

# The Chronicle

2014-15



Barrow Hills  
SCHOOL

# From the Headmaster

Dear Readers

Welcome to the 2014-15 edition of the Chronicle. As ever our children have been amazing, getting up to all sorts of excellence and having great fun along the way. I am sure you will enjoy reading all about it.

Paul Crisell

## From The Chaplaincy 2014-2015

### Life In The Chapel

#### Masses and Services

Our school chapel is always at the heart of our school life and has, again, been very busy this year. We are so grateful for the help and support of the priests who have been able to give of their time so generously in order to help us in our commitment to providing plenty of opportunities for reflection and worship. Thank you to Father Chris Bergin (parish priest at Haslemere, Hindhead & Beacon Hill, and Chiddingfold), Father Peter Newsam (parish priest at Petworth, Duncton and Midhurst) and Father Martin Ashcroft (an old-Barrowhillian now a Josephite at St George's in Weybridge), and all of whom contributed so positively to our school life this year.

Our Start-of-Year Mass on 12th September was celebrated by Father Fabrice Tapsoba (right, from Burkina Faso) who was in the UK for just the second time. A visit from such a priest as Father Fabrice (and Fathers Irénée, Lambert and Paul in previous years) is of tremendous value to us in that it reminds us all of the very important link that we have had, since February 2005, with St Benedict's Primary School in Burkina Faso.

It is very kind of Father Chris Bergin to always so willingly turn out for what has become a firm fixture in our liturgical year: the **First Tuesday of the Month** Mass .... otherwise known as the 'Red Eye' Mass! It begins promptly at 7.50am and is over by 8.15am in order to enable staff to attend Mass and then collect the children in their form from the Lower in time for the start of the school day. It really would be lovely if more

people would avail themselves of this Mass and I do urge you to consider attending if you possibly can.

The Church teaches that **Lent** is a time for doing more in terms of **prayer, giving and fasting**. Barrow Hills tries to enter into the spirit of Lent through its many and varied fundraising activities, the CAFOD Fast Day and, finally, a whole-school Service of Reconciliation led for us, this year, by Father Chris.

On Friday 8th May we held our annual May Procession. Once again, the ground in the Orchard was sufficiently soggy to render it unwise to hold our procession there. Instead, we processed to the chapel where the girls laid their flowers





at the feet of a statue of Our Lady which I had brought in from home. This year Taisy had the honour of crowning the statue with an exquisite crown created for us by Mrs Anita Fryer. We were really pleased that Fr Chris was able to join us for this very popular annual event in the life of the school.

This year we had four First Holy Communicants: Enzo, Thomas, Harry and Freddie. We celebrated their achievement at an assembly on

Friday 26th June at which they were each presented with the gift of a rosary and book. We were delighted to be able to share their and their family's joy at such a special time in their faith journey.

#### **Exposition: Tuesdays 8am-8.30am**

There cannot be another school for miles and miles around which offers this rare and wonderful opportunity for people to sit quietly in the real and absolute presence of Our Lord. I am hoping and praying that more members of our school community will feel drawn to spend just a small part of their day on Tuesdays being with and talking to the Lord in the special and unique way which Exposition represents.

#### **Parents' Prayers**

Our 8.30am "Parents' Prayers" liturgy continues to be a really important aspect of our school prayer life and is offered as an opportunity for parents to gather in our school chapel for a

short half-hour liturgy of readings, prayers and Communion followed by delicious refreshments in the chaplaincy. Hopefully, more parents will feel drawn to this as, those who will tell you who have attended in the past, it becomes a valuable and much-loved aspect of their experience of Barrow Hills

#### **Christmas Carol Services**

Always popular events in our school calendar, these services put us in the right frame of mind in the approach to Christmas. I can't think of a better way to get our Christmas off to a good start by stopping and listening to the beautiful readings and by lifting up our voices to the fabulous accompaniment of our school organ played so brilliantly by Mr Wardell. I am always humbled by the willingness and bravery of those children who undertake to read for us in front of a packed school chapel. Thank you, therefore, to all of them – without them we could not put on such lovely and important school services.

## Life Beyond The Chapel



#### **St Benedict's School, Fada N'Gourma, Burkina Faso**

It is astonishing to think that it is ten years since I made the first of over a dozen visits to what was a very down-at-heel and ramshackle little primary school in a small town to the far east of a country which hardly anybody has heard of. When I reflect on how much we have helped them over those nine years to become more secure and able to deliver an education which has resulted in a 100% pass rate for their pupils for the last two academic years, I could not be more delighted. I get out there every year, sometimes twice a year, in order to say 'hello' and to see how things are going. We aim to

give them at least £5,000 per year with which to do whatever they wish in order to run their school as they wish, and I cannot stress enough how invaluable this help is. I would therefore encourage all our Barrow Hills families to get behind what is a deeply important project for our school, and one which reflects how seriously we take our Christian obligation to help those who cannot help themselves.

#### **Harvest Festival and helping the local elderly**

After our Harvest Festival Assembly the children of Year 3 clamber into the minibuses before setting off to deliver the many and varied boxes of harvest

goodies to the local elderly. We take them to the Clock House (formerly the Milford & Villages Day Centre) and to Dower House in Milford. Thank you to the parents without whose help we would find it very difficult to undertake this type of outing. Thank you also to Mr Wardell for taking the trouble to accompany one of the groups, with a keyboard, so that the children could sing for the elderly.

#### **Year 8 Retreat: Monday 29th June**

I know that the students of Year 8 never really look forward to their retreat, thinking that they are in for a day of being bashed over the head with the Bible or spent on their knees. In reality, it is a day of fun but

thought-provoking exercises and plenty of outdoor play. In the past I have taken them to the Franciscan Friary in Chilworth (now a Benedictine Abbey) and also the Holly Barn in Wintershall. For the last few years I have taken them to Ladywell Convent where the Sisters (Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood, otherwise known as the FMDMs) were fabulously attentive to our needs and anxious to make sure we were comfortable and had everything we needed. We had such a great time and the location has proved to be perfect for our needs. I was helped to run the retreat by Paul Crisell and also by Andy Poulson and Hyekyeong Orthova, both members of the local Trinity Trust Team. Thanks to their truly inspirational input and the willingness of the Year 8 students to

enter into the spirit of the day, I can honestly say we had a truly terrific Year 8 retreat.

### Farewells

We bid all our leavers a sad but excited farewell on the last day of the school year, confident that we have done our best to produce young people of integrity of whom we can all be justly proud. They left with our love and prayers.



## Harvest Festival

On Friday 10th October Mrs Nicholls led our harvest festival service and gave thanks for the bountiful and huge variety of food that we enjoy. Following the service, a group of parents loaded the harvest gifts into their cars to help deliver them to Dower House and The Clock House in Milford. The Year 3 classes then went to each venue to distribute the gifts and talk to the people there. Mrs Peek's class went with Mr Wardell to The Clock House and the children sang a selection of songs to the visitors there. Mrs Cooper's class went to Dower House with Mrs Nicholls and without the marvellous Mr Wardell to play for them, sang five songs, totally unaccompanied, to the residents there. Very brave! And also very good! The children were lovely and once the initial shyness had worn off, chatted with confidence and animation to all the people they met. Year 3 represented the school brilliantly and thank you to everyone who contributed the harvest gifts. They were very much appreciated.



## Remembrance

As we do every year, the school took part in the nationwide acts of remembrance with an assembly focussing on the First World War and a musical tribute played by Jasper. This was followed by a two minute silence at 11:00 am on Tuesday 11th November. Throughout the school children learned about Armistice Day and the importance of it, produced topic work and made some lovely displays. Reception class learned about the significance of the poppy and worked together to create their own giant flower. The class cut up magazines to create their own collage poppy to honour the fallen soldiers.

Forest school also marked this remembrance year. At 11:00 pm on the evening of the 4th August two flags were raised, British and Imperial German, in a moving reconciliation ceremony. Several of the children were there to witness this. They are still flying together and we hope to keep them there for the duration of the period of the war until 11:00 am on the morning of 11th November 2018. Our Poppy Appeal raised £382.78.



## Carols for the Elderly

In the last week of the autumn term, Pre-Prep children celebrated their Christingle service and invited members of the local community to join them. Following the Christingle, the choir and audience joined forces to sing traditional Christmas carols. Mrs Darg and the kitchen team then provided high tea and sherry for our guests. It was a lovely afternoon, enjoyed by everyone involved.

We received a thank you note the following day "My parents loved yesterday's carol service and were so impressed by the hospitality shown to them by the school and by Jasper in particular. Please could you pass on my personal thanks to him - entertaining 92 year olds can be tricky and I greatly appreciate the effort he made. They are so impressed with Barrow Hills and the confidence and kindness shown by the children they came in contact with. Thank you to you too for your kind hospitality and the time you spent with them."



## Carol Service



# Charity

## Year 8 Techo Project – Saturday 13th June

One of the highlights of the post-exam timetable. was the construction of a replica Techo building at Barrow Hills on Saturday 13th June.

The children had been fundraising to support this charity and undertook a very creative project to raise awareness around global poverty. A team of parents, teachers and pupils planned to build a replica of one of the emergency dwellings offered to families living in slums in South America through TECHO, one of the largest NGOs in that region. Techo is the organisation that Prince Harry visited in Chile in 2014 after the devastating fire of Valparaiso.

The replica built in the grounds of Barrow Hills was to act as an icon for a real TECHO dwelling, constructed at the same time, by local volunteers, in a town in the Dominican Republic. The pupils' aim was to involve the whole school community in this project and to complete the build in just one day. Their mission was to raise awareness in the UK and inspire others to fundraise for this amazing charity.

Every day at school our Chaplain, Mrs Nicholls, kindly sends to everyone a verse or two from the Bible, or a thought from a Saint or theologian whose anniversary or Saints Day it is. At this time we were planning the realisation of the Techo project and a parent had put into the idea pool the thought that we should look to have something somewhere on the dwelling that captures the bigger picture for our children to reflect

upon as the grow. One of us, having read the thought sent that day by Mrs Nicholls, knew we had found what we were looking for.

If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the builders labour.

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The whole Techo project captured the essence of a community coming together to achieve a goal and the support our faith gives us in our endeavours.

On the very morning the Headmaster went with our Head of Maintenance, Mr Clarke, (who kindly undertook supervising all the elements that needed to come together for the construction) to the chosen local timber yard and found out that the costs for the replica would be double the amount hoped, which would add over £2,000 to the total costs, a parent called and said that their family was so taken by the idea of the Techo project they wanted to donate £2,500 anonymously towards the project.

Other acts of kindness and providence followed. Another parent kindly gave up a day over half term with one of his employees to level the land in readiness for the build. On the day of the build, the team realised a certain type of membrane between the floor and the ground was required so a parent just jumped in their car and went to Jewsons. They saw his 'Techo' t-shirt and asked what it was about...then



promptly reduced the price by 60%. Throughout the day a continuous stream of parents and children came and helped. One Year 8 asked his local butcher to help with some food for the barbeque and the butcher donated £130 worth of sausages and burgers. Various power tools appeared to help the cause from the tiniest power drill to various saws and other such useful aids.

To summarise the whole spirit of the project, an Old Barrow Hillian who has a company that makes beautiful objects with wood, appeared with the verse engraved on a fine piece of oak for us to put by the entrance.

So, by 5.45pm on Saturday it was done. Some 100 people (parents, children, staff, friends and members from Techo) had achieved our task in a day. And beyond this a family in the Dominican Republic had a home to live in. We know as adults the metaphor of language so intelligently used by that unknown psalmist long ago. That us as individuals and us as a community, are the house we labour to build. We know we have a good, living house that is Barrow Hills.



## Foodbank Gifts

Thank you to everyone who contributed the gifts of food and children's gift bags to the Haslemere food bank. We were delighted to welcome Gillian Boreham, from the food bank, to school assembly where Annabelle, Elena, Lucy, Isabella and India, who initiated the idea, presented her with the gift bags.



## Don't Stop The Music

Various children and parents from Barrow Hills School performed to a full house at G Live in February and raised not only the roof but also money for Teenage Cancer Trust. It was a fantastic afternoon of music and lots of cheering. "Don't stop the music!"

## Live Below The Line For Actionaid

Monty undertook a five day challenge to raise money for the charity *ActionAid*. Monty and his mother wanted to see if they could survive on just £1 per day for five days to raise money for this charity. Monty told us about his challenge in assembly and what he thought they could eat to keep within the budget. Stew seemed to feature quite highly on his menu planning! Well done Monty.



## Talented Fundraising

Hermione won a 'Brownies Got Talent' competition which had been organised and run by three St Edmund's girls at their local Brownie pack. They raised £80 for the repair and replacement of desks at St Michael's Primary School in Burkina Faso which is being supported by St Edmund's. Well done Hermione.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Well done to everyone who so kindly consumed bacon butties, cake and coffee - a tough job. This fantastic effort raised £337 (including a donation from the bacon butty team) as part of the World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to the bacon butty team and Krys and the kitchen staff for their work in providing the delicious food.



## Christmas Workshop

Thank you to the Charity Committee for organising the Christmas workshops that took place throughout the day on the last Wednesday and Thursday of term. The children enjoyed the activities and the addition of painting porcelain decorations proved to be a favourite.



The mothers also got in on the action and had a wreath making workshop on Thursday. Along with paper baubles, crackers and sleighs a great time was had by all and £557 was raised for St Benedict's School in Burkina Faso. A huge thank you to Tesco in Haslemere for donating festive gingerbread men, enjoyed by helpers, children and mothers.



## Baking For Charity

Thank you to the girls who organised the recent cake sales in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital and Children in Need. They were presented with badges in recognition of their efforts. Azelie, Phoebe and Maddy raised £372.79 for GOSH and Sophie, Lily, Jessica, Lauren and Sabine raised £237.95 for Children in Need. In addition we raised £816 throughout the year for St Benedict's School.



## Easter Egg Decorating

Calling all Easter Eggs-Perts! No-one wanted to miss this one! Great fun was had by children of all year groups decorating Easter eggs and £541 was raised.



## Proms In The Park

Thanks to the amazing efforts of the Charity Committee this summer event just gets better and better!

First dreamed up and put together in 2010, this annual event has gone from strength to strength; even surviving on occasion torrential rain, so this year a little bit of 'drizzle' was not a problem! It is an afternoon when all members of the school community (plus all the lovely grannies, granddads and ex-pupils) can come together in our beautiful school grounds to down a chilled Pimms (or two) and to watch the children running around and having a wonderful time. That could be considered to be treat enough, if it weren't for the exceptional musical, dancing and dramatic skills of so many of our children, parents and staff. For only the second year we had the Dad's Choir who certainly raised the bar for any future parent performances.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put this event together, and to everyone who came to support it in whatever way, special thanks must go to Weltons Brewery for the donation of the real ale and to The Meat and Fish Market, Milford for the delicious lamb. Everyone had a wonderful afternoon and thank you for your generous donations helping us to raise £906 for St Benedict's School in Burkina Faso. In total, throughout the year, we raised £5,204 for St Benedict's.



# BH Parent Society

## BHPS Hog Roast

Once again, the BHPS hosted the annual Hog Roast to welcome everyone back to the school for the new academic year. The sun shone and it was a lovely opportunity for parents, both old and new, pupils and staff to get together. This was the first social event of the year and as such was very well supported - in fact so well supported that an emergency supply of bread rolls had to be sent for!

## Bonfire Night

Thank you to the BHPS team for organising such a fabulous firework party. The event raised £558. Also thank you to Natalie Erentz for the AMAZING cake that she made and donated to raffle. The raffle raised £212 and the lucky winners were the Rockingham family—who then very kindly donated it to Year 6 who truly were the lucky ones as they got to eat it at school at break time!



## Christmas Fayre

Thank you the BHPS and the fabulous team of volunteers for a spectacular Christmas Fayre. There was something for everyone and it was a perfect way to get into the festive spirit. A superb £3,928 was raised.



## Quiz Night

Another great night had by all with rounds that tested everyone's knowledge of music, food and drink, science and that all important picture round. The evening was won by the Headmaster's table.

Thank you to Richard Royds for writing the quiz, Rob Gray for compering, Rachel Gray for doing the 'IT', Kryss Darg for another wonderful curry and the BHPS for running the bar and organising the event. The evening raised £755.

## Woodpecker Fitness Trail Opening

Thank you to our amazing bacon butty team who worked so hard to bring us breakfast treats. Not only did they provide wonderful breakfasts, but also raised money to provide an exciting adventure fitness trail on the school field. The Woodpecker Fitness Trail was officially opened on Monday 9th March and we were delighted to welcome Cllr Mrs Penny Bradley and Cllr Andrew Wilson to join us for the ceremony. The team raised £1,343 throughout the year.





## BHPS Summer Party

A 4th of July party to remember!

What a wonderful evening! The sun shone, the costumes were fantastic, the menu delightful and the liquid refreshments, very refreshing!

The bucking bronco proved competitive with a last minute challenge for a winner! Adam Greville-Collins won the coveted

'trophy', followed closely by Bex Rafferty.

The best dressed prize went to Sally and Philip Frederick and the most outrageous to Tanya Vartan! We also raised £2,000 for the TECHO project by auctioning a signed England rugby shirt. The winning bidder was Jono Harris, with a generous donation to

top up the pot by James Illsley. We ended the night dancing away to great music.

It was a fabulous evening made possible by so many people contributing so much of their time and efforts before, during and after the party. Thank you very much!

*Jane Stephens*



# Trips & Visits

## Kindy Shetland Pony Visits

Kindy all enjoyed a visit from Pony Pals kindly organised by Mrs Rafferty. Caroline came with Mr Cheddar the Shetland pony. Much to the delight of the children they were able to groom him and add ribbons to his mane and tail. The children also played a matching game to learn about the anatomy of a horse. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Mr Cheddar!



