



### INTRODUCTION



Sunshine and longer, brighter days have returned and with them brings the anticipation and excitement of the Summer Term, but first let us reflect on the events of the past term. Year 3 delighted an audience of their family and staff with a stellar Words and Music production, showing confident performance skills and poetry writing. Year 1 and 2 performed two productions on the same day with an environmental theme, pleasing Mr Harris with a reminder to parents about the need to walk to school. The Early Years Mother's Day Tea melted the hearts of their mums with songs and poetry. Our whole school production of 'Bugsy Malone' showcased the talents of several Year 6 pupils and all the children at Glyn House thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Epsom Playhouse to watch the first performance.

Science week was a highlight of the term, with experiments involving explosions, dissolving sweets, lava lamps, friction, making Oobleck which is a non-Newtonian fluid (ask Mr Young for more details), magnetic board games, spinners and raisins bobbing in lemonade. Much fun was had by pupils from Early Years through to Year 6 across all three sites of the school.

This term we have also been continuing to encourage our children to consider those who are less fortunate. We had fundraising efforts for Comic Relief, WWF and our School's partners in Nepal. Our Comic Relief day raised in excess of £600 and included a Zumba session for the whole of the Prep School! Our Mufti day for Nepal raised over £370, and members of our School performed with the cast of Bugsy Malone at the Surrey Schools Concert and provided Easter Eggs for the Children's Trust. Once again, your generosity has been thoroughly appreciated.

Our thanks to the PSFA for providing the Treasure Hunt at Glyn House and Find-a-Chick at Chessington Lodge, rumour has it the Easter Bunny made an appearance!

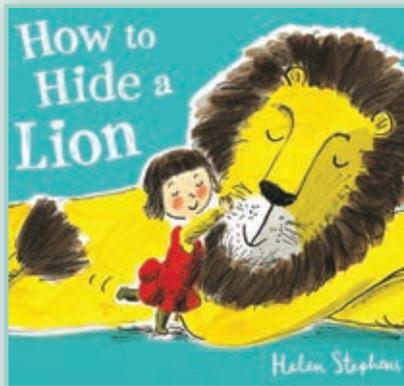
Our final two weeks have included two significant events, the Swimming Gala and the Year 4 Production of Hansel and Gretel. The Swimming Gala was an enormous success, demonstrating how all of your children have made significant improvements in their swimming this term. Year 4 have thoroughly enjoyed performing for the first time in the Castle Hall with professional lighting and sound facilities supporting their exuberant performance skills, culminating in two wonderful shows enjoyed by all.

It just remains for me to wish you all a very safe, fun and relaxing Easter holiday.

**Ms Sian Bradshaw**  
*Head of Preparatory School*



## HOW TO HIDE A LION: POLKA THEATRE TRIP



Nursery and Reception really enjoyed their trip to the Polka Theatre on Friday to see this lovely show. The show told the story of a lion who was chased out of town and befriended by a little girl, who tries to hide him in her house. She tries to hide him in her bedroom, but he soon starts to explore her home. Sam loved the part where the lion hides in the bathroom and the bath ended up on top of the girl, with water going everywhere. At

the end of the story, the lion helps the townspeople by catching a burglar who tries to steal their precious gold candlestick. Charlie really enjoyed it when the burglar took the candlestick and was chased around the stage.

*Miss C Leadbeter*

## YEAR 1 & 2 POLKA THEATRE TRIP

On Friday 13th January, the children in Years 1 & 2 went on a trip to The Polka Theatre in Wimbledon. They had a fabulous time and below is some of the writing that they shared about the show.

'We saw Babe the Sheep Pig. It had lots of danger but the ending was happy. I was ecstatic!'

'I got really nervous when Farmer Hoggett got out his gun to shoot Babe.'

'My favourite part was the end when Babe became a hero.'

'I liked it when the sheep were dancing but the bit that made me scared was when the wolf killed Ma who was a fat sheep.'

'It was the best show ever because Babe came to the rescue!'

*Mrs S Fowler*



## YEAR 3 WORDS AND MUSIC

On 2nd February 2017 Year 3 children gave a professional and uplifting performance of words and music. Every child took part, showing their proud parents what a talented group they are. We had poems, without scripts; piano pieces, guitars and violins. The group singing was spectacular both in English and French!! What a superb evening was had by all. Very well done Year 3.

