



HEAD'S TALES



One of the comments so often made by visitors is how the school clearly provides for the 'whole' child. Certainly, this Summer has been a shining example of that. Sitting alongside the expected private school 'academics' has been a wealth of day trips, visiting groups, external teachers and examiners, residential experiences, art exhibitions and productions, both musical and dramatic. In addition, the pupils have shone on the sports fields at one of three separate Sports Days or taken part in a variety of sports fixtures. This term has culminated in the children's achievements throughout the academic year being celebrated in both their end of term reports and of course, at our prestigious Prize Giving Ceremony. Have a well-earned rest children, and some quality time with friends and families. I'll see you all in September!

Mrs M Phillips

Head of Junior School

GARDENING CLUB

Enthusiastic pupils from Years 3 and 4 have been busy digging, weeding and planting the School garden during the Summer Term. When we first started we were overwhelmed by weeds but have now cleared the area and are trying to establish different plants. The potatoes are growing like rockets, filling up their area but other plants such as parsley, courgettes

The Isle of Wight Residential Trip, May 2014

It was quite a blustery day when Years 4 and 5 set off on their journey to the Isle of Wight for their first ever residential trip. The top deck of the ferry gave the children their initial glimpse of their new home and their faces were a picture of excitement and anticipation. Having arrived on the island the first stop was at Sandown Zoo. The children got 'up close and personal' with snakes, lions, tigers and meerkats after having had lunch on the beach. Later that afternoon they reached the Kingswood Activity Centre at Bembridge. They quickly moved into their rooms, made their beds and quickly familiarised themselves with the provision, procedures and layout of the dining hall. The food was superb, much to their relief! The next few days were spent taking part in different activities such as the 'Leap of Faith', Quad-biking and the '3D Swing'. Despite some appalling weather, they had a fantastic time, gaining in confidence and independence by the hour. They returned home, exhausted and yet somehow older and wiser.

CREATIVE CURRICULUM MATHS

As part of the Round the World theme for our Creative Curriculum Week after the Summer Half Term, Years 3-6 found out about currencies around the world. We looked at the history of the Euro, made coin rubbings and found out about the famous people on the different Euro coins. Years 5 and 6 brought in coins and notes from all around the world and we researched the different countries' history, famous landmarks and people shown on the notes. It was a very interesting week, where we saw Dinars from Jordan, Won from South Korea and Canadian banknotes, among others. Years 5 and 6 were set an open homework to bring in a model or poster about an aspect of currency, which is now on display in their maths room. Year 6 ate Elliot's homework – a Yen cake and Henry made a superb ATM machine. During our maths lessons we looked at rates of exchange and solved money word problems.

Mrs Ludlam



around the garden. We are looking forward to developing this plot over the coming months and following the RHS Gardening for Schools Scheme.

Mrs Ludlam

YEAR 5 WORDS AND MUSIC



Year 5 took us on a journey to South America in their Words and Music at the beginning of June. They entertained us with their renditions of South American songs, Spanish poems and solo performances. A thoroughly enjoyable evening – well done to a very talented year group!

Miss Nesling

HAPPY HAT LAND NURSERY AND RECEPTION PRODUCTION

This year's Nursery and Reception production was Happy Hat Land. It was a production about sharing, and how the people of Hat Land learn to be happy again by sharing the beautiful Silver Hat. The children remembered all their words and sang beautifully.



YEAR 6 TRIP TO FRANCE

Year 6 spent five busy days in France in May which included visits to the Somme Battlefields, to the Port of Diepe and to Rouen, during which they visited a nautical themed church



and Rouen Cathedral, which has the tallest spire in France. They also managed a little bit of sightseeing and shopping for souvenirs.

Mrs Grierson

BIKEABILITY YEAR 6

Year 6 took to the streets on their bikes on their second "Bikeability" course, learning how to negotiate the traffic safely. They received their certificates of achievement and badges in assembly.

