

THE Chronicle



A PICTORIAL REVIEW OF
2015-16



Barrow Hills
SCHOOL

From the Headmaster

The Chronicle is a Barrow Hills tradition and this 2015-16 edition takes its place as the latest in a long line.

As ever, it is a great record of a lively and varied school year. Within its covers are all the ingredients of a Barrow Hills education: the varied curriculum, enlivened by trips and visits which bring classroom learning to life; the enjoyment of sport, drama, music and art, and all the skills and personal qualities they develop; the responsibility to help others and the importance of spirituality; a vibrant competitive house system; the value placed on residential trips; and celebrating the children's achievements.

Above all, The Chronicle is a record of the caring and happy Barrow Hills community, a community of children, teachers, support staff and parents.

My thanks to you all for your contribution to Barrow Hills in 2015-16, recorded in these pages or not.

All good wishes

Sean Skehan



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House News

McCormack win House music!

A wonderful Friday morning was enjoyed by all at Barrow Hills with the culmination of the House Music Competition. Children had already gained plenty of points for their houses during the audition process. All Houses performed a House song, three solos and a hymn to finish. **Kean** started proceedings with Dolly Parton's 'Nine to Five', followed by solos by Fern (voice), Eleanor (flute), and Honor (voice). **Murtough** gave a rousing rendition of Rachel Platten's 'Fight Song', followed by solos by Alice (cello), Sam (piano) and Frank (ukulele). **McCormack** were last on with 'The Nights' by Avicii, followed by solos from Monty (trombone), Emily (voice) and Julien (French horn).

Mr Sliwka (Director of Music at King Edward's), as our guest judge, gave us some wonderful feedback and announced the winners in reverse order: 3rd place went to Murtough with 216 points, 2nd was **Kean** with 224 points and **McCormack** topped the table with 234 points. We would like to extend our great thanks to Mr Sliwka for judging, to the House Captains and to Mr Wardell for working so hard to make our House Music a fantastic success.

House Quiz

On a Wednesday morning in December we held our annual House Quiz. There were questions on literature, maths, geography, sport, celebrities and Barrow Hills. The competition was fierce, but **Kean** just came out winners for the second year in a row. Well done everyone, but particularly the brave finalists sitting at the front! Thank you to Miss Holden, Miss Bousfield, Miss Edworthy and Mrs Campbell-John for all your help.





World Book Day

A spectacular effort all round but **Kean** triumphed on World Book Day!

Children (and staff!) came to school in a fantastic array of costumes to celebrate World Book Day. You all looked wonderful and made a huge effort, well done!

Winners of the Costume Competition were:

Year 3: Nils (winner), Zac (runner up)
 Year 4: Maddie (winner), Fern (runner up)
 Year 5: George (winner), India (runner up)
 Year 6: Callum and Eddie (winners), Emily, Eleanor and Bethany (runners up)
 Year 7: Lily, Annabel, Lauren, Lily and Sophie (winners), Harry and Scott (runners up)
 Year 8: Gabriel and Eliot (winners), Maddy (runner up)

Well done to **Kean** for triumphing as the overall House winner following a spectacular effort. **McCormack** took 2nd place and Murrough was 3rd.



House Poetry

When Mrs Campbell-John asked me to co-judge the House Poetry competition, I knew it was not a rhetorical question. Flattery mixed with the knowledge that the Headmaster was off-site for the day had to be put to one side for the greater good.

The principal judge was the charming and eminently qualified Tina Quinn from Rydes Hill who has judged the competition for the last few years.

Having gathered in the Hall and heard a brief introduction we listened to each of the children read their poems in turn. Mrs Quinn and I then left the Hall for our deliberations. As our judging discussion got under way I was relieved and delighted to find that we were often in agreement about the poetry we had the pleasure to read and hear.

Without doubt the calibre of every poem was exemplary. Creative, thought provoking, technical, emotional, dramatic, evocative were just some of the responses we shared.

The theme this year was 'light' and the children replied with a spectrum of responses that involved everything from the filament of a light bulb to the concept of light symbolising life in a warzone.

In all competitions there has to be a winner and this time it was [McCormack](#) who took the House Poetry Cup. [Kean](#) came a (very) close second and [Murtough](#) a close third.

Both Mrs Quinn and I chose a favourite poem each and asked the author to read them again. 'Inside the world of the light bulb' by Toby was my choice. What a fantastically original subject to focus on! His poem is so vivid in its descriptiveness, the imagery is fantastic and his use of simile is inspired. Mrs Quinn chose 'Blue Moon' by Hector. What a mature piece of writing. Moody, great imagery again and use of simile and so evocative.

Well done to everyone who took part and thank you for roping me in Mrs Campbell-John!

Mr Shreeve, School Secretary and Head's PA

BLUE MOON

Blue moon. Floating on the sky, moving like a luminous sapphire.

Craters like spotlights are glued to the surface.

Its gloomy blue light casts mist on our larger earth

Slowly it smokes like a dying bonfire.

Silent and still, it watches the earth face away and slip back another lucky day.

Hector, Year 7

INSIDE THE MINIATURE WORLD OF A LIGHT BULB

It glares at me so,

Because it knows I have uncovered its secrets,

The lights that glow fluorescently,

To make enormous balls of fire,

Which are sources of light for the light bulb.

The stairs for the workers at the urn of lava.

No worker dares to touch those stairs

For bandits, glowing serpents and humongous germs lurk.

The few workers who got up the stairs fell in the lava

Or fell on the return.

Under the glass dome the heat is unbearable.

There is no fertile land

Only a desert of broken glass.

It burns underfoot

Like a fiery volcano.

Toby, Year 5





Author Visit

Our budding writers had the opportunity to get their work in front of a famous author when they took part in a whole school story writing competition. Best-selling novelist and writer Elizabeth Noble read the entries in the weeks before the competition and announced her favourites at the Prize Winners Presentation.

Entries were judged on creativity, imagination, originality and a good story with the theme 'Around the world in 80 days'. Every child was given three hours to create an original piece of work and all the writing was done in school during English lessons. Children aged three drew their story in pictures and the teachers wrote the words.

Each year group presented a story and entries were split into different age groups with eleven categories and eleven

prizes (one for each year group) plus honourable mentions. Winners each received a book personally chosen by Elizabeth Noble.

Commenting on the standard of entries, Elizabeth Noble said, "I have been incredibly impressed at the high level of imagination and creativity shown by all the children at Barrow Hills School. Watch out... one of them could be the next Roald Dahl or David Walliams!"

Kindy age 3: The runner up was Oliver and the winner was Beatrice.

Kindy age 4: The runner up was George and the winner was Grace.

Reception: The runner up was Daisy and the winner was Jacob.

Year 1: The runner up was Gabriel and the winner was Elizabeth.