## Reception Birdworld Trip

Reception were all of a flutter when they visited Birdworld for their new topic, 'The Jungle' on 7th May. They saw many colourful rainforest birds including macaws and parakeets and were able to walk inside many of the aviaries and view the birds close up. The children especially enjoyed watching the Humbolt penguins being fed and the antics of baby George, who has been hand reared by his keepers. He doesn't think he is a penguin yet! During a special workshop, they learned about the different ways birds use their talons, ears and eyes to hunt and forage for food. Luckily the sun shone all day as the class toured the tropical enclosures as well as birds from all over the world and many diverse habitats. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to accompany us. Did you know that a flock of flamingos is called a "flamboyance"? One to remember for the next Barrow Hills quiz night!



## Reception Visit Bockett's Farm

On Tuesday 30th September, Reception class headed off to Bockett's Farm as part of their 'Farm' topic work. The children learned all about looking after the animals. How the sheep give us wool for our scarves and hats for the winter weather, how the cows provide the milk for our morning cereal and how the goats give us milk for our cheese. The children met some unusual breeds including Milly the llama and Gizmo the pygmy goat. They all enjoyed the bumpy tractor ride but the best fun of all was the pig racing. Everyone cheered as Will-I-Ham streaked home for the blue team, pipping Kevin Bacon and Peppa to the winning post. Many thanks to all our helpers for making our day so enjoyable.





## Year 1 Alice Holt

Year 1 had a wonderful day in the woods at Alice Holt. They enjoyed some exciting games and found lots of mini beasts. However the high spot of the day was the pirate ship in the playground!

## Year 1 Visit Godalming Museum

On Monday 10th November, Year 1 went to the Godalming Museum. They had a fantastic afternoon and really enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the Titanic and local hero Jack Phillips. They were also able to dress up in costumes and type the SOS message.

Thank you very much to Miss Gartland and Mr Hatcher for very kindly driving the mini buses.



## Year 1 Display at Haslemere Museum

Year 1 had their fantastic work on display in the foyer of the Haslemere Museum during May.



## Year 1 Visit to Arundel Wetlands Centre

On Wednesday 11 March, Year 1 had a fantastic sunny day at Arundel Wetlands Centre. They learnt why water birds have different bills and feet and saw some duck and geese being caught in nets in order to be inoculated. The children recognised Eider Ducks, Shell Ducks and Shoveler Ducks as well as Canada Geese and Black Necked Swans. The high spot of the day was the adventure playground, especially when Mrs Wilson got stuck inside!



## Year 1 Visit Portchester Castle

On Wednesday 13th May, Year 1 visited Portchester Castle. The weather was beautiful and the children had a wonderful day. It was Mrs Wilson's birthday so the children enjoyed birthday cake! Thank you to Mrs Pulleyn for helping and for being extremely kind and buying the children ice creams.



## Year 2 Isle Of Wight Day Trip

On Friday 5th June the Year 2 children visited the Isle of Wight. They had a fantastic day and dodged all the rain that seemed to be around. They went fossil hunting on the beach and found lots of fossilised dinosaur poo! They enjoyed a talk led by Trevor and looked at a huge range of bones, tusks and teeth.



## Year 2 London Eye

On Thursday 22nd January, Year 2 enjoyed a visit to London. The highlight of the day was viewing London from the very top of the London Eye. The children were able to see many of the landmarks they have been learning about in their topic work. It was a wonderful day which was enjoyed by children and teachers alike.



## Year 2 Haslemere Museum

Year 2 went to Haslemere Museum on Tuesday 11th November. They were absolutely fantastic and behaved beautifully. Kay led the talk. The children discussed the different stages of how to mummify a body. They mummified a doll called Suty-Em-Wie, taking out the liver, lungs, stomach and intestines and putting them into canopic jars. Dominic hooked the brains out through Suty's nose. The children saw a real mummy with black toes. They also had the opportunity to mummify their own teddy and complete with a death mask! The Year 2 teachers were extremely proud of all the children and everyone had a great day!



## Year 3 Mrs Coombs talk on India

Mrs Coombs visited Year 3 on Friday 21st November to give a talk about India. She bought in a fantastic selection of classic children's Indian outfits for the children to dress up in and also bought in a huge range of different spices which the children loved. Mrs Coombs gave each of the girls a small present of bindi jewellery. She also showed them a range of beautiful jewellery that she was given when she got married. Mrs Coombs will come in again to share her experiences, focusing on traditional Indian food. Yum yum! Huge thanks to Mrs Coombs for her time.



## Year 3 The Look Out Discovery Centre, Bracknell

Year 3 completed a series of amazing adventures with a fantastic trip to The Look Out Discovery Centre in Bracknell.

This was a science based trip where the children were able to wander freely around different 'scientific zones'. These zones included Body and Perception, Forces and Movement, Light and Colour, Build it and Woodland and Water. They were able to experiment with a hands on approach to Science and read many fascinating facts that were displayed around them.

The children all climbed 'The Lookout Tower', everybody's legs ached by the time they reached the top but it was worth it as the views were amazing!

There was an exciting woodland and super adventure playgrounds. Everyone was able to sit outside and have a picnic, once again prepared by the lovely Mrs Darg.



## Year 3 My Trip to Butser Ancient Farm

When we arrived at Butser I was extremely excited! We went through the shops to get outside. Straight away we saw goats. I was thrilled to stroke them. Then Liz took us to our base our base was a round house! Liz told us all the Celtic things at Buster. We went up to see the pigs they were enormous! We went to dig for artifacts it was smashing. I found the top of a mallet head! Then we went to smash chalk. Me and Nicholas and Oscar worked as a team mixing water with it and making a round house. Finally we had lunch I had a ham sandwich. It was delicious! Then we made our way to the shop! I bought a canon and a book mark.

*By Oscar*

When we got there I went mad! My tummy fizzed and my ears popped! Next we went and lined up and went in. We saw some goats and then we met a lady called Liz and she took us to a round house to put stuff in. Next Liz took us to a brilliant archaeologist site, I was thrilled! We dug for artifacts and me and Emma found a watch and a dot. Next we saw some pigs and they were very hairy. Next we went to crush chalk with very big hammers made of wood. After that we went to the shop. I took a long time choosing things finally I chose a bracelet, a necklace and a pencil. Next we had lunch I was starving we had cheese or ham sandwiches and apples, penguin biscuits and ready salted crisps. Next we made some jewellery with tweezers and soon, we had to go home.

*By Maddy*



## Rangoli Workshop

On Tuesday 4th November, Years 3 - 6 worked on a Diwali based Rangoli workshop with a visiting artist. Rangoli is a traditional Indian art form often associated with Diwali. A Rangoli is a brightly coloured design created using different materials such as coloured powders, seeds and grains, flower petals, pencils, pens and paint. Symmetrical patterns were traced using carbon paper onto card, and then rice, lentils and split peas were used to decorate. In the Ramayana story the citizens welcome Rama back from his fourteen-year exile in the forest by painting Rangoli designs outside their homes. Hindu families continue to honour this tradition today. It was great fun and interesting for the children to learn about another culture.

## Year 4 Witley Centre

In September, Year 4 all went to Witley Centre pond dipping and bug hunting to support their science topic of Habitats. They had perfect conditions with plenty of bugs found, closely examined and identified using charts and nobody fell in pond dipping! The children were all amazed at the number of different insects found in the ponds, with one group counting over twenty in their collection tray. Thank you very much to Mrs Cooley, Mrs Morris and Mrs Da-Gama Rose for joining us.



## Year 4 Tate Modern

When I stood in the giant turbine hall of the Tate I felt the room was so wide and tall. Whilst Mrs Hatcher was talking I noticed my legs were shaking as the room was so cold.

My favourite activity was when you had to do a quick sketch of a painting and then imagining what it would look like before and after. My other favourite activity was that you had to draw where you walked. I didn't look when I was drawing, it was so fun!

My favourite sculpture was a tree cut and carved into another tree! It was very tall. My favourite painting was of the sea and sand. I liked it because it was calm and you could almost hear the sea against the sand. I really enjoyed going to London



By Serena

## Year 4 to WWF

On Thursday 4th June, some children from Year 4 were invited to visit the fantastic headquarters of the WWF in Woking and attend a Young Reporter's Workshop. They were given the opportunity to create a fun and engaging news report from the Amazon rainforest using green-screen technology. The children learnt a lot of interesting facts and are now more aware that the rainforest must be looked after if we don't want to lose all the animals and insects that live there, and also that it has an important role in our planet.

The children really enjoyed being part of a production team and all the presenters came off from reading their autocue saying, "It's harder than it looks!"



## Year 4 Trip to Hever Castle

The trip to Hever Castle was all of Yr4. We went the day after Book Day and we travelled there in the school mini bus. In my mini bus was Dom, Freddie and Enzo. Mrs Clare drove the bus.

When we arrived we went to a classroom and then we did a tour of the castle. I learnt that the castle is very old, 700 years old! It was medieval to start with but then Geoffrey Boleyn built more buildings around the medieval part. William de Hever built the oldest part. King Henry VIII's 2nd wife lived here. Her name was Anne Boleyn. She grew up here with her brother and sister. Mummy told me that an American family owned it and they were a very famous rich family, they had \$100m! It is now owned by Mr Guthrie and his Company, Broadlands. They want to look after it for the future.

I liked all of the rooms. I liked them all because they are all really nice, old and peaceful. There was a painting that I really liked, it is one of the oldest paintings in Britain. The picture was of King Arthur, Henry VIII's brother. I thought the colours were interesting.

I would like to go back with my Mummy and show her all the rooms. The gardens were great and huge! Great place to have a picnic! I would like to do the water maze, you get very wet if you go the wrong way.

*By Alexander*

## Year 5 Astronomy Visitor

Year 5 had a visit from Zee, an astronomy expert. The children had been doing some writing in their English lessons and Years 1, 2 and 5

watched a show 'We Are Aliens'. This is Molly's picture of an alien, modelled on Zee.



## A trip to Boulogne

On Thursday, Year 5 had a school trip to Boulogne. The coach left Barrow Hills school at 5:35 am to go to the Eurotunnel in Kent. It took 2 hours to get there.

When we arrived we first went to the boulangerie I liked rolling the dough to make the croissant. We learnt lots of new words like, l'eau=water, le beurre=butter, lait=milk, farine=fLOUR, sucre=sugar, sel=salt, oeufs=eggs and levure=yeast. We got to take croissant and pains au chocolat home with us.

Next we drove to Nausicaa sealife centre to have lunch I took lots of pictures but unfortunately my camera ran out of pictures but I think I have good ones. My favourite animals were the rays, sharks and the seals.

Finally we drove to the confiserie or sweet factory. We watched the man make the sweets, they smelt like skittles but they weren't. They were cola lemon and hopefully no mustard. When we went into the sweet shop there was a variety of choice and I bought a variety of sweets.

We drove to Burger King to have dinner I had a hamburger and fries. We went back to the Eurotunnel. I thought it was the best school trip ever.

*By Alexander, Year 5*



## Year 5 Trip to France

On Thursday 19th April, Year 5 went to school at 5 o'clock in the morning to go to France. We travelled most of the day but we had fun activities.

First we went to a place called la boulangerie. We were split into two groups. My group made croissants first. A scary man came out, he was holding a rolling pin. The man tested us in French and when we got the answer wrong he would slam his rolling pin on the metal table.

After the bakery we went back to the coach and drove to an aquarium. When we go there we had lunch and I had a ham baguette. We sat at a ledge and you could see the sharks. I totally freaked out when I found out that you could see the sharks fins and teeth.

After lunch came my favourite bit, exploring the amazing aquarium. We saw all the fish, sea lions and rays and everything including turtles and a CROCODILE that looked dead but was alive.

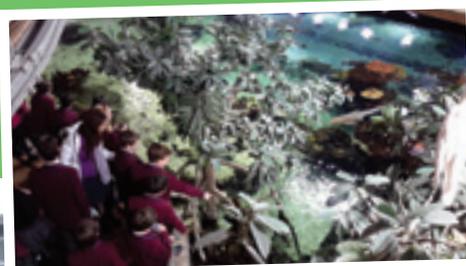
After we went to the gift shop and I bought a seal and it was brown and shiny smooth so I named her Silky the seal pup.

Next we went to the sweet shop, where we learnt how sweets were made. But I couldn't buy any sweets because I had spent all my money. A little while later, we had a Burger King dinner which was yummy. Soon after that we were home. We got home at 8 o'clock in the evening so I went to bed at 9 o'clock. The next day Ben and Molly didn't come in because they were so exhausted. I didn't want to come to school but my mum made me. I had a great day and I know we are going to have a lot of fun in Year 5 and that we will have more fun but tiring .....

..... ADVENTURES

I CAN'T WAIT!

*By Taisy, Year 5*



## Maths Challenge

Four Year 5's; after a fantastic but long day in France were taken to Hazelwood School in Oxted by Miss Edworthy for a maths challenge. With droopy eyes and heavy feet, the four children were paired up into boys and girls. The competition started with gusto, one team completing a challenge on timetables and the other using tangrams all within 8 minutes. There were a number of other activities before the children were then given a cake and a drink to recharge their batteries, whilst the total scores were added up. The Barrow Hills teams worked incredibly hard, the boys consisted of Eddie and Matthew and the girl's team was Eleanor and Hettie. The girls were awarded 2nd out of the 25 teams that were taking part. Well done to all four children, a great afternoon of mathematical thinking and teamwork.

## French Exchange

On Monday 13th October, Barrow Hills was visited by a cohort of pupils from La Providence, a Catholic school from Dieppe in France. Twenty one pupils and their English counterparts enjoyed activities throughout the day, culminating in football on the 'astro' for the boys, while the girls were thrilled to learn how to play netball. They now plan to introduce it to their games teachers on their return to Normandy. Our pupils were also really pleased to meet their pen pals at the beginning of the academic year and are looking forward to corresponding by letter and email in the coming months.

Thank you so much to the Barrow Hills families who kindly hosted the French visitors and made their trip so memorable.



## Lord Wandsworth Maths Challenge

Sam, Sabine, Hettie and Matthew spent the day at Lord Wandsworth College in the Autumn Term. They had a quick fire question round and then an orienteering round, which they came second in and the last round was a relay. All the children were enthusiastic and a credit to the school. They came 6th out of 15 schools only missing out on 3rd place by 10 points. Well done to all the children.

*Miss Edworthy*

## French Theatre Group Visit

In March, the Onatti Theatre Group came to Barrow Hills to entertain the Years 6,7 & 8 with a fun and educational performance in French. Nathan, the main character, awoke to find his family, friends and acquaintances speaking fluent French to his great puzzlement! The pupils in the audience were then enlisted to help solve the mystery.



## Rugby Visit

On Saturday 10th January, some of the Guildford Minis U9 and U8 rugby teams joined the Harlequins Rugby team for a coaching session at the Stoop ground in Twickenham. This was followed by the game between Harlequins and the Leicester Tigers where the boys formed a Guard of Honour for the players joining the pitch and at half-time had their photos taken and did a lap of honour of the pitch.

Well done to George, Alexander, Charlie, Alfie and George.



## Year 6 Maths Challenge

On Tuesday 27th January, four children from Year 6 went to Eagle House for a Mathematics Challenge. The afternoon consisted of different puzzle questions for the children to work on. They had to compete to see who could get the most correct with 44 other schools from around the area.

Azelie, Sabine, Sam and James all worked hard, with the boys coming 5th out of 44 schools. Well done to all the children for their enthusiasm and hard work and to Mrs Goddings for taking them and getting involved with the marking of the children's answers.



## Samsung Visit

The school had a rather special guest at the beginning of term, Anna Cho, a Vice President of Samsung and their Global Head of Education and Business was in the UK and came to see us.

Our Music Captain (and Head Boy) Jasper demonstrated an App in music, enabling him to write compositions and hear them; Ms Cho then visited Year 7 in DT and saw them using their devices to plan their gravity go-karts at the start of their projects. Finally, she joined a geography class with some of the Year 6's where they compared the UK to Korea in both human and physical geography terms. To round off, she met our teaching staff after school to hear feedback and ask them their thoughts on what was important in education.

The highlight of her visit though was a question and answer session with 25 of our Year 5, 6, 7 & 8's in our Learning Resource Centre. The questions ranged from, 'How was Samsung started, did it always sell electronics?' (it started as a general store selling sugar and rice and in the 60's and 70's as electronics came to the fore, Samsung recruited potential undergraduates and sent them to Japan, then the world's best, to learn there and bring the knowledge back); they asked her about herself and her career (she likes seeing the results come from hard work, this, she told them, 'keeps her young'); they also asked her about her work and what she actually does (she said that it was vital to understand how the end users utilise their product – how can it be improved for them, so she sees it important that she speaks to children and teachers about what it is like to learn). They fed back to Anna that they love working with the tablet, that they work quicker and are more engaged in their learning, that the functions enable them to collate their thoughts in one place.

An innovative and entrepreneurial streak runs through our children and meeting her and listening to her advice all went in.

VP Cho told the Headmaster afterwards that the standard of questions and depth of interest shown by the children was at the level she usually receives from university undergraduates. She was struck by the happiness of the school and how well the children were collaborating – a key skill for their future.



## BETT Show

A group of Year 6 children from Mr Andrade's science class visited the BETT exhibition at the Excel Centre, London on Thursday 22nd January. The exhibition showed all that is new in the IT world in relation to education.

Azelie said: "My favourite bit about the trip to BETT was when we got to hold the snake. I also enjoyed the part when we looked at the 3D printer and when we put goggles on that made us seem like we were in different countries! Everyone was given a kiwi from Hapara as a souvenir. The day was great and everyone liked looking around at the new technology."



## Year 6 Science Day at Wellington College

On Thursday 6th November, the whole of Year 6 went to Wellington College for an exciting day out to watch a chemistry show.

The experiments involved blowing up hydrogen balloons, freezing a banana with liquid nitrogen then using it as a hammer, making a light sabre that actually made a sound; they made different coloured sparklers with iron filings and finally froze a bunch of white flowers with liquid nitrogen. At the end of the show, the Wellington staff gave everybody an instant hand-warmer that we all played with on the coach. Thank you to Mrs Humphreys and Mr Andrade for taking us on such a wonderful day to remember and to the cooks for a fantastic lunch!

