



INTRODUCTION

One of the aims of an independent preparatory school is to produce fully rounded individuals who can stand and talk, with some degree of self-confidence and presence, to a wide variety of different audiences by the time they reach Year 6. This includes guests during Open Mornings – stage presence and good oratory skills are essential then of course (future leaders and managers in the making!) But just how do we prepare and educate children for that? The answer is in many different ways over the years, but it is definitely a life-skill that has come to my mind in particular this term.

‘All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players’

Ewell Castle Preparatory School has had an English and Performance emphasis across the whole school since January. We have enjoyed visiting theatre group plays at both Chessington Lodge and Glyn House, seeing ‘Aesop’s Fables’ and ‘The Search for the Lost Tomb’ respectively. The children in Early Years also went to the Polka Theatre to enjoy ‘Paper Dolls’.

Meanwhile children in Year 6 passed auditions to take part, and for our Head Boy to take a lead role, in the whole school production of ‘Oliver!’ at the Epsom Playhouse; which was a roaring success. (Their peers and I enjoyed the matinee tremendously and wanted to collect autographs!).

Later in the term Years 3 to 5 travelled to the New Victoria



Theatre in Woking to learn about the ‘Incredible Invaders.’ They really revelled in the modern twist of the use of 3D glasses in the second half.

For Year 3 pupils this was also the term of their Words and Music Concert, the Ewell Castle Prep School’s version of Britain’s Got Talent. It was their chance to shine in front of their parents and shine they did, Mr Harris had a lovely evening with them.

So, how have these experiences supported the children in their learning? As well as an obvious immersion in the world of story, and fostering possible aspirations of future involvement in dramatic productions, they have learnt stage presence, voice projection, plot and suspense. They have experienced characterisation, scene setting and pace. Emotions have been explored in safe environments, whilst the actors suffer instead. Empathy has

been developed and their vocabulary has broadened. As if this wasn’t wealth of opportunity enough, at times, depending on the play, they have received reinforcement of their history or other in-class studies.

It has been a super three months, children, and you all deserve a restful and enjoyable Easter break as I myself depart ‘stage left’. I will miss you all and will always be thinking of everyone at Ewell Castle warmly and wishing you all future happiness and success.

It only remains for me to send my very best wishes to all parents, pupils, staff and governors for the final time.

With respect and affection,

Mrs Michelle Phillips
Head of Preparatory School

YEAR 2 VISIT TO THE LIGHTBOX IN WOKING

On Wednesday 2nd March, Year Two children visited the beautiful Lightbox art gallery and museum in Woking. We spent our first session looking around the exhibits to discover that appearances can be deceptive. We learnt about different

materials and their uses in sculptures and paintings.

The afternoon focused on our own use of materials; we were given the challenge of making our own 3D art gallery, complete with art frames and Plasticine sculptures.

The ladies were educating and informative, and a super time was had by all.

Mrs S Fowler



Studying the weight and texture of different materials



Making our own 3D art gallery



Appearances can be deceptive: looking at the fibreglass sculpture from all angles, even up his nose!

OLIVER!

This term definitely seems to be emerging as one of 'production and performance' with Year 6 going to see their peers in the school production of 'Oliver!' at the Epsom Playhouse. It really was an outstanding show, worthy of the London stage actually and a joy to behold. My congratulations to all those responsible at the Senior School and to our own Joe, Isha, Katie, Nicholas, Harry, Mandy, Ben and Sarah. Not to mention Mr Robson who built the scenery and stage managed every show!

Mrs M Phillips



WORLD BOOK DAY AT CHESSINGTON LODGE AND GLYN HOUSE



SCHOOL COUNCIL



ART

It has been a busy term for the Prep School Art Department during the Spring Term. All the children have worked extremely hard and the results speak for themselves. Year 3 have been working on Miro's fantasy pictures by showing their own fantasies in colourful paintings. Year 3 also worked on fruit baskets with added fruits to complement their Science education on healthy eating.

Year 4 enjoyed working on Karel Appel's childlike paintings of cats working in their own style.

Year 5 worked carefully on their animal silhouettes together with Mondrian's precise primary colour pictures.

Year 6 worked with great enthusiasm on Picasso faces resulting in fine pieces of work.

Mrs A Rowe



SPORT

U8 RUGBY

The boys really enjoyed their first competitive season of tag-rugby together. They trained with smiles on their faces and got to grips quickly with what was required of them. Tag-rugby is a good test of the boys' evasive skills and plenty of work was done to improve their running skills. The interplay between the boys significantly improved as the season progressed but continued work in this area is required next season and beyond. In the inter-school fixtures the boys put up a good showing against Micklefield School and were only defeated by one try against Chinthurst. In this fixture the 'B' team gained a deserved draw. I look forward to the continued development of the boys next year as they begin to learn contact rugby skills as they progress to U9 level.

