

Farewell – But not goodbye

Congratulations Year 11 – Your exams are over (for now). Please enjoy a well earned break and see you at the Prom – it's been a pleasure!



Author Visit



As the official Education Partner to the AGEAS Salisbury International Arts Festival, Sarum Academy were incredibly fortunate to receive a visit from internationally renowned author Witi Ihimaera. He came to talk to Year 8 pupils about his most famous work, *Whale Rider*, a novel about a young Maori girl in rural New Zealand challenging and coming to terms with her heritage and place within a male dominated culture. Also an award winning film, the pupils loved reading the novel and watching the film and were able to bombard Witi Ihimaera with questions about his work, Maori culture and being a famous writer! One class were also honoured to receive a

personal two hour writer's workshop where they were treated to tricks of the trade and Witi's reflections on what it is to be a writer.

Some quotes from those involved:

Mrs Jones *"I was personally inspired by Witi and filled with pride by the pupil's contribution to the writing workshop and encouraged to see them feeling so empowered by their ability to create."*

Olivia Parsons *"Witi was amusing and it was interesting to learn about the Maori culture."*

Daniel Clarke *"I enjoyed the story lines that Witi gave us to write about and in the future I will try to use the techniques we explored in my own story writing."*

Natasha LePage *"I like the fact Witi taught us new techniques that we weren't already using."*

Matthew Gulliver *"Witi was inspiring and makes me think about the vocabulary I use."*

Peter Jenner (Pictured below) *"It was a fun lesson that showed us how to turn everyday life into a story."*



Year 8 Options Evening

It was great to meet many parents at our Year 8 Options Evening, a lovely atmosphere and a pleasant way to spend an evening. Many thanks for all the positive feedback.

Year 7 Parents Evening – ‘Best turnout ever!’

Many thanks for all your support in making the evening successful. We look forward to celebrating pupils achievements at the Prize Giving Evening in July.

Photography Competition



Theme for the competition is **‘where we live’** and is open for you to photograph your favourite things about living in the Salisbury area and local community.

Please email entries to:
photocomp@sarumacademy.org.

The competition is open to everyone, so please get snapping. Please email entries in by Wednesday July 5th. **Please come and see all the work of our talented pupils and the entries on July 14th at 5.30-7pm in the main Academy building.**

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

One week to go until Sarum Academy pupils will be giving a show stopping performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory on **Thursday 30th June at 6.30pm**. Tickets are available free of charge. Please come and support our pupils, and join them on a journey full of adventure and chocolate! – Mrs Murphy

Community Art Project judging

We have come to the end of our largescale community project which we started in September. We were awarded £1000 by Radian housing to use towards a community project. We chose to complete a map of Salisbury and have had lots of different people complete a piece of work in the map. A group of 7 primary school pupils from Manor fields and Woodlands joined us every Tuesday to work on the starting points, we then had another 15 primary pupils from both schools come and join an ELD day where they added British wildlife drawings. Our Year 7's that day completed pictures of various places in Salisbury including the rivers, the houses, Stonehenge and places in the city. Year 8 and 9 also completed work on the border with watercolour British flags and Birds which were beautifully painted on pages of books. The final element was an art class at Bemerton Heath Neighbourhood centre last Saturday where 10 members of the local community added colourful large scale drawings of iconic places in the city.

Judging took place on Monday so we are eagerly waiting to see if we have won the £1000 prize which, if we are lucky enough to do so, will pay for lots of exciting rewards and equipment for our art and photography pupils. The judges couldn't speak highly enough about the time and effort been put into the project and also seeing how the money had been spent. They also thought the community element of bringing everyone together had been well achieved. – Mrs Middlehurst-Jones



National School Sports Week

This week has seen the Academy take part in the nationwide sporting initiative designed to get people across the country more active and enjoying sport. During the week the PE team have been running lunchtime sessions of a range of different sports from blind football to Bocha.

The idea was to get children and adults participating in new sports that they might not have previously tried, in the hope that new interests or opportunities might arise from them. The scheme has also been linked with the Wiltshire Wide initiative of Road of Rio, where pupils and staff monitor and record their exercise habits throughout the day with the long term aim of performing enough activity (throughout the months of June and July) to of run, walked, swam or cycled the equivalent distance between London and Rio in Brazil.

Children have also been learning about different Olympic countries in their Collective Worship sessions where each tutor group has adopted a country and found out key sporting facts before sharing with the rest of the year in a closing ceremony at the end of the week. Well done to all that have participated this week and keep up the exercise so we can get to RIO!



County Athletics

Jack Bennett again produced a dazzling display in the County Athletics competition earlier this month, finishing in bronze medal position. Jack ran a personal best of 4.30 mins in his chosen event the 1500m and everyone at the Academy is

extremely proud. Jack will now go on to represent the South West at the National Competition held in Nottingham in July. Well done Jack. - Mr Pearce



Fully staffed

I am delighted to be fully staffed for September. Mr Millar will be joining the Academy in History on the 4th July. Mr Burns (Maths), Mr King (English) and Mrs Turnock (Maths & Science) will add expertise as our teaching staff team expands.

Bemerton Heath Centre

Job Opportunities at Centre Parks and Longleat

**Tuesday 26th July 2016 – 9.30am to 2.30pm.
Pinewood Way**

Centre Parks and Longleat need you! Go and have a chat about what you can offer including travel to and from the Heath.