



INTRODUCTION

It has certainly been a fast and furious term. The children arrived at school in September rested and ready for action and were soon achieving this Autumn Term's learning goals of perseverance and concentration.

The arrival of the new uniform in pockets, pardon the pun, added a new air of refinement and a set of 'mini business people' around the school.

The team building days at the start of term helped children to mix and meet new people in Glyn House, whilst younger children were getting used to new teachers and different routines.

Maximum effort was put into lessons and by the time we got to the last week before half term, all were ready to take their foot off the gas somewhat but that was not to be with the arrival of the 'The Inspectors'! It is super to know that we have passed with flying colours and that outsiders could see what a special place we have here, easily taken for granted at times perhaps and confused for the norm.

Enjoy the Christmas break everyone and I'll see you all in the New Year!

Best wishes,

Mrs M Phillips
Head of Preparatory School



THREE PEAKS OUTDOOR PURSUITS

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 had a fun packed day at Three Peaks Outdoor Pursuits, enjoying activities including archery, quad biking, high ropes and assault course. The day was planned to encourage team building skills and give the children the chance to push themselves and try new activities. It was a great success!

Mrs B Grierson



YEARS 5-6 MERCERS COUNTRY PARK ACTIVITY DAY

A fantastic variety day of aquatic sports was enjoyed by Years 5 and 6 children on their return to school in September. Fresh skills were

learnt, new friendships formed and there were not that many capsized vessels, honestly!



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

We had a wonderful time celebrating the “European Day of Languages” at the Preparatory School. Children at Glyn House dressed in the colours of the Spanish flag or in their own national dress, whilst Chessington Lodge pupils dressed in the colours of the French flag.

Pupils from different countries shared a few words and phrases of the language they speak at home with their classmates.

The most popular activities were the French café at Chessington Lodge and the Spanish Tapas Bar at Glyn House. Pupils in Year 6 designed and produced signs and set up the food and the pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 were able to sample Spanish food and learn some Spanish phrases as they took it in turn to visit the Tapas Bar. Jason serenaded the diners with classical guitar to give an extra flavour of Spain.

Mrs B Grierson



CHARITY NEWS AT THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 13th November 2015, the Preparatory School supported 'Children in Need' by holding a school multi day. We were delighted to be able to raise over £390.00 for this worthwhile cause.



THE WILLIAMS SYNDROME FOUNDATION

Our Harvest Festival Service collection in October this year supported the Williams' Syndrome Foundation. The children brought

their offerings to the front of St Mary's Church during the Service and the final amount raised was £620.00.

GRANDPARENTS' COFFEE MORNING

This lovely annual fundraising event, in which the Early Years children sing for their families and then enjoy refreshments together, helped to raise the grand total of £608.00 for MacMillan Cancer Support.

So in summary as a school community we have generated over £1,618.00 this term alone for charity. Thank you all so much for your generosity.



HARVEST FESTIVAL



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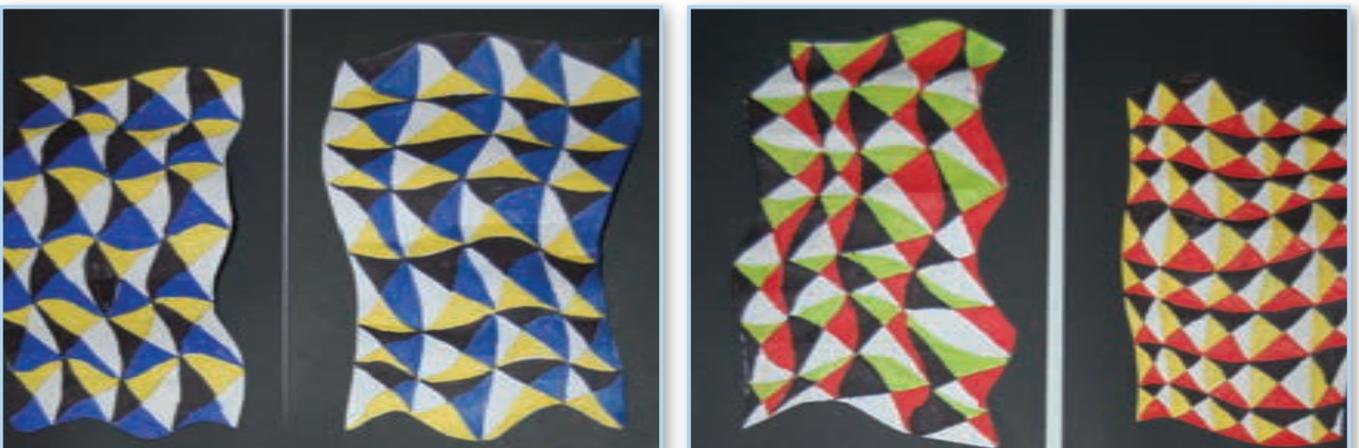


