

AGS COMES UP WITH THE GOODS

By Mr Michael Rennie
Deputy Headteacher

The AGS community has been raising money for a local Rabbit Rescue Centre.

It is horrible but true, rabbits are the most mistreated pets in the UK. After a series of information events, students were invited to take part in a fundraiser to provide much needed resources for Jane Dexter's Warwick-based Rabbit Care Centre.

Jane manages a series of volunteer foster homes for abandoned rabbits, caring for all their needs until homes can be found for them. At any given time, she has as many as 100 rabbits in this difficult situation and veterinary costs can spiral at alarming rates; vaccinations, neutering and spaying as well as routine medication plans costs thousands of pounds per year, all of

which is found by volunteers and from a small grant from the RSPCA.

Pictured are Jordan Wright (Head Boy) and Mabel Makombore (Deputy Head Girl) with Jane at the Rabbit centre. They presented Jane with a cheque for £874, all raised from generous donations from students, staff and parents/carers in our community. Additional private donations took the total to £1,280. Jane was extremely grateful for our support and thanks everyone for their efforts.

AGS has really made huge strides in our support of charities this year. Significant sums have been raised for the NSPCC, Help For Heroes, Haiti and now this Rabbit Rescue. A wide, diverse range of good causes, all worthy of our full support.



KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE & WELL

CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS

AGS now has three designated Child Protection Officers. They are Mrs Sheila Dagnall, Mrs Ruth Hendry and Mrs Debbie Davies.

The School is now promoting Healthy Eating and Healthy Lifestyles. Parents will be receiving information about this soon.

SAFER SCHOOLS OFFICER

We are delighted to welcome PCSO Michael Green, who has joined the staff as our Police Community Support Officer. Mr Green is here to help maintain a sense of good order and calm while building good relationships with staff and students, as well as liaising with the wider community to calm fears about potential anti-social behaviour by students.

He also delivers aspects of the wider curriculum, such as assemblies on safety issues and improves site security. Helping to resolve difficult family relationship issues, which could potentially cause incidents in the community, is also part of his role.

When students go on field or residential trips, such as a recent visit to the local Fire Station, he goes along to make sure that everyone's behaviour is outstanding and that all students are kept safe. We are all very glad to have him.

AGS ON TOUR

Paris & Barcelona Trip 2010

By Mrs Fil Benford

Subject Team Leader - Modern Foreign Languages

At the end of Spring term, a group of 34 students visited Europe. They were accompanied by Mr Farmer who organised and lead the trip, aided by Mrs Benford, Miss Collymore and Mr Scorey.

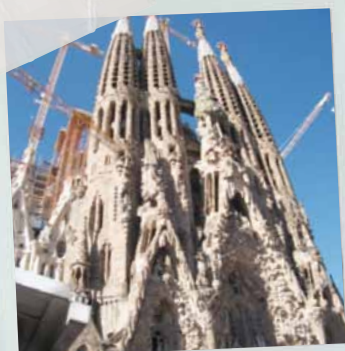
Everyone has memories of the whole trip, experiences which stuck in all the travellers' minds included going up the Eiffel Tower, visiting the fabulous La Sagrada Familia Cathedral designed by Gaudi, Camp Nou football stadium, dancing at the disco on the last night

and visiting Port Aventura, a theme park where they got stuck at the top of the roller coaster!

The overall feeling was that the trip was very positive, with several students commenting on how much they enjoyed spending time together. As Ross Hudson wrote, "I enjoyed everything and spending a good time with my friends." Shannon Hull-Paterson summed it up, "I enjoyed Port Aventura because I was with all of my friends. A memory to keep forever."

Everyone at AGS should be very proud of this group of students. Their behaviour was so outstanding that Dawn Waite, one of the drivers, wrote, "The students were the best we have travelled with for a long time. Great staff, excellent organisation, lots of fond memories. You are all a credit to yourselves and the school".

Well done to all the students for making such a brilliant impression. And thanks to the staff who helped make this trip such a positive experience for everyone.



Gaudi's La Sagrada Familia Cathedral



Some of the amazing architecture on show



Students and staff outside the Camp Nou



The girls do their best to block the stairs

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Dawn Waite (Coach Driver)



AGS IS ARTISTIC!

By Miss Victoria Craig
Subject Team Leader – Art & Design



During April, several Year 10 students produced some wonderful 3D work. Mr Edwards and I were so impressed with the standard that we entered them into the Nuneaton and Bedworth Arts Festival. The results were great and it just shows what AGS students can achieve.

Winner : Red shoe by Leanne Orczyk, Eve Gregg and Kamaljeet Dhillon.

Second: Pink glasses by Jessica Stokes.

Third: Duracell battery by William Frost and Eve Taylor.

Eve Gregg, one of the students who made the winning piece, said "In Art this

year we have been studying Pop Art and the work of Claus Oldenburg. For our final piece we had to make a sculpture out of chicken wire and papier mache. Leanne, Kamaljeet and I decided to create a sculpture of a shoe. When we found out that we'd won we were really happy."