Year 2: The runner up was Ruby and the winner was Jack.

Year 3: Honourable mention goes to Claudia, the runner up was Alexander, and the winner was William.

Year 4: Honourable mentions go to James and Maddie the runner up was Laurie and the winner was Sascha.

Year 5: Honourable mentions go to Finlay and Harry, the runner up was Harry and the winner was George.

Year 6: Honourable mentions go to Oliver and Henrietta, the runner up was Eddie and the winner was Frank.

Year 7: Honourable mentions go to Scott and Benjamin, the runner up was Thomas and the winner was Annabel.

Year 8: Honourable mentions go to Louis and Charlotte, the runner up was Alexandra and the winner was Gabriel.

Overall in the House Competition, **McCormack** came third and **Kean** and **Murtough** came joint first place.





St George's Day House Competition

On Friday 22nd April, our children changed out of uniform and into red and white mufti for St. George's Day. For Years 3 to 8 the challenge for the afternoon was a hard fought House competition undertaking activities including chess, cookery, filming on tablets, orienteering, clay making, junk modelling, dance and song performance, debating, art, races, obstacle course and swimming to name but a few. The final winner was **Murtough** with 23 points followed by **McCormack** and **Kean**.



House Sport



House Badminton and Clover Cup February 2016

McCormack ruled the silverware in February.

Congratulations to **McCormack** who not only won the House Badminton Cup but also the Clover Cup.



House Sport Results

RESULTS

Cross Country (boys) 1st - McCormack
Netball 1st - Murtough
Hockey (girls) 1st - Murtough
Gym 1st - McCormack
Badminton 1st - McCormack
Cross Country (girls) 1st - McCormack
Tennis 1st - McCormack
Rounders 1st - Murtough
Football 1st - Murtough
Rugby 1st - Kean
Hockey (boys) 1st - Murtough
Cricket 1st - McCormack
Squash 1st - Kean
Swimming 1st - Murtough
Sports Day 1st - Kean

House Art Competition

The House Art Competition, was kindly judged by two external artists, Sophie Kier (fine artist) and Jim Le Ferve (animator).

Overall 1st: Frank (Year 6) and Hettie (Year 6)

Overall 2nd: Kit (Year 8), Ollie (Year 8) and Matthew (Year 8)

Overall 3rd: Eoin (Year 3)

Year 3 1st: Sarah, 2nd: Mia, 3rd: Jack

Year 4 1st: Edward, 2nd: James, 3rd: Annabel

Year 5 1st: Elena, 2nd: Hermione and Lucy, 3rd: Nicholas and George N

Year 6 1st: Flyn and Callum, 2nd: Emily, 3rd: Oliver

Year 7 1st: Hector and Archie, 2nd: Anna, 3rd: Bailey

Year 8: Charlotte and Maddy, 2nd: Ollie, 3rd: Charlie and Samuel

House Results:

1st: [McCormack](#)

JOINT 2nd: [Kean](#) and [Murrough](#)



Children's Work

#COSMICCLASSROOM

On Tuesday, 2nd February, Middle Prep was inspired by the British astronaut, Tim Peake, as he spoke to them and hundreds of thousands of other school pupils around the world live from the International Space Station.

"Just do what you really enjoy doing," Major Peake told students as he demonstrated how serious science could also be lots of fun. He was speaking to them from the ISS as it travelled around the Earth at 285 miles per minute. During his talk he crouched down, spun around and touched his toes in order to demonstrate that without gravity it is much harder to stop moving and much easier to do somersaults.

We were also lucky to be taking part in the very exciting Rocket Science

mission, working with the Royal Horticultural Society's 'Campaign for School Gardening'. 2kg of seeds were looked after by astronaut Tim Peake up in the International Space Station where conditions are, of course, quite different to here on planet Earth. Our so-called "rocket seeds" were due back to Earth in March and were sent to Barrow Hills after the Easter holidays. When we received them we ran experiments to compare them to normal seeds and see

if micro gravity in space can affect the growth mechanisms found in seeds.

The results were somewhat surprising. The class majority had predicted it was the seeds that had not done as well that must have been to space, believing that the difference in gravity and pressure may have confused the growth. It was in fact the seeds that had grown big and strong which had been to space!



Kindy

As you can see, our Kindy children were as busy as ever, with everything from painting to building and generally getting up to their elbows in creativity and fun active learning!



Reception

The best thing about my year in Reception.

Jacob I liked using the clay to make the ladybirds. I liked getting my fingers messy.

Lucas I have enjoyed playing in the Reception outside area, even in the rain.

Cleo I love music; singing the songs and playing Mr Wardell's music games.

Ottilie I enjoyed swimming and jumping in the pool as a group holding hands.

Hugo I enjoyed cooking, especially the apple crumble using the fruit from the greenhouse.

Ronnie I loved the Alpacas. I loved watching the two black ones eating the food.

Max I enjoyed using the dinosaurs and cubes. We had to share the cubes between the dinosaurs fairly.

Kitty I enjoyed making a Mothers' Day necklace with salt dough and decorating it.

Ilana I liked ballet and learning the mermaid dance.

Daisy I liked going to the Lookout Centre, playing with the water and getting wet!

Charlie I liked using the tablets and creating my penguin on there.

Timo I have enjoyed learning about Spring and making tulips for the ants to walk along.

Jethro I enjoyed making the rosette for Father's Day and writing inside the card.

Monty I enjoyed going to Bocketts Farm especially going on the tractor ride.

Charlie I enjoyed making Rudolph at Christmas time organised by the Charity Committee.

Alfred I enjoyed making the poppies and I liked using the glue putting the shiny paper on. I like making it very much.

Memories of Year 1 Children

Year 1 have thought of their favourite activities during the school year.

Gabriel I loved learning the dance 'Let's Twist Again' it was fun twisting! I enjoyed the teddy bears' picnic. My teddy was called Oscar.

Chloe I loved visiting Portchester Castle. I dressed up as a Queen! I enjoyed the teddy bears' picnic. My bear was called Snowdrop.

India I loved sewing the stockings at Christmas time. I enjoyed cooking Easter cakes.

Aoife My favourite activity was the teddy bears' picnic, I bought in a teddy called Lingus. I also enjoyed sewing the Christmas stockings.

Elizabeth I loved making hedgehog cake pops. I enjoyed going to Portchester Castle and visiting the beach. I also liked making a clay dinosaur for Father's Day.

Joshua My favourite trip was Portchester Castle. I love maths lessons. My favourite bear is a grizzly bear.

Charlie I liked making a dinosaur timeline and making hedgehog cake pops. I also enjoyed learning about bears, my favourite bear is a polar bear cub.

Savannah I have enjoyed learning about dinosaurs. My favourite dinosaur is a diplodocus. I love maths.

Bella I loved making hedgehog cake pops. I enjoyed visiting Portchester Castle and my favourite part was visiting The Keep.

