



INTRODUCTION



My first 100 days at Ewell Castle have provided a wonderful opportunity to listen and learn, to support and encourage - and to learn more about what matters to our whole community. This is not just at the Prep and Pre-Prep, but also as part of the whole School and across all three sites.

I am often reminded of Donne's poem 'No Man is an Island': we are connected geographically and as a bridge to all sites and in ethos. Our School listens - and needs to really listen - to the views of all stakeholders, while balancing out the changing needs of the School and the unpredictable educational landscape. The concept of Ubuntu, and the Zulu expression 'Umntu ngumuntu ngabantu' (a person is a person through others) highlights for me the very sense of community spirit, authenticity and engagement that is omnipresent at Ewell Castle - and a reminder that it takes a village to raise a child.

Many of our Pre-Prep and Prep teachers have taught a number of children at the Prep and Senior School and we have teachers who teach across two or more sites. Watching pupils 'become' therefore, is both a privilege and a literal reality. Growing

takes time and we all want the best for those in our care, who all grow at different times and in different ways. Our trust is built through positive relationships and a real sense of meaning and purpose to achieve our common goal of helping each child to become the best version of him or herself.

I thank you for the lovely conversations at the Gate and also the e-mails you write in at times, thanking our colleagues and appreciating the work that is done, sometimes when we face challenges in a fast changing and dynamic Covid-landscape. Some days, those words of encouragement matter more than you will ever know. I learned first-hand, while off with Covid, how fortunate I am to be working with the colleagues I do.

We have enjoyed Forest School in our wonderful leafy enclave; I have watched in wonder as mini Egyptian

pharaohs and princesses have walked in through our gates; Our Hobgoblin Theatre visit was a moment to remember. Our theatre visits at the Pre-Prep have fascinated. Our Wellbeing ambassadors as well as a plethora of different roles have given our children a chance to apply, take responsibility and learn how to lead. COP 26 was a superb opportunity for our children to widen their horizons and be involved in something larger than themselves. I have also discovered that it is not wise to watch School football matches in heels in autumn and the wellies have returned. There is so much more to hear about and see what your children have been up to this term, so enjoy reading further in this End of Term Review.

Merry Christmas all. Stay safe and take care.

Loren Macallister
Head of Preparatory School





'IT'S A BABY!'

Our annual Early Years Nativity took place on Friday 3rd December in the Early Years building. All parents who attended took a lateral flow test, wore masks and sanitised their hands as they came into our building. Chairs were in twos and socially distanced.

It was fantastic to see so many parents supporting the children as they put on a production called 'It's a Baby!'. All the children sang beautifully and there wasn't a dry

eye in the room. The Innkeepers were very grumpy with the amount of noise the guests were making but the guests carried on dancing. The Shepherds and Wise Men journeyed to the stable where Mary and Joseph were, and Baby Jesus carried on sleeping.

Thank you to all the parents for supporting us during these unusual times.

Mrs C Leeds



YEAR 1 SPACE WOW DAY

To inspire and engage the children in our Space topic, Year 1 held a Space Wow Day on the 23rd November. A series of online workshops were booked for the children and delivered by Space Detectives.

The day started in a whirl of excitement with all the children coming into School, dressed in space themed costumes. We had aliens, astronauts and even a moon costume! Jo, from Space Detectives kept the children engaged and enthralled throughout the day. She taught the children about the very first rockets invented by Chinese soldiers hundreds of years ago and the journey to developing modern day rockets. The children were then guided in making their own rockets too.

Next, the children were excited to learn about how to become an astronaut and the skills needed. It was lots of fun using large rubber gloves to

pick up little objects and understand how tricky it is for astronauts to work in space. The children thought about the skills they needed to develop if they wanted to be astronauts.

The final workshop of the day involved learning about the night sky and stars. Jo told the Greek myth of the star constellation, Cassiopeia. The children then made their own star constellations using mini marshmallows and dry spaghetti. Afterwards, they were allowed to eat the marshmallows!

It was really good to hear the children ask Jo a range of interesting questions about space and see how they listened with such interest to Jo's answers and knowledge. A wonderful day was had by all and the children learnt a great deal from our Year 1 Space WOW Day.