Third placed William Frost said, "We created 3D sculptures based on a famous artist's work. Eve Taylor and I made a large Duracell battery and were amazed to find it had been entered into Nuneaton and Bedworth Arts Festival. We were even more amazed when we won third place."

Congratulations to all the entrants. Your work is tremendous!

Exceptional Attendance Figures

By Mrs Sue Tandy
Attendance Co-Ordinator

I am delighted to be able to announce that 35 students have achieved 100% attendance this year.

Year 10 had 5 students in total and they are: James Bonsor, Rosemarie Johal, Kelcey Paterson, Jordan Wright and George Young.

Year 9 were well represented with 10 students, including Georgia Barratt, Courtney Barratt, Amie Johnson, Benjamin Johnson, Luke Johnson, Paige Johnson, Alexander Madelin, Curtis Morris, Toni O'Brien, Davey Whittaker and George Young.

Year 8 had a total of 5 students: Billy Bennett, James Callaghan, Sophie Campbell, Harry Mann, and Alan Shajee.

Year 7 had a terrific total of 15 students, including Stefan Bailey, Courtney Barrett, Lauren Hill, Morgan Hill, Sarah Mahoney, Corron Marshall, Mathew Martin, Chevelle Mo, Faye Morris, Thomas Ogden, Courtney Rowley, Nathan Starkey, Jordan Stevenson, Freya Sweeney and Zoe Watson.

Well done all of you.

Some fabulous 2D work was also created on a theme of Picasso and Cubism, some of which were entered into the Art in Warwickshire Education Competition. Here is a selection of work done by Years 9 and 11.



Jack Spawton-Rice 11LP



Matthew Lilley Yr9



Toni Lovell Yr9



Yr9 Group

AGS BRINGS SHAKESPEARE UP TO DATE

By Miss Claire O'Malley
Teacher, Performing Arts

A dedicated and professional group of Year 10 students have put together an exciting modern production of Romeo and Juliet.

Directed by Claire O'Malley, Kay Sanders and Daisy Ivatt, with modern costumes and urban music, the play has been brought right up to date as two gangs fight it out on stage.

This is a production by and for teenagers and the Year 8 students who are studying the play in English will gain real insights into the tension

and passion of Shakespeare's classic love story when they see it on Tuesday 20th July.

The commitment of the hand-picked Gifted and Talented cast has been tremendous – they even gave up two days of their half-term break, showing their dedication to the Arts at AGS. The performance has offered Year 10 students a multitude of opportunities to learn new skills and they have risen magnificently to the challenge.

You can see the play on Tuesday 20th July at 6.30pm – don't miss it!



Class of '85 Reunion

AGS students from the class of 85 are invited to attend a School Reunion.

It will be taking place on Saturday 25th September 2010 at the Unicorn Club, Holbrook Lane, Coventry. Tickets are £5.00 and are available from Lorraine Turner (Hay) or Alli Price via Facebook or by e-mailing them on: lorraineturner@live.co.uk or alli_cat18@hotmail.com

Come along and catch up with your old school friends – it's sure to be fun!

AGS IS ACTIVE - BADMINTON

By Elliot Wagstaff
Yr 9

I was recently selected to watch the All England Open at the NIA in Birmingham. There was a good atmosphere and everyone was enjoying the Badminton.

We met England's men's doubles players, Andrew Ellis and Dean George, who were really friendly. We also watched the women's doubles team, who won their match.

Sport Relief fun with the PE Department!

By Mr Stephen King
Teacher, Physical Education

So that AGS could add to funds raised by Sport Relief, the PE Department organised a sponsored Concept 2 Rower event, where students were challenged to get sponsored for how far they could row in 4 minutes.

Each race was broadcast on a live screen in the Sports Hall, where rowers and spectators could see their progress in each race – this certainly made all the rowers far

more competitive! The event was also run as an Inter-Form competition with 7MC, 8CWH and 9AF being victorious.

Of course, the main reason behind the event was to raise money for Sport Relief and through everyone's hard work we collected just over £600 – a sensational effort!

Well done to all those who took part.

Year 10 Sports Leaders Disability Day of Sport

By Mr Stephen King
Teacher, Physical Education

Year 10 Sports Leaders organised and ran a day of Disability Sports for our Year 7 students, to show that sport is truly for all and that having a disability does not take away the chances to participate and enjoy all that sport can bring.

Activities that the Year 7s took part in included goal ball (a version of football for the visually impaired), bocchia (a version of bowls) and parachute work (various tasks with a giant parachute!) The Year 7s loved the experience and didn't want their sessions to end!

A huge 'well done' to all of the Year 10 Sports Leaders group who were superb during this event – their friendliness, coaching skills and enthusiasm was fantastic and brought well-earned praise from all staff attending the event.

