



INTRODUCTION

I am sure that I am not the only one thinking 'Phew! We made it!'

It has been a very busy term packed full of events; three sports days, Father's Day Challenge, prize giving, the Y6 production and the wonderful PSFA ball! Congratulations to all the children for their hard work and achievements. I was delighted to read such positive comments from the teachers in the end of year reports.

For me it is a time to reflect on the whole year and to consider our successes and how we can further improve on these next year. We have already submitted planning applications for some major refurbishment of the basement at Glyn House and have made a number of new staff appointments at both Chessington Lodge and Glyn House. We have broadened our range of extra-curricular clubs and aim to improve communication with parents regarding homework and behaviour.

As ever, our focus will be on developing resilient and robust, independent learners who can cope with the challenges that life provides. We want our children to be happy and engage in the learning opportunities provided for them, to collaborate, to communicate effectively, to think and to solve problems, to learn how to be responsible and recognise that they each have talents to contribute both to the Ewell Castle School community and to society as a whole.

We have done well this year to weather storms and pull together and I am looking forward to an even stronger partnership moving forward into the next academic year.

Thank you for your support this year and good luck to the Year 6 leavers.

Ms Sian Bradshaw
Head of Preparatory School

SUMMER FESTIVAL

As the Music Department was not on tour this Summer, we invested our time and energies into the Summer Festival on 28th June. Whilst its creation was the brainchild of Mr Bromley, it took support from all of the Heads of Year and the Tutors to get the event scaled-up to the size it became. With a variety of games and stalls in the basin; a main stage with performances throughout the evening from school ensemble, pupil bands and the House Music and Drama groups; a fantastic BBQ provided by Accent Catering; and the PSFA Prosecco tent, it was an evening filled with fun. No event like this is actually successful unless there is someone there to enjoy it and with over 400 guests, there were certainly enough people to make it a proper festival.

Mr B Essenhigh



ISLE OF WIGHT RESIDENTIAL TRIP

On Tuesday 2nd May 2017 Year 5 went to the Isle of Wight for three nights.

When we arrived, we went straight to the zoo. I felt excited when we saw all the different rescued animals including spider monkeys, lemurs and tigers. We also had our delicious lunch there in the boiling hot sun. Next, we were sent in groups to the gift shop.

After that, we went to the beach and on the beach there was pink, green and red seaweed. Athena and I made a colourful sandcastle with the seaweed.

The we went to Kingswood, our first activity was the 3G swing. I went with Lily and we went to the top. I felt nervous and excited at the same time, but in the end I really liked it. The next day we did body boarding; it was fun but the sea was cold. Later we did aero ball and it was fun trying to get the ball through the hoop.

My favourite activity was the 3G swing but I really liked all of them. I had a fantastic time. I really recommend going to the Isle of Wight and I would love to go again.

Niki H

Thank you card illustrations by Eisha and Tilly



YEAR 5 WORDS AND MUSIC

On Thursday 25th May, Year 5 performed their Words and Music show in Glyn House Hall. The children displayed their talents admirably and a fantastic evening was had by all. Musical instruments on show ranged from Sri Lankan Drums, a performance on an Eastern Violin and the piano. Other talents included two marvellous singing solos and a range of acting and poetry that was enjoyed by both the children and the adults in the audience. It was a lovely evening that really showcased the abundance of talent and enthusiasm that the children in Year 5 have.

Mr P Young

BIKEABILITY



YEAR 6 SPANISH TRIP

On 16th May twenty six Year 6 pupils and four members of staff met at St Mary's Church at a remarkably early hour to venture forth and spend a few days in Spain. The purpose of the trip was to soak up Spanish culture and practice our Spanish. Instead of heading for the beach our destination was to be the beautiful mountains of the Sierra de Gredos, which are a couple of hours or so west of Madrid.

Having negotiated Heathrow and Madrid airports we headed off in our coach to the World Heritage Site of the walled city of Avila. Our first port of call once there was a restaurant called "Las Murallas" to sample the "chocolate y churros" which we had been very much looking forward to. This delicious treat 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! The carved wise owls of Avila were judged to be the best value, nevertheless the back scratchers were the most popular purchase. Refreshed, we set off to climb the steep stone steps and walk along a section of the famous walls. The views of the countryside on one side and the clay tiled roofs of the buildings of the town on the



other were spectacular and many a disposable camera was brandished in an attempt to capture an image of the bullring in the distance.