Mrs L Patel



YEAR TWO TRIP TO THE POLKA THEATRE

On Wednesday 8th December we went on the coach to the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon. The pantomime was called 'Cinderella: The Awesome Truth' but it wasn't like the normal story of Cinderella. We sat in the second row and were very excited.

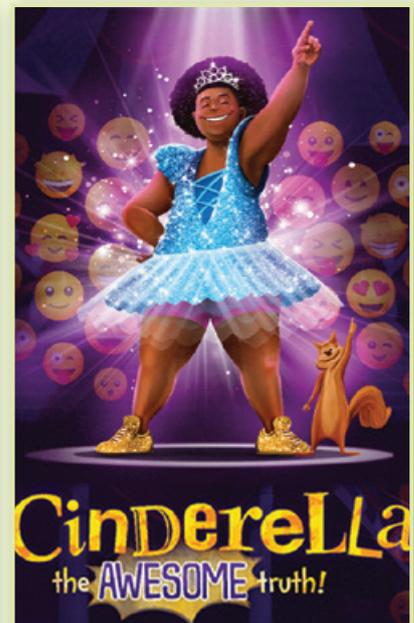
The show started with the actors introducing themselves and the main characters were two sisters

called Cindy and Ella who argued about sharing a bedroom when they became stepsisters. Cindy subscribed to the Fairy Godmother website so she could be beautiful and rich but it all went wrong. She called Ella fatso and she ran off into the woods where she met the prince and a dancing squirrel.

Prince Frank and the palace chefs, Dan and Dave, helped the girls

to understand that they were awesome just the way they were. They all lived happily ever after with the help of singing, dancing and body positivity.

Mrs S Fowler



HOBGOBLIN THEATRE COMPANY VISIT YEAR 3

The Hobgoblin Theatre Company visited Year 3 on Tuesday 5th October and performed an original and entertaining play for the children as part of their Ancient Egyptian topic. 'The Curse of the Mummy' was both informative and enjoyable for the children. They were particularly impressed by the three actors who played multiple roles! After watching the play, the children had the opportunity to take part in an acting workshop where they created tableaus of scenes from ancient Egypt.

Mrs E Lloyd-Cook



COP26 SUMMIT 2021

Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 were invited to take part in a conversation on Zoom with the Secretary of the Commonwealth during the COP26 summit in Glasgow. We were one of only four schools selected to take part across the Commonwealth which was really exciting. Our children were asked to read and comment on a brand-new book on climate change

as well as being able to ask questions and make suggestions about the future of our world. KS2 were able to watch the live link as the conversation took part and we felt so proud of our Ewell Castle representatives! Thank you to Miss Earthrowl for organising the 'once in a lifetime' opportunity.

Mrs K Coote



LIBRARY RENOVATION

Mrs Lloyd-Cook and Mrs Patel have been renovating the library to coincide with the launch of Accelerated Reader at the Prep School. Now transformed into a woodland wonderland with its very own magical tree, children in

Years 2 - 6 were invited to celebrate the library's new look on Friday 8th October. The children took part in a range of library related activities and celebrated by enjoying a delicious piece of 3D cake, designed to look like a pile of books! As of Summer

2021, the children enjoy a weekly visit to the library where they can choose from a great range of books to read, in an enchanting setting.

Mrs E Lloyd-Cook



REMEMBRANCE DAY

The whole School gathered together on Remembrance Day for a poignant and sombre act of remembrance. Poems and readings were shared and the name of the 24 members of our School community who died during various campaigns of WW1 were read out and in that moment, were amongst us once more.

At the same time, Mr Blencowe took a small group of Senior School pupils into Epsom, to attend the Act of Remembrance at the Epsom Clock Tower. A moving ceremony was led by the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell and the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey.



