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Sheerluck Success



*Whodunnit? Back row: Mark Edwards, Claire O'Connell, Karen Handley
Front: Laura Cannon as Dr. Watson, Aaron Foster as Sheerluck Holmes.*

April saw the performance of yet another resounding theatrical success with the staging of the antics of that well known sleuth, 'Sheerluck Holmes'.

Aaron Foster excelled as Holmes, the dithering detective who bungled his way through the murder and mayhem fighting off a posse of pirates, ghosts, tarts and triads. He was ably assisted by Laura Cannon as his side-kick, Dr Watson whilst the tension was provided by the malevolent Madame Weepoo played by Claire O'Connell.

A full supporting cast, excellent musical accompaniment and some dazzling stage effects made for a thoroughly enjoyable event which will be difficult to top next year.

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You've Been Framed

Eleven Sixth Form Business Studies students have been putting Shropshire in the picture this term when they set up a complete framing service for photographs, paintings and certificates.

Far from ignoring their studies to do this, these budding entrepreneurs are gaining valuable experience of the commercial world through the formation of their own company, 'Eloquence', which they financed by selling shares to their teachers, friends and relatives.

This venture formed part of the Young Enterprise Scheme which encourages students to set-up and run their own companies with help from advisers in industry. Eloquence were ably assisted by Martin Wright of the Midland Bank and Simon Lovell and Larry Smith from the School's sponsor, Tarmac PLC.

'All the frames that Eloquence produce are hand crafted by the students who cut, paint and varnish them to the customers specification. All standard size frames are available, but any sized frames can be made to order,' said Robert Thorburn, the company's Marketing Director.

On Saturday 23 April they joined five other local schools to organise their own Trade Fair at the Darwin Shopping Centre, Shrewsbury. Members of the company gave demonstrations how to make the frames whilst senior officials from Young Enterprise took the opportunity to judge their stands and offer advice.



A Message From The Head

By September we will have 900 students attending Thomas Telford School and with only one more intake in 1995 we will reach our full complement of 1080 students. We are now beginning to feel like a "real" school.

It seems such a short while ago when our first students were admitted to the School and it is rewarding to observe them mature and get prepared for their GCSE's in the 14 - 16 phase.

For many students this will be a testing time but the rewards can be considerable. I, therefore, offer every encouragement to parents to work as closely as possible with the teachers to ensure that every student reaches their full potential.

We are currently supporting the Sixth Form students with their efforts to gain places in employment, at university and higher education. The target is that 75 leavers will secure meaningful destinations. It is with considerable confidence that I look forward to receiving the examination results which I expect to match last year's 100% success.

Finally, in an effort to support the students further we are about to launch our Parents' and Students' Charters. Implicit within these Charters are our commitments to an ever improving service. Parents are invited to support us with these endeavours.

Kevin Satchwell
Headmaster

Advisory Council News

The Advisory Council are currently planning to introduce our own newsletter which will keep parents and friends informed of the work we do and our forthcoming events. If anybody would like to offer their help in this regard then please get in touch with one of your representatives listed below.

Uniform Exchange

A number of requests have been made about the School running a Uniform Exchange service and, as the School grows, it is felt this could benefit the parents of existing and new students.

Items of Thomas Telford School clothing are acceptable as long as they are in good condition, clean and a note attached giving the following information; parent's name, student's name and teaching group and a requested selling price. It is important that this price is 'reasonable'. A 10% handling fee will be retained by the Uniform Exchange Service and passed on to the Advisory Council. You may wish to donate the clothing to the School Advisory Council, in which case the monies raised will go towards supporting their activities. Proceeds from the sale of uniform, less the handling fee, will be forwarded to parents on a regular basis by cheque.

It is intended that the service will operate as follows; weekly on Monday mornings between 8.00 am and 8.30 am clothes may be delivered to Mrs Wilde in Learning Base 3 office. The first Monday of each month between 3.45 and 4.30 pm, and on other designated occasions, the items for sale will be displayed in Study Room 1. A phone-in service for enquiries about available stock will be offered at the School between 2.00 pm and 3.30 pm on Tuesdays during term time only.