Leo I loved making the Easter cakes. I really enjoyed learning about Pop Art and decorating Andy Warhol Campbells soup tins.

Florence I enjoyed cooking hedgehog cake pops. I liked learning about butterflies and painting a picture of a Common Blue butterfly.

Edward I loved visiting Portchester Castle because I was King Edward! I enjoyed learning The Twist because I am the Twister Man!

Georgia My favourite activity was the teddy bears' picnic. My teddy was called Snowstorm. I enjoyed painting an orange tip butterfly.

Dominic I love ballet lessons because it makes me flexible. I enjoyed learning about The Titanic and it was really good when the Godalming Museum came to visit us.

Rocco My favourite activity has been art. I enjoyed making a clay bear. My favourite trip was Portchester Castle.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful teddy bears' picnic in beautiful sunshine. Thank you so much to Mrs Darg and her fantastic team for the delicious packed lunch.



Year 2's Favourite Memories of Pre-Prep

Sophie Learning about the Titanic in the Godalming Museum.

Beatrix I liked it when I made a bird feeder with pine cones in Year 1.

Ruby Mrs Pulleyn mixed maths with cooking which made it fun.

Sophie My favourite thing about Pre-Prep was having school a little bit less than my sister...and I loved Mrs. Platt!

Matilda My favourite part is the school trips - all of them!

Verity All the paint! Especially painting in Kindy.

Tom H Having carrots, beans and fish for lunch.

Tom H My favourite thing was the teddy bear's picnic in Year 1.

Rose Making my clay shark in art with Mrs Platt.

Nathanial The best thing was art with Mrs Platt.

Jago K I loved maths, it was fun!

Lloyd Going on the school trip to Alice Holt.

Dominic My favourite is the same as Tom's, the teddy bear's picnic.

Anastasia It is easier to get smiley face stickers! And the large play garden was great.

Jago My favourite food was the cheese sauce with pasta.

Jack I loved fossil hunting on the Isle of Wight.

Conrad I loved Mrs Platt as she was always kind and also the trips we went on.

Raymond My favourite was going to Porchester Castle.



Science Fair

The Science Fair on Monday 14th March was a tremendous success. Thank you to all the children (and parents) for the enormous amount of hard work and creativity that went into the project work.

Competition Winners:

Year 7: Annabel

Runners up: Sophie, Sam

Commendations: Ben, Archie, Archie, Luke, Seb, Lily

Year 6: Monty

Runner up: Julian

Commendations: Callum, Max, Charlotte, Harry, Alex

Year 5: Annabel

Runner up: Lucy

Commendation: Alice, Hermione, Finlay, Harry

Year 4 Commendations: Sascha, Belle, Tom

Year 3 wrote some wonderful reviews, commenting:

There were amazing experiments, there was a coke bottle exploding! **Dominic**

My favourite part was looking at how the bread moulded. **James**

My most favourite part of the science fair was when the trophies were given out. **Holly**

It was full with science, it was really exciting and Year 3 did an experiment about forces called thrust, drag and weight. **Theo**

Year 3 did paper aeroplanes and we had groups of weight, style and length. We tried to find out which one of the groups plane flew the furthest. **Alexander**

It was nice and shiny and multi-coloured slime. **Sarah**

The most amazing part of the Science Fair was the experiment about how long homemade bread takes to mould. In the end it took fifteen days. **William**

Maths and Science Day

There was great excitement among the children who went to King Edward's to take part in the Maths and Science Day. They were set a number of tasks to solve using knowledge from class, outside reading and critical thinking. Overall the children tackled the challenges with resilience and skill.



Eagle House Mathematics Challenge

Four children went to Eagle House on a Tuesday afternoon for a mathematics challenge. They worked hard and enjoyed the experience. Well done to Hettie, Eddie, Eleanor and Ben and thank you to Mr Clarke for taking them.



Lord Wandsworth Logic Cup

Four children from Middle Prep went to Lord Wandsworth College to compete in the Logic Cup. It is a challenging and enjoyable day, where children compete in several mathematical activities including fast response quizzes, team games and an outdoor trail. The children had a great time, especially doing the outdoor trail.

Out of 19 schools, Barrow Hills came a very impressive 3rd. Well done Hettie, Eddie, Toby and George for your hard work.

Year 5 Maths Challenge

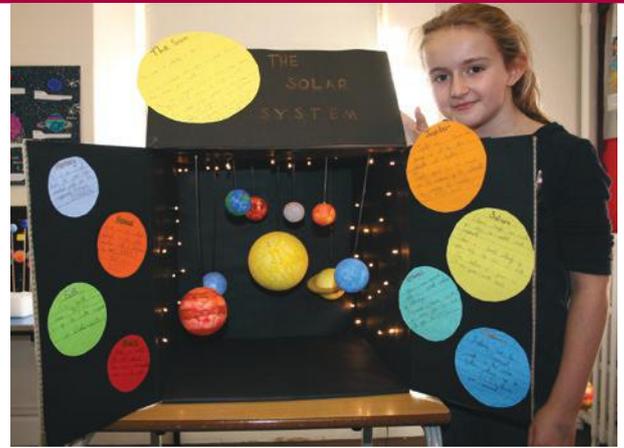
Miss Edworthy took four Year 5 boys to Wellington College for a mathematics challenge afternoon. The boys all worked hard and had great fun solving different mathematical problems. These included a domino jigsaw and broken calculator activities. The boys both came 13th out of 35 schools, well done to George, Toby, Harry, and Freddie.



Cross Curricular week

We strengthened the links between our subjects at the end of June as children took part in Cross Curricular week. The theme was 'Around the World in 80 Days' and the children had fun with a multitude of different activities. These included: designing and building karts, drawing maps, creating Chinese lanterns as hot air balloons. Our week was packed with collaborative learning and linked the skills learnt in geography, maths, design and art.





Year 5 Space Project

Mr Nick Emsley, astro physics teacher from King Edward's, came to judge our Year 5 space project. He took the time to give everyone feedback. The overall winner was Hermione for her poster project. This contained a biography, facts and a diary. Mr Emsley was very impressed that it was educational and could be used as a teaching aid. Not only that, but Hermione had imagined what it might be like to visit space herself. Other special mentions...

Toby - most technically accurate in terms of scale, size and distance.



Lucy - Sheer depth of presentation. Engaging, creative and informative.

India - Beautifully simple, tactile

Serena - An accurate representation of the lunar surface.

Harry - clever composition to fit with the factual presentation.

George - excellent grasp of the mathematics of scale.

