will send information that we can use to enrich our curriculum, for example tales of traditional myths to be used in Drama, outlines of how coffee is grown to be used in Geography and stories of personal beliefs to be used in RE.

We also hope to have challenges between the two schools; how will Makiidi High School fair in the Yr 7 and 8 annual Maths Challenge?

A formal invitation will be sent to the Headteacher, Mr Dinya to visit us and spend time observing

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Attendance Heroes

This term's attendance heroes are Charlotte Prince (11CW), Aaron Ramsdale (11KA) and Sean Williams (11NS)

Charlotte, Aaron and Sean have achieved 100% attendance for their 5 years at school. Well done and good luck to all Yr 11 pupils as they begin their GCSE exams.

Charlotte Prince



Aaron Ramsdale



Sean Williams



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lessons, speaking to pupils, visiting our local primary schools and sharing information with staff.

Whole school activities will take place before his visit so that we can raise enough funds to provide a laptop and a projector, to improve our link further. Mr Dinya has been a reliable contact and has acted as host to myself and Mr O'Connor when we visited Tanzania. His aim, as Head teacher, is that his pupils become more confident with their use of English, to help them secure better jobs when they leave school. We hope that the link will be a long lasting and enjoyable experience for both schools, but if any parent has any additional ideas or ways of supporting the project please contact the school.

Dance Aerobathon 2014

On Sunday 4th May, Kelsey Daniels and Mr Rigby joined almost 200 people to take part in a five hour Dance Aerobathon organised by the Alison Hughes Fund, a group who regularly organise events to raise money for Cancer Research in memory of friend Alison Hughes, who died in 2010.



The event was held at King's Hall in Stoke and included an 80s hour and a fancy dress hour. Combined, Kelsey and Mr Rigby managed to raise over £200, which contributed to the overall total of £110, 727.47 raised since the fund was first set up four years ago. Well done guys!



In our February edition of the newsletter, we asked if you remembered any of the football players in this 1984 team photograph. We can now confirm that the players are:

Back row (left-right):

Richard Platt,
Phillip Robinson,
Stephen Howe, Tim Myatt,
Jason Prince, Martin Kirby,
Gary Brough.

Front row (left-right):

Darren Topping,
Steven Brough,
Kevin Jones, Kevin Finney, Paul Shaw.



Thanks to Kev Jones for supplying the names.

British Street Dance Championships

From Friday 7th March to Monday 10th March, Caitlin O'Sullivan, Megan Perry and Aeris Finney took part in the British Street Dance Championships at Brean Sands in Somerset.

The girls danced in solos, duos, quads and teams. Paradox (their street dance team) competed in the hardest category in the competition – Under 14 Advanced.

They danced extremely well and came 3rd overall; a huge achievement - well done. The girls are looking forward to the World Street Dance Championships in August and we would like to wish them good luck in the next competition.

- Mrs O'Neill

Sponsored Silence

Courtney Bedson, 10PW;
Kim Clarke, 10CM;
Alicia Plunkett, 10 PW;
Abigail O'conner, 10ELB.

The pupils were silent for a day in aid of raising money for the Douglas McMillan and Cancer Research.

The girls made a fantastic effort and raised £151.14.

Sean Williams' Photography



I started my photography business a few months ago. I offer canvas prints and the price varies, depending on the order. I started the business so that I can earn a bit of money for when I move to college and also so that I have some money in the bank, saved for when I am older. I got my first camera when I was in year 10 at Christmas. It was a Nikon Coolpix l310 and it is only a bridge

camera, but it can take really good photos.

I developed my love of photography about seven months ago when I went up to Northumberland and caught my first landscape of a beach. Afterwards I was taking my camera everywhere because there is never not a photo opportunity. Now, thanks to my love for photography growing, I have over 724 original photos and nearly as many edits. Hopefully I will be able to get a Canon Eos digital SLR camera with lenses specifically created to capture the best landscape photos.

The smallest canvas print I do is 8"x8" and that would cost you £20 to buy. Sizes vary from 8"x8" to 36"x56". When I make enough money I will also move onto selling metallic and framed prints, which would cost slightly more but would look great on your walls.

Sean Williams, 11NS (prefect)

You can contact Sean through the school via email:
office@stb.coop



Recognising Achievement

The following pupils have been nominated this term by their subject teachers for excellent effort in their work.

Congratulations to the following:



Year 7

Jordan Coffey, Maddison Smith, Ryon Tooth, Edward Smith, Catie Fuller, Joshua Barker, Harvi Hough, Kate Wilkes.

Year 8

Freddie Doorbar, Brogan Kwiatkowski, Lewis Shirley, Shianne Elks, Rebecca Smith, Ellie Hammond, Charlotte Roberts, Olivia Nixon.