The service will commence on Monday 6 June and initial enquiries can be made by contacting Mrs Shaw on (0952) 596629, Mrs Fowler on (0952) 253378 or alternatively, Mrs Wilde, during school hours. As you can imagine the service needs as many voluntary helpers as possible, therefore if you are interested in assisting please contact either of the above parents.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Mrs Julie Wilde, Business Education Teacher.

For further information about Advisory Council business please contact any of those listed below:

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The School would like to offer its sincere gratitude to Mr Roy Driver and the Advisory Council for the donation of a trailer which will enable students going on Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and to sporting venues to more easily transport their equipment.



Mr Driver hands over the trailer to Mr Satchwell as members of the Advisory Council look on

Dates For Your Diary

'The Courage to Remember' - Holocaust Exhibition 20 - 30 June

School Summer Fayre - Saturday 25 June

Record of Achievement Evening - 6 July

1994 Autumn Term 1 September to 23 December (Half Term 24 to 28 October)



Livex '94 School Design Award

Thomas Telford School is in line for a major technology prize thanks to Year 8 student, James Cunningham, who has been short-listed for the Livex 1994 School's Design Award Competition with his bath water level sensor for use by the blind.

The project has been designed and created by James from scratch and his folio, product and photographic evidence have greatly impressed the judges who visited the School at the end of April.

Final judging is to take place very shortly. Good luck James.

Oxfam Staff Cuts!

Many students have seen less of some members of Thomas Telford School's staff this term, but don't worry its all in a good cause.

Elaine Goodwin, Ginny Parker, Jenny Harmston, Shirley West and her husband, Sarah Evans and Rhianon Jones are aiming to shed approximately 67 kg of their combined weight of 545 kg. Put another way, this would make one of them disappear completely!

As part of the same fund-raising effort Business Studies teacher, Bridgette Thornton, donned her hiking boots to lead a group of students on an 8 mile sponsored walk through the Wyre Forest on Sunday 22 May.

All proceeds from both of these sponsored events will go to Oxfam and the total raised will be announced in the next newsletter.

Earlier this term two local charities benefited from money raised by the School "Mufti" days. Cheques for £150 were presented during assemblies to Mike Domoney from the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Hospice and Alan Jones from the MRI Scanner Appeal.

Summing Up

When it come to Mathematics Thomas Telford School students really do add up to a resounding success.

In February 30 of our Year 9 students entered the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge which is really aimed at Year 11 students and only gives awards to the top 15% nationwide of all those who enter the competition.

Despite this Megan Bennett, Edward Hole and Leigh Kendal each received Silver Awards and Ben Graham, Richard Weaver, Matthew Fletcher and Laura Watkins were adjudged to have reached the Bronze level.

In addition, 50 Year 8 students were entered for the Natwest Bank Junior Maths Challenge at the end of April which only awards certificates to the top 40% of entrants.

Improving on last year's success three students, Daniel Bradburn, David Kane and Graham Griffiths all reached the Gold award with Graham scoring 90%. Eight students, Nicholas Young, Sarah Thomas, Andrew Pearce, Simon Saraj, Neil Banks, Rebecca Broadhead, Jonathan Woodrow and Dawn Fowler were each given the Silver certificate. Bronze awards were earned by Lee Townsend, Andrew Dalton, Carl Graham, Anna Hitchcock, Tom Burnley, James Cunningham, Richard Wilson and Rebecca Kane.

Artist in Residence

Thomas Telford School students were fortunate enough to have had the services of Angela Maloney, a Birmingham based artist, for one day per week for the nine weeks prior to the Easter break.

Angela worked with the 6.1 Design group, the whole of Year 8 and a selected band of Year 9 students in producing exciting work based on self-portraits and the work of other well known artists. The work produced was of an extremely high standard with some being displayed around the School.

Bellegarde Visitors

On the 21 March we were delighted to welcome a group of 20 students and their staff from our French partner school in Bellegarde, a town near the Swiss border and some twenty miles from Geneva.

During their ten day stay they followed a very full and varied programme which included visits to Ironbridge Gorge Museum, The Molineux complex and the Black Country Museum.

They were followed by a further group of Bellegarde students in May who spent three weeks working in a number of local hotels as part of their Hotel and Catering course.

