



INTRODUCTION

The Summer Term has drawn to an end with our usual Ewell Castle Junior School plethora of different productions, shows, Sports Days and of course, our celebration of academic achievement; Prize Day. It is a fantastic time of year to appreciate and acknowledge the strength of our community. We can see how much the children have matured, developed and grown. We can see how well supported the children, and indeed the School, is by parents. We can see the huge efforts the staff make in their different departments to make valuable contributions to the pupils' lives and futures, and forging lasting, meaningful memories for them. Further proof of this was in evidence only recently as we celebrated the grand opening of the Ewell Castle Castle – a bespoke fortress at Chessington Lodge, lovingly prepared for the children by our own wonderful Site Team, not to mention the nature study corner which is being developed behind the Nursery; funded by the PSFA.

Visitors to the School often ask me what sets this school out from others and my answer is always the same, it is not the vast grounds and resources, it is the people who live, work, play and grow here. Bricks and mortar don't make a 'home', it is the family within it that makes the difference. So my thanks go to all the members of the Ewell Castle Junior School community for pulling together so effectively throughout this year to make the school the success, that it is. Enjoy a well-deserved rest everyone and I'll see you all in September at Ewell Castle Preparatory School.

Mrs M Phillips
Head of Junior School



OUR VERY OWN CASTLE AT CHESSINGTON LODGE

A big thank you to the Site Tam for creating the wonderful castle at Chessington Lodge, complete with an 'Excalibur' sword.

NATURE CLUB

Nature Club continues to be very busy this term – bug hunting, planting seeds and harvesting our first crop: spring onions!



YEAR 1 TRIP TO BODIAM CASTLE



On Wednesday 20th May the children in Year 1 went on a day trip to Bodiam Castle.

RECEPTION'S TRIP TO SUTTON ECOLOGY CENTRE 2ND JUNE

Both Reception classes, Poppies and Bluebells, were very excited about going to explore at Sutton Ecology Centre. Upon arrival, we were met by Mary, who led our activities. Firstly we played a game about habitats. Miss Butler, Mrs Way and Miss Leadbeter each held a different habitat (pond, meadow and forest). The children had to identify various minibeast toys and then decide which habitat they lived in; once we had decided they had to move towards that teacher as if they were that animal. We flew like butterflies, hopped like frogs and scuttled like millipedes! This game was Abigail's favourite part of the day – she particularly enjoyed moving around as a butterfly!

Miss C Leadbeter



CHAPEL CHOIR PERFORM EVENSONG AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL 8TH JULY



SPANISH TRIP

At the end of the Spring Term twenty pupils from Years 5 and 6 ventured forth on the Junior School's first ever trip to Spain. The purpose of the trip was to soak up Spanish culture and practise our Spanish. Visions of sunny days on the beach? Not so. Instead we thoroughly enjoyed chilly days in the snow dusted mountains of the Sierra de Gredos, which are an hour or so west of Madrid.

Having negotiated Heathrow and Barajas airports, our first stop was the World Heritage Site of the walled city of Avila. We visited one hundred years to the day from the birth of the patron saint of Avila, Saint Teresa and the people of the town were busy planning elaborate celebrations. The wind and rain curtailed our attempts to explore somewhat, but we were able to see Avila Cathedral, some of the walls and the Plaza de San Vicente before diving for cover into a restaurant to sample the "chocolate y churros" which we had been very much looking forward to and exceeded even our expectations. The children also enjoyed buying souvenirs and postcards which they were able to ask for and pay for themselves, in Spanish of course!

Mrs B Grierson



YEAR 5 – WORDS & MUSIC 21ST MAY



SPORTS DAY - YEARS 1 & 2 19TH JUNE



On Friday 19th June, a gloriously sunny day provided the perfect setting for the Junior School to host two Sports Day events.

Year 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. Congratulations to all the children involved, particularly those from Essex House, the eventual champions.

Mr M Darlow



SPORTS DAY – NURSERY & RECEPTION 3RD JULY



SPORTS DAY – YEARS 3 - 6 19TH JUNE



On Friday 19th June, a gloriously sunny day provided the perfect setting for the Junior School to host two Sports Day events.

