



INTRODUCTION



This time around, I am not just looking back over the last year, but back over the last five years. I have so many fond memories that have been created here and my headship at Ewell Castle Prep School has been the most wonderful time!

This last year has been tough on us all, but we are a strong and united School community and I feel grateful to have been part of such a warm and supportive environment.

A huge thank you to the children, parents and staff for their commitment and hard work. Our children continue to flourish, and this is so clear by their happy demeanours, comments and actions during the last few weeks of term and during their final activities.

Sports days were terrific fun with some good-humoured and gentle competition in the upper year groups. Our celebration days focused on every single child and their major achievements over the course of the year – the Nursery and Reception children even got to walk down a red carpet to receive their certificates!

Year 6 pulled off a masterpiece of performance in their play written by Mrs Hacker herself and even the staff got involved. It has been a big

week for Year 6 as they have geared up to moving on to their senior schools. Their Leavers' Assembly brought a lump to our throats – such wonderful young people, and if we learnt anything from it, it is that the Chessington World of Adventure trips that were planned for the Prep pupils were THE highlight of their entire time at the School and should remain a permanent fixture in the calendar!

There was an animal theme for the Pre-Prep pupils with Years 1 and 2 visiting London Zoo and the Nursery and Reception children experiencing some interesting creatures up close and personal at School. For some of our youngest children this was a life changing moment for them, and they

are a little braver and a little more confident after the experience.

Thank you to the PTA for their continued investment in the School and for the exciting new equipment that the children will have in the autumn term. Thank you too for organising our last day with a visit from the ice-cream man! Very happy children...and staff!

I am very proud of this School and the children, families and staff who belong to it. There is a brilliant and dedicated team of staff here who put their all into making the School what it is. I will miss you.

Ms Sian Bradshaw
Head of Preparatory School



RECEPTION TRIP TO BOCKETTS FARM

What a fun day at Bocketts Farm we had! The children got to see lots of different farm animals including a peacock, horses, cows, and sheep. We got to stroke the guinea pigs, rabbits and a chicken, as well as feed the goats and cows.

The children thought that Nathan the Turkey made a very funny noise “gobble gobble” and loved seeing the pigs fish out the apples from the water tray.

Although the pigs did not race, that didn't stop us from having all of the fun, in the sun!

The children were extremely well-behaved and it was a thoroughly enjoyable day out with Sunshine class (even though some said that the coach and lunch were the best parts of the day)!

Miss J Duddy



‘ANIMAL MAGIC’ VISIT THE NURSERY

What an amazing morning the Nursery children had at the Pre-Prep when ‘Animal Magic’ came to visit. Lindsey, the owner of the animals, brought us a selection ranging from a pygmy hedgehog named Tiddlywink, to meercats.

We learnt all about the armadillo and how his shell is made up of three parts as well as what Steve the Royal Python Snake likes to eat best. Steve the snake loved being held by the many brave children and Norbert the Bearded Dragon enjoyed sitting on heads, watching the world go by! The children were also able to feed Norbert lots of maggots and worms, which wriggled around all over the floor.

Scoop the Scopi Owl loved having his photo taken and eyed up the trees outside! Best of all was Pipi the Meerkat. He searched for his food in pieces of wood and enjoyed a carrot stick too.

We finished our morning session with a chance to feed the guinea pigs lots of carrots. The Nursery children had such a lovely morning, we hope they hold on to their memories of the day.

Mrs C Leeds



LONDON ZOO TRIP - YEARS 1 & 2

For the first time in what felt like forever, we took our Key Stage One pupils on a trip to ZSL London Zoo. There was great excitement as we walked through the gates, each child with their own 'must-see' list. The animals did not disappoint and with very few visitors on site, we were free to take our time and take plenty of photos too. The rain was torrential for much of the day but there was not one complaint, despite the squelchy trainers and dripping noses. Our children are truly resilient!

Mrs S Fowler



We saw lots of different animals but some of them did not want to come outside as the weather was so soggy. First, we saw the African hunting dogs and they looked very cute all snuggled up together in their little home. The okapi was funny because he looked like a zebra crossed with a horse. He decided to do a poo when we walked past, and it went on for ages and ages! The giraffes were some of our favourite animals, so we stayed to watch them as they moved from their inside home to their garden. Their tongues were long and purple like snakes and they could use them to pull leaves off the trees.