*By Sabine*



## Chris Radmaan Visit

Chris Radmaan, Head of English and Sixth Form at Lord Wandsworth and author, gave up his teaching to take our Year 7 & 8 pupils for a writing workshop. Chris spoke to the pupils about how to plan stories with an unexpected twist and also about starting the story with the 'dramatic part' and working backwards. He reiterated the importance of not ending with "... woke up and it was all a dream" which echoes my sentiments entirely on this type of ending!

Chris spoke briefly about his life in South Africa and how it has inspired him to write his novels 'Held Up' and more recently 'The Crack'. We appreciate Chris giving up his time to share his expertise, knowledge and enthusiasm for writing and we are in awe of his ability to write at dawn and then teach all day.

*Mrs Campbell-John*



## Phantom of the Opera

Year 7 and 8 and six lucky teachers went up to London to see 'Phantom of the Opera' at the end of the summer term. They enjoyed a drama workshop at The Prince of Wales Theatre where they explored different drama techniques and learnt part of a routine from the show itself! After lunch in Trafalgar Square, they went to see an amazing performance of 'Phantom of the Opera' which everyone enjoyed. They ended the day with a trip to Pizza Express.



## Review of 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas'

At the Chichester Festival Theatre, from the book by John Boyne. Adapted by Angus Jackson

On Tuesday 24th February 2015, Year 7 went to see the world premiere of 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' at the 2pm Matinee.

The story tells us about a boy who moves house from Berlin and then makes a discovery, of one of history's worst kept secrets.

The scenery and staging were simple, but extremely effective. The staging was successful throughout. The costumes were also extremely authentic.

One of my favourite parts of the play was when Bruno was going on

his adventure through the forest and so the boy who played Bruno ran around the revolving stage and was lifted up and carefully thrown around by actors to make it look like he was running through the forest. Another one of my favourite moments in the play, was when Bruno first looked out of the window and saw the people on the other side of the fence, his facial expressions made it look so real and convincing. Finally, I also enjoyed the opening scene where Bruno's Grandmother performed a song in German which gave you an amazing feeling of authenticity in the very first scene.

However, something I didn't particularly like was how in the very

last scene the boys only spent a few moments in the camp, when in the book they walked around and into different huts looking for Schmueel's father. Also, one thing that irritated me was how the whole play was directed at the audience immediately in front of them which made it harder to get involved with the play for audiences on the wings.

In my opinion, I think that watching the play is a lot more enjoyable if you have read the book because otherwise in some parts it would not be clear what was happening. Finally, I would give this a 3.5 star rating because of the excellent staging and costumes.

*By Gabriel, Year 7*

## Year 7 Geography Field Trip

Year 7 had a great day in Haslemere and Liphook taking river measurements for their geography field work. They measured the velocity of the river and took depth measurements to create a cross section.





## Year 8 Roller Disco

Children in Years 7 & 8 had a special treat on Friday 23rd January as they had an 80s themed roller disco after school. To get the ball rolling, they had pizza at Barrow Hills before heading off to King Edward's School for the roller disco. As you can see from the photos, a great time was had by all and the children loved dressing up to the 80s theme. Thank you to Mrs Burnett, Mr Fisher, Mr Crisell and Mr Andrade for organising the event.



## Year 8 Tilford Hike

As part of their post Common Entrance programme, Year 8 took the opportunity to go for a lengthy 12 mile hike around Tilford!



# Residentials

## Year 3 Residential to Sayers Croft

Year 3 had a fantastic time at Sayers Croft. They built shelters, went pond dipping, completed the rope challenge and shimmied up the climbing wall to name but a few of the amazing activities they enjoyed whilst on their residential.

Maddie "My favourite activity at Sayers Croft was Pitch Hill because it was fun to chat with your friends while walking. I had to trust Kate to make sure we didn't get lost. My legs felt tired while we were walking. It took lots of hard work but it was great fun. Luckily we didn't get lost."

Edward "My second favourite activity was Pitch Hill because we were able to run up a really steep hill and at the top we got to play nose jousting where you had a piece of sellotape on your nose and you had to gently bump your noses together and whoever got the sellotape won."

Oscar "My favourite activity at Sayers croft was the compass trial because I love running around and seeing everything. It was very exciting and fun. You had to trust in your friend to get through. We had to challenge ourselves to try and get all around the course. We completed one using a compass and we got confused on one of them. I had to work with my friend very carefully. It was great fun running around the woods."

Nicholas "My second favourite activity was climbing, there was a climbing wall and I had to trust in my team mates and my team mates had to listen out for the person who was climbing. When the person tapped the team mates had to slowly lower them down, it was great fun! After, we played a game where the instructor said a fruit or veg and we had to jump on the wall and try to not fall off, it was very fun."



# Year 4 to PGL

Lots of us struggled to sleep the night before because we were so excited. We arrived with very heavy bags full of clothes, cuddly toys and sleeping bags.

*Annabelle*

We were delighted to see that the weather forecast was great! The sun would be shining!

*Alice*

My favourite activity was the giant swing because Freddie and I were the first pair. Everybody screamed their heads off when they pulled the red release cord that made the swing swing, because it was very scary!

*Harry*

My favourite part was the big swing, I was nervous but I did it. I encouraged Harry to go on the zipwire.

*Lucy*

I really enjoyed aeroball because it helped us with our throwing also because I love trampolining. I loved the trapeze because I love jumping off heights. The giant swing was really scary and I screamed!

*Harry*

My favourite part was the giant swing. I was nervous about the stairs to the zipwire as I thought they might break. I encouraged Annabel to go on the trapeze.

*Oscar*

At PGL my favourite activity was the big swing as it was really fun but a bit scary. I went to the top with Lucy and then we pulled a red string and we dropped down. I also liked the trapeze. We had to climb up a wooden pole, stand on a platform and jump off. It was really scary because when you look down it seems really high up. PGL was great fun!

*Alice*

My favourite part was the big swing and the zipwire because they were fun and challenging. I was nervous about the trapeze and zipwire because they looked really high! I encouraged Mrs Wallace to go on the trapeze and despite getting stuck halfway up she did it!

*Annabel*

At PGL my favourite activities were the giant swing and the zipwire. The giant swing is so high up when you are at the top and when you pull the red rope you go straight down and it feels like you are flying! The zipwire makes your tummy go funny!

*Serena*

My favourite part was the big swing. I was nervous about not getting to sleep as everyone was laughing a lot! Elena and I encouraged Mr Wardell to go on the big swing! He did it!

I LOVED PGL!

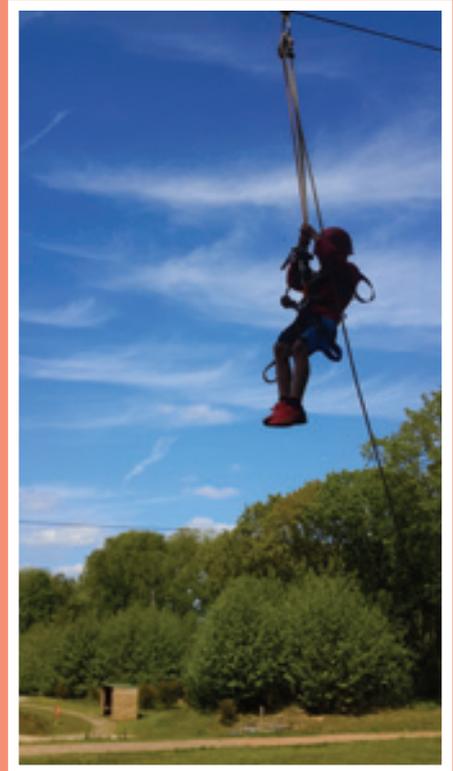
*India*

At PGL we all had great fun and the best was the giant swing. It was fun because when you got pulled up on your first go you are really nervous. On your second go it wasn't as scary as the first. PGL was the best!

*Annabelle*

My favourite part was the big swing. I felt nervous about the zipwire! I would love to go back to PGL!

*Elena*



At PGL we did lots of activities but my favourite activity was archery because I got bulls eye first time and also because it was all very fun. My next favourite activity was aeroball because it was a cross between netball and trampolining.

*Lucy*

My favorite activity was aeroball and I helped George to go on the giant swing. I was really nervous on the zipwire.

*Noah*

We went to PGL and my favourite activity was aeroball because you are on a trampoline and there are two goals and you have to score. On aeroball you have small games. One of them was a bomb game and whoever has the ball last is out of the game.

*Dominic*

My favourite part was the giant swing, I was nervous about the zipwire and I encouraged Dom to go on the zipwire.

*Nicky*



My favourite activities were problem solving and the giant swing. These were my favourite because the giant swing went really high up in the air then it fell straight down. Everybody screamed, it was super fun! Problem solving was extremely good and fun. It was hard yet challenging. We got some but others it took time to work out, but they were very mental to solve. PGL was super fun. I loved it!

*Freddie*

My favourite part was the trapeze. I felt nervous about the zipwire but I encouraged Harry to go on it.

*George*

I loved the trapeze. I was so nervous about the giant swing but I encouraged my friend Jake to go on the zipwire.

*Toby*

The giant swing was so much fun. I encouraged Harry to go on it. I also liked aeroball as I was in a team with Freddie and we won.

*Finlay*

My favourite part of PGL was the giant swing because you can go as high as you wanted and when you pulled the red rope it feels like you just drop. I also liked the climbing wall because I aimed to get higher than a door on the climbing wall and I did! The lunches were great there and I had a great time at PGL!

*Hermione*

My favourite was the big swing because you had to hold on to your bar and the harness was attached to it. But the reason it was my favourite was because I went on it with Mr Wardell!

*Poppy*

My favourite activity was the big swing because you went really high and then suddenly you pulled a rope and went for a swing! The reason it was my favourite is because it was very scary the first time then I found it really fun!

*Olivia*

My favourite thing about PGL was the giant swing because you don't know when it will swing. Freddie and Harry went first. They had two and a half swings because a knot had formed in the connector. Olivia and Lucy went second having two goes, then Annabelle went with Isabella, then finally my turn had arrived! We had 2 goes, I went with George. On my first go when I pulled the toggle it swang when I was least expecting it! Last of all went Harry And Fin.

*Enzo*

I really enjoyed moving into my room with Harry, Harry, Enzo and Freddie because we all made our beds and unpacked quickly so we could all have a game of top trumps and cards.

We had been moved into groups and I enjoyed being with people that I am not normally with. Our first

activity was the giant swing which at first I felt afraid to go on but later I really enjoyed the sensation of flying through the air at such speed. Archery was really fun because we played a game called the holiday game where different colours mean different things. In the game I went to Brazil by private jet for 5 years!

PGL is the best place ever!!!

*George*

I loved the giant swing because when we got to the top Annabelle pulled the red rope and we went flying! I loved PGL.

*Isabella*

My favourite activity was the trapeze. I went first and climbed up the wobbly pole. I was not expecting it to wobble but I kept on GOING! I got to the top and all my friends counted down to zero. Then I jumped, kicked and pushed the big ball. In the afternoon we got to experience the sweetie shop! I love PGL!

*Emily*

## Year 5 Residential to the Isle of Wight

The Year 5 residential to the Isle of Wight was a great success. All the children were fantastically behaved, with members of the public commenting on their politeness and friendliness.

Monty Nelson, "I particularly enjoyed travelling on the Wightlink ferry and realised if we were upset, then the teachers would try to cheer us up."



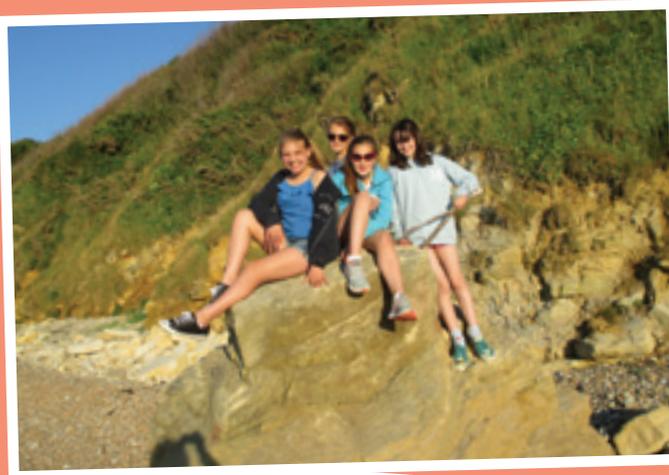
# Year 6 Residential to Bowles

Year 6 had a wonderful time on their residential trip to Bowles in June. Children enjoyed kayaking, rock climbing, skiing, orienteering and mountain biking.



## Year 7 Residential to Normandy

The Year 7 group enjoyed a sunny few days in their base close to the Normandy 'landing beaches'. Pupils honed their language skills in orienteering exercises at Port-en-Bessin, a very pretty fishing harbour and in an expedition to a market at Courseulles. Here, in French of course, they negotiated purchases of ingredients for dessert for lunch, as well as souvenirs and an interesting range of hats! The following day took them to the D-Day ('Jour -J' in France) sites after a powerful experience of the days from 6th June 1944 in a '360 degree' cinema at Arromanches. There was also a fascinating trip to the Mont St. Michel.



## Year 8 Residential

Year 8 had a wonderful time on their residential trip to the Ardeche post Common Entrance. The adventure began on Friday afternoon with a coach journey to La Savane campsite, having slept overnight on the coach. They arrived to clear blue skies and a swim in the Ardeche river. There were six days full of activities to look forward to. The highlight of the trip was a two day descent of the river Ardeche, kayaking 32 kilometres altogether. Other exciting activities were caving in the limestone caves for two hours, climbing the crag and bouldering and the crate challenge. All the children enjoyed being challenged to do things they never thought they might do.



# House News

## House Music Competition

The much anticipated House Singing competition took place in February. Members of staff, as well as children, worked very hard to give us a thrilling contest. Special thanks went to Mr Wardell, Wendy Busby, Melanie Holt and Henny Greville-Collins for their work in organising the event.

**Kean** opened the proceedings with a great deal of "gusto and enthusiasm" according to our visiting judge Mrs Forbes from Rydes Hill, who we must also thank for her time and considered appraisal of each performance. We then had three solos, the first from Ethan on the

French horn, followed by Anna on the violin and Honor gave us a beautiful rendition of one of the hits from 'Oliver!' They concluded with 'Happy' which they sang enthusiastically.

**McCormack** opened their performance by singing 'Amazing Grace' which was beautifully performed. Their house song was 'Firework'. Monty, Celia and Miranda performed their solos on the piano brilliantly - Monty with only one day's notice!

**Murtough** moved us with their version of 'World In Union' and displayed excellent stage presence.



After hearing their soloists - Poppy singing 'Fat Sam', Hattie playing the cello and Jenny singing 'Down by the Salley' - we were wowed by a passionate performance of 'Let it Go!' from 'Frozen'. Clearly a favourite!

The tension continued to mount during a good sing-along whilst Mrs Forbes went to a private room to make her deliberations. You could cut the atmosphere with a knife when she came back into the chapel. Having given excellent feedback to each house, and reminding us all that pre-audition points were added to the scores, she revealed that **KEAN** had won. There was a great deal of excitement and congratulations all round. What an achievement.

Well done **Kean** and well done everyone for such an enjoyable hour and a half of music making and team spirit.



## Off by Heart

On Tuesday 7th July, pupils gathered in the hall for the penultimate House competition of the year: 'Off by Heart Poetry Competition'. Earlier on in the term, every pupil in Years 3-7 learnt a poem in preparation for the competition. Pupils rehearsed, practised and recited until three pupils from each year were chosen to represent their house. The standard was very high and the judge, Aimee Felton from Stagecoach Theatre School, remarked on the excellent performances given by the children.

The winners were: Edward from Year 3, Freddie Year 4, Flyn Year 5, Amelie Year 6 and Cameron Year 7.

The overall winner, who impressed the judge the most, was Freddie with his recitation of 'When Daddy Fell Into The Pond' by Alfred Noyes. The winning house was **McCormack** with **Murtough** in second place and **Kean** in third place.



## House Poetry Competition

When, given the theme of 'Remembrance' for National Poetry Day in October, how would our own children fare? Year 8, who were studying Michael Morpurgo's 'Private Peaceful' as their class text and performed a stage adaptation of the novel later in the term, were tasked with writing war poetry whilst younger children were given greater freedom of interpretation. English teachers struggled to select representatives from each house, in each year group, to perform in the competition, calling for second and even third opinions before final decisions were eventually made. Mrs Campbell-John was delighted by the standard of all the entrants, warning of the enormity of the task that lay ahead in selecting a winner!

If our young performers were nervous, it did not show. Our guest adjudicator, Trinity examiner and Head of Drama at Rydes Hill, Tina Quinn, commented on the confidence and clarity with which all the children delivered their poems



and marks were awarded for relevance to the theme, structure, use of literary techniques, use of language to convey mood and tone, and overall 'feel'.

Winners were awarded in each year group but three poems stood out for

their complexity, rich use of imagery and emotive tones: Hattie's rhythmic ballad, Louis' poignant recollection of his Grandfather and Bart's impassioned plea for remembrance. Well done to the winners, **Kean!**

## 'The Sea' Story Writing Competition

On Wednesday 25th March, children from Kindy to Year 8 gathered in the chapel to listen to the long awaited results of 'The Sea' story writing competition.

Best selling author, Elizabeth Noble, spoke to the children about how much she had enjoyed reading the stories from Kindy all the way through to Year 8. She identified the children's use of similes, descriptive language, endings and imaginative ideas. The author had the difficult task of choosing winners from each house and in Pre Prep, from each year. In the end, winning stories were chosen on a particular word or phrase which Elizabeth liked, and spelling or handwriting were not judged. Following the results, Elizabeth had a Q and A session with Year 6 pupils. She encouraged all the pupils to keep writing, planning using the story mountain, or as it is known in the literary world, the story arc, and think carefully about sentence types.

Elizabeth loves visiting Barrow Hills School and I am very grateful to her for giving up her 'writing time' to read and judge the stories.

Here are the names of the runners up, second, third place and winners. Winning stories will be framed and displayed in the school.