The exchange was organised by Richard Tillman, Director of Foreign Languages and Malcolm Scotto, the School's senior Industrial Consultant.

Richard Tillman commented: 'We view the European work placement programme as a vital part of Post 16 education and this exchange is part of our commitment to the programme.' We would also like to thank staff and students for their help and generosity during the French students stay and we look forward to many more successful and enjoyable exchanges in the future.'

'Au revoir et bon voyage!'

Thomas Telford School students will complete the return leg of the exchange in October when they will spend 10 days in Bellegarde.



Sixth Form Design Student Katie Broughton
pictured with artist Angela Maloney



Canadian Tourist

Congratulations go to Sixth Form Science student, David Godfrey, who has just been selected to tour Canada in August as part of the Midland Division Rugby Football Colts squad.

David, at 6ft 5 ins, plays lock for Wolverhampton & Staffordshire, Combined Midland and North Squad and has also recently attended the Trent National Rugby Training weekend. This training weekend is by invitation only and is the first step towards possible future national honours.

The five match tour, which is sponsored by Carlsberg-Tetley, will also include visits to Toronto's CN Tower-the world's tallest free standing structure, Niagara Falls, including a ride on the famous 'Maid of the Mist' and a sightseeing tour of Ontario's IMAX Cinesphere and Water Park.

Young Ones Come of Age

The 'Young Ones' netball team, which is a combined student and staff team, won the Telford League at Idsall School at the end of April.

The team of Mrs Sue Davey, Mrs Sally Gill and students, Michelle Woodrow, Louise Langford, Becky Newman, Faye Warrilow and Sarah Hickman had to wait until the last match of the season to clinch the title. This was an exciting show-down with joint leaders, 'Crusaders', with the teams only being separated by a single goal at the end of a hard fought game.

This proved all too much for the supporters who cracked open the 'champers' as the team was presented with their shields.

Gymnastics Take-Off

Gymnastics has become the latest sporting success at Thomas Telford School. Three newly qualified judges, Humanities teacher Mrs Gail Comerford, who recently refereed an international school's competition in Holland and Sixth Form students Claire Lomas and Julie Marriott have added a new dimension to Thomas Telford School's sporting prowess.

The team recently took part in the Shropshire Schools Gymnastic Competition held at Wrekin College, Wellington. Against much more experienced opposition the year 8 team of Jayne Barrow, Rachel Barrow, Dawn Fowler, Leanne Phillips and Kelly Vaughan missed out on the medal positions by a mere 200th of a point.

In the senior event Sixth Form Leisure Studies student Claire Lomas went one better winning silver in the vault, bronze in the floor event and claiming the silver medal position overall. This achievement is made all the more impressive because Claire choreographed and developed all the routines herself.

The team is also assured of a smart turn-out with sponsorship by Labfax Systems Ltd. for their new leotards.



Gymnastics team: Dawn Fowler, Leanne Phillips, Rachel Barrow, Jayne Barrow and Claire Lomas

Hockey Hits

When it comes to playing hockey Year 9 students are a definite hit. First, Elaine Hayes was selected to play right wing for the U14 Shropshire County side from over sixty trialists. Elaine was part of a combined Year 8 and 9 side that took on the might of last year's U16 competition finalists, Shrewsbury Girls High School, in a recent County Cup match. Despite the considerable age difference, the School turned in a brilliant 2 - 1 victory. Well done.

Not to be outdone, Year 9 boys Daniel Mackriel and Tom Lowndes were both selected for the Midlands U14 squad. With stirring help from Matt Fletcher, Nick Edwards and Darren Underwood, to name but a few, they destroyed local rivals Wrekin College 5 - 0 in a recent friendly.

Hot Shots

The Year 9 boys basketball side of Andrew Pryce, Richard Hall, Richard Weaver, Paul Reeves, Nick Chetwood, Julian Hitchin, Russell Evans, Paul Sylvester, Luke Pearce and Tristan Gaut have gone from strength to strength this season and went one better than last year's semi-final position by reaching the final of the County Cup competition. Disposing of Corbett School, Bridgnorth Endowed and Meole Brace along the way, they were narrowly defeated in a hard fought final 47 - 43 by Ercall Wood.