Year 9

Callum Lawton, Chloe Banks, Lachlan Goodridge, Joe Rutter, Ella Crabtree, Amber Johnson, Declan Myatt, Emmie Shaw-Peake.



Year 10

Abbie Copnell, Ben Darlington, Charley Hallett, Emilija Bould, Courtney Bedson, Jack Lawler, Ella Hammersley, Beth Askey.

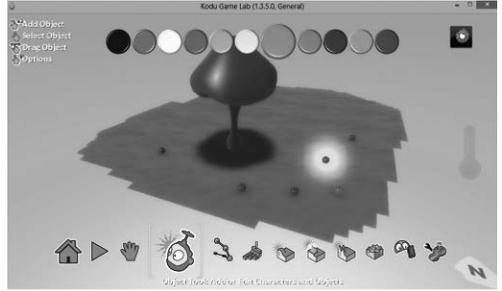
Year 11

Joshua Mason, Jordan Rhodes, Emily Cowen, Brandon Lee Sutton, Ashley Tabbiner, Callum Tunstall, Jake Spencer Taylor, Ben Green.

Kodu

Kodu is the new program that the school has recently downloaded onto the system. It features a 3D landscape which can be tweaked, decorated or built up.

The program was made to encourage game-making and programming. Unlike Scratch, which is the game system we previously used, Kodu presents its data in a much more graphic way, making it easier to programme and control characters and items. This enables people to create their own game their own way.



Prince's Trust

Year 10 are currently working hard on their enterprise project. They are making school house badges, keyrings and bottle openers in preparation for Sports Day.

Prices begin from just £1.00 for a house badge. Additionally, any of the above items can have an individual, personalised design included for only 50p more.

The pupils are hoping to raise £500 for charity. Please support this worthwhile cause and get behind your house at Sports Day.

Pupils will be selling their products outside the Conference Room in school.

Web orders can also be taken at the address:

badgeorders@stb.coop



Drama Club

At the end of last half term, pupils from the Drama Club performed in front of a small audience. Pupils worked in small groups and based their pieces on a Greek myth, God/Goddess or something associated with Greek Theatre. Pupils performed extremely well, wowing their audience with their talent, confidence and enthusiasm. Pieces were entitled: 'Planning the War'; 'Love Isn't About Beauty'; 'Greek Take Me Out'; 'God of American Love'; 'God and Goddess Olympics'; 'Poisoned Arrow' and 'Poseidon's Fourth Therapist'.

GCSE

Just before Easter, ten GCSE Drama pupils performed for the AQA moderator. Pupils performed improvisations based on school, a play called 'Final Placement' and a piece based on the play 'Teachers'. Pupils performed extremely well under the stress and pressure of the examination board being present. Well done to all involved. All pupils are now working towards their final exam on the 23rd May.

Theatre Visits

On 1st May, ten GCSE Drama pupils visited 'The Lowry' in Manchester to watch a fantastic production of the comedy play 'Teachers' by John Godber. Pupils enjoyed the experience and were able to analyse the performances, with some of them hoping to use this as a basis for one of their exam responses in a few weeks' time.



London Visit

During the Easter holidays, 65 pupils from years 9, 10 and 11, along with six members of staff, spent two days in London. Pupils watched the acclaimed musical 'Wicked' and the atmospheric play 'Woman in Black' as well as being treated to dinner at 'Spaghetti House', an overnight stay and a brief guided tour of London. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the visit, with some pupils wanting to stay all week! Pupils were a pleasure to be with for the duration of the visit and were a credit to the school.



Parents as Partners

As a rural school, we work in a quiet and peaceful area. For most of the day, the roads around the school are extremely quiet and empty, but twice a day we create our own personal rush half hour.

We have neighbours on Station Road who need access to their drives so they can use their cars. Most of the time, this is not a problem. If you drop your child off at school by car, can you please be aware of the local residents' needs and avoid obstructing their drives. They, like you, are probably about to start their busy day and can find it frustrating if they cannot get their car off the drive.

Could you also please be aware that there is a bright yellow bus zone along the front of the school; this is reserved for the buses that bring your children to school in the morning and take them home again in the evening. For pupil safety, these areas are clearly marked and cannot be used for parking or drop off points. We supervise the pupils catching the bus home while they wait and while they get on the bus, we do this to ensure their safety, we therefore need the buses to be able to park directly outside the pupil entrance and exit.

We have an excellent record of safety and good relationships with our neighbours - please help us to maintain this in the future.