*Mrs Campbell-John*

### The Sea Story Writing Results

*Prep*

*Runners Up:*

Year 3 Nicholas

Year 4 George

Year 5 Max

Year 6 Freddie and Lily

Year 7 Charlie

Year 8 Henry

*Winners, second and third places.*

Year 3 1st Fraser  
2nd Maddie  
3rd Sacha

Year 4 1st Frederick  
2nd Alice  
3rd Zachary

Year 5 1st Eddie  
2nd Flyn  
3rd Alexander

Year 6 1st Miranda  
2nd Sebastian  
3rd Ross

Year 7 1st Matthew  
2nd Cameron  
3rd Maddy

Year 8 1st Georgia  
2nd Matthew  
3rd Alice

*Joint Winning Houses:*

**Kean** and **McCormack**

*Pre Prep*

Kindy Age 3:  
1st Jacob  
2nd Patrick

Kindy Age 4:  
1st Lucas  
2nd Riley

Reception:  
1st Rocco  
2nd Dominic

Year 1:  
1st Ruth  
2nd Anastasia

Year 2:  
1st Claudia  
2nd William



## Performing Arts Day

On Thursday 9th July, we were all thoroughly entertained with a super selection of acts from all three houses. Practice took place in the morning, with the selection process to find the finalists after lunch.

The final took place during the last hour of the day. The variety and standard of the acts was stunning: Dance, singing, a stand-up comic and numerous clever videos shot on the tablets. Everyone in the room showed terrific support for those on stage right to the end, when the winner was announced....Well done **Murtough!**

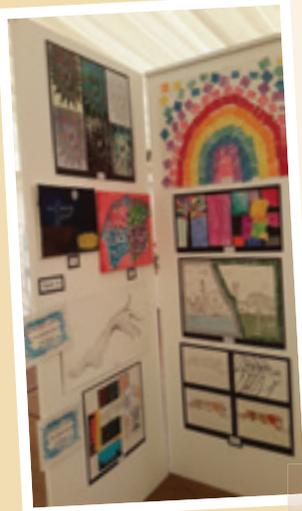


## House Art Competition

On Monday 6th July the House Art Competition was exhibited in the marquee for all to see. All of the work looked fantastic and there were many winners in every year group. The marquee was filled with a buzz of excitement during the afternoon. Well done to all of the artists and thank you to all who visited.

Congratulations to the overall winners.

First place: Oliver, Year 6  
 Second place: Alice, Year 8  
 Third place: Thomas, Year 8



## House Quiz

The finals of the House Quiz took place on Wednesday 10th December. It was set in the hall. It was close between **Kean** and **McCormack** but **Kean** won and **Murtough** came third. We had maths questions and author questions and biggest country questions. **Kean** knew most of them and Jasper in Year 8 seemed to know the most answers and said some answers before Mr Crisell even finished the sentence. It was the best House Quiz ever because it was funny as well.

*By Nicholas, Year 3*



# House Sport

## Boys:

House Football: 1st McCormack  
 Cross Country: 1st McCormack  
 Rugby: 1st Kean  
 Hockey: 1st Murtough  
 Cricket: 1st Kean

## Joint:

House Gym: 1st Joint McCormack and Murtough  
 Swimming: 1st Murtough  
 Badminton: 1st Joint Kean and McCormack

## Girls:

Cross Country: 1st McCormack  
 Hockey: 1st Murtough  
 Netball: 1st Murtough  
 Rounders: 1st Murtough



## The Jansen Shield

The Jansen Shield is awarded to the House that has amassed the most points in every House event throughout the year. Congratulations to Murtough who were the winners this year.

# World Book Day

Well done to all the children (and staff!) who dressed up so brilliantly to celebrate World Book Day on 5th March.





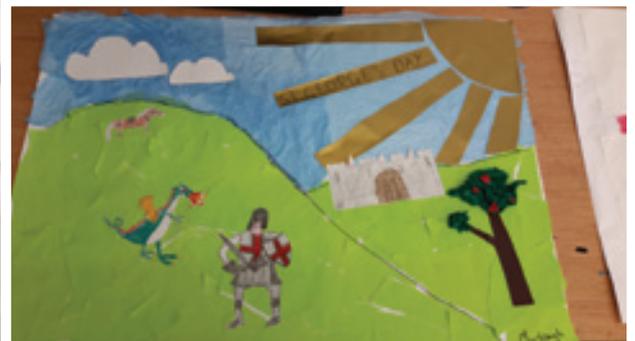
## St George's Day

On Thursday 23rd April, the whole school celebrated St George's Day. It was a mufti day so everyone could dress in red and white or anything associated with England. Mass was celebrated in the morning and Pre-Prep got to work on some exciting St George's day activities, many of which were art related.

Mrs Darg and her amazing team produced the most delicious lunch of roast beef with all the trimmings and fruit crumble for pudding.

In the afternoon, the Prep departments got together for their annual St George's house competitions which included: cookery, art, chess, debating, obstacle courses and dance.

Great fun was had by all, the sun shone and the children worked so well together across all age ranges. **Kean** were the eventual winners, so congratulations to them.



# Children's Work



## Solar Eclipse

Following lots of build-up and time learning about the solar eclipse in lessons, the whole school was really excited as we gathered on the school lawns, equipped with solar viewers to witness the eclipse. It was such a shame that it was so overcast as it diffused the light so not only could we not see the sun, but it didn't appear to get much darker.

However, our Year 8 children were measuring changes in temperature and wind speed throughout the morning to send live data to a research project at the University of Reading. Despite the disappointment at the lack of a visual spectacle, we did all feel a dramatic drop in temperature, with the Kindy children noticing their breath in the cold air.

Head of Science, Mrs Humphreys, said, "Thank you to all the staff, parents and children for coming together and putting so much effort into learning about the eclipse as a cross curricular project throughout the whole school and all year groups."

## Kindy

### Outdoor Curriculum

Kindy enjoying tomato planting in an outdoor curriculum session.



### Exploring the snow



### French

Kindy thoroughly enjoy their weekly French lessons. A firm favourite is their rendition of 'heads, shoulders, knees and toes' in French.



### Cooking

More cheese please!



Which letter do I need next?



## Year 1AC

"My favourite topic was the Titanic and I loved visiting The Godalming Museum. I really love writing. I enjoyed making clay dinosaurs and painting butterflies."

*Nathaniel*

"I have really enjoyed reading and I am very good at it! I loved painting with scissors. I like using the tablets. My favourite trip was Portchester Castle. I liked making a clay dinosaur."

*Anastasia*

"I really loved The Teddy Bears Picnic my teddy was called Bear! I enjoyed learning about the Titanic because one of my relatives was on it, he was the ship's barber. My favourite trip was Portchester Castle."

*Jack*

"I have loved all the sport and swimming. I really like going to the deep end! I really enjoyed The Christmas Fayre. I enjoyed going to The Godalming Museum and learning about The Titanic."

*Tom*

"I loved decorating the birds with feathers. My favourite trip was Portchester Castle. My favourite part of the trip was visiting the shop! I loved painting with scissors."

*Beatrix*

"I liked baking the bread and cake pops. I have loved all the painting because I like being creative. Portchester castle was my favourite trip because it was Mrs Wilson's birthday."

*Ruby*

"I liked moving into Year 1 and learning about castles. Arundel Wetlands Centre was my favourite trip. I have enjoyed spending time with everyone in my class."

*Jamie*

"MY favourite trip was Portchester Castle because it was Mrs Wilson's birthday. I love science because I learn about the world. My favourite trip was Arundel Wetlands Centre. I loved seeing all the different birds."

*Sophie*

"I really enjoyed going to Portchester Castle. My favourite topic was the Titanic. I love swimming lessons."

*Jago*

"I love going swimming. Backstroke is my favourite stroke! I enjoyed making cake pops and bread. I like using the tablets and working with a partner. I love science and doing experiments."

*Matilda*

"My favourite trip was The Godalming Museum. I have loved learning about dinosaurs. I really enjoyed painting with scissors. I have enjoyed using the tablets."

*Jago*

## Year 1 LC

"My favourite visit was Portchester Castle. I enjoyed visiting The Keep and seeing the hooks on the beams where prisoners had to hang their hammocks. I loved painting with scissors."

*Lily*

"I have loved all the P.E. lessons because I love sport. I love school lunches and always have seconds! I love playing football at playtime."

*Conrad*

"I enjoyed the science lesson where we made dinosaurs from different materials. I loved making my clay dinosaur. I have had fun using the tablets with my partner."

*Savannah*

"I loved making bread. My favourite topics were Bears and the Titanic. I have enjoyed going on school trips. I love football with Kevin."

*Edward*

"My favourite topics were Birds, Dinosaurs and The Titanic. My best trip was visiting The Arundel Wetlands Centre."

*Kiyo*

"I loved St George's Day it was great fun. I love maths lessons. My favourite trip was Portchester Castle. I enjoyed visiting the shop! Using the tablets is fun."

*Ruth*

"I loved learning about birds. The best thing about birds is listening to all the different noises they make. My favourite topic was The Titanic. I really enjoyed making bread."

*Ray*

"I have loved everything about being in year 1! My favourite trip was to Arundel Wetlands. I love swimming and sport. I like using the tablets."

*Dominic*

"I loved the teddy bears picnic. I had the same teddy as Bea! The Titanic was my favourite topic because I found it interesting. I also enjoyed learning about The Victorians."

*Sophie*

"I liked visiting Alice Holt. My favourite part was visiting the playground! My favourite topic was The Titanic and I enjoyed visiting Godalming Museum."

*Lloyd*

"I loved The Teddy Bears picnic. Everyone had nice teddies. I enjoyed The Titanic it was interesting. I liked making hot and cold colours in art. I enjoyed making chocolate nests."

*Verity*

## Year 2 Egypt Project

As part of their Egypt topic work, Year 2 enjoyed making canopic jars in October. They were delighted to explain exactly what the Egyptians used these jars for and list the ghoulish contents. Parents looked forward to the end of term, when the children took the jars home, filled with a special treat for their loved ones.....!



## Year 3 Acrostic Poems

**S**wimming and splashing in the steaming pool,  
**U**nder the huge green and red apple tree,  
**M**aking pretty daisy chains whilst,  
**M**ummy cooks amazing cupcakes,  
**E**ating them on the sunny beach,  
**R**unning wildly through the long wavy grass.

*Sascha*

**S**ummer has come it's nice and hot  
**U**nder the umbrella we are all nice and cool  
**M**agnificent sun all nice and hot  
**M**arshmallows roasting on the barbeque all nice to eat  
**E**xcited children ready to play in the sun and eat lollies  
**R**elaxing in the sun, sunbathing

*Lily*

**S**izzling sausage roasting on the barbeque,  
**U**nusual unicycles being ridden in the park,  
**M**arvellous samples of different cakes laid out before  
 my eyes,  
**M**agnificent shadows cast on the ground,  
**E**ach and every daisy swaying in the wind,  
**R**acing bunnies trying to get in the shade,

*Maddie*

**S**ummer flowers sitting beautifully in the local park,  
**U**gly spiders roaming all over people's houses,  
**M**ini icecreams being devoured quickly,  
**M**agnificent purple sunsets making people's day,  
**E**veryday everyone has fun,  
**R**ed hot drain covers sizzling madly

*James*

**S**uper sunshine gleaming down on me,  
**U**nder the apple tree playing card games,  
**M**ummy gives us icecream and we gobble it all up,  
**M**agnificent songs from the birds chirping all day long,  
**E**veryday icecream and milkshakes outside in the garden,  
**R**ed hot sun, when we play the fun will never end.

*Fraser*

**S**un burning the beautiful green grass,  
**U**nion jack flapping in the wind,  
**M**eat sizzling on the boiling hot barbeque,  
**M**agnificent sun gazing down at me,  
**E**arly morning sun already shining,  
**R**ed roses drying up

*Zahra*

**S**ensitive teeth eating icecream,  
**U**mbrellas shading hot people,  
**M**ummy trying to put on suncream,  
**M**osquitoes nipping at our feet,  
**E**vergreen trees finally surrounded by leaves,  
**R**unning into cooling sea.

*Oscar*

**S**ummer sun glinting brightly,  
**U**p and away flies a kite,  
**M**agnificent waves bobbing gently,  
**M**oths dancing around lights,  
**E**normous burgers sizzling softly,  
**R**efreshing mints evaporating quickly.

*Edward*

**S**un shining on the lawn,  
**U**nderneath the trees we have a picnic,  
**M**mm, ham sandwiches,  
**M**outh watering at the sight of icecream,  
**E**ven a day in fairyland would not be as good as this,  
**R**esting in my bed after a lovely day.

*Isobel*

**S**ometimes on a summer's day we eat sizzling hot meat  
 on the barbeque,  
**U**nder the shade we eat icecream by the apple tree,  
**M**ummy says we need to play in the garden and get  
 fresh air,  
**M**usic playing at Proms in the Park,  
**E**veryone laughs at the funny acts,  
**R**eady to go on holiday!

*Fern*

## Year 3 Creative Writing

### Chicken and Egg

I remember when I got my chickens for my birthday.  
I remember when I had a boiled egg that my chickens laid.  
I remember when I collected eggs every day.  
I remember when I heard my chickens cluck.  
I remember when 2 of my chickens died.  
I remember when I felt very sad.

*Fern*

### Falling out of a Tree

I remember when I fell out of a tree.  
I went to A and E.  
I felt scared and worried.  
It was my birthday! The worst part was the injection!  
Then I got stitched up and went back for cake!  
Then I had one last go on the rope swing!  
And it was the best birthday ever!

*Oscar*

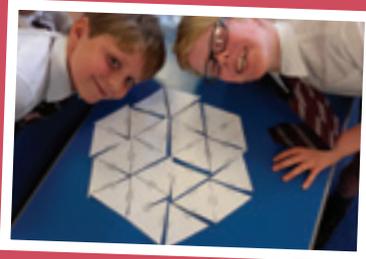
### Phoebe

I remember when I had my dog called Phoebe.  
I remember when I stroked her silky brown fur.  
I remember her eyes as black as coal.  
I remember when she snuggled by the fire.  
I remember when she played fetch with me.  
I remember when she died.  
I will never forget her.

*Nicholas*

## Year 4 Maths Challenge

Four Year 4 children went to St George's School in Weybridge on Friday 5th June. They were competing in a maths challenge with 56 teams from 35 different schools. These schools included St George's Junior, Hoebridge, Surbiton High and Feltonfleet.



Noah, Toby, George and Alice were excited on the journey over and looking forward to doing some fun maths for the afternoon. All four children were a credit to Barrow Hills and their parents, with their impeccable behaviour and resilient attitude towards completing all the maths puzzles. They worked well in their teams of two, with Toby and George coming joint first out of the 56 teams, getting 150/160.

A triumphant afternoon for four fantastic children, well done to you all and thank you Mrs Clare for taking them to it.



## Year 4 Creative Writing

### Box of Memories

I will put in the box the first flight that I ever had.  
The feeling of my birthday,  
The first sight of my mum,  
The painful feeling of the first time I got stung by a bee,  
The first time we got cats and the sad feeling of them leaving.  
The first time I smelt chocolate cake,  
My first ever present,  
The melting ice cream in my mouth.

*Elena*

### My Memory of Dubai

Lovely restaurant  
Massive building  
Warm pool  
Burning sun  
Smoking Arab  
Sweet shop  
Amazing aquarium  
Massive beaches  
Smelly smoke  
Lots of traffic.

*Dominic*

### My Memory of Puy du Fou

Clashing swords,  
Glimmering armour,  
Delicious ice cream,  
Smoky smell,  
Shouting knights,  
Growling leopards,  
Roaring lions,  
Screeching birds,  
Jousting knights,  
Smoking fire,  
Fast falcons,  
Shining claws,  
Shiny swords,  
Fierce gladiators,  
Racing chariots.

*George*

## Year 4 Electricity

Year 4 learnt about electricity in their science lessons and created some lovely posters outside the science labs.

They also put their knowledge into practice during their DT lessons as they learnt how to wire a plug. Parents had to watch out at home that they didn't find children experimenting on household appliances!



## Year 5 Creative Writing

### Remember

Remember the prawn pink hotel  
And the beautiful breakfast on the flowery balcony  
And the azure blue river  
And the lovely old bridges?

Remember the massive ice-creams  
And the amazing zoo with the cute elephants  
And the zoo shop with the massive snake for £200  
And the really fun trams?

Remember The Iron Man  
And the Iron Village  
And designing signs for Pad  
And watching dad cycle, panting, up Hearthereak Hill?

Remember the delightful sweet shop  
And the food made out of sweets  
And the mozzarella at every meal  
Remember Zurich!

*Eleanor*

### Remember

I remember the greyness in the sky  
the screeching of the trains at the stations  
And the fresh salty Mersey wafting up your nose  
Looking at the oddly-shaped museum.

I remember the rushing cars and buses keeping on honking  
Towering buildings looking over me like giraffes  
Music chiming in my ears, on and on and on  
'Ferry cross the Mersey'.

I remember colossal birds swooping as they  
loomed over me, taller than a double decker bus.

I remember Liverpool.

*Eddie*

### Remember

I remember it was really frightening.  
I remember everyone was happy because we were all alive.  
I remember it was as dark as a closed cupboard.  
I remember the smell of fireworks like a manky shoe.  
I remember my dad was furious at the driver who had  
crashed into us.  
I remember a generous man that helped us with our luggage.  
I remember my dog shivering like a washing machine.  
I remember the policemen who made us feel as safe as  
money in a locked box.  
I remember it was as dramatic as a penalty.  
I remember it was as tiring as running a marathon.

*Ben*

### Remember

I remember when I got my doggy.  
He was very jumpy and happy,  
He was really fuzzy and playful.  
He was friendly, fun and cute.  
He ran around like a jet when I chased him.  
His soft fur as black as the night.  
He was a ball of fluff.  
His tiny paws were like a baby's hand.  
At night time, he whined and wailed,  
And when he barked, it sounded like a wolf's howl.  
We all loved him, even though he pooped a lot!

*Alexander*

### My Head Injury

It was a lovely sunny day,  
Mum was packing the fete away,  
I was having a race, "I'm going to win, I'm picking up pace."  
Then bang into a metal bar.  
I wish I hadn't ran so far.  
I fell to the floor,  
Like a casualty of war.  
Off to A and E,  
With another injury.  
Walk through the door in pain,  
The nurse said, "You again!"  
Wait around for hours for glue,  
The doctor said, "that's not what we're going to do!"  
Staring at the ceiling,  
I have lost all feeling.  
The doctors hand is twitching,  
as he is stitching.  
Back home with a plaster on,  
Time for another run!