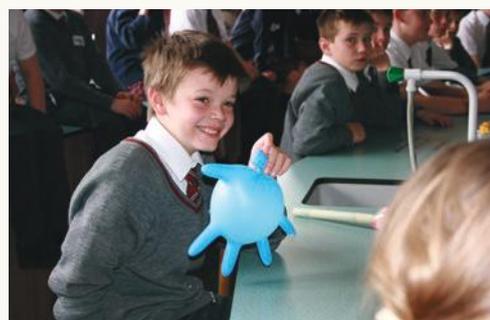
Lucy - Engaging presentation of facts.

Mrs Humphreys was very proud of the enormous effort you all put into this work. Thank you to Mrs Hatcher for doing some lovely marbling work with Year 5, it looked great as part of our planet display.



Dry ice experiments

We had a fabulous afternoon in Science in April. Mike Ashe from a company called Chillstick came in and entertained all of Year 6 and some Year 5 children with his demonstrations involving dry ice. It was a fabulous opportunity for us to revise states of matter, composition of air, combustion, pressure and forces before the forthcoming exams. The children were delighted by the demonstrations including the self-inflating glove, hovercraft, floating bubbles, explosions, rockets, flame snuffing, blackcurrant cloud and instant ice cream (yummy!). It wasn't only the children who went home excited about the prospect of adding excitement to their next party!



Art Exhibition

On 22nd March, the Barrow Hills art finalists attended the King Edward's Art Competition Exhibition. Entrants were congratulated on the high standard of their work, individual bravery and willingness to show such fantastic artwork at a public exhibition. A well-deserved round of congratulations. The children's work looked fantastic amongst the entireties of the ninety finalist.



Creative Writing

THE JOURNEY

'I am going to the North Pole' I said silently and then I started to shrink. I waited until the plane stopped. When it did stop, I jumped off the seat but I had to watch out. I tried to keep up but they were too fast for me so I gave up so I jumped on to someone's suitcase and it took a long time for me to get out of the airport and then I got hungrier and I got hungrier every step she took. So after a while I snuck into the bag and I found some snacks and then I fell asleep. When I woke up I was trapped and then I saw a toy car with wings. I had no choice so I jumped in the car and I enjoyed the sky and finally reached the North Pole.

Elizabeth, Year 1

TRIP TO A MYSTERY ISLAND

I went to a mystery island by speed boat. People have been here before but never returned. When I got there, there was a disaster I saw a huge footprint and bones and I went into the jungle to explore and find what happened to the Explorers and I found a cave. I went in to explore it and I found a pile of bones and suddenly a monster burst in and I ran for my life and every step he was five feet behind me and after a minute I was racing to my speed boat. As soon as I got there I found my boat was gone. I looked everywhere but it was nowhere to be seen. The monster was bursting through the trees and then it came out and I shot it with a canon and it died. I called the rescue team they took five or six hours but they made it. I was asleep when they got there. When I woke up I found I was in my bed in the end.

Jack, Year 2

THE JOURNEY

A long time ago..... yesterday, Ben the big, bossy brother went scuba diving with his little brother Jack. Jack was shy, cautious, but wise. On the other hand, Ben was tough, brave and reckless. Jack's family was on a sailing holiday in Greece. The sun was shining brighter than Angel Gabriel's halo. The turquoise sea shone elegantly. Splash!

"Make sure you come back in time for lunch," called their Mum.

The journey began.....

The brothers went deeper to be in eyesight with the sea bed. To their left, they saw blue and yellow coral welcoming them into the sea. To their right, they saw crystals the size of people!

"Aaarggh!" they screamed. In front of them was an.... octopus! They scattered as far as they could go. Eventually the brothers found themselves in a shoal of fish.

"I've heard of a wild goose chase, but never of a wild octopus chase," said Jack, in a muffled underwater voice.

Meanwhile, on their boat, their Mummy cooked an unusual meal. It had all types of fish: cod, sardines and so on. But the most unusual part was, it tasted delicious.

"I can't wait to show this to Ben and Jack," said their Mummy.

Beneath the boat were the brothers, spluttering over the amount of fish that were swimming relentlessly. Finally, they spluttered out of the fish. But this wasn't all. They didn't even know the least of it. Sharks swarmed through the coral, scavenging for food. Ben and Jack swam with all their might as they came across a mysterious cave. They went for it..... Phew! But that was just the start of it.

"Aaarggh!" Ben screamed.

"It's a trap!" screamed Jack, as Ben got strapped to the wall in a fishing net.

"Dig," said Ben. Jack dug faster than a real digger. In the distance, Jack saw a rusty old anchor. He heaved it out and slashed the rope. Ben was free..... or was he? They raced to the boat and just about made it with one last breath.

They reached the surface and scanned the ocean and saw the purple octopus in the distance. The sharks were nowhere to be seen. Coincidentally, they were just in time for lunch. What a journey!

Sascha, Year 4

POLAR BEAR BEGAN

She snatched creamy, white snow for cashmere fur.
 She snatched the stinging nettles for sharp claws.
 She snatched the shiny brown contours for eyes, as polar bears began.

A roar like no other, she snatched the thunder.
 A set of teeth like no other, she snatched the tips of walrus' tusks,
 And she was nearly there.

Swimming silently,
 She snatched the salmon in the shivery waters of Canada.
 She snatched the fishes streamline shape and used it to her advantage.

She snatched the speed of a rocket then seal was no more.

One more step,
 She snatched the size of an iceberg
 And polar bear was made.

Eddie, Year 6

RABBIT BEGAN

Rabbit began
 She took the dandelion seeds
 She took the whiteness of a floating cloud
 And made her tail.

For her coat
 She took the softness of wood
 She took the brown of a coconut.

She took the blackness of oil
 She took the shape of marble
 To make her eyes.

To make her ears
 She took the shape of an autumn leaf
 She took the brownness of melted chocolate.

For her walk
 She took the bounce of a ball
 She took the silence of trees swaying in the breeze
 And the rabbit was made.

Emily, Year 6

SNAKE BEGAN

He snatched the sound
 Of an engine cooling,
 And made his voice.

He stole the smoothness
 Of silk and fur,
 And made his skin.

He took the silence
 Of a cloud
 With a lake that's never been disturbed
 And made her walk.

He sneakily grabbed
 The venom of a dart frog
 And forged the sharpest of steel,
 To make his fangs.

He took the hatred
 Of the devil
 And the craze of people
 And made his feelings.

Alexander, Year 6

THE LADY OF SHALOTT

Dear Diary

Today has been a long day. I was riding back from collecting taxes from obscure regions when I passed the island of Shalott. I heard a tune from the highest tower it tore at my mind and ripped at my soul, the funeral march replaced me with love.

When I returned to Camelot and was feasting with the knights when the streets outside silenced. I stumbled to the window in a drunken stupor. Outside there was a boat gliding down the Thames in the boat there was an eerily beautiful lady dressed all in white. I tripped and fell a few steps downward. I got up and ran the rest of the way.