Year 5 – Monet Interpretations



Year 6 – Cezanne Interpretations

Preparatory School children with their Christmas card designs



Year 4 - Mosaics

PSFA

As always, the Fireworks event was a huge success - we raised just over £1,200 and, equally importantly, everyone had a brilliant evening. The Clothes Recycling raised £120 and it certainly felt good to have a clear out of old clothes at home - we will aim to do the collection again at a later date, as many people seemed to feel the same! At the time of writing, the Christmas Fair is yet to happen but with an array of stallholders, a special visit from Santa, carols from the Festival Choir and the return of the popular Children's Gift Stall, all signs are that we will have a repeat of the

success of last year. Looking ahead, we have the Quiz Evening on Saturday 6th February and the Summer Ball on Saturday 2nd July - details will be confirmed nearer the time.

In terms of where the money goes - we have recently agreed fundraising targets. We will be contributing towards a cricket bowling machine for use at The Castle and a variety of items for Glyn House and Chessington Lodge, including - a bird nesting box, complete with camera; a small cycle shed for the Nursery bikes; funding for visiting theatre companies; extended reading books



and art work. Thank you for all of your support and I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas.

Vicki Craig
Chair

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE



SPORT

UNDER 8/9s NETBALL

The Under 8 and 9 team have done extremely well this term. They have trained hard and have enjoyed the matches against other schools. In the first match, they played Chinthurst and they did very well even though some of the Year 3 pupils have never played netball before and it was their first ever game. The Year 3 pupils have improved their netball skills significantly throughout the term. In the remaining matches, the girls put in some good performances against both Aberdour and Micklefield School.

In House netball the players were split into their Houses and played against each other. It was an exciting competition; in first place was Castlemaine, second place was Raleigh and in third place was Essex.



UNDER 10/11s NETBALL

The Under 10/11s have done brilliantly; they played in a few tournaments. The Sutton High Tournament at the start of the season was tough but we did well, winning a game and drawing another one. We played brilliantly against Weston Green which was a home match and we won. Then we played in the Seaton House Tournament with great efforts from all. The U11s had a great 5-0 win over Aberdour in an away match.

In House netball we all played very well. Raleigh' won, with Castlemaine in second place and Essex in third.



T Cordukes (Year 6)
Games Captain





UNDER 8/9s FOOTBALL

The Under 8s and 9s have played their football with energy and enthusiasm throughout the season. They have enjoyed their travels to play matches against other schools and have been committed and wholehearted throughout. Much work has been put in to further develop the skills of dribbling, passing and shooting as well as continued focus on disciplined positional play. The boys enjoyed an exciting House football competition and learnt that winners can be decided on goal difference! On this occasion, well done to Essex House.

Mr N Andrade



UNDER 10/11s FOOTBALL

Our new school year started with a change of team, as we said goodbye to last year's Year 6 and welcomed new members to our team - our first challenge as a new team was the Shrewsbury House U11 Tournament on Saturday 12th September.

We were unlucky to lose the first match, but managed a draw in our

second. This took us through to the plate quarter finals, where we put on a great performance. We eventually lost due to a 'golden goal' but were very proud of how we played as a team. Even though we lost, we kept our heads up and didn't give up.

This term, we have played matches against Micklefield, Homefield, Chinthurst and Aberdour gaining some creditable results. We have

played better as the season has progressed and have learnt from our mistakes. In the House football competition, Castlemaine finished in third place, Raleigh second and the winners were Essex.

J Blakeman (Year 6)

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YEARS 1-6 CAROL SERVICE