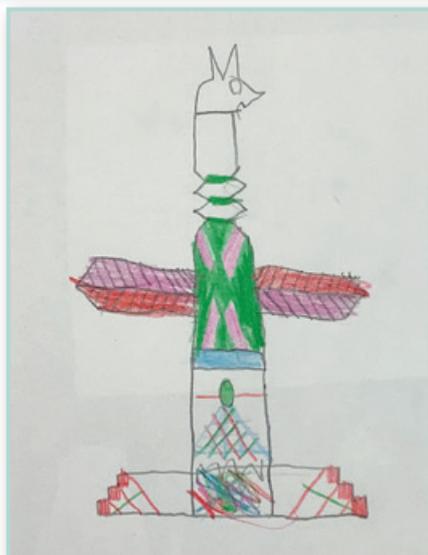
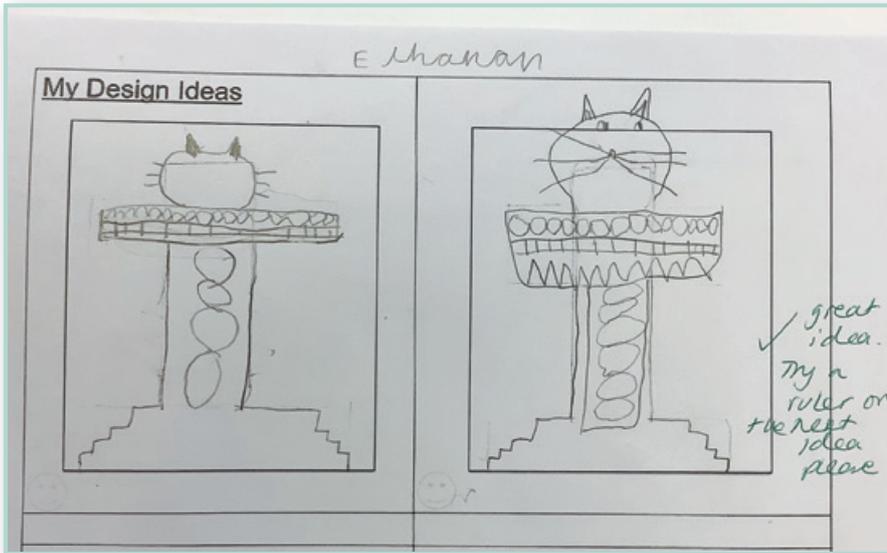
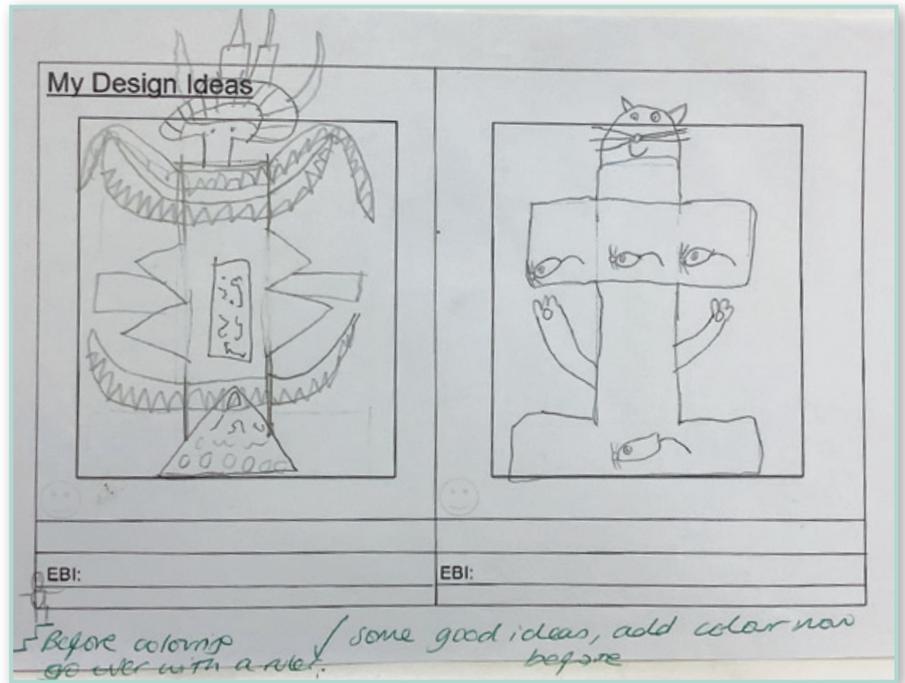
BEHIND THE SCENES FILMING

This term we had a production company come and film our Prep School, to produce a promotional video for the School. The pupils were very relaxed having the film crew video them and some amazing footage was captured, which will really showcase our Prep School and communicate what a very special place it is for our pupils. Click [here](#) to see the final version of the promotional video.