On arrival at the Gredos Centre the children settled into their rooms and met their leaders who introduced themselves and showed them around. The leaders spoke only in Spanish to the children throughout our stay, so they were constantly practising their Spanish even when out walking in the countryside investigating the local eco-systems.

Three action packed days followed featuring activities such as cooking Spanish omelette, negotiating high ropes through the forest, a treasure hunt through the village, aerobics, T shirt painting and filming our own short videos using the language we have learned. One of the highlights of the trip was when the children met up

with their pen friends from the local school. After initial uncharacteristic reticence the children were able to converse with their friends in English and in Spanish. They also enjoyed playing games together and shared gifts and cards before saying their goodbyes.

On the way back to the airport our journey took us across the spectacular mountains of the Sierra de Gredos. We stopped off for lunch and a breather and a visit to the caves at Aguila which proved to absolutely breath-taking.

By the time we arrived exhausted, back at Glyn House on Friday evening everyone's Spanish had improved and we had all had a fabulous trip to remember for many years to come.

Mrs B Grierson

YEAR 1 AND 2 TRIP TO BOX HILL

On Friday I went to Box Hill with my class. It was a very hot day. I sat in the coach with Anica. It took a long time to get there.

When we got there we went into a big room. A lady called Katy told us a story about a Town Mouse and a Country Mouse, and talked to us about shelters and mini-beasts.

Next we explored the woods to look for mini-beasts. It was very hot in the woods. We did some fun games in groups. My group went with another lady. We learnt about camouflaging. Camouflaging is used by insects to hide from things that might eat them. I touched a millipede and it curled up.

I learned that sometimes, if an insect needs water, it can dig for it. After that we looked at a very old tree.

We had a picnic lunch sitting on the green grass in the shade. I had lots of food in my bag. It was yummy!

After lunch we went back into the woods and went on the assault course. There was a tree with a hole in it that you could go through. We went on the log stepping stones and I climbed on the high one. It was a bit scary and wobbly! Then we went into a field and saw some blackberry bushes. We had to pick up litter and put it in the basket. I was the basket holder. Then we had a go at building dens with branches and

leaves with our friends. Mrs Leeds was very good at making the den!

I was very tired and fell asleep on the coach back to school. I had a lovely time. What a great day!

Excerpts from recounts by Emily, Anica and William B



YEAR 3 AND 4 TRIP TO BUTSER ANCIENT FARM

On Friday 9th June 2017 we set off on our school trip to visit Butser Ancient Farm. When we got there we looked at all the goats and all the sheep. After we looked at them we were led by Kathy and Margaret who took us into a round house. In the round house there was a fairly large fire in the middle and the fire was utterly smoky and some people were sitting on deer skins.

Our first activity was jewellery making. We had the option to make a bracelet, an ear ring or a ring. I chose to make a bracelet. We needed pliers. My teacher Mrs Rowe made a bracelet as well. Our second activity was making clunch that goes on the walls of the round houses. To make clunch you need to use mud, animal bedding, chalk powder and water. You then mix them all together with your hands or feet.

After lunch we had our first afternoon activity. We went to the Roman villa and did some weaving. We could either make a zip puller to carry on your zip or a bracelet. I decided to make a zip puller with a fairly large bead. Our second activity that



afternoon was making mosaics and writing down Roman Gods. Kathy told us that Roman mosaics were put on floor boards and they were nearly always symmetrical.

When I started my mosaic pattern it was colourful and symmetrical. I used lots of shiny colourful mosaics. Then we started writing the Roman Gods on slates with a piece of chalk.

Instead of using a blackboard rubber, we used a little bit of lamb's wool. Then we started to write down Roman Gods. One of the gods was Jupiter.

After our four activities we walked back to the coach to go back to school. I had a great day at Butser Ancient Farm.

Raiya P

EARLY YEARS' TRIP TO CHESSINGTON WORLD OF ADVENTURES



On Wednesday 7th June 2017, Nursery and Reception visited Chessington World of Adventures. Our topic this half term is Under the Sea so we started our trip by visiting the Sealife Aquarium. The children loved looking at all the different fish and sea creatures. Reception enjoyed asking one of the keepers lots of questions during the Shark Talk.