The Year 3 to Year 6 event was held on The Castle's 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, with all children demonstrating pride, commitment and effort for their House. Well done to all competitors, especially those from Essex House who successfully defended their trophy from last year. Congratulations also to Kelechi Nwoko and Ananya Balaji (both 6D), who won the Victor and Victrix Ludorum awards (top boy and girl athlete).



ART



Year 6 – Africa Art



ART CALENDARS

This term's art project for the Junior School was Academic Calendars. The children worked so carefully on their art work for the calendars and I am sure you will agree that the final result is amazing and will be enjoyed for a full academic school year. Many thanks to all parents and children who bought their calendar; I am sure the dates and times will be useful to all. Any profit made will be put towards extra art resources to benefit both Glyn House and Chessington Lodge.

Mrs A Rowe



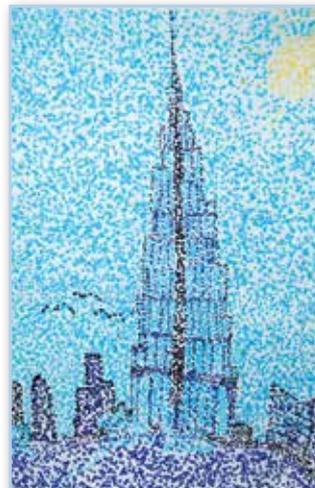
Year 3 – Van Gogh Starry Night



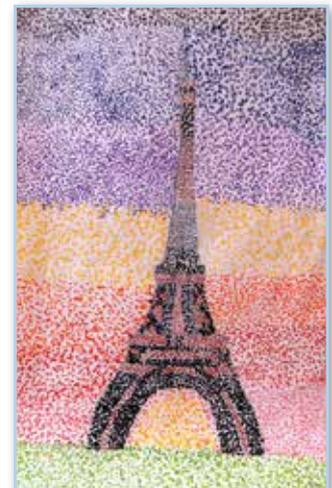
Year 3 – Aztec Art



Year 4 – William Morris flowery designs



Year 5 – Seurat pointillism



BIKEABILITY



MATHEMATICS

Year 6 mathematicians have enjoyed considerable success in a couple of national competitions recently. Congratulations to Ananya Balaji, Alexander Blencowe, Kelechi Nwoko and Junghwan Seo who were the regional winners in the Explore Learning/ NRICH Y6 Able Maths Competition. They were presented with their medals and certificates by a representative from the Epsom Explore Learning Centre in Assembly in January. Two pupils from Ewell Castle Junior School, Ananya Balaji and Junghwan Seo also got through to the Bonus Round of the Mathematical Association's Primary Maths Challenge. Well done to you all!

Pupils from Years 1-6 have been participating in the Grand Multiplication Challenge in school and we have all been impressed by their excellent tables knowledge.

Mrs N Ludlam

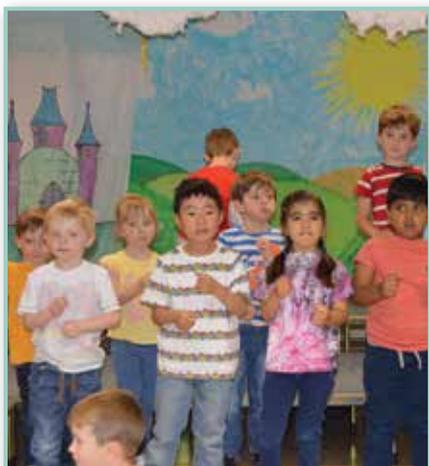
YEARS 3 & 4 – VISIT TO WETLAND CENTRE

On Wednesday 25th March Years 3 and 4 travelled to the London Wetland Centre in Barnes. The children had the opportunity to use the large observatory and were amazed by the wealth of wildlife that could be seen. After looking around the various wetland areas, the children learnt all about the various species of birds that live there and how the male and female birds are different. The guided session was enjoyed by all the children and they learnt how to use binoculars and identify birds correctly.