YEARS 4 & 5 ISLE OF WIGHT TRIP



PERFORM4SCHOOLS

The Junior School was very lucky this Half-Term to have been visited by Perform4Schools, where the children were transformed into sea creatures such as sharks, dolphins, octopus and crabs. The children went on a quest through the deep blue sea in search of the "Lost Pearl" in this very active drama workshop. Using their brilliant imaginations, our little sea creatures found the missing pearl and made a wish of their choice. This workshop was a fantastic opportunity that enabled our children to explore their creativity and to test the waters in performing arts.

Mrs Leeds

SPANISH REPORT AND PENPALS



During Creative Curriculum Week Year 5 pupils researched Spanish food in preparation for tasting some of the typical dishes of Spain. Firm favourites at our tasting session were the flan de huevos (a dessert kindly provided by Mrs Hernandez) and of course the delicious paella. Some of the children were less keen on the aceitunas (olives) and the opinions on the chorizo were mixed. A small group of children plan to petition Mrs Lombardelli asking for paella to feature on the lunch menu at school!



This term the children in Year 5 were delighted to receive letters and postcards from pupils studying English at the Colegio Nuestra Señora de los Dolores in Spain. We our developing links with this school to bring language learning to life for the children. Replies in the form of postcards, drawings, cartoons and letters are now being carefully crafted and will soon be on their way to the Spanish school children waiting in Benidorm.

Mrs Grierson

YEARS 1 & 2 SUMMER SHOW - ALL AROUND THE WORLD

Our Summer Term show this year showcased songs that both year groups had learnt from different countries around the world. There was no shortage of volunteers to take centre stage and several children led songs with stunning vocal performances. Those that attend Percussion Club had their chance to shine in several numbers and the ukulele players concentrated hard on their musical scores to ensure a perfect rendition.

We had a record number of soloists on the piano (21 no less!) and a very brave young man who played his violin without any accompaniment. It never fails to amaze me how confident our youngsters are after relatively few lessons. A big well done to all that took part!



ENGLISH SPEAKING BOARD EXAMINATIONS YEARS 3 & 4

Years 3 and Year 4 were involved in The English Speaking Board public speaking examinations during this term. The children had prepared well and were confident that they had done all that was necessary to impress the examiner and be awarded top marks. We await their results. Good luck, children.



NURSERY VISIT TO GARSONS FARM



Nursery had a wonderful trip to Garsons Farm. We all arrived at the field in bright sunshine and decided that we should pick the sugar snaps and the spinach first. The children looked very carefully and found lots of

vegetables by bending down and moving the leaves away to find the pods underneath. Everyone made sure that they only touched the vegetable plants and we pulled the pods carefully, taking a bit of stem with the pod.

After sitting in the shade for a while and enjoying a cool drink, we all went into the strawberry field to pick some lovely fruit. We worked hard and picked so much fruit that the man who weighed it all had a very hard job!

It was a great day and we are very grateful to all the adults who came along on our trip for looking after their groups so well. The children have been learning about how things grow, and this day gave them the chance to experience it for themselves and see, feel, smell and eat the fruit and vegetables.

The Nursery Team

EARLY YEARS INTERNATIONAL DAY

Early Years at Chessington Lodge looked at the world through all of their senses for Creative Curriculum Week.

We listened to music, we danced traditional dances and on our last day, to celebrate our diversity, parents sent in traditional food from around the world for the children to taste. It was a wonderful day, with the children in traditional costume and music playing from all around the world.

We are very grateful to all the parents for their contributions to our celebration.

The Early Years Team



RECEPTION - SUTTON ECOLOGY CENTRE

Reception had a fantastic time at the Sutton Ecology Centre. After a brief game of 'Meadow, Pond and Woodland', where the children had to place animals in their correct habitat, we embarked on a journey through the woods. We travelled through a wonderful tunnel of live willow and wandered past piles of logs and leaves until we found ourselves in a small clearing. Here we began our search for Minibeasts. The children lifted logs, looked under leaves and stones, and in every dark space they could find. Cheers of discovery could be heard, as the children found flies, spiders, ants, millipedes, ladybirds and crickets and carefully

brushed their bugs into their pots. A huge discovery of the toads and the newts caused great excitement. This however was not the end of our morning, as a loud cheer chorused when our guide told them 'pond dipping' was next on the list.