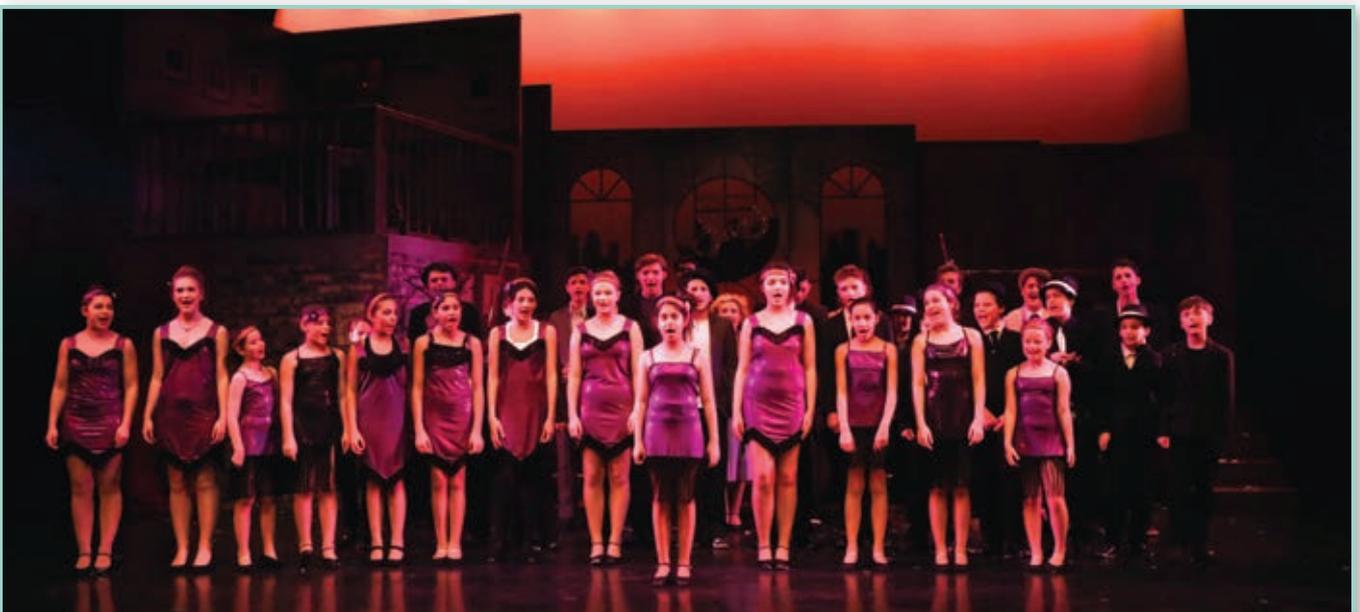
*Mrs A Rowe*

## BUGSY MALONE

Following the rip-roaring success of *Oliver The Musical*, Ewell Castle School presented this slick, slapstick musical comedy, *Bugsy Malone*. *Bugsy Malone* followed the rivalry between two half-witted street gangs, led by Fat Sam (J Stace) and Dandy Dan (M Marchesi), not forgetting the suave and sophisticated Bugsy (I Conibear) himself. Along the way Bugsy found love in Blousy Brown (A Hillman), avoided the temptations of Tallulah (R Cottam) and befriended a cowardly boxer (A Webb), destined for stardom. Over 60 pupils, ranging from Year 6 to Year 13, took part in the production at the Epsom Playhouse, with a sold-out Thursday evening performance, with total audience numbers in excess of 850. In support of their Year 6 peers, the entire Prep School body attended the matinee performance and provided a fantastic audience for the debut of the show. Highlights of the show included a stunning song and dance by Year 7 student, F Banham, as the downtrodden janitor, Fizzy. Not to be outdone, Year 10 student,

J Banham brought back memories of Rocky's aged manager 'Mikey' in his portrayal of the boxing trainer, Cagey Joe. The entire production team are so proud of all of the cast and crew and look forward to building on this great success with future productions, which will be announced soon.