Mr P Young



NURSERY & RECEPTION SUMMER SHOW 16TH & 17TH JUNE JACK AND THE BEANSTALK



RECEPTION TRIP TO BROOKLANDS MUSEUM



One of our topics this term has been transport so we visited Brooklands Museum to see old forms of transport.

We loved seeing all the old cars the Museum had, including some of the racing cars that had raced at Brooklands when the racing track was still operational. We also saw the car from the film, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang

– Oliver wanted that car as he thought flying by car would be a great way to travel!

We also saw how bicycles had changed from Hobby Horses to Bone Shakers (none of us wanted to try them out!) to Penny Farthings, then up to modern times with an example of one of the Olympic Team's training bikes.

Then we went to visit some of the aeroplanes. We started in the Wellington Hangar, where we saw some of the early flying machines and then examples of aeroplanes from the First and Second World Wars, including the Loch Ness Wellington Bomber. We were able to walk through a replica of what that plane would have been like when it was fully functioning. Some of Bluebell class thought that was quite spooky! We then were able to explore the Sultan's plane – we were all very envious of how much space and luxurious it was! It even included two bedrooms, a television and a huge galley kitchen. Dhylan thought it was great fun when our tour guide allowed Oliver to press the emergency buttons to see which lights came on in the galley area!

We also loved visiting the London Bus Museum, which is also located at Brooklands. We saw how buses had evolved from being horse-drawn carriages all the way up to "Boris" buses. We also explored one of the older double-decker buses and pressing the stop buttons on the top deck. Jiho, especially, was really excited as he is a huge fan of buses!

After lunch, we had a tour of Concorde, including having a seat on board and imagining what it would have been like to fly in it. Concorde was popular with everyone. Henry loved seeing the Lego model of Concorde displayed inside the actual plane. Annabel thought sitting on board was great because it was such a big plane. Mind you, Concorde proved quite a tricky word to say: some called it "Concrete" and another child referred to it as "Camcorder"!

Reception really enjoyed their day out at Brooklands and would all love to go back again.

**Miss Leadbeter
and Reception**



YEARS 1 & 2 SUMMER SHOW 11TH JUNE



NURSERY TRIP TO BOCKETS FARM 5TH JUNE



YEARS 5 & 6 – A WINTER’S TALE DRAMA WORKSHOP

In June Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a Drama workshop and trip to the Orange Tree Theatre to see *The Winter’s Tale* in Richmond. We then enjoyed a picnic in the grounds of Glyn House. Afterwards we made shoebox models of our favourite scenes from the play.



NURSERY – BOOK DAY



PSFA



At the time of writing, the Summer Ball is a few days away but with another year of great ticket sales and a fabulous weather forecast, we are hopeful of a repeat success. The Silent Auction has moved online this year with another set of impressive items for which I must thank those who have contributed. We will be hosting our first unwanted clothing collection, using ClothesAid, on Friday 18th September. The collection will coincide with the first Principal’s Breakfast of the new academic year and proceeds will be divided between Charity and the School. Please start saving your unwanted items now and further details will follow in early September. Until then, I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Vicki Craig – Chair, PSFA

YEAR 4 – PIRATES & MERMAIDS



On Thursday 25th June Year 4 performed their play “Pirates versus Mermaids”. The show contained many splashing images and scenes of a piratey nature! A wonderful time was had by all the children and the parents who came to see it. Jamie Hennings summed it up well in the following report:

“I was nervous, but excited at the same time. We went into the hall when we had finished changing. The audience was quite big. I spotted my Mum and Dad in the crowd. I thought that the play went really well and the audience thoroughly enjoyed it. They liked it when “Gangrene” said all of his funny bits! I think that everything went well and we worked as a team, which was really important. After the play my Mum and Dad said it was brilliant. We found remembering our positions and where we were supposed to go hard. I enjoyed every second of it and I can’t wait until the next performance that I will do. I would like to finish my report by saying a big thank you to all the teachers who helped and supported us during the process.”

Jamie Hennings Yr 4