We trotted our way past a meadow filled with butterflies and arrived at the ponds. Large trays of water and nets were waiting for us. The sun came out as we took turns in dipping our nets in the pond and carefully made our way to our trays of water. Such discoveries were made as we emptied our nets. Large male newts, small fish, baby dragon flies, baby



newts, water snails and even a leech were found.

Everyone agreed that the day had been a success and that it had been fun all round.

NURSERY & RECEPTION SPORTS DAY

On Tuesday 24th June, Nursery and Reception had a wonderful time showing their parents and grandparents how confidently they can run, jump, balance and dress!

Reception did a wonderful job with some very speedy running and were able to balance an egg on a spoon almost the whole length of Glyn House field! Caterpillars ran a very good relay race and entertained us as they tried putting on coats, hats in grown-up wellies! Butterflies negotiated a tricky obstacle course and then collected everything to make a plant grow, whilst wearing wellies!

Many thanks to Mr Darlow, Year 5 and Mr Welstead for their help and all the parents and families for supporting their children on this lovely day.

Mrs Blakeman



YEARS 1 - 2 & YEARS 3 - 6 SPORTS DAY

Once again we were fortunate with the weather for our Years 1 to 2 and Years 3 to 6 Sports Day. So many parents came to support their children and enjoyed lovely picnics and refreshments in the grounds of both the Junior School and the Senior School. Raleigh House were the winners of the Years 1 to 2 competition, and Essex House were champions in the Years 3 to 6 competition. With the 6th Form providing pizza and ice cream and the PSFA providing Pimms, a wonderful afternoon was enjoyed by children, staff and parents.

ART THIS TERM

Many thanks to all parents and children for coming to the Junior School Art exhibition on Friday 27th June. It was a huge success with most of the artwork being taken home by proud parents and happy children. We certainly have some budding Picasso's in our school! Any profit made from this exhibition will be put back into the Art budget for the benefit of all children in the Junior school. I hope you enjoy some of the photos taken on the day.

Mrs Rowe



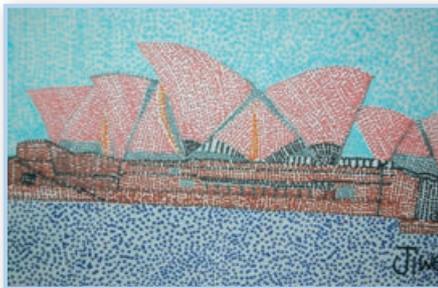
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ART EXHIBITION



JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORT

Cricket

The Under 8/9 Cricketers continue to improve as they search for that elusive first victory of the term. The children have been working hard to develop their technique, particularly their bowling action. It is also pleasing to see the pride on each child's face when they take a wicket or play a good batting shot. Although yet to win, the teams have played very well, with close defeats to Micklefield (by 9 runs) and Aberdour (by 5 runs). Top scorers with the bat are Joe Blakeman, Ben Callaghan, Martin Jung and Juwon Kim. Whilst the leading wicket-takers are Chibby Nwoko, Harry Ellis, Darren Rickwood and Jamie Hennings.

The Under 10/11 Cricketers have enjoyed more success, with wins over Chinthurst, Micklefield and Surbiton Prep. The boys have been focusing on their decision making, including shot selection, when to run and where to throw. Particularly welcome this term is the positive attitude and encouragement the boys have shown towards each other when batting and fielding. Top scorers with the bat are Ethan Woodcraft, Shea Brophy, Laszlo Dubois and Freddie Child. Whilst the leading wicket-takers are Ethan, Lewis McLellan, Joe Brown and Tommy Barrell.



Rounders

The Under 8/9/10 Rounders players, supported by a number of Year 2 girls, have developed their skills and tactical knowledge significantly throughout the term. The girls are now striking the ball consistently, as well as targeting second or fourth



post when fielding. After a narrow defeat to Sutton High, the girls responded extremely well with a good win over Greenacre. Top scorers with the bat are Sarah Donovan, Mandy Mtunzi and Ananya Balaji. In the field, Isha Sinharay, Katie Gill and Lily-Mae Bowles all deserve a special mention for their catching, throwing and bowling.