I burst out onto the street and staggered to the boat the woman was even more beautiful up close. I held the boat still and suddenly I noticed some writing on the side of the boat and it read 'The Lady of Shalott'. The last piece of the puzzle clicked in place. This was the fabled voice with the glowing golden hair and glowing blue eyes.

Toby, Year 5

ENGLISH COMPETITION ADVENTURE STORY

Dear Mum,

I might not be back for a while, but I'm safe so don't freak out, ok? I'm not actually going to tell you where I am going because you would worry too much. Hopefully I'll be back soon, I'll call as soon as I can.

See you soon!

Love you

Dax

Dax remembered the letter he had left his Mother before he took off, wondering if it was the right decision, confused he thought about the one phrase in the letter leapt out to him like an agitated dog: I'll be back soon.

That was the big question, would he be back?

Dazed, he leant his head on the small aeroplane window, staring out at the glittering, glistening sea with waves crawling across the turquoise surface like millions of slick, speedy dolphins gliding along in orderly rows. Which he knew would soon lead into vast, desolate landscape covered in sand with tiny people milling around it like ants.

Egypt.

After a couple more hours Dax was in Egypt staring at the huge majestic pyramids looming over him like gods, and the fierce sphinxes looked down on him, seeming to say: I'm more important than you, as they stared aimlessly forward at the deserted sand dunes.

After he had stuffed his face with food and water from his backpack he set off to find his Dad. He walked for what seemed like days but was probably only three hours. Three hours of looking into small side streets, knocking on the doors of small houses searching for his Dad. Dad had left his family (Dax and

Mum) when Dax was two. He had left for Egypt to follow his dream of being an archaeologist. Dax had never seen him but he was determined to find him now. How he was going to find him, he was not sure yet...Hmmm... he thought there was a slight flaw in his plan... all he had been told about his Dad was that he had the same hazel eyes as him, so he hadn't really thought about how he was going to find him. He guessed he'd just hoped that he would just show up at the airport, but in hindsight he realised it was a bit optimistic, so he prepared to spend a lot of time wandering around. At least he'd seen the pyramids. He'd always wanted to follow his Dad's footsteps and become an archaeologist. So seeing the pyramids was amazing for him!

Suddenly Dax was snapped back to reality by a bustle of noise and shouting, he had arrived at the market.

Lovely smells and horrible smells wafted up Dax's nose; the smell of sticky perspiration, rolling steadily like a steam train down tired Egyptian necks, but also the smell of delicious cooked lamb, and the steam from it tickling his sense of smell... As he trudged through the steamy, sweaty market, Dax smelt all these lovely smells. But something was wrong. He could feel it. Two Egyptians on a stall watched him. His senses tingled. He heard a crash. And spun round.

Two hands grabbed his waist, yelling in a language Dax didn't understand. Arabic, he registered in a split second.

He kicked and bit and screamed but no one seemed to hear. Without warning his bony fist connected with skin. The man grunted and Dax seized his chance, sprinting away as fast his legs would take him, away from the market, he stumbled and spluttered onto the sand and promptly collapsed.

He staggered up and almost head-butted a pyramid. He turned and groggily backed away from the tall slender figure standing a few feet away from him. He must have been the guy who had grabbed him, but the thing that stood between them was even scarier - a scorpion.

He backed away further and looked up. Storm clouds gathered, floating towards him. The glistening, jet black oily body of the scorpion tuned up ready to lunge, The storm clouds gathered thickly directly over their heads, the strong coming from it whipped sand up around them.

Sand swirled around his feet. And the last thing he saw before the scorpion lunged, were those glistening gentle hazel eyes in the figure before him.

"Dad!" he began, and everything happened so quickly. The scorpion lunged. And the sand swept it away, swirling around them so strongly. Dax got blown as easily as the scorpion, and the last thing he saw through the wall of sand, was his Dad, staggering away from him calling his name. Dax tried to call back but his voice was lost in the tornado of sand. Dad used his last breath to try again to the same result, and he slipped into unconsciousness...

Dax rolled over, just about conscious and pushed himself up, sand trickled off him. And he opened his eyes...

Frank, Year 6

THE HIDDEN JOURNEY

It was 9am and Mum was giving me my lunch box money when I saw them, the large men all dressed in green gang colours, with bandanas over their faces, rushing out of the bank. I had never seen such a thing before, out in the suburbs.

They were heading straight for our minivan firing warning shots out of their Kalashnikovs. They were carrying large brown sacks and just for a second I caught eye contact with one of them. He looked so innocent with the lean body of a teenager and he was sweating heavily. One of the others was on the radio shouting, "Where are you?" But then the leader pointed at our car and they all came running over. They grabbed Mum and threw her out of the car whilst I jumped in the trunk and hid under a blanket. I could hear them all jumping in and then with a sudden thump we raced off down the street.

I could hear sirens wailing nearby and buildings flashing past us but it all seemed like a haze and I hoped I would wake up and be able to start the day again. I could hear the men just inches away from me discussing their plan.

"What are we gonna do?" I heard a deep voice say.

How could they not have seen me I thought? I had made clear eye contact with one of them.

I peered from under the blanket and out of the window and noticed the buildings thinning out as we progressed through the suburbs. The sirens sounded distant now and the helicopter blades less threatening. The trees outside stood to attention like soldiers as we emerged out into the countryside. It wasn't until this moment that I realised where I was.

I was no longer on my way to school with Mum but out on the run in the back of a minivan full of now 'wanted fugitives'. I then heard the familiar sound of the fuel warning light. I remembered then, Mum complaining about that earlier. What must she be thinking now? Just me, little seven year-old Seth, in a car fleeing from the police with bank robbers!

Then it dawned on me that I must escape. There was no other option and so as the fields flew by, I thought of a plan. At some point they would have to stop for petrol so I would have to escape then, without drawing lots of attention to myself.

As it became darker, the big Shell sign stood above me like a spotlight for questioning. But I wasn't ready so as the car stopped I just sat there shaking with fear. I heard people getting out and making their way over to the station. But then once everyone had gone, I heard light footsteps coming back, nearer and

nearer, from the outside of the car. I tried to hide further underneath the blanket, but it was no use and the boot lid opened. I expected this to be it. I would be seen and shot. But all I heard was a whisper, "Hurry up and jump, Little Man". I slowly moved the blanket away from my face and saw it was the young man I had seen earlier. He signalled for me to get out and run. I did so with no hesitation.

I ran straight to the back of the gas station where a phone box stood. I then rifled through my pockets trying to find my lunch money so I could call Mum. I punched in her number and it started ringing. Almost instantaneously, someone picked up the phone but it wasn't Mum. I told them who I was and when they asked where I was I explained what had happened and then the man laughed ... I realised then that Mum must have left her phone in the car!

