



INTRODUCTION



Another term has whizzed by and it has been as busy as it ever is. The children settled back into routine swiftly and we have had a wonderful first term. Attendance this term has been 97% across the whole of the Prep School. What a healthy, happy bunch of children we have, who are really making the most out of the opportunities on offer to them.

I would like to thank parents for your continued support for the School, which is greatly valued. Events are always well attended and your generosity in supporting our various charities is really appreciated. Our 'Children in Need' mufti generated £314 and together, our 'Languages Day' and 'Grandparents' Coffee Morning' raised £446 for MacMillan.

As ever, thank you to the PSFA who work tirelessly to raise funds and provide some super events for both children and parents. We had a very successful shopping evening and the Christmas Fair was a huge success, again raising over £2600. Children at Chessington Lodge were visited by Santa and children at Glyn House enjoyed a Christmas Movie with popcorn and treats courtesy of the PSFA.

There have been a number of new events added to the calendar this

term and we recently competed in an interschool maths competition with a selection of four Year 6 pupils. If we make it through to the next round, this will be held at Cambridge University. We also invited parents from Years 1 and 2 to a special open morning to see Glyn House in action in advance of transition from Chessington Lodge. Forest School provision goes from strength to strength and I had the opportunity to spend part of the afternoon with Year 2 and see for myself the benefits of this approach. We made friendship bracelets and I was led to the 'treasure hole' that was being excavated by some of the children.

Our Blue Octopus projects have generated some very interesting and highly engaging pieces of work from the children. Well done all of you who took part in the 'GRIT' project. We have been impressed with your creativity! The School really feels very dynamic and that is due to the energy, passion and dedication of the staff who care so much about the children. I would like to thank them for all their hard work because they are central to what makes this such a wonderful School.

The highlight of the term is always Christmas with the Early Years Foundations Stage Nativity and Years 1-6 Christmas celebration in St Mary's Church. I am always stunned by these performances and call me sappy, but they literally fill my heart!

I wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas. We have an action packed Spring Term ahead of us and I look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year!

Ms Sian Bradshaw
Head of Preparatory School

YEARS 3 AND 4 THREE PEAKS ACTIVITY DAY



Another year, another fantastic trip to the Three Peaks activity centre at Barfield School. Just three days into the beginning of the school year, Year 3 and 4 made their way on a coach to an exciting outdoor activity day. During the day, the children were able to climb the leap of faith, experience quad biking, low ropes and problem solving activities. As teachers, we were impressed with the resilience our children showed when facing new challenges (most of which we would have been very scared to complete ourselves!).

Miss K Garrod



YOUNG MARINERS

Years 5 and 6 travelled to Thames Young Mariner's at the start of term to take part in numerous team-building activities. The children worked extremely hard and displayed a variety of skills, collaborating in groups to overcome some tricky challenges. All involved had a fun and educational day.

Mr P Young



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

At the end of September each year all the Prep School pupils celebrate the "European Day of Languages". At Glyn House the main language focus for the day is Spanish and at Chessington Lodge it is French. Children at Glyn House dress in the colours of the Spanish flag or in their own national dress, whilst the pupils at Chessington Lodge dress in the red, white and blue of the French flag or their national costume. Pupils from different countries enjoy sharing a few words and phrases with their classmates.

This year the pupils in Year 6 looked forward to, and thoroughly enjoyed setting up and serving, the food to

the younger children were waiting to sample Spanish food, Year 6 pupils took turns to teach them some Spanish phrases to use on their visit to the Tapas Bar. It was rewarding to see the patience and care the older pupils took teaching the words and phrases needed to the younger children, encouraging them to use as much Spanish as possible whilst being served.

We tried out all sorts of different languages, practised our main languages of French and Spanish and had a lot of fun. We also raised £286 from the Mufti Day, which we have donated to MacMillan Cancer.

Mrs B Grierson



BBC CHILDREN IN NEED MUFTI DAY

We are delighted to announce that we raised £314 for the BBC Children in Need Appeal from our mufti day. Thank you for your continued support of our charity events.