ART

YEAR 3 - EGYPTIAN EFFIGIES



YEAR 4 - ART CHAIR PROJECT

YEAR 4 - TEXTURE PROJECT

Date: 6th September 2021

LO: To use research techniques to find out about different artists

Success Criteria	Self-assessed	Teacher-assessed
I can identify different ways of representing the same object		
I can use my knowledge to decide which painter I like and choose art that inspires me		
I can analyse different artwork and spot different features		
Challenge: I can add interpret a painting to create a 3D design on the back of my chair		

Texture Tree Project

	Pupil	Teacher
I can draw at least 5 types of texture		
I can include different textures in my final art work		
I can explain how texture can be used to improve a drawing		
I can plan my art work to ensure an excellent final outcome		

TEXTURE

Date: 6th September 2021

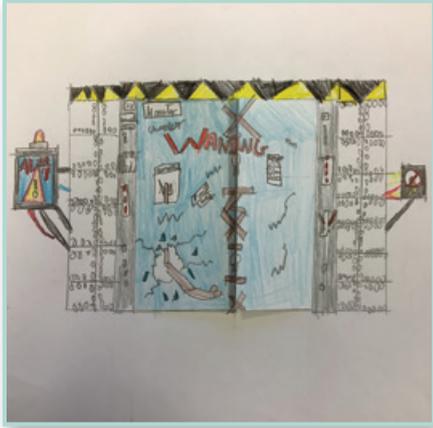
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Success Criteria	Self-assessed	Teacher-assessed
I can identify different ways of representing the same object	✓	
I can use my knowledge to decide which painter I like and choose art that inspires me	✓	
I can analyse different artwork and spot different features	✓	
Challenge: I can add interpret a painting to create a 3D design on the back of my chair	✓	

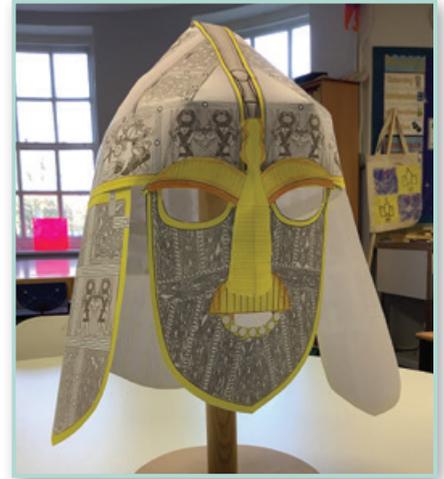
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YEAR 5 - WORLD BEHIND A DOOR



YEAR 5 - ANGLO SAXON DT PROJECT



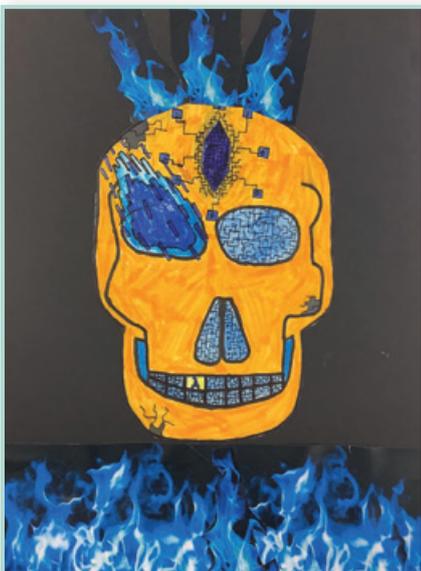
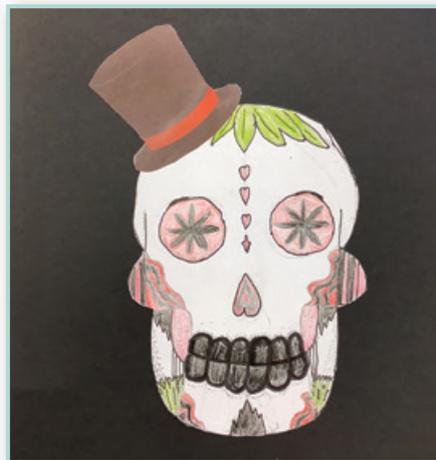
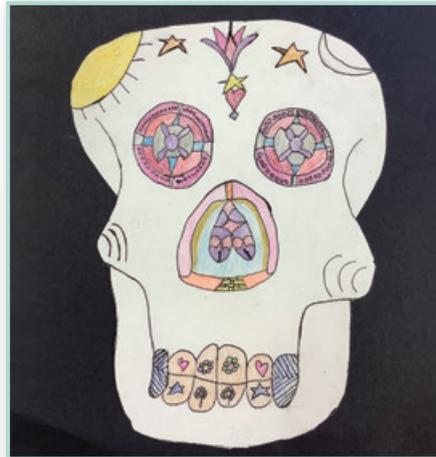
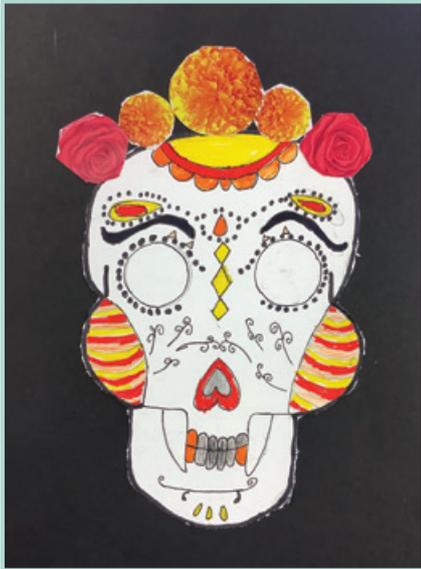
YEAR 5 - FORCED PERSPECTIVE