*Oliver*

## Year 5 Science Display

We were delighted to welcome Mr Emsley, a physics teacher from King Edward's School Witley to judge our winners for the space project. Children had been asked to create a presentation about space. The work produced showed amazing diversity and creativity, with scale models, stories, posters and file presentations making it extremely hard to judge. After much deliberation, Mr Emsley chose Alex as the overall winner, Bethany and Eleanor for their creativity and Matthew and Oliver for factual content. Mr Emsley gave prizes of balloon models of Laika, the first dog to orbit the earth, Albert the first monkey in space and a giant rocket.



## Year 6 Creative Writing

### A Different Kind of Holiday

(Highly Commended Prize in the Cranleigh Writing Competition)

The waves curved over like claws, biting into the white sand. The charmed rhythm of the water tossed and sang a whispering song. Pink and white clouds had been painted in smudged lines across the earth's curved sides. The soft sky was a calm reflection of the water below, both beautiful and different.

I found myself strolling along the edge of the water line. The tossing waves had now become weak. The mesmerising, gentle, lapping sea licked away at the jewelled sand.

Far away a storm was bubbling in the distant clouds. The sky had now become marbled in different colours. A deep grey was now pushing through the pink. The sea below had now turned a mesmerising black from the casted shadows above. A new feeling flooded the water. It was starting to rain. Suddenly, the movement of the wind became frantic. It was as though the water around me had become bewildered by the new change of events.

A storm had begun ...

Sombre waves flicked mesmerisingly over the rusted barriers, ripping the bars from every joint. A thick spray of salty water pinned my wet hair to my scalp. Screaming, I ran for the brown mouldy stairs. Halfway up I stopped. To my right, looking out over the vast tossing ocean, a tsunami wave bigger than a church, pushed the steps aside and plucked me from the iron stair. The freezing water bit into my muscles, paralysing me from head to toe. I tried to walk but only managed a weak stagger. A flying rock came crunching into the back of my head, and I went limp.

Morning came and pushed aside the blasting wind and rumbling sea. The bitter smell of salt and the powerful pain on the back of my head made me jump. Eyes opened, I looked around. I was petrified. Well, of course I was, I had just woken from unconsciousness.

A man was standing over my foot dabbing it with a small red handkerchief. "Ah, you've come around. Feeling fine?" I tried to answer but had no words to use. A simple nod covered up my embarrassment.

From a giant wave to a small water droplet reflecting its own obscure world ... both are the same.

Pitiful words smothered my ears. I can't remember anything anyone said. Most of it was an entire blur of confusion. At one point when I was recovering, which I did in the end, I visited the beach again. Nothing could have made me step one foot on the sand, and I didn't. Never been on there since.

I have seen many things and they have affected me in a small way, but what I saw that evening changed me completely.

*Hattie*

### Boat Trip in Greece

I remember the turquoise water and the sun reflecting off the mirrored surface.

I remember the beautiful fish swimming as quickly as a missile through the deep.

I remember jumping off the boat to go snorkeling in the deep ocean.

I remember the shipwreck and all the happy fish swimming in and around it.

I remember the octopus in the wreck.

I remember the salty water taste on my mouth as the water dried.

I remember the beautiful pasta the lady on the boat made us for lunch.

I remember seeing the fish scales glistening like diamonds.

I will remember Greece for ever.

*Bailey*

### Rollercoaster Ride

I was Seven.

Anxious as I queued for the ride.

It was fast.

I was frightened.

I didn't feel brave.

Stuck behind the stiff bar as it lowered and squashed my lap.

The ride went up,

My stomach stayed down.

Suddenly, we dropped.

My mind went blank.

It swooped a corner.

And was hanging on with my life.

My legs were dangling on with my life.

Then everything went pitch black,

Through a tunnel the ride went.

Brightness appeared.

The ride was over suddenly.

I felt a sense of achievement.

I had conquered the ride.

*James*

### Tanzania

I remember a fishing boat floating in the dirty water.

I remember a small plane flying in the blue sky.

I remember a camp in Tanzania.

I remember a beautiful country in Africa.

I remember a person called Gerrald.

I remember some wonderful animals walking slowly around.

I remember the tents on stilts like trees.

I remember a monkey stealing my biscuits.

I remember Tanzania.

*Jasper*

### Remember

Do you remember the old brick Mansion?  
Our hide-out. A mystery!  
A huge creaky door,  
with prison bolts on,  
and out the back,  
a broken, mouldy jetty.

A little docked boat.  
tied to a log,  
on the edge of a darkening lake.  
The rocks like nails,  
the weeds like hands,  
that grabs like a biting snake.

Oh, you must remember the lady we saw,  
In the boat one afternoon?  
Her dress flew wildly,  
and her eyes were locked,  
on us,  
in the misty gloom.

She had long white hair,  
and a long white dress.  
Her face was pale and ill.  
"Hello?" I said.  
But no answer came.  
Only the sound of the valleys, so still.  
Remember.....

*Harriet*

## Year 6 Debating

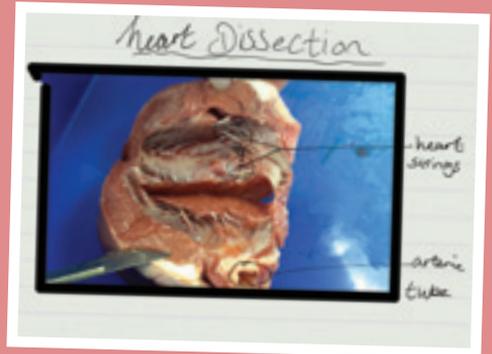
Mrs Campbell-John's classroom was turned into a debating hall when 6B and 6H joined together to debate the motion: This house believes that school uniform should not be worn...

The children were divided into 'for' and 'against' and worked hard to prepare their arguments in class. A very enjoyable and lively debate took place with every child taking part. Archie was as identified the pupil who argued his case the strongest. Thanks very much to Mrs Hobbs for adjudicating.

*Mrs Mason and Mrs Campbell-John*

## Year 6 Heart Dissection

In science Mr Andrade put us in groups of 3 to dissect a pigs heart. I was paired up with Seb and Tom our task was to find the different parts of the heart (left atrium, right atrium, veins arteries and heart strings) I poked my finger through one of the veins and it appeared on the other side it was one of the best science lessons I've had.



*Omid*

## Year 7 Go Kart Race

Speeding vehicles careering on the edge of control, collisions, accidents, spin offs and calls of cheating - yes, yet again the Barrow Hills annual Year 7 Go Kart Race has all the hallmarks of Formula 1!

This year, the sun shone as the intrepid racers donned their helmets, gloves and padding. Knees wobbled (like some of the wheels on the karts) as drivers climbed aboard their marvellous machines, built from scratch with junk and recycled parts. As drivers held on for dear life and valiantly (or vainly) attempted to steer them roughly in a direction that didn't involve ploughing into crowds of Juniors or scraping down the side of parked staff cars, they hurtled down the school drive in search of the glory of winning!

This year was no exception; there was a fair share of crashes, most memorable being Felix and Gabriel sliding along on their helmets within moments of their first race. Undaunted they righted their kart and set off again. Wobbly wheels galore, by the end of break and

numerous races, challenges and unexpected wins the fastest winning time was with one of the boys' teams Felix, Gabriel and Eliot at 20.85 seconds. Not bad over a 120 metre course with twists and turns in it! And the award for most stylish was the camouflaged machine built by the girls' team Charlotte and Maddy. Well done to all the Year 7s who lived to tell their tales.

And what of the go karts? Of course, mayfly like, the go karts led a short but busy life trying to maim or humiliate their occupants. In true environmentally friendly fashion, but with more than a hint of Scrapheap Challenge the go karts will be returned to whence they came, being broken back down into their constituent parts and recycled as appropriate.

The last Barrow Hills Go Kart Race was a joy to watch. Maybe in future years the opportunity will arise to have another go. In the meantime, those who took part or watched just bought in to a little part of the history that goes into making Barrow Hills what it is.



## Year 7 Creative Writing

### Remember

I remember sitting in front of the Rocking chair in awe at one of his stories,  
as he told them with such truth.  
The Gunshots firing,  
The casualties screaming,  
The bombs exploding.  
I could almost see myself there,  
jumping from a height.  
The wind beating against my face,  
pulling the cord and letting colours fly over my head,  
and then he would stop; for a minute.  
I could see it in his eyes,  
the regret,  
the horror,  
the sadness.  
He would tell me a switch had turned on,  
and that he had realised that it's just  
not right,  
not just,  
incorrect.  
He would stand up and put his hand  
on my shoulder  
and say "How times change."

### Remember

I tottered harmlessly over the edge,  
and fell down, down into the hedge.  
Lying there in a pile of leaves  
crying till my parents grieve.  
I fly straight down to A and E.  
They do all sorts of tests on me.  
I rush back home, my neck so sore.  
The next two hours were a painful bore.  
I sit there eating bolognese.  
I'm still in a kind of daze.  
I go to bed and remember.

*Louis*

*Cameron*

### The Zoo

I remember going to the Zoo.  
Me, my Granny and Uncle.  
Off we trundled in the little car.  
Excitement taking over me.

Finally, we arrived and after walking  
for a few minutes, we saw penguins!  
Slipping and sliding into the water.  
Their eyes staring at us curiously.

After walking for a little longer,  
we saw Giraffes.  
Majestically walking towards food.  
Their long black tongues wobbling.

After walking for what seemed like hours,  
We saw Meerkats!  
Standing on their back legs craning their necks,  
or scurrying about, digging for food.

After walking for quite a long time,  
We saw Zebras!  
Lying down in the grass,  
or eating leaves off low branches.

After walking a few steps,  
We saw a leopard cub!  
Teasing photographers who had been standing there  
for hours,  
by peeping its head occasionally from behind a tree.

When we were walking back to the entrance,  
we saw snow leopards!  
Baring their teeth or lying down on high rocks.

I remember going to the zoo,  
Me, my Granny, and Uncle,  
And seeing all the animals.  
As we trundled home in the little car.

*Lexie*

## Year 8 Creative Writing

### Remembrance

You sign up with the cry of the crowd  
Now you only hear the cry of the wounded  
Marching  
Trudging through muddy bodies and disease

You try to shut it out but it always finds you  
Wishing  
Hoping of the thoughts of home

The scampering feeling to run, but you stay  
With every shell you want to hide and tuck up small and  
sleep til it is over

Up there lies the desolate land - craters and lost dreams  
the whole country holds its breath for the outcome.  
It used to be pastures of lush green fields, now a bare  
patch of destroyed wasteland

We don't really know why we are fighting,  
Firing,  
Bombarding them  
We are just told to, and they are probably told the same

Our blood spilt in the trenches like a roaring river  
All we do is try to listen to the beating of our hearts

The confusion of the noise. The guns. The whistle  
We run  
We run  
We stop  
We fall  
We die  
We are remembered  
REMEMBER

*Bart*

### The Land of Water

The setting sun streams through the clouds. Its light is casting a warm glow on the empty pier. The rhythm of the motion of the breaking waves creates a song that lulls the passing birds into a dreaming trance. They fall down like bombs, plummeting at darting speeds.

The water is thrashing all around me, it stings my eyes and floods my lungs. I resist the urge to go back down to the sea bed where the popping and the fizzing of my ears blocks out the feelings and sounds. I must stay to see this through the cloudy mist of the water.

I spot two figures making their way along the promenade. As they come closer their shadows form blobs, then outlines. It's a man and a woman, they wander side by side yet not quite touching. They are smiling yet their smiles look suspiciously fake like someone has come and plastered them down making them stuck in an imitating emotion.

They walk hobbling slightly. They are heading for the standing pier. A slight wind is pushing them onto the pier encouraging them to step out onto the worn, battered planks of the pier's walkway. As they walk, they chatter their teeth reflecting the crushing waves that break the beautiful folds of blue.

This pier, a mighty monument elevated above a vast land of water, the gates to a mystic city that only people like me can visit. Spirits. For this man standing on the pier smiling at the setting sun, with a woman at his side, is me. This is me. I'm watching through the fierce waves of icy water that chills you to the bone. And I know what happens next, I know I should go back down into the water. But I can't. My weightless body is bobbing up and down in the coming tide, I need to go down but I stay.

The moment is coming now. My young self on the pier is looking into the mesmerising swirls of the ocean. The wooden railings creak with my weight. Cracking and with a shriek it snaps and I plummet into the dark kingdom below.

My body flops limply as it hurls into the crashing waves and my companion screams after me but it's too late, now I have gone. The deed is done.

With a mighty crash my body is engulfed.

It belongs to the sea now.

And it sinks to the ocean floor, bubbles floating up to the surface.

The sun sets laying the sea to rest.

*Alice*

### Letter to Barrow Hills Children

Dear Barrow Hills Pupils

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Barrow Hills. All of the teachers here are phenomenal and I would like to say a big thank you from all the pupils.

My advice for the younger years is to stay focused and start revising for Common Entrance at the beginning of Year 8. Don't revise hard every night after school, because you will get bored and your confidence will fall. I now know that my times tables really help and wish I had known all of them, even my nines, at your age. Make the most of every opportunity that comes your way and grab it and don't let go! My personal thing to avoid is always do your homework because when you walk into a class and you haven't done your homework, it is a horrible feeling.

### The Loner

Black clouds rolled in over the snow sprinkled mountain range and Harry looked out over the his land, sadly this only brought the fear of being alone even closer.

He stood up, his rickety legs trembled and his mind conjured up the images he went to bed with last night; pictures of his funeral and no-one there and then in his grave, he would reach out for someone to pull him up, but never did.

They all wanted to be his friends, his servants, his people, but he knew it wasn't real. He knew in his mind's eye that these 'oh so lovely people' would turn on him. And that scared him more than anything, trusting something that would never trust you back.

He was restless so he walked down the perilously steep staircase. He found himself in the hall, the eerie chimes echoed around the room, but he ran out. Away from the fakes and frauds, into the real world, where the gentle icing sugar settled on his fingers. He nervously strutted into the village knowing that no-one would be awake. He went to the frozen fountain, unable to flick a penny in.

A small crack of frost-bitten leaves snapped as a small woman tiptoed over, her ebony hair framed her soft face, as she coughed to gain the attention of this mysterious man sitting at the fountain.

Harry turned around, startled by the presence of another, she couldn't recognise his face but sat down anyway. She picked up one of the little rocks and started to carve a question mark into the ice with it. It crackled and hissed beneath the rock. Harry was intrigued by the subtle shape but it slowly came to his brain what she was asking as he delicately scribed his name in the ice.

They did this for a while until Harry was trying to draw a dog, when he slipped and the ice gave way beneath him. With an almighty splash, the ice crackled. Laughter broke the silence and she smiled and fished him out. "Do you want a towel? I have one at my house."

Nervously Harry replied, "Yes please". They walked in silence but it was not uncomfortable, it was peaceful.

As she opened the door, Harry noticed the gold plating on the door. She gave him a forest green towel and smiled. She rubbed his hair and he stood up and then suddenly a man walked in laughing. She immediately stepped back.

He noticed the ring on his finger ....

*Isla*

Also, be organised. One of my mistakes was having a jam packed bag which wasn't just very heavy, but sometimes I knew I had done my homework but I had been through my bag and thought it wasn't there and then later that night found it scrunched up at the bottom!

But most of all enjoy your life at school because you are only there for a short time and trust me, it soon goes.. Thinking back now, it feels like last week when I joined year three with lovely Miss Powell.

One last thank you for the best time of my life.

Deputy Murtough Captain and Drama Captain.

*Tom*

**The Day I Strolled to Death**

Cold, Screaming, Dying  
 Friends dropping around me, bloodshed  
 I am desperate and confused, indented with sorrow  
 I Remember.....

Freezing icicle embroidered trenches  
 Cold as ice, Scared of death  
 As the blizzard reaches out for me  
 I Remember.....

Playing with death  
 Bullet dodging like I have impenetrable armour  
 Hoping, praying my skin won't be pierced  
 I Remember.....

My Friend  
 Three ruby red wounds to the chest  
 Still strong, hope  
 I Remember.....

Ears are exploded  
 Head ringing  
 Debris scuttled everywhere, explosion  
 I Remember.....

I Freeze like a statue  
 He stares into my eyes, mercy  
 I wait, He shoots, I die,  
 I Remember.....

**Remembrance**

I can hear innocent dreams being killed  
 One  
 By  
 One  
 Screams coming from the foggy distance beyond  
 Wishing none of this had happened  
 Hope is to be found  
 Marching down the avenue with spirit  
 Knowing all at home is well  
 Whistles all around  
 Pause  
 Think  
 It's begun.  
 Rushing through not being careless  
 Bang  
 From the corner of my eye  
 A soldier down  
 With no time to waste, we gather, not thinking but all I  
 can hear is  
 Man Down!  
 Screams  
 Help  
 Fire  
 What has become of our country?  
 Hiding behind what can only keep me safe from a few  
 minutes, I remember my daughter saying  
 Ohana means family  
 Family means nobody gets left behind  
 I love you  
 Together We charge  
 We will not be pushed aside or turned  
 Listen, listen to the sound that's deep within.  
 We're not alone, we can fight for what we deserve.  
 Hoping that it's the last day  
 Closing my eyes  
 Imagine it will all be over sooner than you think.  
 Whistles going off  
 Mind gone blank.  
 Run  
 Stay  
 Time is running out  
 Bang Bang! It's too late  
 I fall  
 Everything in slow motion slowly fading away.  
 Ohana means family and family means nobody gets left  
 behind  
 Just listen to the sound that's deep within.

*Arthur**Sara*

## King Edward's Art Competition

At the beginning of March, students in Year 6 and Year 8 worked on the King Edward's art competition. Students were asked to recreate a famous piece of art using any material or method of their choice.

Congratulations to the following students who entered:

Year 8: Toby, Bart, Milo and Arthur

Year 6: Sam, Sabine, Anna, Sebastian and Theo.