I started running again but then I heard the sirens again too! The police must have been tracking Mum's phone so I started running towards the sirens. I noticed the men in green being escorted back into police cars.

Finally, I was safe.

Gabriel, Year 8

Performing Arts

Drama continues to be an exciting and vibrant subject at Barrow Hills for all pupils stretching from Pre-Prep all the way to Year 8. Highlights in 2015-16 included a wonderful production at the end of each term from Pre-Prep, Year 3's superb performance of 'Hansel and Gretel', Year 4 with the very funny 'Pirates of the Currybean' and Year 5's 'Evening of Music and Drama'. This included LAMDA pieces, songs from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and a short play called 'Mam, there's a spaceship in our backyard.' Year

6 entertained the school and parents with a fantastic production of 'Guys and Dolls' while Year 7 combined singing, drama and dance in 'An Evening of Music and Drama'. This included LAMDA pieces, drama sketches and musical solos as well as songs from 'Grease' and a one-act modern day 'Macbeth'. Finally, our oldest pupils in Year 8 sang and performed the full version of 'Oliver'. Additionally, Drama Club continued for three terms, the 'Off By Heart' competition was a success for the second year running and

children achieved high scores in LAMDA examinations. Pupils in Years 6 and 7 attended a production of 'Goodnight Mr Tom' while Year 7 and 8 watched a production of 'Mamma Mia' in London and attended a drama workshop. Pupils also had many opportunities to perform, including during whole school assemblies and at Proms in the Park. The achievements of pupils in outside drama societies and clubs were also celebrated.

LAMDA

LAMDA and Musical Theatre was a great success again this year. Children gave a fantastic performance of their LAMDA duologue pieces in the Year 5 and Year 7 'An Evening of Music and Drama'. Others performed wonderfully well on the outdoor stage at Proms in the Park.

Congratulations to two LAMDA pupils, Emily and Flynn, who were awarded Drama Scholarships for Year 7 at Barrow Hills. Congratulations to Eddie and Bethany who were also awarded a Drama Scholarship. Well done to Nils who had the opportunity to audition for a film.



CANDIDATE	SUBJECT	CAT	GRADE
Sarah	Speaking Verse and Prose	Entry Level	Distinction
Nils	Speaking Verse and Prose	Entry Level	
Louis	Speaking Verse and Prose	Entry Level	
Nicholas	Speaking Verse and Prose	Grade 1	
Harry	Speaking Verse and Prose	Grade 2	Distinction
Luke	Speaking Verse and Prose	Grade 3	Distinction
Oscar	Acting Duo	Grade 1	
Sascha	Acting Duo	Grade 1	
Belle	Acting Duo	Grade 1	
Lily	Acting Duo	Grade 1	
William	Acting Duo	Grade 1	
Rupert	Acting Duo	Grade 1	
Fern	Acting Duo	Grade 1	
Charlotte	Acting Duo	Grade 1	
Dominic	Acting Duo	Grade 1	Distinction
Freddie	Acting Duo	Grade 2	Distinction
Lucy	Acting Duo	Grade 2	
Isabella	Acting Duo	Grade 2	Distinction
Lucy	Acting Duo	Grade 2	
Hermione	Acting Duo	Grade 2	
Serena	Acting Duo	Grade 2	Distinction
Annabel	Acting Duo	Grade 2	
Molly	Acting Duo	Grade 2	Distinction
Charlotte	Acting Duo	Grade 2	
Flynn	Acting Duo	Grade 2	
Max	Acting Duo	Grade 2	
Emily	Acting Solo	Grade 3	Distinction
Lily	Acting Duo	Grade 3	Distinction
Honor	Acting Duo	Grade 3	
Ben	Acting Duo	Grade 3	
Archie	Acting Duo	Grade 3	
Lauren	Acting Duo	Grade 3	
Annabel	Acting Duo	Grade 3	
Sam	Acting Duo	Grade 4	
Oliver	Acting Duo	Grade 4	
Louis	Acting Solo	Grade 4	

Pre-Prep Nativity

It was tissues at the ready as proud parents, grandparents and carers packed the chapel to watch Pre-Prep perform their nativity, 'It's A Baby!' It was easy to see the hard work the children had put in as they clearly delivered their lines and sang their many songs with gusto.

Year Two provided the narrators of this traditional nativity story. Conrad, the grumpy Innkeeper, was kept busy welcoming visitors to Bethlehem from far and wide. Year One 'Knocked at the Door' and sang beautifully. Next to arrive, seeking shelter, were a very tired Mary and Joseph. But oh no, the only available space was the stable with the animals, not a five-star hotel but warm and cosy. Sophie and Jack performed a very heart-warming duet, that brought a tear to many an eye.

Next, the Year Two shepherds on the hillside gathered their very well behaved sheep, played by the Reception boys, and followed Lily, the star. A heavenly host of Year Two and Reception angels twinkled over the stable and the older girls delivered a polished septet. Also following the star were the Year Two Wise Men with their pages from Reception, who had travelled far to deliver their gifts and worship the new baby, the one to be King.

An extra "aah" factor was added by the children from Kindy who sang 'Away In A Manger' complete with beautiful actions and wonderfully handmade crowns.

Special thanks for all the rehearsals, costumes and props, to all the Pre-Prep staff and the musical genius that is Mr Wardell.





Pre-Prep Easter Performance

Pre-Prep performed wonderfully to a full chapel on Tuesday 22nd March. They sang and animated a variety of Easter and Spring themed songs, delighting the audience. Well done Pre-Prep.



Pre-Prep Summer Production

Pre-Prep children took to the large stage in the hall for their final production of the school year. Although the Queen couldn't attend this Royal Variety Performance, the children performed as though she herself was with them and not just the collage picture that Year 1 had made. Parents were given an afternoon of pure entertainment, with solo performances, songs, dances, poetry and jokes. Every child from Nursery to Year 2 stood up and performed with confidence and with smiles.





Year 3 Hansel and Gretel

Year 3 gave a wonderful performance of Hansel and Gretel to a packed hall. The audience was thoroughly entertained. Well done Year 3 and thank you to everyone who helped!





Pirates of the Curry Bean

In March, Year 4 performed 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' beautifully. The audience loved every moment! Many thanks to all who helped.





An Evening of Music and Drama

Year 5 entertained their parents on Thursday 26th November with a wonderful evening of Music and Drama. In Act 1, the children sang songs from 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang' and some performed short pieces from their LAMDA lessons. Others performed guitar, piano and drum solos. In Act 2, Year 5 performed a very funny one act play, 'Mam, there's a spaceship in our backyard' complete with a large spaceship and flashing lights! Well done to all the children for working so hard and performing so confidently. It was clear to see how much you enjoyed yourselves! Thank you also to Mrs Campbell-John, Mrs Mason and Mr Wardell. A special thanks to Mr Conway for making the spaceship!