It stopped raining for a few minutes, but we still had our lunch inside a big tent. In the afternoon, the rain was heavy, but the penguins loved it. They waddled around and swam with each other in their massive pool. The tiger had gone for a sleep after his big lunch, but he opened one of his eyes to see if we would make a good snack. We put our masks on to see the sloths and they were so close we could almost touch them. They were curled up in balls and the baby was super cute and very furry.

Osa and Hattie, Year 1

SHADOW PICTURES - YEAR 1

We all went out to the playground when it was really sunny, and we drew around our shadows. We kept doing it throughout the day and the shadows changed place and got shorter and then longer again. The shadows were shortest when we went to have our lunch. Some people think the shadows change because the sun moves but that isn't right. Actually, it's the Earth that moves and when the line is diagonal, the shadows are longer. We also had fun making our own shadow puppets that we drew around too.



BIKEABILITY



PADDINGTON DAY

This term, the Year 3 pupils have been learning about the United Kingdom. Within English, they completed a Paddington themed unit which concluded in a fun-filled 'Paddington Day'! The children dressed up as characters from the books and films and took part in a range of Paddington activities. One activity included a visit from Will Lloyd-Cook, an animation director at Blue Zoo Animation Studio, who explained how they made an episode of 'The Adventures of Paddington' from start to finish.

The children also made marmalade sandwiches, had a teddy bear's picnic, acted out scenes from the film and made tags for their cuddly toys. The day finished with story time with Ms Bradshaw. The children very much enjoyed their day and wanted to do it all over again!

Mrs E Lloyd-Cook

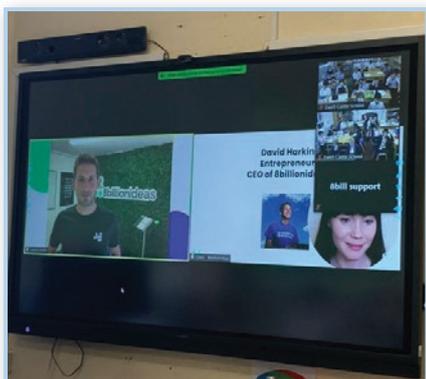


ENTREPRENEURIAL WORKSHOP – YEAR 5

Year 5 were lucky enough to take part in a two-day Entrepreneurial Workshop run by 8BillionIdeas. The children were taken through many of the steps to successfully set up a business including: thinking of a problem to solve, creating a solution, designing logos and leaflets and writing speeches to convince people to invest in their business.

Each day culminated in meeting various CEOs of large businesses and the children being able to ask them questions to find out more about their role. We were really impressed with the children's creativity with these tasks – I think we have some budding businesspeople of the future!

Miss K Garrod



JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Some of the Year 6 pupils were given the opportunity to take part in the Junior Maths Challenge where they were competing against children (many of whom are in Year 7 and 8) across the country. The questions tend to be of a problem-solving nature and the children have to apply the skills they have, to content they are unfamiliar with.

We were blown away with the children's results this year as they achieved 5 Bronze certificates

(Samantha Foxcroft, Nicole Ozuome, Euan MacKinnon, Kian Malayapillay, Eirin Brunning), a Silver certificate (Alexander Phipps) and a much coveted Gold certificate (Minho Lee). The winner of the Gold certificate was also named as 'Best in School' achieving the highest mark of anyone at Ewell Castle School (Year 6-8). We are very proud of all the performances of our Ewell Castle pupils.

Miss K Garrod

CELEBRATION DAY

Due to COVID restrictions, this year's Celebration Day was not held in its usual format. Parents were not allowed to watch us being awarded with our certificates, instead, the presentation was filmed and parents were emailed a link so they could watch it at their leisure.

Usually, everyone is awarded a book with a voucher and certificates written with personal achievements throughout the year. COVID restrictions meant that only vouchers were handed out, but the certificates remained the same. Although we were new to the School, this was a phenomenal Celebration Day and great fun.



We lined up in alphabetical order and walked from Glyn House over to the Senior School Hall and waited until our Year Group was called in to be filmed. During the event, we were called out individually and given our certificates while they were read out to us.