## The Salters' Chemistry Competition

Mrs Humphreys took a team from Barrow Hills to compete in the Salters' Chemistry Competition at University of Surrey. They had the daunting challenge of solving a murder mystery using forensic chemistry in the morning. After lunch, they were given a University Challenge whereby they had to extract pigments from a number of different things. It was an incredibly hard challenge with thirteen other schools competing against us. The children worked so hard as a team that we came 3rd, winning a lovely new Molymod kit for the science department and goodies for each team member.



# Performing Arts

## Pre-Prep Nativity

Well done to the children in Pre-Prep who performed their superb nativity in December. They pulled out all the stops, doing a dress rehearsal on Tuesday, a performance to parents on Thursday and then another one to the school during assembly. They were brilliant with lots of lines to learn and lots of songs too.



## Pre-Prep Easter Performance

Year 2 led the Pre-Prep Easter Service in March. A large audience of parents and other family members enjoyed hearing a number of songs celebrating Spring, Mums and Easter along with poems performed by Year 1 and Year 2. Kindy gave a delightful performance of 'Spring Chicken', a Pre-Prep favourite!



## Pre-Prep Summer Production - All Around the World in an Afternoon

During Expressive Arts week, each Pre-Prep year group learnt about a different country. The children learnt some facts about the country, tasted some food associated with that country and learnt a song and perhaps even a dance too. Although it was a very busy week, great fun was had by all.

The Summer Production was the opportunity for the children to put all their learning onto the stage, allowing parents to experience, songs, dance and poetry from each country. Kindy children visited France and delighted us with their singing of 'Frère Jacques'. Reception children went to Scotland and showed us how to dance a Scottish Reel. Year 1 went to Greece and performed a traditional Greek dance. Year 2 visited India and showed us how to dance Bollywood style.





## Year 3 Humpty Dumpty

Year 3 staged their performance of 'Humpty Dumpty' in June and by all accounts they were simply brilliant! A big thank you to all the staff and parents who helped.





## Year 4 - The Pied Piper of Hamelin

A massive well done to Year 4 for their wonderful production of 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'. Many lines and songs were learned and the addition of make-up and colourful costumes really brought it alive on the stage. Many thanks to all involved behind the scenes and of course Mr Wardell.

*Toby (Mayor of Hamelin) when asked said, "I saw it as an excellent acting opportunity and I enjoyed it a lot!"*

*Noah (Lead Rat) said, "I enjoyed being led away by the Pied Piper and spinning to his flute!"*

*Serena (member of the Corporation) said, "I enjoyed walking on from the*

*back of the hall at the beginning and surprising the audience!"*

An extra well done to Alice and Serena who helped out with lines due to a member of the cast losing their voice - the show had to go on!

*Mrs Clare, Mrs James and Mrs Wallace*

## Year 5 Evening of Music and Drama

On 27th November, Year 5 came into school really excited because it was our school production.

In the evening I stayed for tea along with some others and then at 6:30pm, everyone else came in dressed in their costumes for the performance. We had a little warm-up and then it was time!!

In the performance, we performed drama sketches which we made all by ourselves, titled The Mystery Visitor. We also sang songs from 'Mary Poppins' to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the film of 'Mary Poppins'. A few instrumentalists also performed pieces.

Thank you to Mr Wardell for playing such amazing music and Mrs Campbell-John for putting on such an amazing performance and Mrs Mason for helping with our drama sketches. Well done to everyone in Year 5 for making the performance so special.

*Eleanor*



## Year 6 Wizard of Oz

On 30th June, pupils in Year 6 performed 'The Wizard of Oz' to a packed hall of family and friends. They entertained their audience for an hour and a half with excellent renditions of familiar songs along with powerful acting and lively dance routines! A team of helpful and resourceful parents provided outstanding costumes and make up which added to this memorable show.

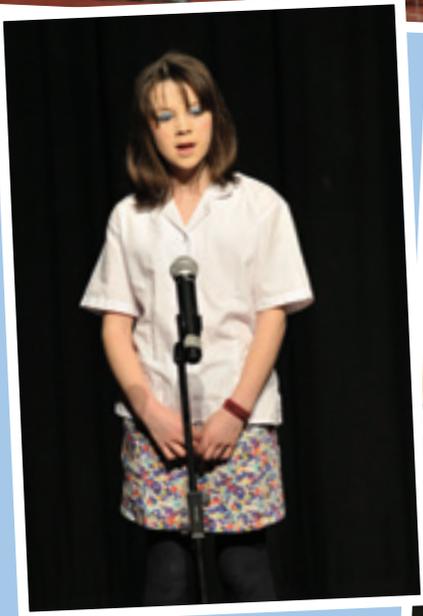
Thank you to Mr Wardell, Mrs Mason and Mrs Campbell-John for their direction in music, dance and drama. Thank you also to all the parents who gave up their time to help with costumes and make-up.





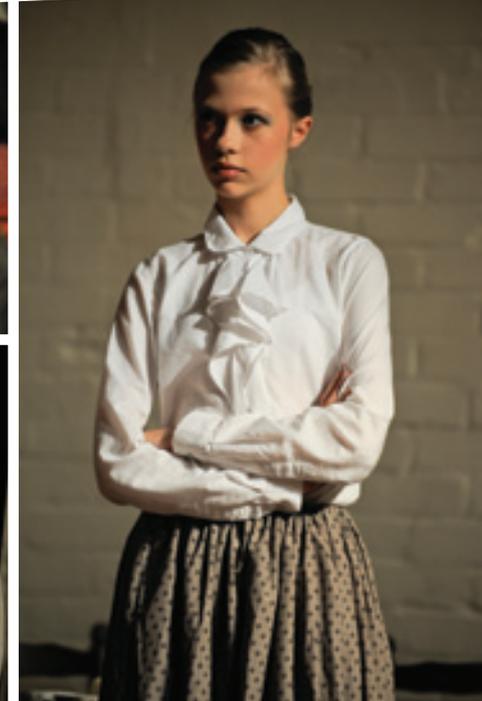
## Year 7 – An Evening of Music and Drama

Well done to Year 7 for a wonderful performance. The audience enjoyed a highly entertaining evening full of variety.



## Year 8 - Private Peaceful

Well done to Year 8 who performed 'Private Peaceful' by Michael Morpurgo to the school and parents. Year 8 worked very hard to tell this moving story of two brothers in World War 1, with every cast member giving a strong performance.



## Ballet News

### Ballet Exam Results:

#### Summer Term 2014:

<i>Primary:</i>	Isobel Emma Charlotte	Distinction
<i>Grade One:</i>	Serena Alice Poppy Lucy	Distinction Distinction Distinction Distinction
<i>Grade Two Performance Award:</i>	Molly	Distinction
<i>Grade Four:</i>	Molly	Distinction

#### Autumn Term 2014:

<i>Pre Primary Passes:</i>	Sophie Sophie Verity	
<i>Grade Two:</i>	Henrietta	
<i>Grade Three:</i>	Molly	Distinction
<i>Grade Five:</i>	Maddy	

#### Spring Term 2015:

<i>Pre-Primary:</i>	Beatrix Ruby Edward Lily Anastasia	
<i>Primary:</i>	Sienna Sarah Holly	Distinction
<i>Grade One:</i>	Emily Lucy Hermione	
<i>Grade One Solo Performance Award:</i>	Poppy Lucy	Distinction Distinction
<i>Grade Two</i>	Elena	

#### Summer Term 2015:

<i>Primary:</i>	William	
<i>Grade One:</i>	Lily Belle	
<i>Grade Two:</i>	Serena Alice Poppy Lucy	Distinction
<i>Grade Three Solo Performance Award:</i>	Molly	Distinction
<i>Grade Four:</i>	Molly	Distinction

#### Other news:

Molly successfully auditioned for National Youth Ballet for the 3rd year running. She was placed 1st in Godalming, 3rd in Ealing and came 2nd in the All England Regional Finals. Molly was Runner up in the Royal Academy of Dance South East Awards Day

Lucy was accepted to the Royal Ballet School Junior Associate Programme, Surrey Youth Ballet and came 3rd at the Aldershot Festival.

## English Youth Ballet

Congratulations to Molly who danced with the English Youth Ballet in their performance of Swan Lake at the New Victoria Theatre in Woking. Molly has worked extremely hard to earn her place with the EYB and we are very proud of her. Thank you to the parents and children who went to see her. Here she is pictured with Rose, her friend and the principal dancer, Black Swan.



## Royal Opera House Visit

In late September, a group of girls from Year 2 right up to Year 7 were lucky enough to go to the Royal Opera House to see the ballet 'Manon'. Miss Anna, our ballet teacher, had applied for the tickets several months ago and was delighted when she found out that she had been allocated some tickets to the special matinee performance for schools. The girls, who all have ballet lessons in school, travelled up to London by train and then walked to Covent Garden for the performance. To add to the excitement levels, they even got to meet one of the performers, Grace Horler, at the stage door before the show. A very big thank you to Miss Anna for organising this trip and giving the children (and staff who accompanied!) such a wonderful experience.

## Music Results

Candidate	Subject	Grade	Cat	Candidate	Subject	Grade	Cat
Enzo	Piano	P		Hattie	Singing	01	Distinction
Belle	Piano	P		Isobel	Singing	P	
Eleanor	Piano	01		Jennifer	Singing	04	
Harry	Piano	05		Samuel	Piano	01	
Ethan	Horn	03	Distinction	Poppy	Piano	P	
Oliver	Trumpet	02	Distinction	George	Piano	02	
Jennifer	Singing	03		William	Piano	P	
Charlotte	Singing	03		Celia	Piano	04	
Oscar	Piano	P		Callum	Piano	P	
Alexander	Violin	P		Emily	Singing	01	
Eleanor	Flute	03		Bethany	Singing	02	
Annabel	Flute	03		Madeleine	Singing	03	
Jasper	Alto saxophone	04	Distinction	Lucy	Piano	P	
Fern	Singing	P		Cameron	Flute	01	
Honor	Singing	01	Distinction	Azelie	Piano	05	Distinction
Phoebe	Singing	02		Hermione	Singing	01	
Caitlin	Singing	02		Charlotte	Singing	04	
Amelie	Piano	02		Amelie	Music Theory	01	Distinction
Phoebe	Piano	02					

## Friday Musicians

This year saw the continuation of our 'Friday Musicians' in our weekly assemblies. This has continued to be a popular feature for performers and audience alike and has provided an excellent showcase for our talented musicians.



## Virginia Bottomley's Christmas Cracker Evening

On Friday 5th December, several children from Barrow Hills School were invited to Baroness Bottomley's house to sing at her annual Christmas evening. The audience were entertained with a variety of songs and musical items. Jasper played his saxophone and Ethan played his French horn. A huge thank you to Mr Wardell for accompanying our children and for kindly driving the mini bus.



## Year 3 Coffee Morning Concert

Year 3 performed a coffee morning concert in early March after drop off. Parents were treated to a selection of solos, musical quizzes and some whole year group singing. It was really lovely to see the children enjoy having the opportunity to showcase their musical skills – some performed pieces that their parents had never even heard before.

## Year 4 Coffee Morning Concert

In March, it was the turn of Year 4 to entertain their parents with an informal concert at morning drop off. Once again, there was a selection of solo performances, year group singing, musical games and even audience participation.



## LAMDA Showcase

Well done to all the children who performed at the LAMDA showcase at the end of term. They were magnificent and it was a lovely end to very busy dramatic term.



## Drama Club Assembly

Well done to the Drama Club who entertained us in February with extracts from 'Cinderella'. Children from Years 5 to 8 did an amazing job as Narrators, Dandini, Buttons, Granny Grippington, the Prince and the Ugly Sisters, complete with costumes and wigs! A huge thank you to Georgia, one of our Drama Captains, for stepping in with ten minutes notice to take the key parts of Cinderella and Dandini.



# Boys' Sport

## Cricket

The first team had a season littered by rain and we were unfortunately not able to get going. Great fielding was the highlight and a great win against the dutch touring team.

The second teams also had rain hit seasons but both secured comprehensive wins against St Edmund's and improved hugely from the start of the season having trained very well.

The Colts A had exceptional wins against Seaford and Belmont. The Colts Bs beat the same teams and came so close in a fantastic game against Edgeborough. The Colts Cs drew with Seaford and also beat Belmont. Overall a very positive set of results.

The Junior Colts had notable wins against Belmont for the As and Haslemere for the Cs whilst the Bs were unlucky not to record a victory in an encouraging season.

### 1st



### Colts A



### 2nd



### Colts B



### Colts C1



### Colts C2



## Football

### Under 8A Football

Under 8A team had an enjoyable football season playing together as a team for the first time and getting to grips with proper matches. We played schools such as Belmont, Chandler, Portsmouth Grammar and more. We won two games, drew one and lost three. Not too bad a record especially since at least one of the teams we played against put out Year 4s! Oscar and James were solid in defence, with Sascha doing a cracking job in goal. Up front Edward, Thomas and me did our best to find the net. In fact, everyone in the team managed to score at least once even if we might have had one own goal. Bit of a banana slip up! I think Under 8A team have learned a lot about football and ourselves. We can play in lots of positions and I think next season will be even better. Thank you too to our coaches Mr Clarke, Mr Monk and Mr Hatcher.

*Fraser*



### Under 8B Football

The Under 8B football team was made up of Rupert, William, Thomas, Charlie, Dido and Nicholas. We played 6 matches this season; winning 1, losing 2 and drawing 3. Our first match against Edgeborough was the first match we played as a team and for some of us the first time we had played in a football team. Although we lost this one 2-1 we learnt a lot and were happy to have scored at least 1 goal. We fared better in the next match drawing against St. Edmund's, 1 all. We also began to figure out who was good at what and how to work together. Our first away match was against Belmont, it was miserable, they destroyed us – we lost 3-0. By the time we played Amesbury we all had our preferred positions and we knew who was better at attack and defence. This was our grand victory we won 2-1. Our next match against PGS was a 2-2 draw. Although it poured with rain and we all got soaked we managed some good attacks and defence. Our final match of the season was against Haslemere and we drew this one also 0-0. Well done everyone for trying their best and thank you to our coaches for our first season.

*Charlie*



### Under 9A Football

Noah, Zachary, Finlay, George, Charlie and I made up the under 9A team. We played PGS and Zach put us in the lead by an early goal that slid in to the left hand corner from the right hand side. After they scored back, Noah came running down the left wing and scored to put us back in the lead again. After, P.G.S. won another goal to put us level again but after that I scored a good goal to put us back in the lead and we had to defend for our lives. The whistle went for the end of the match, we had won! We had a great season, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

*Harry*



## Under 9B Football

The under 9B football team was made up of Freddie, Angus, Dominic, Jake, Harry, Nicky and Oscar. We had a very good season for goals. There were lots of shots, Freddie, Oscar and Angus had the most but everyone got a chance. As a result, we nearly got an unbeaten season. Everyone had lots of runs, shots and goals. The best score was 11-2 we were amazing. We shook hands and played well, our time went extremely well, I loved it.

*Freddie*



## Under 9C Football

Jake, Dominic, Alexander, Enzo and I played seven matches for the under 9 C team this season. We won three, lost three and drew one. Our best match was against Belmont at home. We won 8-0 and most of the goals were scored by Enzo. We played really well as a team only taking ten seconds to score our first goal. Well done everyone for working really hard all season.

*Toby*



## Colts A Football

This year we had Ben as our goalkeeper and two defenders Archie and myself. Our midfielders were Hector in the centre, Scott on the left and Freddie on the right. Up front we had Matty and Sam with Frank also playing a couple of matches. We played 8 matches won two, drew two, and lost four. Our best result of the season was us winning 4-0 against Amesbury. In the cup we lost 2-5 against Hoe Bridge so we went through to the plate and unluckily lost against Hall Grove but Hector scored the goal of the season.

*Sam*

## Colts B Football

The Colts B team was made up of me in goal, Josh and Ross Rayner in defence, Freddie Willoughby and Harry in midfield, and Bailey at striker. We had a great start to the season against Edgeborough winning 8-0 comfortably. Our second match was against St Edmund's, I was injured but Ollie was brave enough to take over in goal and he did a great job with us winning 6-1. Our next match was against Belmont we again won but this time a closer result of 3-1. The toughest match of the season was against Chandler. Unfortunately we lost 4-2 but we played well. The next match was against Amesbury we won 4-1 Ross scored his first goal with a sublime finish to beat the keeper from a metre or so outside the box. Our final match was against Haslemere. We were beaten by the better team and lost 7-3. The season was a great success for the team. Thank you to Mr Fisher for coaching most of our matches.

*James*



## Colts C Football

We started the season with a home match against Edgeborough. Although we lost by just one goal (1-0) this match helped us get familiar with our positions and each other as a new team. We then went on to win our next two matches against St Edmund's and Belmont with clear victories of 4-2 and 5-1. We worked well as a team and all players defended well, especially Harry when the opposition got close. The midfielders did a fantastic job getting the ball up to our sharp goal shooters Edward and Ben, who secured our winning goals with speed and accuracy. Our next match was against our neighbouring school Chandler. Although we lost 4-1 we were proud of our performance and several goals were stopped by our star, eagle-eyed goalie Eddie. The last two matches against Amesbury and Haslemere Prep were very exciting and close! We lost each by just one goal but really enjoyed both games. Thank you to the Colts C team for all your hard work and the fun we had this season and to all the coaches who helped us. We look forward to showing our opposition how much we have progressed next season!

*Ethan*



## Colts D Football

We played six games this season, winning two of them, drawing three and losing just one. The first game away at Edgeborough, who are always hard to beat, was a 1-1 draw. We then lost at home to St Edmund's, but the following week we came back fighting with a 4-0 win against Belmont.

The next two games ended in draws and we ended the season with a peach of a win, 2-1 against Haslemere Heights. Flynn was a great goalie and some great goals were scored by Matty, but everyone played really well and there was a great team spirit amongst the boys, despite the wet weather in the later games.

*Jasper*



## Colts E Football

The E team have had a good year for how hard we've tried and succeeded. Our first match against Edgeborough, sadly we lost 3-1 but we had a fun day. Sadly it went pear shaped when we lost our next match 10-0. It was quite a thrashing but we had a great time and well done to Luke for fantastic striking.