After visiting the Aquarium, Reception visited the Sealions, who were busy swimming around their pool before meeting up with Nursery and visiting the penguins. We also visited the donkeys and reindeers – no sign of Rudolph though!!!

Nursery and Reception enjoyed eating their lunch – we had a picnic on the grass near Hocus Pocus Hall.

Then Reception explored the Trail of the Kings, where we spotted gorillas, lions and tigers. They were all busy lazing in the sun! After that we visited the meerkats, zebras, oryces, ostriches and gazelles before returning to school. We found the meerkats cute when we spotted them running round their enclosure.

The children really enjoyed seeing and learning more about the sea creatures and animals that they saw. Sam C and Finnian both loved seeing the lions. The penguins and meerkats were also very popular with the children.

Miss Leadbeter and Reception (Bluebells)

CRICKET

U8/9s

We have some talented young cricketers among this age group. As always, the boys displayed a high level of enthusiasm and endeavour in their games lessons whilst developing their knowledge of the game through playing pairs cricket. In this format, the children bat in pairs and they all get the opportunity to bowl and keep wicket. As general areas for development, the boys must remember to bowl with a straight arm and to get to the pitch of the ball when batting. In the matches that were played, the teams scored some impressive victories against both Mickfield and Surbiton High. Congratulations to Christopher Odendaal for being awarded the Player of the Season and to Harry Reid for the most improved player.

U10/11s

This season, the boys worked hard on their bowling, batting and fielding skills and further developed their knowledge of the game. In the matches against other schools, the boys fielded and bowled well but lacked the application to go on and get big scores in their batting. As a result, the games did not always go in their favour but nevertheless the season was enjoyed by all. I would cite batting as the major area of development for many of the boys. Working on getting to the pitch of the ball and playing appropriate shots to the balls bowled would be things that I pick out. Congratulations go to Matthew Burbridge and Dominic Sayers for their award of joint Player of the Season.

Mr N Andrade



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 Lukas Van Schalkwyk, Oliver Lamb and Harry 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.

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 Luke Davies and Nicholas Bosman for their strong running and to Derell Thompson for his tough tackling.

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 Aryan Vaidya for his tough tackling and to Cristiano Anouilhez Nobrega for his strong running.

U11s

The U11 team continued to impress this time during the rugby season. They had some outstanding results most notably against Surbiton High and Mickfield. 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 Chibby Nwoko for his elusive running, Joe Keohane for his tough tackling and to Fynn Stewart for his outstanding rucking.

Mr N Andrade

ROUNDERS

What a great season for girls' rounders, we played 14 matches/tournaments in total against other schools and won 10 of these! Well done to all the girls for their superb efforts with many displaying outstanding skills. We have also seen some lovely examples of great sportsmanship and teamwork.

The Under 11 team won 3 games out of 4, 10-8 win against Sutton High, 12-11.5 win against Aberdour and 4.5-3.5 win against Chinthurst.

The team has gone from strength to strength playing tactically as well as skilfully. A special mention to Millie Gunson for her superb bowling and catching skills.

The Under 10 team won both their matches, with a great 20.5-12 win against Aberdour and a 14-13.5 win against Sutton High. A special mention to Lily Mae Bowles for her ever-improving bowling and fielding skills.

The Under 9 team also won 3 out of 4 of their matches, 13.5-10 win and an 8.5-14 loss against Aberdour, 8.5-8 win against Greenacre and a 7.5-2 win against Bramley. They played incredibly well on a very hot day at the Aberdour tournament coming 4th overall. Special mentions to Maiya Poole-Smith for her excellent batting and bowling skills and Estella Vaughan for her outstanding batting and fielding skills.

The Under 8 team have taken to the game quickly and have improved their skills of passing, receiving, batting and bowling throughout the term. They have a good awareness of the rules and are starting to play tactically. They won 1 of their 3 games, with an excellent 7.5-2 win against Bramley, 11-14 loss against Aberdour and a 7-7.5 loss against Greenacre.



Mrs C Cope

EYFS SPORTS DAY



CHESSINGTON LODGE SPORTS DAY 2017



On Wednesday 21st June Year 1 and 2 participated in their annual Sports Day on Glyn House field. The weather was sunny and the setting idyllic for what was an action packed morning.