Afterwards we had our lunch and returned to the Senior School Hall where we sang a final song, 'Rhythm of Life', which Ms Bradshaw enjoyed so much, she cried tears of joy.

Lameesa Goheer and Natty Al-Maajoun, Year 5

YEAR 6 PRODUCTION - A MURDER MYSTERY

Year 6 were very excited at the thought of performing their end of year production after what has been a very unusual year! They did not disappoint!

With the help of Mrs Hacker and her amazing creativity, our Murder Mystery play was created!

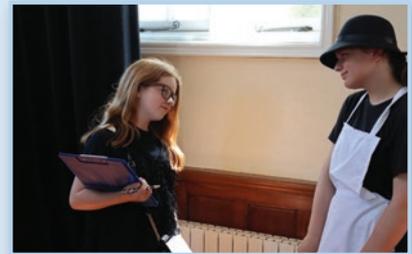
The play was set in a Manor House in Ewell and invited the audience to guess the identity of the murderer of Annabelle Rummon! We had an array of suspects, a crime scene and rooms in the house where the suspects gathered. All of this was drawn together by our detectives, whose job it was to lead the audience around each room in a promenade style. The clues were there! Who dunnit?

The Year 6 pupils worked extremely hard to learn lines and portray their characters. It was truly a team piece, with grumpy gardeners, artistic photographers, pushy reporters, art collectors from France, car dealers, housekeepers, explorers and card sharks to name but a few! The result was a wonderful event, where

Glyn House staff were treated to an evening of humour and suspense! Under difficult circumstances, Year 6 rose to the challenge and produced a truly memorable evening.

Many thanks go to the Senior School Drama Department for props, Mrs Hacker for the amazing script and Mr Fairhead for filming, editing and allowing Year 6 parents to enjoy the performance. We are very grateful to you all for enabling this to take place!

Mrs T Blakeman



YEAR 6 LEAVERS



ART

YEAR 1



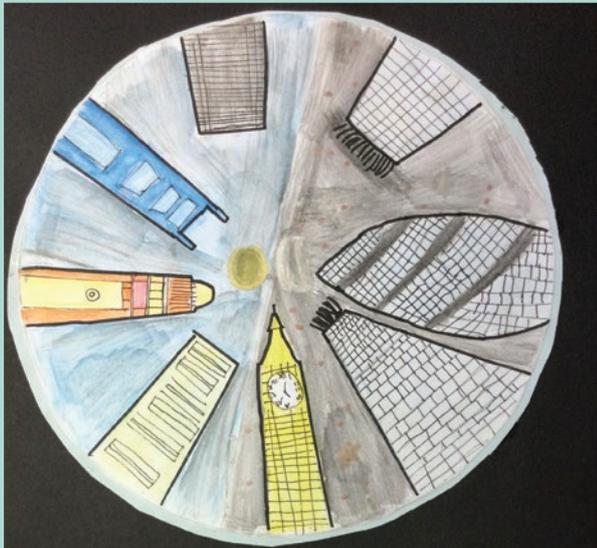
**YEAR 4 -
FLIP FLOPS FOR
YOUR ULTIMATE
HOLIDAY**



**YEAR 4 -
BLOCK PAINTING
BEACH BAGS**



YEAR 5 - PERSPECTIVE CITY SKYLINES



Name of piece: Around the World

How did you create the piece?
I used water colour pencils
marker pencils and bold black pens.

What do you like best about the finished piece?
The 4 sides because it covers
time zones

What did you find most difficult when creating this piece?
The water coloring because I
had to be careful not to go over
colour



Name of piece: The world in one piece.

How did you create the piece?
I sketched it out then I colored it in with
water-colour pencils then put the water on it and
finally outlined it with black pen.

What do you like best about the finished piece?
I really like how the sunset but I do think
I could've blended the red and yellow a bit better.