Athletics

On Friday 13th June, a gloriously sunny day provided the perfect setting for the Junior School to host two Sports Day events.

Years 1 and Year 2 held their event on the playing field at Glyn House. The first half of the competition was the team events, which focused on all the different sports children had practised throughout the year. The second half of the competition was the running events, including a sprint, obstacle race and relay. The competition was followed by a picnic for students and their parents. Congratulations to all



the children involved, particularly those from Raleigh House, the eventual champions.

The Years 3 to Year 6 event was held on The Castle athletics track. Children competed for their houses in a number of track and field events, with each child representing their house at least three times. As always, the scores were incredibly close, and all children demonstrating pride, commitment and effort for their House. Well done to all competitors, especially those from Essex House who prevailed on the day. Congratulations also to Lewis McLellan, who won the Victor Ludorum award, narrowly seeing off Freddie Child and Joe Brown.

Swimming

On Tuesday 17th June, the Junior School entered a squad into the Parkside Invitational Swimming Gala against Parkside, Royal Kent and Danetree. All the races were extremely close, with Ewell Castle consistently finishing second or third against schools with their own swimming pool. Special mention to Darren Rickwood and Shea Brophy, who both won one of their races, as well as the Under 10s front-crawl relay team of Ananya Balaji, Ethan Wong, Kelech Nwoko and Shea Brophy, who also finished first in their event.

Mr Darlow

PSFA

Despite the biblical weather earlier in the day, the PSFA Summer Ball in the Marquee was an amazing evening. Over 120 people danced the night away - the atmosphere was truly wonderful. The Silent Auction raised over £1600 which will go towards the Minibus Fund. I would like to thank everyone who supported the event - parents and staff alike - and the people and companies who generously contributed prizes to the Silent Auction and the Grand Draw.

On behalf of the PSFA Committee thank you to everyone who contributed towards such a successful and enjoyable evening.

Vicki Craig – Chair PSFA

YEARS 3 AND 4 BUTSER ANCIENT FARM VISIT

On Tuesday 17th June Years 3 and 4 visited a recreated Iron Age site Butser Ancient Farm. All the children and staff had a fantastic time, learning about how the Celts would have lived and we had lovely weather too! We learnt how to weave a fence (wattling), make beautiful mosaics, mould clay into scary Celtic faces and to carefully dig away the soil, like an archaeologist, to recover objects! We especially loved the round house with its open fire. Juwon Kim, 3H, tells us more about his favourite activity:

‘Our second activity was making pottery. When I was making the pot, I felt like a Celt. To make a pot, you have to dig clay from the ground. When it is sticky you roll it into a ball and then you put two thumbs in and spread them around. Then on the side you can make a pattern.’



YEAR 6 MEMORIES

“When I came to this school I didn’t know much and I’m leaving now a much older, wiser and smarter young man”

Quote from William Quick, Year 6 Leaver



We are proud to announce the launch of ECSports Academy; designed to allow pupils to combine

intensive specialist sports training and a first-class academic education within an integrated curriculum.

The launch of ECSports Academy sees us working in Partnership with “The Tennis Avenue Academy” to inaugurate the Ewell Castle Tennis Academy. This is the first of many sports within the Academy that we hope will enable our pupils to achieve and succeed. The tennis programme at The Tennis Avenue Academy in New Malden is one of the largest and most successful in the country. It boasts many players who are currently ranked nationally in the top ten for their ages.

Pupils who join the academy programme will be full members of the school community. They will all follow the core academic subjects of English, Mathematics and Science but will then have some flexibility to drop some other subjects in order to free up time to train. The actual curriculum arrangement will be bespoke to the individual in consultation with parents and coaching staff. The Ewell Castle Tennis Academy is ideally for players who are club/county standard or better. For more information contact Mr Jon Grindrod, Director of Sport, Ewell Castle School.