U9 RUGBY

The U9s can be hugely proud of their efforts this season. They showed great commitment in the inter-school fixtures and played right up until the final whistle. The highlight of the season was a memorable victory against Homefield School with the boys securing an 8-7 victory. In other matches they put up strong showings against Reigate St.Mary's and Aberdour and in their final game they were beaten by a strong Chinthurst side. Throughout the season the boys showed a high level of dedication in training but continued work on the basics of tackling and passing is essential for progression in this sport. Nicholas Bosman and Luke Davies richly deserved being awarded joint player of the season. Well done to all the boys.

U10/11 RUGBY

The boys enjoyed an encouraging but largely frustrating season with all but one of their fixtures being called off due the poor weather. Nonetheless the boys trained hard all season. Mastering the basics of passing, tackling and rucking is always essential at this level and plenty of hard work and effort went in to developing these crucial skills. There was plenty of endeavour and good play shown in the House matches where all boys were able to play competitively against their peers. A closely fought competition was eventually won by Raleigh. The most improved player of the season was awarded to Jason Lim and the player of the season award was given to Luca Shaw.

Mr N Andrade

U8/U9 HOCKEY

The U8/U9s have been working hard with Miss Wilkinson and Mrs Cunnington on all the hockey skills needed to develop their game such as dribbling, passing, tackling and shooting. They played an early match against Aberdour and put in a good performance against a tough opposition.

In March they played a mini tournament against Chinthurst and the progress since January was clear. They were passing to each other and working as a team to score goals against the opposition.



U10/U11 HOCKEY

The U10s and U11s have played several tough matches this term. The As and Bs beat Micklefield back in January 4-2 and 2-1 respectively.

They played Aberdour in March and fought hard. The A team won 3-3, the B team drew 3-3 and the C team lost 5-3. They were working hard as a team, passing well and attacking the opposition with great effort.

The U10s and U11s enjoyed their House hockey afternoon with exciting matches between the 3 Houses. Raleigh won with a goal difference of one goal. Castlemaine a close second, and Essex in third place.



MIXED HOCKEY

The U10/U11s played some exciting matches against Weston Green in February. The U9s played against Weston Green in March and drew their game.



If you want to improve your hockey why not join a hockey club next September and play at the weekends with your friends?

Epsom hockey club -
<http://www.epsomhc.co.uk/juniors/>

Surbiton hockey club -
<http://www.surbitonhc.com/>

GRAND MULTIPLICATION CHALLENGE



AESOPS VISITING THEATRE COMPANY TO CHESSINGTON LODGE



LETTERS ARRIVE FROM OUR SPANISH PENPALS

This term the children in Year 5 were very excited to receive letters from their Spanish penpals. They had sent Christmas cards and were eagerly awaiting replies which finally arrived at the end of February. The Spanish children are at a school near Avila and we will be visiting them during the Spanish Trip in May 2017. In the meantime the children have plenty of

time to practice their language skills writing letters to get to know each other before they finally meet up next year.

Mrs B Grierson



RECEPTION VISIT THE BROOKLANDS MUSEUM, WEYBRIDGE



Pupils in Reception went to visit Brooklands Museum as part of their Transport topic. They were very excited and couldn't wait to get on the coach! The children experienced sitting on the Penny Farthing bicycle and couldn't even reach the pedals! They walked for miles around the Museum and got to see the old aeroplanes, cars and bikes. They

even got to sit in a Formula One car! The children were very excited to board Concorde, which was the experience most children had been looking forward to! They got to sit in the seats and see the cockpit, and were amazed by the pointy nose and triangle wings.

Reuben said "I liked going upstairs on the buses!".

Matthew said "I liked the Concorde because it's so big!".

Mrs J Butler

AQUA FUN



SPORT RELIEF

This term the children at Glyn House supported Sports Relief by taking part in a Zumba exercise experience organised by Mr Andrade. It was a great success, if a little sweaty, and the children raised £188.50. Well done, children!



SWIMMING GALA 2016

On Friday 18th March, the Prep School children headed to Leatherhead Leisure Centre for the annual Swimming Gala. All children, regardless of ability, swam in the gala. With most children being involved in two races, in all there were 37 keenly contested races. The gala is a chance for the children to test their developing technique and stamina. It is also an opportunity for parents to see how their child's swimming has developed and improved.

Many congratulations to Raleigh House who won the gala ending up with 283 points. In second were Essex with 262 and closely behind were Castlemaine with 260 points. Luca Shaw won the Ewell Castle invitation race being crowned 'Swimmer of the Year'. Well done to all who took part and a special thank you to the teachers that helped to run the event so smoothly.

Mr N Andrade

SUMMER BALL

The PSFA Summer Ball will take place on Saturday 2nd July. To book your tickets and make your menu selection, please go to ParentPay. Tables are already being reserved, so get your skates on and book your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

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