YEAR 5 - PERSPECTIVE CITIES



YEAR 6 - MEXICAN DAY OF THE DEAD PROJECT



YEAR 6 - SELF- PORTRAIT PROJECT



YEAR 6 - POP ART



PREP FOOTBALL

U10s & U11

It has been such a positive, getting the boys back playing in inter-school fixtures this term. Although the season was slightly curtailed, the boys can be extremely proud of their performances on the field and their work ethic in training.

Primarily playing in the U11 age group, these teams have had a fabulous season and have achieved great success on the field of play. The season started on a positive note with victories against Mickelfield School. This was followed up by a 3rd place finish in an extremely competitive Surbiton festival of football. Only a narrow defeat to a strong Cranmore team in the semi-finals halted their progress.

Further success followed with wins against Aberdour, Surbiton, Chinthurst and Kingswood House with only a solitary defeat to Oakwood spoiling what would have been undefeated season. The highlights of the season were closely fought games against Aberdour and Kingswood that could have gone either way. Ewell Castle rode their luck at times but ultimately came out on top, winning 2-0 on both occasions.

All U10 and U11 boys participated in most of the matches and contributed wholeheartedly throughout. Worthy of special mention include Year 5 pupil Finlay G for his vision and combative play in midfield, Charlie M for his skilful play in a multitude of positions, Joe V for his commanding presence at the back and for Louis O for his goalscoring prowess up front.

Well done to all, super efforts.

U9

The U9s have been delighted to get back to playing some competitive inter-school fixtures again and the season started off with an away trip to Mickelfield. Results didn't go the way of the boys on this occasion, but their enthusiasm was undiminished throughout. The boys followed this up with a well-deserved victory against



Weston Green with Ewell Castle running out 3-2 winners. Two games then followed against strong Aberdour and Chinthurst teams. The team battled bravely on both occasions, but the strength of the opposition was a bridge too far and both Aberdour and Chinthurst secured comfortable victories.

Following the half-term break, unfortunately games against Kingswood House had to be cancelled but nevertheless the boys headed into the final games of the season against Banstead in good spirits. With two evenly matched sides on display, both Banstead and Ewell shared the spoils with Banstead victorious in the B team fixture and Ewell Castle coming out 1-0 winners in the A team game - with a well taken goal from Aryan. A super last minute save in goal from Ross secured this well-deserved result.

Well done to all this season for your continued enthusiasm and efforts in training.

U8

Embarking on their first term in the Prep School, the boys were full of enthusiasm and were very excited at the prospect of playing in their first matches for Ewell Castle.