In round 1, children participated in a carousel of sporting activities gaining points for their houses based on what they had learnt in Physical Education

lessons this year. Children spent two minutes on each station and enjoyed the challenges that they had to overcome.

In round 2, children participated in individual sprint races, an obstacle event and the house relay. The races were particularly exciting and I was greatly impressed by the children's endeavour and sportsmanship.

Well done to all the children who took part and congratulations to Raleigh who were the overall winners.

Mr N Andrade



GLYN HOUSE SPORTS DAY 2017

On a very warm and sunny day, Glyn House children took part in their annual Sports Day on the Castle field. A major focus of the event was to have each child regularly involved. This year, all children represented their house in at least three events. Children took part in sprint and longer distance races and then had the opportunity to participate in the long jump, ball throw or high jump.

The event commenced with the individual sprint races and I was very impressed with the efforts of the children. Following the sprint races the children took part in their field events and then returned to the track for the individual 200m and 400m.

Before the relays took place the invitational Victor and Victrix Ludorum 600m was run. Well done to Chibby Nwoko and Lily Mae Bowles who prevailed in two closely fought races. Congratulations to Chibby and Lily

Mae for triumphing in the overall competition.

The 2016 event concluded with the closely fought relay races. The U9 relay caused great excitement with Essex narrowly pipping Castlemaine on the line.

Congratulations to Essex House this year who were overall winners of the event. Castlemaine House finished second with Raleigh third.

Well done to all the children that participated this year.

Mr N Andrade



PREPARATORY SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

Once again the Glyn House Prep School Art exhibition was a resounding success. Despite being one of the hottest days of the year so far and after Sports Day, parents and children quickly filled Glyn House hall to view and buy their own children's art work. We made a fantastic £197.00 to put towards art resources to benefit the children of the Prep School. A huge thank you to all who came and made this year such a success.

Mrs A Rowe



FANTASTIC FOOTBALLERS

On Thursday 29th June, 12 very excited Year 2 boys made their way to Poole Road to experience their first school football tournament. We had two groups of six making up an orange and a white team. Both teams played very well and showed excellent sportsmanship and teamwork skills with the white team eventually making it to an incredibly tense final against Epsom Primary. After 5 minutes of extra time, with no goal in sight, we decided that we would share the winning trophy between both schools. Well done Year 2 boys, a very successful afternoon!



SHAKESPEARE ROCKS!



Year 6 have worked tirelessly this half term to produce a stunning, rocking adaptation of the Bard's life! Complete with a live band, expert dance moves, rousing songs and beautiful duets, Year 6 brought Shakespeare to life in a truly memorable performance. Though we sweltered in the heat, everyone put their heart and soul into bringing their characters (and Elizabethan England!) to life. Aaron U portrayed the 'wonderful bard of Warwickshire', William Shakespeare, with Darcy K as his ever-so-patient wife, Anne. We were treated to a host

of songs, accompanied by a live band, with up-beat numbers like 'Show in the Globe', a beautiful duet by Callum V and Katie P and we ended with a real toe-tapping finale of 'To Be or Not To Be'. Effortlessly linking all of these scenes together were our smooth-talking hosts, Harrison M and Joe K. A huge well done to all the cast: witches, builders, beer-sellers, screaming-fans, ever-so-important actors and minstrels alike.

Mrs P Hacker

PSFA SUMMER BALL

Thank you to everyone who supported the PSFA Summer Ball on Saturday, the views as the sun set from the Derby suite from Epsom race course were absolutely amazing – the Prosecco and wine was flowing, the dance floor was full and the photo booth was buzzing!

Thank you to everyone that donated prizes to our raffle and to everyone who bought a ticket - an amazing £1,000 was raised. Our grand prize was won by Mr and Mrs Speight!

A massive and special thanks goes to Tracy Dale, Jessica Gunson and Katrina Hartman - without their support such an amazing event would not be possible.

A very special thank you also goes



to Sue Bide who, after many many years of being on the PSFA committee, leaves Ewell Castle to pastures new - we wish you and your family all the very best - you will be missed!

As another academic year ends, we all hope you have a relaxing summer and we look forward to seeing you all at the fireworks event in October!

Emma Mitchell, PSFA Chair