What did you find most difficult when creating this piece?
I found that it was really difficult to put the
water correctly on the colours



Name of piece: LONDON

How did you create the piece?
I did London and got inspired
and pictures

What do you like best about the finished piece?
my famous things was the
subway

What did you find most difficult when creating this piece?
London bridge



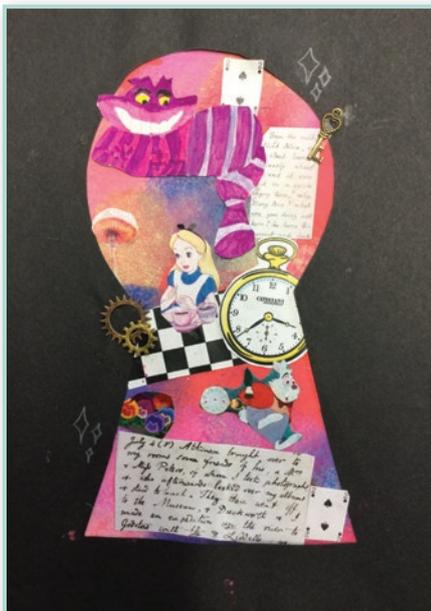
Name of piece: perspective from bird

How did you create the piece?
I drew a point in the middle
then I drew some buildings around it
then I colored it in and later colored it in
then I used black to fill in lines

What do you like best about the finished piece?
I like the different shapes of
buildings

What did you find most difficult when creating this piece?
I found it hard drawing the shapes and
keeping them in perspective

YEAR 6 - ALICE IN WONDERLAND



EYFS SPORTS DAY

What an amazing morning the Nursery and Reception children had for their Sports Day. Unfortunately, parent supporters were not allowed due to the government guidelines. We were so lucky with the weather as rain was forecast, however with a sun dance and fingers crossed, the children were lucky to experience a dry morning.

The Reception children took part in various races, interspersed with different games to showcase their skills. While the Nursery children enjoyed the fun aspect of an obstacle race, rolling tyres down the field and taking part in running races. I would like to thank all the staff for the huge amount of support and cheers for all the children.

Mrs C Leeds



PRE PREP SPORTS DAY



PREP SPORTS DAY AT THE HARRIER CENTRE

All Prep children travelled to the Harrier Centre in Ewell for Sports Day 2021. The weather was delightful, and the children were excited with the prospect of competing at the venue for the first time. All children took part in either the 80m sprint race (Years 3 and 4) or a 100m (Years 5 and 6). They were also given the option of choosing the 200m or the 400m. Following their track races, the children then either took part in the ball throw, long jump or the high jump. Some children also competed in a sprint relay for their House. These children were selected based on their times achieved in previous PE lessons.

Competition was fierce on the day, and it was lovely to see the children giving their all and representing their House. There were some close finishes in the sprint races and field events were won by a few centimetres. I must congratulate the competitors who took part in the 400m. On a hot and muggy day, the children kept going to the finish line, displaying true Ewell Castle grit and determination.

Sports Day 2021 was settled by the relay races that concluded the competition. It was extremely close but the overall winners this year were Raleigh House followed by Castlemaine and then Essex. Congratulations also go to Harvey Yates and Darcy Foley who were the winners of the Victor and Victrix Ludorum.

Mr N Andrade



BOYS CRICKET 2021

U8

The boys have had an exciting season of cricket, experiencing fixtures for the first time against other local prep schools. They have been enthusiastic and hardworking and have represented the School with great pride. In the lessons, they have developed their batting, bowling, and fielding and put this into practice in the fixtures. Games against Surbiton Prep, Kingswood House, Aberdour, Homefield and Micklefield were untroubled by the weather and all children had the chance to shine with both bat and bowl. The boys put in some tremendous performances throughout the season and can be delighted with their efforts.

Special mention goes to Ross for his consistent bowling, Rhett for his enthusiasm and energy on the field, Aryan, and Thomas for their displays with the bat and Bryn for his all-round development with both bat and ball.

U9

Having missed out on a season of School cricket last year, the boys took to the field this term with an abundance of energy and enthusiasm. Bowling practice in the playground became a regular sight and the boys greatly enjoyed the return of fixtures. Games against Kingswood House, Aberdour, Homefield and Micklefield were keenly contested with some promising results achieved. Wins against Kingswood and Micklefield were well deserved with some excellent team performances.

Special mentions go to Harshan, Finnian and Felipe for their all-round performances and to Max, Matthew, and Luke for their development over the season with both bat and ball. Well done to all.