### *Mr B Essenhigh*



# PREPARATORY SCHOOL ART

## Year 3 - Spring Artwork



## Year 4 - Mosaics



## Statues in the style of Giacometti



## Birds in a mysterious wood in the style of Klee



## Year 5 - Silhouettes



## Lion in the forest in the style of Rousseau



## RUGBY

### U8s

The U8s thoroughly enjoyed their season of tag rugby. They were enthusiastic participants in the training sessions and took this attitude into the competitive games where they had some good results and showed tremendous effort. The team contained some elusive runners but at times the children did play as individuals rather than as a team. I would like to have seen further interplay between the team members and would encourage them to move the ball down the line to create space and gaps to run into. Individual mentions to L Van Schalkwyk, O Lamb and H Reid for their excellent performances this season and I have high hopes for this age group as they move into the U9 age range and contact rugby.



### U9s

I was really impressed with the attitude and commitment shown by this age group throughout the season. They trained hard and listened well and were really enthused about the game of rugby. In the competitive fixtures they had some narrow defeats before putting in some tremendous performances to get three wins against Surbiton High. This was reward for their endeavour throughout the season. I have high hopes for this age group as they progress to the U10 age group and hope that their enthusiasm for the game continues. Special mention to A Vaidya for his tough tackling and to C Anouilhez Nobrega for his strong running.



### U10s

The U10s displayed significant improvement as the term progressed. They played rugby throughout the season with a smile on their face and put in a high level of effort. The team found the competitive fixtures a challenge as they often came up against bigger opposition that ran and tackled powerfully. Nonetheless, the team put in some good performances most notably against Surbiton High. As the team moves into the U11 age group, I am hoping for continued improvement and for them to pay close attention to their tackling and rucking. Once they have more confidence in these areas of the game they can focus on their continuity of play that will bring them the points and results that their efforts deserve. There were a number of strong individual performances throughout the season but special mention to L Davies and N Bosman for their strong running and to D Thompson for his tough tackling.

### U11s

The U11 team continued to impress this term during the rugby season. They had some outstanding results most notably against Surbiton High and Micklefield. They were unlucky to lose to Chinthurst by one try and in their final game of the season, a tremendous game against Aberdour ended with a 35-35 draw. Throughout the season, the team ran well and tackled hard and by the end of the season they were able to put together a number of phases of play. The team contained a number of strong individuals and it was great to see them coming together as a team throughout the term. Special mention this season goes to C Nwoko for his elusive running. J Keohane for his tough tackling and to F Stewart for his outstanding rucking.

**Mr N Andrade**



## HOCKEY 2017

### Year 3 and 4

Most of the year 3's had never picked up a hockey stick before and have come a long way during their hockey games lessons this term, from all crowding around the ball to now finding their space on the pitch. Both year 3 and 4 girls played well against Weston Green and had some great



wins over Aberdour. The year 4's also battled against the freezing January elements to play well against Rowan Prep. Special mention to Yazyzy Fowler in year 3 and Priya Sinharay in year 4 for their super hockey skills and efforts.

### Year 5 and 6

The year 5 and 6's have improved their game well over the term, with a number of hockey master classes from Wales international player Miss Leah Wilkinson. They have all played in a number of fixtures and tournaments against other schools winning the majority of them. Especially well done to the Year 5 girl's A's who came third in the Rowan Saturday tournament. Please see the new Ewell Castle Sports website for



all results. Special mention to Lily Mae in year 5 and Sophie Barrell in year 6 for the skilful play, both girls have been called as 'Players on the Match' by other schools and I hope you both continue to play outside of school at club level.

*Mrs C Cope*

## RED NOSE DAY

This year we celebrated an early Red Nose Day on 17th March. The children looked fantastic in their bright colours and wore a variety of noses! Great fun was had on both the Chessington Lodge site as well as Glyn House when the children took part in a Zumbathon. The teachers were very impressed with some of the moves! School Council led a yummy cake sale on both sites so thank you for any donations that were sent in. We raised a total of £605.70 so thank you very much to everyone involved!

*Ms K Garrod*



## PSFA QUIZ NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who supported the PSFA quiz night, it was a great night and it was good to see so many people there. There was a fantastic range of quiz questions from anagrams, to trivia which tested modern day knowledge as well as blasts from the past - my favourite was 'which question-and-answer game pits two players or teams against a single player', (the answer was 'Blockbusters'). The eventual winners were team 'We love Dan' - who were victorious after a tense tie break. Thank you to our amazing quiz master Dan McClean, and everyone from the PSFA who helped out before and on the night - a special thanks goes to Jess Gunson, Katrina Hartman and Jannine Bosman.