Our next match was against Chandler annoyingly the opposition won 5-0. Archie was our captain and did a very good job. Our next match against Amesbury it was a bit better though losing 5-1 they did have a great striker and a number of subs so they did not get so tired. Okay last match was no sweat against Haslemere, amazingly we won 2-0! We enjoyed the match and loved winning for once. Edward helped us to achieve this.

Thank you for our teachers for cheering us on and helping us to improve.

*Charlie*

## 3rd XI Football

In the 3rd team we had lots of interesting matches, and none more so than our first match against Edgeborough where the score turned out to be a shocking 11-3! We played well with lots of possession but their defences were too strong. Although on some occasions we pushed past their defences and sent the ball right into their goal. They just pounded us with wave after wave of attacks, so we were defeated.

The next match was played against St Edmund's on 17th September. This time we were ready for anything and we had realised after the first match we had to use tactics, although we let in four goals it was a win! Five goals to us, so we had to be proud.

Then on 8th October, we played Amesbury home and things became difficult because it seemed we were even, so we had to play really hard, although we scored a goal they scored one back. The whistle blew, we shook their hands, a draw, not bad.

That is all the games played by the 3rd team thanks to the whole team for playing so well and for all the sports teachers for coaching us.

*Joel*

## 2nd XI Football

In our first match, we tried to play strong but they were too strong as soon as they got the first four goals we knew they were going to win, then they got two more goals and they won 6-0.

In the next game we were really determined that we were going to win but St Edmund's struck first and they got two goals. We came back with one goal, they got four more goals and they won 6-1.

In our next match against Belmont we struck first and got two goals but then they came back at us a scored one goal. We were angry that we have not won a match yet, so we pressed on and got another goal, so that was the first match we won.

I am going to thank the whole team for playing so well.

*Blake*



## 1st XI Football

This season, the 1st XI football team had some mixed results. After last season's runaway success, we certainly had a lot to live up to!

The first match was away against Edgeborough School on September 10th. We played some good football, coming from behind twice, but the end result was a 2-2 draw. The team's hopes were high after a strong performance in this first game and we trained hard in preparation for the second game of the season against St Edmund's. This game was also played away, and was an exciting game with the scores level after the first half. Unfortunately, we made some mistakes in defence and ended up losing 3-2. This was a damaging blow to the team's morale, but as Captain, with my vice-captain Tom supporting me, I was able to encourage the team to put the loss behind them and look towards the next fixture.

On 24th September, the first XI played our 1st game on home soil, against Belmont School. Throughout the game, Barrow Hills played with confidence and flair – with goals from Gabriel, Elliott and Henry and a superb hat trick from Toby sealing a 6-0 win. We approached our 2nd home game of the season, against Amesbury School, with confidence, but unfortunately never seemed to find our rhythm, and we lost 1-5.

The last football match of the season was against Haslemere Prep. Due to injury, I was unable to play, so I handed my duties to Tom for the match. It was a tough match for the team and Haslemere proved to be too strong to beat and we suffered a 5-3 loss.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being Barrow Hills School Football Captain this year. I would like to thank Mr Hatcher and his staff for coaching us, and the boys for their strong commitment.

*Henry*

## Year 2 Football Tournament



All the children in Year 2 enjoyed participating in a football tournament in the autumn term. Thank you to the older boys who refereed and coached the games.



## Parkside Hockey Tournament

Year 4 boys hockey 'A' team took part in a tournament hosted by Parkside in Surbiton.

All the boys played well and they should be proud of the effort they put in to every game and how they worked as a team.

## U8A Hockey



## U8B Hockey



We drew our first game against St Edmund's 0-0 but this was when everyone played really well! We were really unlucky. We lost to Amesbury 1-0 but the weather was so cold and rainy so no one could play properly. In our last match we lost 3-0 to Parkside but they were really good. Everyone had loads of fun even though we didn't win a match.

## U9A Hockey



We lost against St Edmund's but it was only 3-1 and we all tried so hard! In our next match we lost again to Amesbury but scored two times this time. In our last match we won 2-1, it showed our improvement through the season which was really good!

## U9B Hockey



In our first game we drew 1-1 in a really fun match against a really good team St Edmund's. We lost 3-2 to Amesbury but again we played so well! We also drew 1-1 vs Edgeborough and to finish the season we had an amazing win against a really good hockey school Parkside. Well done to the whole team on a great season.

## Colts A Hockey

The Colts A hockey team had a bit of a slow start. We fought hard but sadly lost our first match against Parkside 2-1. Ben, the keeper, made a pair of amazing saves. The next match was against Amesbury. Sam, Ross and Ben worked together preventing many goals. Sam Gray scored a goal but unfortunately we lost 2-1. Our next match, the forwards, Hector, Archie and Freddie, played very well and had St Edmund's on the run. Together with great backup in defence, we had a peach of a victory, with some amazing goals to win 3-1. The next match against Hoe Bridge was disappointing, we worked hard but lost 3-0. The last two matches against Edgeborough and PGS were a success and our team work was amazing. We won both matches 7-1, by strong defence, impeccable goal keeping and a stream of goals from the forwards. The team improved so much over the season. Thank you to all the coaches and especially Mr Clarke for his support.

*Freddie*



## Colts B Hockey

The Colts B Hockey team had a great season winning four matches and only losing two. Our main team was Ethan in goal Josh and I in defence, Eddie, Edward, and Frank in midfield and Ollie up front with Scott. Although the team changed.

Our best match was against PGS winning 7-0 away closely followed by winning 7-0 at home against Edgeborough, the other two wins were 4-0 against St Edmund's and 3-0 against Amesbury.

Two matches went slightly pear shaped but all round a great performance. Thank you to Mr Clarke and Mr Andrade for being our coaches.

*Seb*

## Colts C1 Hockey

In our first game we beat Parkside 2-1, who are a very good hockey school! A great way to start the season! Our good playing continued in the next match where we beat Edgeborough by the same score as the last match.

We then beat St Edmund's 3-0 meaning we were on such a good winning streak. We then beat a much bigger school than us PGS 3-2! Unfortunately, our streak stopped at Amesbury where they beat us easily 5-2, they were really good. Hoe Bridge beat us 6-0 unfortunately to end the season. It was a good season and we all had loads of fun, we won more games than we lost too!



## Colts C2 Hockey

Colts C2 got off to a bad start when we lost our first two games 2-0 in each one. Things got even worse in the third match because we lost 7-0 and we felt like a bunch of lemons. My favourite part of our season was winning the fifth game 2-0 we couldn't have done it without brilliant teamwork. Jasper was amazing in defence and Flyn was great at long passes to Freddie who joined me up front who got it up to me to score two goals (that was my highlight of the game). I would like to say a big thank you for some excellent teamwork and for Mr Hodgson-King for coaching us for most of the season.



*Callum*

## 1st Hockey



The season got off to a fantastic start as we beat Edgeborough by seven goals! We were so clinical and to beat our rivals by so many goals was so good! Unfortunately, we then lost our next match to Hoe Bridge 2-1 but we were so unlucky, the ball just wouldn't go in the goal! We came back strongly though beating St Edmund's 5-1 and we worked so hard to score that many, running the opposition ragged. Once again we lost our next match against the best team we played, Amesbury. They were really good but at least we managed to score 3 goals against them, but we lost 5-3 overall. In our last match, we played out an amazing 3-3 draw with Seaford, what a game! Thank you to Mr Clarke for coaching us.

## 3rd Hockey



## 2nd Hockey

The matches this season were spectacular. . . First of all every match we played, a man of the match stood out for their commitment and dedication; and funnily enough, the man of match was different every time. This shows us that everyone contributed to the team to create this season's success. Secondly, nearly all of our matches were wins apart from one. However the most important thing to see was how hard everyone tried and worked together. On to the results... at the beginning of the season, Wednesday 4th February we played Seaford, we clearly won, 4 - 1. Henry scored some tremendous goals after many opportunities. The second match on Wednesday 11th February against St. Edmund's, Eliot scored a tremendous goal, the ball flew through the air like a large bulbous pineapple. On 25th February, we played Hoe Bridge. Before the match, some players in the 1st's were absent so some of us moved up to their team. This meant some 3rd's were in our team, the score was 3 - 0 to Hoe Bridge. The next match, on 4th March, against Amesbury was another win 3-0. On the 11th March we played our final match against Edgeborough. Unfortunately the pitch was rather small but we still won 5-4. Thank you to Mr. Hatcher for organising the matches and for Mr. Andrade for coaching us. Overall many of us moved up to the 1st's and the 3rd's got a chance to see what it's like in our team. Well done for the whole team for being so dedicated and constructive.

*Milo*

## 4th Hockey



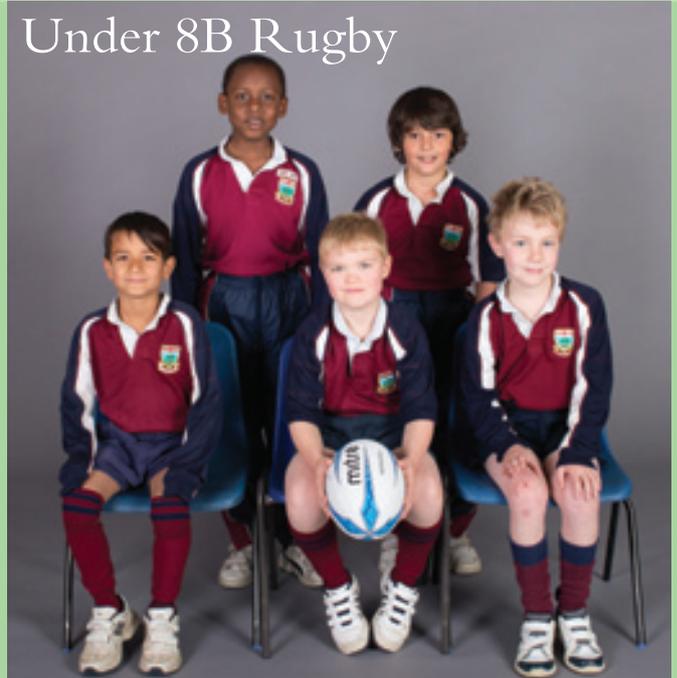


## Under 8A Rugby

This was our first rugby season. We played 6 matches and the best match we played was against PGS. Although we lost 17-15 it was the most enjoyable game of the season. Edward played really well in the games along with Oscar and James scoring some thrashing tries. We played our best in all our matches and to have won a match was the cherry on the cake. My favourite part of the season was scoring lots of tries and eating the match teas. We hope we can win some more games next season.

*Thomas*

## Under 8B Rugby



## Under 9A Rugby

Well done to everyone in the U9 As for playing so well with a great rugby season. We worked our socks off in the games. George, Zach, Finley, Noah and I scored some amazing tries and put in some fantastic tackles. We had a fabulous season with a few wins and a few losses. Our best game was Amesbury, we won 4-0 at their school so it was a very energetic match. There were good players on both teams but we just kept our spirits up and kept diving for tackles, running down wings and working hard and being a proper unit. We had hard games like against PGS (4-0) they had some very speedy players but sadly we lost, but the match tea is nice and it was a very long journey. Thank you all the teachers and players for working so hard.

*Charlie*

## Under 9B Rugby





## Colts A Rugby

Our first game was against St Edmund's which we went into and won by a decent amount the score was 40-10 to us. We carried on our winning streak beating Belmont 45-5. The next game we knew was going to be a tough one against Edgeborough which we lost 15-0. Unfortunately, we carried on our losing streak against a potential banana skin, Haslemere which we lost 35-0. The next game was against PGS on artificial grass, we adapted well to it and beat them 35-10. After that our final game was against Amesbury which was a tough game which we lost 31-5.

*Hector*

## Colts B Rugby

We played seven games this season and started well with a couple of wins. Our first match on 12th November against St Edmund's was a bit easy as we won 50-0. The next match, on 19th November, was a closer game against Belmont. We started well but they came back fighting hard but we managed to succeed in the end. The result was 15-5. On 26th November, we had an away match against Edgeborough. Again, the score was tight but unfortunately they had the edge on us and they won 15-10. Seaford played on our pitches and we managed to step up our game and we won convincingly 50-10. I think it was due to the kitchen ladies giving us a great lunch and fuelling us with bananas. Our match just after the Christmas holidays saw us struggle a bit, perhaps we all had too many Christmas puddings in our bellies, as we lost against Haslemere 25-5. Better luck next time. On 14th January, PGS came with a strong team, they seemed to tower over us and beat us 46-7. Our final match on 21st January was against Amesbury and the team lost 40-15.

Good luck next season.

*Archie*



## Colts C Rugby

Our first game of the season we lost 30-0 to St Edmund's but in the next match we beat Belmont 30-5! Our next two games were draws which you don't get very often in rugby, 30-30 against Edgeborough and 15-15 against Seaford; two really good opponents! Unfortunately, we lost by one try to Haslemere when we had played really well. We then lost by 35 to 10 against PGS a much bigger school! We ended the season on a fantastic win against Amesbury winning by 10 tries to 5 or 50-25! Well done to the whole team for an amazing season!

## Colts D Rugby

This season we played 5 matches. Our first game was away at St Edmund's and I am pleased to say we won 20-5. The following week was also a success at home against Belmont. The score was 50-40 with some plum shots. We had not such a good match away at Edgeborough, in the end it was 45-15. The first match back after Christmas in January was a success again on home ground against Haslemere with a win of 50-30. Sadly, we finished our rugby season with a loss away at Amesbury 30-5. We are looking forward to next year's matches

*Luke*



## 1st XV Rugby

It was a tough start to our season, playing Seaford and losing 45-10 against a strong side, we showed great character to break their defence twice though. After Christmas we played Amesbury this time losing by 5 points more, 50-10 again we did very well. We got our first win of the season against Broadwater winning 39-34, a really hard fought win and a great game! We lost against Haslemere 35-12 and against St Edmund's 22-0. Our second and final win of the season came with a great team match against Belmont, everyone worked so hard. Another very good team, Edgeborough, beat us by the same score as Amesbury (50-5) and we had an amazing match to finish the season drawing 10-10 against KES. Everyone improved so much this season well done on an enjoyable season. Thank you to Mr Fisher for coaching us.

*Edward*



## 2nd Rugby

During this season, everybody in the team contributed 100% effort all the way through, from beginning to end. Even though the season wasn't very successful, what really stood out was everybody's determination and improvement. At the beginning of the season, some of us were disappointed that we didn't make the first team, but we were optimistic about it. In the first match (12th December) against St. Edmund's everybody tried their hardest - the first half we were helped by two of the opposing team players because some of us were ill. Sadly, we were losing but in the second half, Blake and Declan scored some terrific tries but not enough to beat them. Unfortunately, we lost 45-25. On 19th December we played Belmont. We played a lot better this game, doing some dummy passes and great runs-the end scene was 50-45 to us. On 26th we faced Edgeborough, this time it was harder but we still pushed through with a tremendous score of 60-60. The next match was after Christmas so everyone (even the teachers) weren't used to exercise, hence when we played Haslemere on 7th we lost 70-35, but Arthur scored probably the try of the season when he made a run through seven or eight people and then slammed the ball down as if it was a watermelon. The final match was sad because it was our last rugby match at Barrow Hills against Amesbury. Some of our team were absent on the day. So we played Rugby 7's with a sub. Halfway through Louie, arguably are best player, got injured and had to go off. Halfway through the second half, we stopped the game with a score of 41-17



to them. The reason we stopped was so we could merge the teams so it was equal. After some shirt changing, we were ready! It was a great way to finish off the final match at Barrow Hills! Overall, the team put in great effort and commitment to play well and have fun. Nobody felt ashamed or disappointed about the scores of the season, everybody tried their best, and that is all that matters.

*Milo*

# Girls' Sport

## Girls Cross-Country

### Seaford College

On Friday 19th September, we took part in the Seaford College cross-country event which was a hilly and tough course!

The U11 girls came in 3rd overall  
The U10 girls came 2nd overall

### Longacre

Well done to the girls who took part in the cross country event at Longacre School on Monday 2nd March.

The U9 girls team had some exceptional individual runners with Annabelle coming 2nd overall out of a field of 35 runners and Alice right behind her in 3rd place. Further congratulations to Zahra in Year 3 who ran and finished in the top ten in the Year 4 girls race.

In the U11 girls category, Henrietta (Year 5) demonstrated superb fitness coming 1st racing in the Year 6 race. Well done to both Charlotte



and Anna for gaining top ten places. Unfortunately the team did not gain an overall position as we needed 4 girls to finish.

## Lacrosse

We have now 'dabbled' in lacrosse for the last two years, introducing pop-lacrosse to all girls in Years 3-8 for just a couple of weeks in the spring term. This year the girls in Years 6-8 progressed to playing field lacrosse with new sticks and more rules, including tackling. The standard was extremely encouraging.



On Wednesday 11th March and Thursday 12th March, we played a total of 7 matches against Edgeborough and Barrow Hills won 5 and lost 2. The following week we played against both Longacre and Highfield in a further 7 matches, winning 4, drawing one and

losing 2. The U13 team had a closely fought match against Highfield and lost 10-8 which was a huge improvement on our ability in this sport as the previous year we had not been up to match standard.

## Netball

This year has been a fantastic year for two teams in particular: U11A and U13 teams. Both teams have had an unbeaten season in their matches on a Wednesday afternoon. They have played six months of netball, every Wednesday playing all of our local rival prep schools such as Amesbury, Edgeborough, St Edmund's and not lost a single match! As a reward the girls were taken on a water skiing trip. Very well done girls! A special mention should also go to the U9 team who came very close to also having had an unbeaten season of matches on a Thursday afternoon - they lost one match all year to St Hilary's. Better luck next year girls!

Netball colours for the 2014/5 season were awarded to:

Isla (U13) Azelie (U11), Annabel (U11), Celia (U11), Miranda (U11), Sabine (U11), Harriet (U11), Lily (U11), Sophie (U11),

### Under 11 GHS Tournament

On Friday 10th October, the U11A netball team participated in the GHS netball tournament. Twenty schools took part and we made it through our section qualifying in 1st place. Sadly we then lost in the quarter finals to a very strong team from St Hilary's who went on to win the tournament. Player of the tournament - Sabine.