U10/U11

This season, the boys developed their understanding and knowledge of the game and many of the boys experienced playing hardball cricket for the first time. 'Padding up' became a new phrase in general conversation as the boys were delighted with the return of inter-school fixtures. Games started off with fixtures against Surbiton and these were followed swiftly by matches against Kingswood House and Aberdour. After half-term, the boys visited Chinthurst and finished off the season against Oakwood School. The boys experienced

positive results against both Kingswood and Oakwood. The all-round team performance against Kingwood was a personal highlight. In the lessons, the boys further developed their bowling and batting technique and displayed promising progress as the season progressed.

Special mentions go to Jacques, Freddie and Azaan for their all-round performances, with an individual highlight being the one-handed catch by Jacques in the fixture with Chinthurst. Well done to all.

GIRLS CRICKET 2021

What a glorious term of cricket we have had. It is so nice to be back to playing fixtures again, the girls just love playing other schools and thrive on the friendly yet competitive side of the game. We had a month of teaching the girls Kwik Cricket before the fixtures started. This month was really needed, having missed last year's season and it was a new game to many girls in Years 3 and 4.

U8

The Under 8 team took to the game quickly and have improved their skills of passing, receiving, batting, and bowling well. They understood the basic game and their tactical awareness grew fast. There were more close losses than wins but on most occasions the girls did not even ask about the score and just loved participating.

The girls were so enthusiastic and excited for their first cricket match away at Banstead. They all put 100% effort into their new skills. They showed great resilience playing in the strong winds and crazy rain. The game was so close, with Banstead Prep winning by one run.

The second game had two mixed teams playing against Chinthurst on a beautifully warm, sunny day. The pupils really enjoyed playing as a mixed team. One team lost 297 to Chinthurst's 321 runs. They played 8 ball overs and showed excellent sportsmanship. The other team won by two runs - 177-175! The game took slightly longer and was enjoyed by all.

The third game was away at Aberdour. It was such a close game that was won by 6 runs to Aberdour. The girls' batting and bowling has noticeably improved. Their last match was at home against Rowan U9s. The U8s and U9s were mixed into two teams of ability; both games were close and enjoyable.

U9

The U9 Team were also new to cricket however they picked up the skills quickly and played very well during the season. They won their first game away against Banstead Prep in the extreme, horizontal rain and wind. The girls showed great resilience and won the game by 17 runs.

The second game of the season was away at Chinthurst. Three mixed teams played in three separate matches, coming away with one win and two losses. Ewell Castle adapted well to hitting from the tee with some lovely shots all around the wicket.

The next game was a lovely sunny afternoon away at Aberdour. The U9's played in two games. One game was won 282-256 runs. The other game was lost by our 242-282 runs. The last game was played against Rowan in two mixed games, it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

U10 AND U11

The U10 and U11 Team quickly remembered their cricket skills and upped their game considerably. Their straight arm bowl is developing well, and their technical awareness is defiantly improving.

The first U10 and U11 game of the season against Banstead at home was cancelled halfway through unfortunately, due to a medical incident with the other team. The second game against Chinthurst was on a beautiful, sunny afternoon. Chinthurst chose to bat first in the U10s game, and our girls won by a close four runs, winning 298 runs to their 294. The U11's game also won 318 runs to their 283.

The next U10's game was away at Aberdour, the girls were split into two small teams, everyone played well but unfortunately we lost both games by 20 runs. The U11's stayed

at home and were also split into two smaller teams. One team won 267-253 runs, the other game was lost by 301-256 runs.

During the last games of the season, the girls played in three slightly mixed teams against Rowan, with two great wins and a loss. One game was won by 20 runs, 266 to Ewell Castle to Rowan's 246. Another game was won 280 to their 250, a great 30 run win. The third game was a close loss 266-273, Rowan had a slight advantage with a lot of their players playing at club level. It was an enjoyable game; all the girls gave it their all.

IN CONCLUSION

I would like to thank all the Prep girls for their superb efforts and resilience. Their excellent behaviour resulted in ensuring their development of games skills was productive and enjoyable. We have also seen some lovely examples of great sportsmanship and teamwork. The girls have often had big smiles on their faces and are brilliant at cheering each other on and clapping each other's success, it's so great to see. Thank you to the many match captains and a special mention to our brilliant Sports Captain, Eirin.

I look forward to the upcoming Netball season, get practising girls!!

Mrs C Cope