YEAR 3 EGYPTIANS TOPIC

Our Year 3s enjoyed their 'WOW' day to complete their Egypt topic this term. There was a class assembly, artefacts museum, mummy making, Egyptian food tasting and salt dough cartouche making! What an amazing day of learning!



YEAR 3 TRIP TO RICHMOND THEATRE

In October, as part of Year 3's topic 'Ancient Egyptians', they went to see a performance of Horrible Histories- Awful Egyptians at Richmond Theatre. We were entertained with some superb acting and learnt plenty of facts about Ancient Egypt (some more gruesome than others); the children were particularly excited when they were asked to wear their 3D glasses! Mrs Fullbrook and Miss Garrod were impressed with the behaviour of the children; they were a credit to the School.

Miss K Garrod



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, 2018

At this year's Remembrance Service, which commemorated 100 years since the end of The First World War, students from years 5 to 13 performed a selection of readings and pieces of music at St Mary's Church: The Chapel Choir sung John Ireland's challenging work 'Greater Love, Hath No Man', featuring

impressive solos from Zac Conibear and Athena Droutis; The Festival Choir also performed the well-known 'Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace', and Dominic Hutton's performance of 'The Last Post' resonated through the church before the congregational hymn, 'Jerusalem', closed the service.

Mrs V Edwards



PREP SCHOOL NETBALL REPORT

What a great season it has been for girls' netball, we played 21 matches against other schools and won 11 of these! We have played in two tournaments and managed to win Silver medals in one of these. The U8/9 House netball afternoon was a close battle between Essex and Raleigh with Raleigh just beating them to the net.

A number of girls have been attending Netball Club with the senior pupils run by Miss Speed. This extra training session has certainly improved both skill and game play. With recent Silver success shown in the U11 Seaton House Tournament. Well done for attending this extra session girls and a big thank you to Miss Speed for running the club.

The Under 11 team have played to a very high standard this term. They lost 8-10 against Chinthurst, drew 5-5 against Aberdour, won 11-7 against Rowan, won 14-12 against Banstead Prep and won 12-1 against Seaton House. They also achieved second place in the Seaton House Tournament against 7 other schools. The girls played so well as a team. With our excellent defensive team and shooters, the girls were on fire! A special mention to Estella Vaughan for her superb intercepting skills.



The Under 10 team won two of their matches and have really improved their game since last year. Their results were a 4-0 win over Chinthurst, 2-7 loss against Aberdour, 8-1 win against Rowan, 5-16 loss against Banstead Prep and they drew 0-0 against Seaton House. Special mentions to Alex Banfield and Sarah Ojo who have both been hungry for the ball this term.

The Under 9 team won three out of five matches, Winning 6-5 and drawing 3-3 against Chinthurst, losing 3-7 against Aberdour, winning

9-1 against Weston Green and winning 8-1 against Rowan Prep. The team also played in the Rowan Tournament on a beautiful sunny Saturday morning; they gave it their all playing six larger schools. What a great experience it was for the team. The under nine girls have improved their game throughout the season – well done.

The Under 8 team have taken to the game quickly and have improved their skills of passing, receiving, marking and shooting throughout the term. They have a good awareness of the rules and positions. They have done well winning two of their games. With a 6-2 win against Weston Green and a 6-4 win against Rowan. They lost their earlier games in the season 3-4 and 0-3 against Chinthurst and 1-8 against Aberdour. Well done to the entire team, with a special mention to Chloe Fyfe who has shown some excellent shooting and intercepting skills this term.

A number of matches and tournament had been unfortunately cancelled due to the rain this term. Let us hope the weather improves for next term. Well done to all the girls for their superb efforts. I would also like to say thank you to Mrs Pettifer who has been a big part of the success this term.