Year 6 Guys n Dolls

Matthew and Harry opened the show brilliantly in character and Edward (Benny Southstreet) Alexander (Rusty Charlie) and Alexander (Nicely-Nicely Johnson) led the cast in a very energetic opening song and dance. The Mission Band, Monty and Julien, played their brass instruments enthusiastically, were well supported by Taisy and led by Eleanor in her role as Arvide Abernathy. Sergeant Sarah Brown was played beautifully by Charlotte (Act 1) and Emily (Act 2). Flynn and Frank both gave very confident performances as Sky Masterson. Eddie and Bethany provided many of the comic moments as Nathan and Adelaide. The gambling gang gave superb performances of memorable songs from the show: Freddie as Harry the Horse, Harry as Angie the Ox, Sam as Robbie the Rat, Max

as Liver Lips Louis, Julian as Joey Biltmore, Ben as Shady Des, Matthew as Frankie Fingers and Oli as Society Max. Callum was a very calm and composed Lt Brannigan and General Cartwright was played convincingly by Caitlin in Act 1 and Hettie in Act 2. Oscar gave a credible performance as Big Jule, and Molly wowed the Havana crowd with her Latino dancing!

The whole year group worked together to create a very polished show, singing, dancing and acting with great confidence. Well done to all the children and thanks to Mrs Mason, Mrs Campbell-John and Mr Wardell for all their support. Thanks to all who made the production such a success. It is lovely that Year 6 finished the academic year on such a high note.



Year 7 An Evening of Music and Drama

Year 7 entertained their parents in March with an amazing evening of music and drama. Act 1 comprised songs and dances from Grease and drama sketches, music solos and LAMDA pieces. Act 2 was a very funny play called 'The Day the Woods came to Dunisane'. The children gave a fantastic

performance and Mrs Campbell-John and Mrs Mason were very proud of them. Special mention should be given to Bailey who took on the roles played by Theo when Theo was unable to perform due to illness. He did a brilliant job! Thanks also to Mr Wardell who played for us despite battling flu!

Thank you to Mrs Crisell, Mrs Erentz, Mrs Gray and Mrs Woodgates who did all the hair and make-up. The children looked amazing. Thanks to all Year 7 parents for their support with costumes and learning lines.





Year 8 Production

On Thursday 3rd December Year 8 performed 'Oliver' in the school theatre. The hall was packed with proud families, eagerly waiting for the production to begin - and they were not disappointed. From the moment the cast trudged up the aisle, bowls in hand, singing 'Food Glorious Food', it was clear the performance was going to be a success. The children acted, sang and danced with great enthusiasm and confidence to songs such as 'Consider Yourself', 'Oom pa pa' and 'Who will Buy?'. The small cast of only sixteen children meant most took on two parts, which involved a lot of costume changes! These were very skillfully managed however, as were the scene changes. The sets were simple but very effective.

There were some stand out soloists, notably Charlie as Oliver, Louis as Dodger, Matthew as Mr Bumble, Oliver as Mr Sowerberry and Gabriel as Fagin. Maddy and Eliot acted Nancy's dramatic death scene with great skill and Nancy's screams of terror and Bill Sykes' look of horror as he looks at the blood on his hands and realises what he has done were a fitting end to the play. Cameron played Oliver in Act 2, with great poignancy and sensitivity. Charlotte took on the roles of nagging Mrs Sowerberry and also Bet, singing beautifully with Act 1 Nancy, Lexie, who performed this role with great conviction. Jenny was a confident Widow Corney, Maddy was both Charlotte and Mrs Bedwin, singing 'Where is Love?' beautifully. Sam was a fantastically

nasty Noah Claypole, Oliver a kind and benevolent Mr Brownlow, Kit a superb Charley and Felix played Dr Grimwig with great confidence.

Even the smoke alarm going off in Act 1 due to over-zealous use of dry ice, could not dampen the enthusiasm of the cast or the audience! The production was directed by Mrs Mason and Mrs Campbell-John. The Musical Director was Mr Wardell. Thanks to all who made the production such a success. It was the final school production for these children as they left Barrow Hills in June. It is wonderful that they finished on such a high note.



Ballet News

BALLET EXAM RESULTS:

Autumn Term 2015:

Primary: Sophie Distinction

Verity

Grade One: Charlotte

Emma

Grade Two Solo Performance Award:

Poppy

Distinction

Lucy

Distinction

Grade Four Solo Performance Award:

Molly

Distinction

Spring Term 2016:

Pre-Primary Passes: Chloe

India

Savannah

Florence

Georgia

Dominic

Primary:

Beatrix

Ruby

Anastasia

Grade One:

Georgia

Sarah

Holly

Grade Five Solo Performance Award:

Molly

Distinction

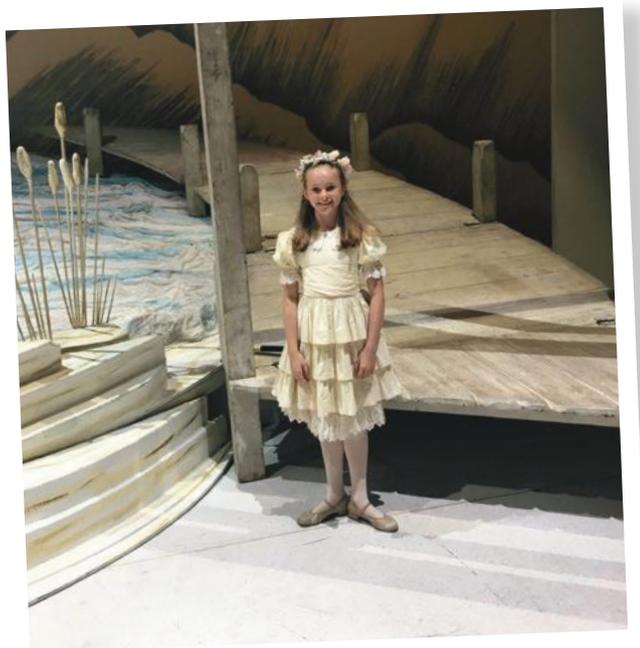
Summer Term 2016:

Primary: Sophie

Grade One: Sienna

Grade Five: Molly

Distinction



Other news:

Molly successfully auditioned for The Mid Associates of The Royal Ballet School and also for National Youth Ballet, for the fourth year running.

In her competitions she received the following places:

1st at Hounslow, Kingston, Hampshire, Ealing & Aldershot

2nd at Guildford, Godalming

At Ealing Festival she won the Ballet Cup for her age group and she also qualified for the All England Regional Finals.

In July she danced with the Australian Ballet at the London Coliseum in Swan Lake.