Tickets for the Summer Ball are available on parent pay and are going fast - this year the event is being held at Epsom Racecourse, with magnificent views and live music!

*Emma Mitchell, Chair PSFA*

## WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 2nd March, World Book Day was celebrated at both Chessington Lodge and Glyn House. Children dressed as their favourite book character and it was great to hear the children talk so animatedly about the books they had been reading. At Chessington Lodge the children took part in a 'cat-walk' style parade and costumes were judged by Ms Bradshaw who was most impressed with the effort from parents! At Glyn House Mr Harris and Ms Bradshaw were treated to a varied display of book characters and again were

impressed by the originality of the costumes. All year groups took part in a very successful book swap where each child took home a new book to enjoy. Many thanks to all parents who helped their child to take part in the 'Extreme Reading Challenge'. We really enjoyed the range of photos, which are now on display at both sites. Reading is an integral part of Ewell Castle and it was fantastic to see the strong links between home and school when fostering a love of reading.

*Ms K Garrod & Mrs T Blakeman*



## YR3 TO YR6 MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP



Glyn House pupils enjoying a Musical Theatre taster day which included songs from *Matilda*.

## CHESSINGTON LODGE SCIENCE DAY

As part of British Science week Chessington Lodge held a special 'Science Day'. The children rotated around all of the classrooms taking part in some wacky experiments. These activities ranged from exploring the capabilities of effervescent Alka-Seltzer tablets (a burp in a pot!) to creating their very own lava lamps. We hope the children took home lots of excitement and that they continue to grow their love of Science.

*Ms K Garrod*



## STEM WEEK AT GLYN HOUSE



## JUNIOR CITIZENSHIP EVENT 2017

On Friday 10th March 2017 all of Year 6 went to the Junior Citizenship Event held at Epsom Race Course. It is an event that provides children with skills that will help keep themselves and others safe. It was an amazing experience that we will never forget.

We arrived there by coach and then we were sorted into groups mixed with the other school and

then began the different activities. Our group's first activity was with the School Nurses who talked about healthy eating. Next we had a lady from the Blue Cross for Pets who told us about how to be safe around dogs. Then it was the turn of the police who warned us about 'stranger danger' and what to do if we were approached. Then the people from UK Power Networks talked to us about the

dangers of being around electricity. After that we went to learn from the RNLI about the dangers and how to be safe in the water. Finally we did a course with a fireman about what to do if there was a fire in our house. It was an enjoyable morning and we all learned a lot on how to keep safe and to keep fit and healthy.

*L Maniar and S Anouilhez Norbrega*

## SWIMMING GALA 2017

On Friday 24th March, all Prep School children (Year 3-6) took part in the annual Swimming Gala at Cheam Leisure Centre. The main focus of the Gala was participation for all in a competitive and enjoyable setting. Children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the overwhelming majority of the children swam in two races.

There were many exciting races this year with the year group relays being a particular highlight. Congratulations

to Sophie Barrell and Jack Downey who due to finishing 1st and 2nd in the invitational race won the girl and boy swimmer of the year.

The overall winners of the event were Raleigh House who narrowly beat Castlemaine. Essex finished a not too distant third. Congratulations to all the children that took part and thanks to the staff for their help in staging the event.

*Mr N Andrade*



## MINDFULNESS COURSE



## YR 4 PRODUCTION - HANSEL AND GRETEL

On Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th of March Year 4 put on a play called "Hansel and Gretel" at the Senior School Hall. For me, it was great fun practising, especially the dance moves! The goblins' makeup was very well done with green faces and orange eyes. I was sad when I had to wash it off. The birds however had no makeup as most of them had feather masks.

Backstage it was quite nerve-wracking, but I soon enjoyed it. Seeing the audience smiling and enjoying it made me feel less scared. The lighting was very hot, especially when we were all dancing and singing in the finale. I would like to thank everyone who made this happen. I really enjoyed it!

*Priya (Year 4)*



## THE EASTER BUNNY VISITS PUPILS AT CHESSINGTON LODGE