2nd Annual Memorial Evening In honour of Mrs Thorley Platt

On 1st April 2014, Sir Thomas Boughey hosted the 2nd Annual Memorial Evening in honour of Mrs Thorley Platt. Pupils from the local primary schools and Sir Thomas Boughey performed a variety of songs, dances and instrumental pieces. The evening was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.



E-Safety

The Heartbleed Bug



Last month there were many news stories about the Heartbleed bug, a faulty bit of code in OpenSSL software which meant that many websites were not as secure as they should be. This bug potentially allows hackers to access the usernames and passwords of people using various websites.

Many websites have recommended that users change their passwords following this incident.

<http://heartbleed.com>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-26969629>

This incident is a useful reminder of the importance of password security. How many of us use the same password for everything? If someone finds out your password to one site, then how much of your personal information will they be able to access? Are your passwords complex or have you opted for one of the old favourites, "password", "123", "abc" or even no password at all? If you allow your web browser to store your password, then remember that if somebody else is able to access your device, then they may be able to access these sites as well. So, make sure you have a strong password to log on and make sure that you lock your computer.

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/protecting-yourself/passwords/>

<https://www.random.org/passwords>

Password recommendations

- At least 8 characters
- At least three of uppercase, lowercase, number, special character
- Not a dictionary word or a name
- Change your passwords regularly
- Use different passwords for different sites and devices
- Don't write passwords down



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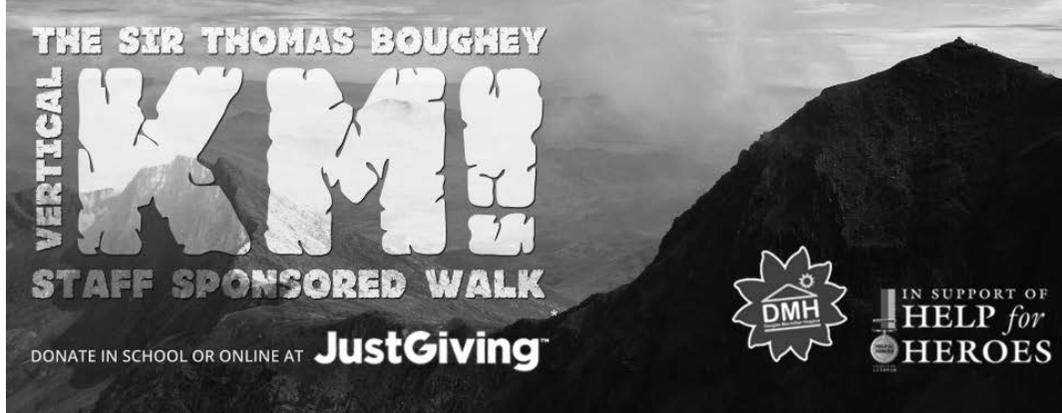
Have you visited the school website www.stb.coop recently?

You can view the latest news on upcoming events and read about recent activities in school, plus, of course, read the online *Term Times*. You can find Exam timetables, the school prospectus, term dates, school policies and, of course, some e-safety advice, including links to useful webpages.

Year 6 SEN Open Evening

Thursday 12th June 2014

If you have any concerns about the academic progress of your child, or the support they will receive as they make the transition across the key stages, then we would like to invite you to attend our SEN open evening.



The Vertical Kilometre Sponsored Walk

On Saturday May 24th a group of staff are taking part in the formidable STB Vertical Kilometre challenge, to raise money for Help For Heroes and Douglas Macmillan Hospice.

It is a 12km trek up Mount Snowdon, which includes a vertical ascent of 1km. It promises to be a gruelling challenge on a lesser used route, coming in front the west of the mountain. With narrow ridges and 1000ft drops, it's quite a test, but we've put together a group of staff who are determined to make it to the top - and back again! The dream team consists of Miss Bagguley, Ms Bibby, Miss Cleary, Mr Colclough, Miss Collings, Ms Deakin, Ms Dele-Fane, Mr Dove, Mrs Goodwin, Mr Oliver and Mrs Robbins.

We were inspired to set out on a challenge of our own by one of our former pupils, Andy Topham, who is part of the Beyond Rescue team heading to the South Pole in November. We don't mind admitting that we're not quite as adventurous as Andy, but we're still going to push ourselves to raise as much as we can for two great charities, so please give generously and help us help others in need. Money is being collected in school, and you can also donate online at justgiving.com/teams/stbh until July 15th.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 22nd May - Art & Poetry evening

Friday 23rd May - School closes for half term

Monday 2nd June - School re-opens

Monday 12th June - Year 6 SEN Parents evening, 7pm

Monday 16th June - Training Day, school closed

Thursday 3rd July - Sports Day

Friday 4th July - Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 16th July - Y6 Parents Evening, 7pm

Friday 18th July - School closes for Summer Holidays



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