Mrs C Cope



PREP SCHOOL FOOTBALL REPORTS AUTUMN 2018

U8s

Credit must go to the U8s for their energy and enthusiasm this season. They are a young team and their experiences will serve them well for next season and beyond. There were many highlights during the season most notably some superb goals from Joseph Vaughan and Arlo May, excellent vigour in midfield from Arvi Shanmugam and Matthew Eliot and some wonderful saves from Arthur Channing in goal. Fixtures with other schools were competitive yet were played with good sportsmanship. The season started off with a wonderfully exciting 3-3 draw with Micklefield. This was followed by a narrow defeat to Aberdour and a 3-0 victory against Chinthurst in which all the boys were given a chance to participate. The boys then ran into a strong Homefield team and finished the season with a nice 1-0 victory against Weston Green. Well done to all the boys this season.

U9s

It certainly was a busy season for the U9s with the boys playing fixtures most Thursday afternoons.

The boys trained hard and their efforts were rewarded with some excellent performances against opposition schools. There were some fantastic wins against Aberdour and Willington School and some equally exciting and competitive draws with Chinthurst and Surbiton High. The boys developed into close-knit groups and displayed some excellent interplay and teamwork on the field of play. Well done to all the boys that played across three U9 teams.

U10s

The boys started off the season with strong performances against Micklefield and Chinthurst. Two 2-2 draws were achieved with Micklefield and a comfortable 4-0 victory followed against Chinthurst. Unfortunately, the games against Aberdour were postponed leaving the games against Surbiton as the climax to the season. Both teams were evenly matched but Surbiton put away their chances to end victorious. The boys can be pleased with their efforts this season and we look forward to some strong results from them in the U11 age group.

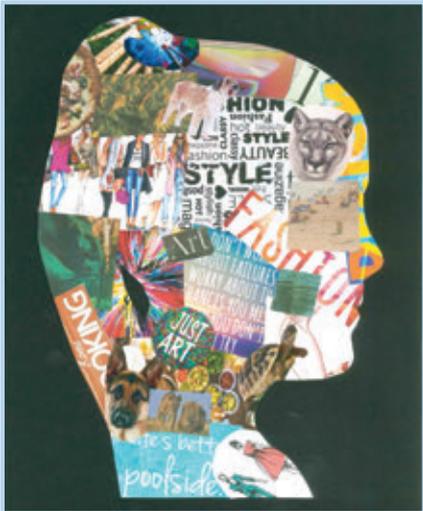
U11s

In a strong year group, competition for places was high and thus there were plenty of selection dilemmas throughout the season! The boys had a thumping start to the season with convincing wins against Micklefield. Two teams then took part in the Surbiton High tournament with Ewell Castle being knocked out at the quarter final stage on a golden goal. The team was one of the strongest at the tournament and were so unlucky to exit this way. A strong Chinthurst side defeated Ewell in the next fixture but the team bounced back with a thumping 7-2 victory against Aberdour in which marked the debut of some talented U10 players. The boys finished off the season with a couple of comprehensive victories against Surbiton High and all the players can be delighted with their performances this season. Cristiano Anouilhez Nobrega for scoring a hatful of goals this season and Louis Carpenter for his calm assurance and interplay in midfield are worthy of a special mention. Well done to all boys that played across four U11 teams.

