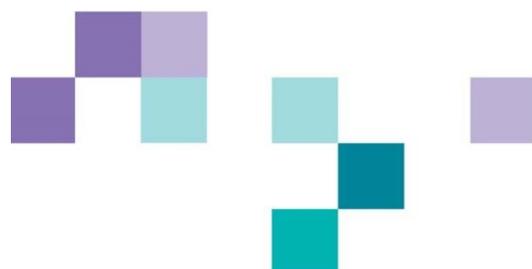


Sarum Academy Principal's Blog 18.3.16



Awe and wonder

Pupils arrived on Monday to see areas of the Academy cordoned off and danger signs everywhere as we experienced a Dihydrogen Monoxide leak. All the members of staff were running around in white lab coats - clearly something was seriously wrong.

The reality was that it was the beginning of **Science Week** and a fake incident had been orchestrated to raise awareness of a whole week of activities and demonstrations that were to take place. Subsequently we have enjoyed jumping on custard, a chip pan fire demo, exploding melons and many more scientific experiments. Even the catering team joined in with some interesting additions to the usual displays at lunchtime! Many thanks must go to **Mrs Day, Mrs Smith, Miss Murphy and Mrs Moore** for all the hard work that went into the preparation of these exciting learning experiences.





Was it all a lie?

! DANGER

Dihydrogen monoxide is colorless and odorless.

Accidental inhalation of DHMO may be fatal.

Prolonged exposure to its solid form causes severe tissue damage.

Symptoms of DHMO ingestion can include excessive sweating and urination, and possibly a bloated feeling, nausea, vomiting and body electrolyte imbalance.

NO!

→ **This is drowning.**

→ **Ice burn.**

→ **If you drink too much water**



On Tuesday we welcomed the judges for our **TBW** competition which is now a well established event in the Academy, designed to encourage and **celebrate creative writing**. With a high number of entries, our judges, Ms Caroline Peacock, Salisbury Arts Festival, Mr David Parker, Editor of Valley News,, Canon Chancellor and former Chair of Governors, Edward Probert, Salisbury Cathedral, Ms Julia Edwards, Author and Mr John Potter, RSA Fellows Network, were kept busy throughout the morning first selecting our 30 finalists and then the winners of the writing competition. We look forward to the **Awards Ceremony next week** when we discover who those winners are!

In the afternoon our Year 7 girls participated in the **Year 7 Netball Festival** achieving a respectable 8th place.

Monday and Tuesday were also busy days for the **Year 11 Art and Photography** pupils who completed their final examinations. They worked extremely hard and we thank Mrs Middlehurst-Jones and Miss Cotsell for their commitment to the pupils during these exams. Next week we have our **Year 11 Examination Preparation Evening** for parents on Wednesday 23rd March – each pupil attending with their parents will be given a free pack of revision ‘goodies’ to make the last few weeks before the GCSE papers take place, a little easier.

On Wednesday, **Year 13 BTEC pupils** completed their music performance supported by Mr Filer and Miss Murphy. They were a credit to themselves and the Academy.

On Wednesday **Year 11 - won 3-2 against Avon Valley in the Salisbury School Cup** and have now booked their place in the final. Well done lads!



Throughout the week Sarum Academy has supported **Sport Relief**. Pupils have been taking part in their Schools having been asked to run or walk a sponsored mile. With over £150 raised so far, thank you to all those sponsors out there!

The **Highest Attendance Awards** this week were won by:

Arundells:	A1	Mompesson:	M3
Clarendon:	C3	Philipps:	P4

It is always a pleasure to get feedback from outside of the Academy. I share with you a letter that I received this week which commends our pupils.

Dear Mrs Johnson

I wanted to write to you to let you know what a delight your students were last week.

I am the artist that ran the workshop for them at Salisbury museum and Cathedral.

I had quite a lengthy powerpoint about architecture and Salisbury Cathedral, during which, they were fully engaged and paying attention.

Then I got them all going on some drawing exercises (even the photographers). They were great. They trusted me, and there was a fantastic atmosphere. It was particularly pleasing to see them being supportive of each other.

Later on in the day we went over to the Cathedral, you might remember that the weather on that day, was horrid. Very wet and very cold. There was a little grumble about the cold (which was understandable) but they soon settled down to do some marvellous work.

I was so impressed with them, we had such a lovely day (despite the cold), they were friendly, responsive and there was a great rapport between them and their teachers.

Before becoming a full time artist I was a teacher for 20 years, so I fully understand the effort involved in getting the students out of school, and the pressure for them to be immaculate when they are visiting special places.

Your students were a credit to the school. They were great.

Many thanks

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Finally, a reminder that you can follow all that we do in our learning every day on Twitter **@SarumAcademy**