### Under 8 Cranleigh Tournament

On Thursday 13th November, the U8 netball team took part in their first ever netball tournament at Cranleigh and played a round robin against three other schools in their section. Overall they finished with one draw, one win and one loss and finished 2nd overall in their section. All of the girls in Year 3 played. Well done!

### Under 13 Highfield Tournament

On Wednesday 19th November, the U13 team participated in the Highfield Netball Tournament. The standard was incredibly high as we took on schools with a large pool of girls to select their netball teams from such as Danes Hills and Lambrook. Sadly, the girls did lose

## Swimming

Throughout the year we have had swimming galas at both St Edmund's and also Highfield. Sadly we lost both galas however, only narrowly. Matthew captained the swimming team this year and won all of his individual races. Henrietta has recently proved to be in the top 8 swimmers nationally.

On 15th June, our senior swimmers took on KES Witley in a fun gala with a mixture of serious and non-serious races. We won 24-21. Well done to all of our Year 7 & 8 swimmers.



all of their matches including a damaging defeat from the Highfield A team who beat them 20-1 in 12 minutes. Unsurprisingly Highfield went on to win their tournament! Fortunately, our girls remained in good spirits and enjoyed the challenging afternoon of netball!

### Under 10 Rydes Hill Netball Tournament

On Saturday 17th January, the U10 girls took part in the Rydes Hill netball tournament and played in some testing conditions with ice on the courts. After a delay to the start of play, waiting for the sun to melt some of the ice, the girls could finally enjoy playing netball. The team was made up of just three girls from Year 5 and the rest were all the girls from Year 4 who were eager to gain experience. Fortunately our Year 4 girls are a strong netball team so they were able to hold their own against girls in the year above. We managed to win two matches against Rydes Hill and St Ives although this was not enough to get us through to the semi-finals. Player of the tournament - Alice.

### U9 Conifers Tournament

On Friday 20th March, the U9 girls played and won a netball tournament hosted by Conifers School. The girls played exceptionally well beating Conifers, Dorset House and Westbourne House. Player of the tournament - Serena.

### Under 11 Seaford Tournament

On Saturday 7th March, both the U11A and the U11B teams took part in a netball tournament at Seaford College. The tournament was a round robin between ten participating schools so both teams played a total of nine matches each. The B team were fantastic and

despite only one other school entered a B team they won three matches and finished in 7th position overall. The A team won eight matches in a row very comfortably beating St Ives, The Royal, Seaford College, Westbourne House, Lavant House. However they then sadly lost their last match to Rydes School and finished as runners up of the tournament. However, the girls were rewarded as the team to score the most number of goals in the tournament - 56. Very well done to both Sophie and Azelie for scoring all of those goals! Player of the tournament - Azelie.

**IAPS Tournament**

Well done to the U11 girls who took part in the IAPS competition at High Wycombe on Thursday 5th March. The team finished 4th in their section of nine schools. They needed to win their last match against Lambrook to qualify but sadly lost this 7-6 in a closely fought contest.

On Friday 6th March it was the turn of the U13 team at IAPS in High Wycombe. They had some very tall opposition and finished 6th out of a section of eight. Well done to all the girls who played.



Under 8



Under 9A



Under 9B



Under 10

# U11 IAPS Team



# U11A Netball



# U12 Netball



# U13 Netball



# U13 IAPS Team



## Rounders

With a number of matches cancelled at the beginning of the season due to rain we still managed to play a total of 33 matches. Our most successful team was undoubtedly the U13 team who lost only one match all season against Amesbury, beating Belmont, Cranleigh, Ripley Court and KES Witley.

We have had a highly successful year of girls being awarded their pink rounders ball in assembly as a result of scoring either four full rounders or three catches in one match.

### 3 catches in one match:

Marta	(Yr 8)
Charlotte	(Yr 7)
Annabel	(Yr 6)
Jessica	(Yr 6)
Caitlin	(Yr 5)
Madeleine	(Yr 3)

### 4 full rounders in one match:

Alice	(Yr 8)
Amelie	(Yr 6)
Celia	(Yr 6)
Charlotte	(Yr 5)
Olivia	(Yr 4)

All rounders and catches scored by every girl for the season is recorded. This year the girl with the most amount of rounders scored was Olivia (12) and the girl who made the most catches was Marta (7). Both girls received their rounders colours, very well done! Also receiving rounders colours this year for outstanding play all season was Amelie, Charlotte and Alice.

## Under 13 Rounders



## Under 11 Rounders



## Under 10 Rounders



## Under 9 Rounders



## Under 8 Rounders



### Leavers Rounders

On Friday 3rd July all girls in Year 6 and Year 8 who are leaving at the end of this school year played against their mums (and the odd dad / brother!) for a rounders match. Fortunately the girls came out victorious winning 26.5 to 12.5. A fun and entertaining evening culminating in a BBQ.



# Hockey

## Under 13 Bryanston Hockey Tournament

In November, the Under 13 hockey team had a great day of hockey at the Bryanston tournament. We also took Henrietta from Year 5 (three years younger!) who is an exceptionally talented centre forward. There were a lot of closely fought matches in the group stage however we did sadly end up in the wooden spoon competition in the afternoon with all teams who finished in 6th position in their section. Our tournament ended with a 2-1 loss to a strong team from St Piran's. The Bryanston tournament is very well run providing lots of play and fantastic refreshments for the girls! Player of the tournament - Marta.

## U10 PGS Tournament

On Wednesday 4th February, the U10 girls participated in a hockey tournament hosted by PGS. We played incredibly well in the initial group stage winning four out of four matches to proceed through to the semi-finals. However we faced PGS A team who were too good and we lost the match 2-0. Our team was made up of all girls in Year 5 and we were the only school to play every girl in their year group. Very well done girls. Player of the tournament - Henrietta.

## U9 PGS Tournament

On Thursday 5th March, it was the turn of the U9 team to play in a tournament hosted by PGS. They defended brilliantly however were unable to convert many goals and finished 4th in a section of seven. Sadly, this was not enough to take us through to the semi-finals. Player of the tournament - Elena.



U10 Girls Hockey



U12 Girls Hockey



U13 Girls Hockey

U8 Girls



U9A Girls



U9B Girls



U11A Girls



## Pre-Prep Sports Day

Pre-Prep children took part in their annual sports day on a sunny Wednesday morning. There were a variety of races, including the ever-popular obstacle and three legged races culminating in the big relay race at the end. Well done to all the children, from the youngest aged three to the oldest at nearly eight, all of whom participated with energy and enthusiasm on a very hot day.



## Prep Sports Day

On the hottest July day on record, the children in the Prep department took part in the annual sports day. Despite the heat, the children were magnificent and a number of school records were broken:

U9 boys skip - Noah 12.77s (4 years)

U11 girls 200m - Amelie 31.96s (4 years)

U11 girls 400m - Lily 1.14.54 (7 years)

U9 girls skip - Alice 13.12s (6 years)

U11 boys 100m - Hector 14.18s (9 years)

U10 boys 100m - Ben 11.00s (15 years)

U10 girls 400m - Henrietta 1.20.09 (13 years)

The Victrix Ludorum was won by Isla and the Victor Ludorum by Toby. Congratulations to **Kean** who were the winning House.





## Holland Sports Tour

During half term, a group of Year 7&8 children travelled to Holland to take part in the bi-annual sports tour. It was an action packed five days with hockey coaching during the day and fixtures against both Dutch and English teams in the evenings. In between the hockey, we managed to fit in tobogganing, swimming, a disco and, courtesy of Sergey as a birthday treat, a trip to a pancake house. On the final full day of the tour, we hired bikes and rather ambitiously, cycled to Maastricht where the children had some free time to explore this wonderful city. We then cycled to the hockey pitches to take part in the final hockey tournament.



The children played really well in the fixtures, with the girls winning a netball match, the hockey A team getting one draw, one loss and one win and the mixed hockey B team winning all their matches. The Dutch coaches selected their 'Player of the Tour' and from the A team this was Felix and for the B team, Maddy.

The bike ride was a fabulous opportunity to get out and see some of the Dutch villages and countryside close-up. The children really enjoyed the challenge of the ride (including the fact that Holland has hills and the brakes on Dutch bikes are on the opposite side to our bikes!) and the beautiful view of Maastricht that we had as we approached the city.

The final treat of the tour came on our departure day. We stopped off in Belgium and spent a very exciting few hours at the adventure theme park Bobbejaanland before making our way to Calais for the return journey home.

I think it is fair to say that a great time was had by all – including the staff. I have even heard rumour that it was 'the best trip ever!' Well done to all the children who took part. It is so nice for them to have time out of school to be together, play sport, relax, socialise and just have fun. Year 7 & 8, despite the noise, you were a pleasure to take on tour!

*Mrs McBrown*

## Athletics

This year we introduced a new relay competition at Barrow Hills. In total five schools competed against each other with children running three relays: 3 x 600m, 3 x 100m and 3 x 300m. Barrow Hills U9, U11 and U13 boys and girls teams came 2nd overall in every age group apart from the U11 girls who came 3rd overall. St Edmund's and Edgeborough both gained victories over us. A highly enjoyable event and one that will definitely be on the sporting calendar again next year.



In games lessons, the girls have been participating for the English Schools Award Scheme and attempting to gain either bronze, silver or gold badges in three events that must include one run, one throw and one jump. Below are the results of who managed to gain an award:

### Primary School Bronze Award:

Madeleine, Belle, Lily, Lucy, Serena, Poppy, Emily, Alice, Anastasia, Emily, Phoebe, Eleanor, Anna, Lauren, Azelie, Lily

### Primary School Silver Award:

Zahra, India, Annabelle, Elena, Lucy, Isabella, Olivia, Caitlin, Molly, Charlotte, Honor, Celia, Jessica, Harriet, Annabel, Phoebe

### Primary School Gold Award:

Henrietta, Sophie, Sabine, Amelie, Miranda, Lily

### Secondary School Bronze Award:

Alice, Georgia, Madeline

### Secondary School Silver Award:

Isla, Marta



# Captains

Congratulations to all the children in Year 8 who took on positions of responsibility. They embraced their roles with enthusiasm and dedication, practising their leadership skills, sharing their knowledge and experience and mentoring the younger pupils.



Postion	Name
Head Boy	Jasper
Head Girl	Isla
Deputy Head Boy	Arthur
Deputy Head Girl	Georgia
Kean - Captain	Joel
Kean Vice - Captain	Marta
McCormack - Captain	Will
McCormack -Vice Captain	Sergey
Murtough Captain	Milo
Murtough - Vice Captain	Tom
Art Captain	Milo
Art Captain	Sara
Charity Captain	Arthur
Drama Captain	Georgia
Drama Captain	Tom
DT Captain	Matthew

Postion	Name
Forest School Captain	Thomas
Forest School Captain	William
Kindy Captain	Bart
IT Captain	Sergey
IT Captain	Matthew
Junior Prep Captain	Declan
Junior Prep Captain	Henry
Music Captain	Jasper
Pre-Prep Captain	Alice
Pre-Prep Captain	Blake
Sports Captain - Girls	Maddy
Sports Captain - Boys	Toby
Cricket Captain	Thomas
Football Captain	Henry
Rugby Captain	Thomas
Swimming Captain	Matthew





# School Council

During 2014-15 year the focus for the School Council was to raise money to plant a butterfly garden for Pre-Prep. They worked hard throughout the year and raised enough money to buy a variety of plants for the garden along with a rather magnificent bird feeder. Then, in the summer term, Year 8 created clay butterfly sculptures for the new garden. These clay models of British butterflies were installed to reflect the purpose of the new plants and shrubs. After drying out in the kiln room they were fired, painted and hung in pride of place around a focal bird bath. The garden was planted specifically to attract butterflies and contains miniature buddleias, white lavender, heleniums and cat mint. Pre-Prep love observing the butterflies and are now able to join in with 'The Big Butterfly Count'.



# Forest School

Forest School continues apace as always. This year we have seen some of the very best shelters and dens ever produced. Then again, it is unsurprising as some of these children are now in their fifth year of 'the trade'.

A shelter is about far more than just having a muddy laugh with a few pieces of wood and an old sheet. Although this is how it appears to many adults. To the children, a den represents their very own space, an area set aside and created by themselves, for their own use, and to an extent, where their own rules apply. It is all a reminder to me as I watch over them, that my role is that of a facilitator. Someone who is useful for a few tips here and there and to supply refreshments, whilst they construct, control and enjoy playing freely in a space that they have chosen.

The bigger picture of Forest School is looking very rosy. Not just here at Barrow Hills, but nationwide. There is barely a week that goes by without the press running a story about the damage children suffer when their free nature play is restricted or denied altogether. Educational author Richard Louv's idea of 'Nature Deficit Disorder' is well worth a look. Forest School at Barrow Hills counters all of these concerns.

Locally we have worked with Years 7 & 8 from King Edward's, who visited our forest in September and our Saturday Forest School birthday parties are popular with just about every school in the area, from both sectors. Surrey Early Years department have visited us, as have a group of teachers from St Ives, who are beginning their own Forest School journey. All of these groups and people consider Barrow Hills to be the benchmark in true, free spirited and child led Forest School. Hats off to all of the children who have made this so and turned our forest into the magical place that it is.



## Exercise Spring Tab for Old Barrow Hillians

Last year's Barrow Hills leavers were reunited one last time for our annual Easter Hike along the South Downs on 8th April. Early meet up at Barrow Hills for a bacon roll before we were in the Land Rovers and on our way down to Didling Church. Then we began our 11 miles hike to Gumber Bothy, just over Bignor Hill. We had the most fantastic weather this year and although we had a few blisters, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, working well together to reach our overnight stop. Usually we find Gumber Farm in full lambing mode but this had finished earlier than usual. This meant we even managed to get some sleep, after a camp fire and delightful cooking fest. A very big tidy up in the morning followed before heading back up the Roman road 'Stane Street' and back on track for the final eight miles to Arundel Castle. Finally, we headed back to HQ at Barrow Hills in the Land Rovers. A great trip with a great bunch of guys who I will miss. Hope your experiences of carrying your own kit and managing yourselves will prove useful over the next few years.

*Mr Dean*



# Prize Day

## 2015 Scholarships & Awards

### 11+ LEAVERS' SHIELDS

Amelie	St Catherine's School, Bramley
Phoebe	Prior's Field School
Joshua	Rodborough School
Harriet	Churcher's College
Sabine	Guildford High School - Academic Exhibition
James	St Peter's Catholic School
Ethan	Churcher's College - Music Scholarship
Omid	Royal Grammar School, Guildford
Louis	King Edward's School, Witley
Celia	Churcher's College
Miranda	Churcher's College
Ross	Churcher's College
Azelie	Guildford High School

### 13+ LEAVERS' SHIELDS

Toby	Whitgift School - Sports Boarding Scholarship (Also awarded a Sports Scholarship by Lord Wandsworth College)
Bartholomew	Seaford College
Blake	Bedales School
Declan	Bedales School
Marta	St Teresa's School
Sergey	Wellington College
William	Lord Wandsworth College
Milo	The Royal Grammar School, Guildford - Art Scholarship
Henry	King Edward's Witley - Drama Scholarship
Arthur	St Edmund's Hindhead
Georgia	The Weald School
Matthew	Churcher's College
Joel	King Edward's Witley
Tom	Lord Wandsworth College
Sara	Bedales School
Arthur	King Edward's Witley - Academic Exhibition
Isla	The Portsmouth Grammar School - Academic Exhibition
Alice	The Portsmouth Grammar School - Academic Exhibition
Jasper	Cranleigh School
Thomas	Seaford College

### FORM PRIZES

3SGC	Effort	Fraser
3JEP	Effort	Belle
Year 3	Exam Performance	Emma
4REC	Effort	Alice
4KMJBAB	Effort	Annabel
Year 4	Exam Performance	George
5HMTKJH	Effort	Frank
5LJM	Effort	Eleanor
Year 5	Exam Performance	Henrietta

6FEE	Effort	James
6JCJ	Effort	Sam
Year 6	Exam Performance	Azelie
7JLA	Effort	Charlotte
Triay Cup (1st in Year 7)		Cameron

In each year one academic prize is awarded for 1st in exams and a further prize per class is awarded for effort.

### SPECIAL AWARDS

Alfonso Sedati Cup (Written French)	Milo
All-Round Musician Cup	Jasper
Barrow Hills Sportsman's Cup	Arthur
Beauclair Year 6 Maths Cup	Sam
Bodsworth Cup	Harry
Borelli R.E. Cup	Arthur
Campbell-John Drama Cup	Georgia
Charity cup	Joel
Clery Gardner Art Cup	Thomas
Cooper I.T. Cup	Jasper
Curtin Cricket Cup	Toby
Davies English Cup	Alice
Effort Cup for Ballet	Maddy
Enrico Medi Cup (Oral French)	Arthur
Esposito Football Cup	Thomas
Farmer Rugby Cup	Sergey
Fisher Spanish Cup	Milo
Forster Year 7 Maths Cup	Eliot
Garman Art Cup	Milo
Hirst Cup	Tom
Hobbs Sports Cup	Lily
Hodgson-King Cup for History	Georgia
Holden Poetry Cup	Bartholomew
Holford Ballet Cup	Lucy
Hutchins Year 8 Maths Cup	Sergey
James Brown D.T. Cup	Harriet
La Berliere Cup (Year 7 French)	Cameron
Latin Cup	Arthur
Liz O'Neill Cup	Harry
MacMillan Acting Cup	Henry
Navin Cup	Joshua
Netball Cup	Sabine
Performing Arts Cup	Declan
Pollen Chorister Cup	Sara
Rice Science Cup	Milo
Rice Science Cup	Jennifer
Sommer Rounders Cup	Marta
St Pier Cup	Isla
Standen - Jewell Cup	Matthew
Taylor Best Endeavour	William
Triay Cup (1st in Year 7)	Cameron
Victor Ludorum	Toby
Victrix Ludorum	Isla
Wilde Hockey Trophy	Jasper
Wyatt Humanities Cup	Blake



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