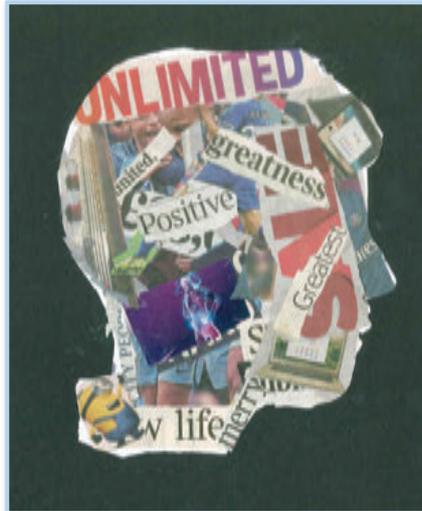
Mr N Andrade



PREPARATORY SCHOOL ART



Year 6 - Self Portrait



Year 6 - Self Portrait



Year 6 - Art

YEARS 1 AND 2 VISIT TO POLKA THEATRE

On Friday 7th December, some very excited Year 1 & 2 pupils journeyed to the Polka Theatre to enjoy a wonderful production of *The Wind in the Willows*. Before the show even started, the children were surveying the staging and predicting what might happen. As the theatre was plunged into darkness, we were greeted with birds and insects flying overhead, accompanied by beautiful singing from a very talented cast. With Ratty and Mole as the main storytellers, we were taken through the woods and under the ground to meet their friends as they all tried to keep Toad on the straight and narrow!



A fabulous time was had by all and it was wonderful to see even our quietest of children animated and

fully immersed in the story.

Mrs S Fowler

FOOD TECH CLUB



PSFA UPDATE

Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone who has supported us through the last academic year (2017/18). With your help, the PSFA raised a record breaking £12,000 last year – as a result the PSFA has been able to purchase in the last five months over £24,000 of value-added items that will benefit all the pupils – this has included a new mini-bus, playground equipment, sports equipment, DT equipment and more is planned!

As always at the start of the academic year there were a couple of changes to the Committee – firstly a huge thank you to Tracy Dale and Lisa Salmon who have for many years supported the PSFA and have decided to step down from the Committee. In return we welcomed Aisha Ahmed, Natasha Droutis and Mike Michaelides. The Committee is now at full complement and we have representation across all three sites which is fantastic.

The Autumn Term was again a busy one for the PSFA with Fireworks night, the Christmas Shopping event, the Christmas Fair and this week supporting the Christmas activities at both Chessington Lodge and Glyn House.

The BBQ & Fireworks event was once again a sell out and Pyromania as always put on an amazing display. We had a record number of entries for the pumpkin carving and fancy dress competition which meant Mr Harris and Mrs Fowler had a tough job picking the winners!

At the Christmas Shopping event we had a fabulous array of stalls and the prosecco was flowing – it was lovely seeing people taking the opportunity to buy some early Christmas presents.

The Christmas Fair was buzzing with a wonderful array of stalls and activities for all ages which were sponsored by the multi-



day held in October and organised by various members of the PSFA Committee. Special thanks go to the Senior School pupils, together with the volunteer parents and staff that helped with the preparation, and to run all the stalls and activities at the event – we would have been lost without them. Also, to the Festival Choir that entertained us and of course Father Christmas and his Elf.

This term alone from three events we have raised an astonishing £6,300 – a huge thank you to all the parents, pupils and staff alike - who have supported us by either helping out or attending an event. A very special thank you goes to the PSFA Committee who have dedicated their time to make it all happen, often behind the scenes: Aisha Ahmed, Clare Alford, Clodagh Brown, Angela Clift, Natasha Droutis, Jessica Gunson, Katrina Hartman and Mike Michaelides – true super stars!

A couple of dates for your diary – our AGM is on Thursday 24th January 2019 in conjunction with the Principal's Breakfast, we are planning a Comedy & Curry night in March, and the Summer Ball this year is on Saturday 7th July located on an island! Please look out for more details in the New Year!

Thank you once again for all of your support and I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Emma Mitchell, Chair PSFA





FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School arrived at Ewell Castle Preparatory School last year for our Reception children. The sessions have now been rolled out to all the classes from Nursery to Year 3, with the children enjoying weekly sessions in the various Forest School sites around the School grounds. These child-driven sessions offer children a very different and special experience. It gives them the opportunity to explore and to climb, to swing and to balance, to jump and to stretch, building strong bodies, and confident, resilient and



independent thinkers. But, for the children, it is simply tremendous fun, and the sound of their happy laughter is now a regular feature of life at the Prep School.

Mrs F Douglas

YEARS 1 TO 6 CAROL CONCERT



EARLY YEARS NATIVITY