The boys first taste of action was a festival of football at Aberdour School. The children enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of football, gaining experience in competitive match play. The squad of boys was split into two teams and each team played four matches against Aberdour, Penntorpe, Mickelfield and Banstead Prep. The results of the games were not recorded but I can certainly say the boys enjoyed the afternoon of matches. Some highlights were the goals by Frank,



Elhanan, Alfie and Ollie and the tough tacking of Joshua L and Minjae.

Following this, Ewell Castle sent over two teams to the annual Surbiton Tournament. Each team was in a group with two other schools with a guaranteed three games each on the day. In one group, we narrowly lost to Staines Prep and Surbiton before coming up against Surbiton again in the shield. After conceding two unfortunate goals, Ewell Castle hit back with a great individual goal by Frank. In a frantic last few seconds, we could not force the equaliser and lost 2-1. In the other group, the boys found the strength of the opposition a challenge but put in a good performance in their first game narrowly going down to Willington. Hampton Prep were too strong for us in the second game but nonetheless the children kept going to the end. In the shield, Ewell Castle came up against another team from Hampton and unfortunately went down 3-0.

The boys were then involved in fixtures with Weston Green, Chinthurst and Aberdour. Results were shared with Weston Green (A team 0-4, B team 2-0) but unfortunately, results did not go our way in the matches with Aberdour. The games against Chinthurst were a tremendous watch with two evenly matched sides battling it out to the final whistle. The B team dominated possession but could not find that elusive goal and the game ended 0-0. The A team fell victim to a breakaway goal losing the game 1-0. In the final game against Banstead Prep, the spoils were again shared with each school coming away with a victory from one of the matches.

Well done to all on your efforts.

Mr N Andrade

PREP NETBALL 2021

How lucky we have been to be able to play most of our planned netball fixtures before the covid cases started to rise. The girls have really thrived and improved their game from playing other schools this season, especially as they weren't able to last year.

U8

The U8 teams have come such a long way since September. Most of the girls had never seen a full game and now they are playing it. They have experienced playing both full 7-aside netball and High 5s, in which they get more time on the ball and play in a larger area. Within training and from match experience, they have learnt how to send and receive within a game, they are beginning to apply pressure to the opponent, their shooting is improving, and they are starting to use the space. They are also showing knowledge and understanding of the rules and positions. The girls are so enthusiastic; it is so lovely to see them grow as players.

During their fixture against other schools, they have had some great results. Winning 4-0 against Chinthurst away, 4-1 against Aberdour away and drawing 0-0 against Rowan. A special mention to Nayana and Keira for being the standout players of the term. Also, to Emilia who has taken to netball incredibly fast and shows huge potential.



U9

The U9 teams are really starting to secure their knowledge of the game. Having not played in a match until this term due to the pandemic last year, they are slowly improving their game play. Their physical ability is improving with lots of fast feet, good shooting, defending and passing and movement skills. Their sportsmanship, especially towards each other, has certainly improved and they are growing into very good little netball players.

They showed such enthusiasm during the Saturday Mini Rowan tournament, they all came away with huge smiles on their faces. They also had fun playing matches against Chinthurst, Rowan and Aberdour. Thank you to a few U8 girls that have stepped up to play for the U9 teams. A special mention to Elle for her superb attacking skills.

U10

The U10 girls are going from strength to strength with a number of very able players playing for the U11 team at times. Their marking and defensive skills are improving, so is their ability to get free to receive the ball. Their decision making and communication skills are developing nicely.

They played well in several fixtures, including a 2-0 win against Chinthurst, a 2-1 away at Rowan,



drew 3-3 away at Banstead and a close 1-2 loss at home against Oakwood. A special mention to Emilia and Eimear for their excellent game play.

U11

The U11 team shows such enthusiasm and drive for the game. They have improved greatly over the season and have won all their fixtures; they've displayed great teamwork and the accuracy of the shooters has been sound. With such a good defensive team the other schools haven't stood a chance! The girls have also experienced High 5's and versatility games this term, giving everyone the chance at playing different positions within the game.

The U11 teams had some great results, winning 4-0 against Oakwood and 7-3 against Chinthurst at home, away at Rowan they won 6-2 and won 4-1 at Banstead. A special mention to Maya for all round excellent skills and Pippa for being a great Captain, Chloe and Emily for superb shooting and to Natalie, Eliza and Sam their great defensive skills.

Well done to all the girls for a successful and enjoyable term of netball.

Mrs C Cope