

THE FIRST TERM AT STOUR VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL (SVCS)

The end of the first term at the new Stour Valley secondary school in Clare was celebrated at a splendid Awards Ceremony on 16th December.

The head teacher, Mrs. Christine Inchley, thanked the students and staff for their efforts and detailed the enormous progress that had been achieved in 14 weeks. Congratulations were given to 74 students who achieved 100% attendance and to class DD with a 97.8% overall attendance level. All students had taken home tracking reports last week and a show of hands indicated that both students and their parents were delighted with progress. Awards were made for progress and achievement in each set of students and the students were complimented on their behaviour and their smart uniforms.

There was great news from the building project: by the start of next term there will be three brand new teaching areas ready to use for Science, Design and Technology and Music.

The Sports achievements of the school teams was impressive: the Year 9 Boys' Basketball team were the first team to win matches for SVCS, followed by the Year 7 Girls' Netball team and seven runners who got through to the Suffolk Cross Country finals, one achieving third place out of many hundreds of competitors.

After their successful Christmas concert in Clare Town Hall on 7th December, the newly formed orchestra, choir and drama group entertained the assembly with Christmas recitations and music with a beautiful rendering of *Silent Night* by a trio of flautists. The choir finally sang *Where-ever you are*, which they had learnt in three days so they could submit it to the schools competition run by BBC2 and Gareth Malone.

Listen out for SVCS!

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School Governor

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