Our ballet dancers perform with Dame Ann Murray:

Congratulations to Molly and Lucy who performed on 23rd June with the Arden Holford School of Ballet and with world famous opera singer Dame Ann Murray and her concert pianist Timothy Arden. The concert was held at King Edward's Witley to raise money for the Samson Centre for MS. Well done girls!



Music

Friday Assemblies saw the continuation of our 'Friday Musician'; a short musical performance, either by an individual or a group, to the whole school. We have many talented musicians and this is an excellent showcase for their talents.

ABRSM RESULTS

Autumn 2015

Annabel	Clarinet	1
Alice	Piano	2
Phoebe	Singing	3
Charlotte	Singing	P
Honor	Singing	2
Fern	Singing	1

Spring 2016

Ben	Piano	P
Julien	Horn	1 Distinction
Anna	Violin	4
Holly	Piano	P
William	Piano	1
Toby	Piano	1 Distinction
Sam	Piano	1

Summer 2016

Annabel	Singing	3
Izzy	Singing	1
Jenny	Singing	5
George	Piano	3
Dominic	Piano	1
Emily	Singing	2
Eleanor	Flute	5
Bethany	Singing	3
Charlotte	Singing	1
Hermione	Singing	2
Fern	Singing	2
Charlotte	Singing	5

GUILDHALL RESULTS

Fern	Guitar	Initial Grade Distinction
India	Guitar	Initial Grade
George	Guitar	Initial Grade
Freddie	Guitar	Grade 1
Harry	Guitar	Grade 1





Girls Sport

Girls Cross-Country

Well done to the girls who took part in the cross country event at Longacre School on Monday 7th March.

This is the first year we entered our U7 girls and they were absolutely brilliant. In a field of 38 runners our girls finished 1st - Beatrix, 2nd - Sophie, 3rd - Anastasia, 20th - Matilda - 23rd Ruby. They finished 1st as a team overall.

The U9 girls team had some exceptional individual runners with Holly coming 9th overall out of a field of 35 runners and Claudia right behind her in 10th place.

In the U11 girls category Henrietta (Year 6) demonstrated superb fitness coming 3rd overall.

With the boys and girls scores combined Barrow Hills came 2nd overall.





Athletics

Barrow Hills Athletics Relays Competition

On Monday 9th May Barrow Hills hosted, for the second year, a relays competition with six other schools competing: Chandler, Edgeborough, Highfield, Longacre, Ripley Court, St Edmund's.

The children ran three relays each (3 x 600m, 3 x 100m and 3 x 300m). The Barrow Hills boys team was incredible and won overall in all three age groups (U9, U11 & U13). The Barrow Hills girls finished 6th overall in the U9 girls, 3rd in the U11 and 4th in the U13.

A fantastic effort from all 18 Barrow Hills children who participated.

English School Award Scheme

In games lessons the girls have been participating in 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.



Primary School Bronze Award:

Lucy, Alice, Isabella, Emily, Anastasia, Eleanor

Primary School Silver Award:

Serena, Annabelle, Lucy, Elena, India, Bethany, Hettie, Caitlin, Charlotte

Primary School Gold Award:

Molly

Secondary School Bronze Award:

Lily, Sophie, Maddy, Honor, Jenny

Catholic Schools National Prep School Competition

On Sunday 19th June, Barrow Hills competed for the first time in the Catholic School National Prep Schools Competition held at St George's Weybridge. The standard was very high and our athletes did very well to compete at such a good standard. We finished with a total of four medals in the U14 category and seven medals in the U12s.



Lacrosse

The girls enjoyed a brief lacrosse season where we played a total of 12 matches. The girls in Years 5 - 8 are now playing field lacrosse with new sticks and new goals. Girls in Years 3 - 4 play pop-lacrosse.

On Wednesday 9th March and Thursday 10th March we played a total of seven matches against Edgeborough, with Barrow Hills winning two and losing five. The following week we played against St Edmund's in a further seven matches, again winning two and losing five.



Netball

This year, we had six netball teams: U8, U9, U10, U11, U12 & U13. We had a very successful season with our U8 and U10 teams in particular, both of whom won the majority of their matches.

U10 King Edward's Witley Tournament

On Saturday 26th September, the U10 team participated in their first tournament of the year and finished third overall, having lost out to Amesbury who went on to win in the final.



U10 Cranleigh Tournament

On Wednesday 7th October, the U10 netball team took part in the netball tournament at Cranleigh and played a round robin against five other schools in their section. They finished first in their section and won their semi-final. Sadly, they lost to Hoe Bridge in the final 7-2.

U10 Guildford High School Tournament

On Tuesday 10th November, the U10 netball team participated in the GHS netball tournament. Twenty schools took part and we made it through our section qualifying in 1st place. We then lost to Guildford High School in a hard fought final.

U13 Cranleigh Tournament

On Wednesday 3rd February, the U13 team participated in the Cranleigh U13B Netball Tournament. There were eight participating schools and our girls played incredibly well to finish 1st beating Highfield in the final.



IAPS Tournament

Well done to the U12 and U13 girls who took part in the IAPS competition in High Wycombe on Friday 4th March. The U13 team finished fifth in their section of nine schools. They played incredibly well against some very big prep schools such as Highfield and Lambrook.

Our U12 girls battled hard against tall opposition and finished sixth out of a section of eight. Well done to all girls who played. We must have been one of the few prep schools entering to have played every girl in the year group.



Rounders

We have battled against the weather for yet another year and sadly had to cancel a total of 19 rounders matches in the summer term. However, we still did manage to play 31 matches, resulting in 14 wins, 15 losses and two draws. We also participated in three tournaments, with the U13 team finishing third in their draw in the Highfield tournament and the U10 team finishing third in their section in both the Woldingham and the Windlesham tournaments. Our most successful team was our Junior Colts B

team who beat The Portsmouth Grammar School, St Edmund's and St Andrew's and lost to Amesbury and Edgeborough.

We had plenty more girls being awarded their pink rounders ball in assembly as a result of scoring either four full rounders or three catches in one match (Years 5 - 8) and 3 full rounders or 2 catches in a match (Years 3 - 4).

All rounders and catches scored by every girl for the season is recorded. This year the following girls all scored eight full

rounders: Holly (Year 3), Sienna (Year 3) and Alice (Year 5). The girls who made the most catches with five each were Jess (Year 7) and Charlotte (Year 8).

Leavers Rounders

On Friday 1st July all girls in Year 6 and Year 8 who were leaving at the end of the school year played against their mums (and a few brothers!) in a rounders match. Fortunately, the girls came out victorious winning 16 to 11.5. A fun and entertaining evening culminating in a BBQ.

Hockey

Our hockey season kicked off with a great start for the U13 team which took on Cranleigh U13C team winning 3-0. Sadly, their win was then followed in the next two weeks with losses against Highfield U13B team (0-5) and Seaford U13A team (11-2). Seaford proved to be a very strong opposition and gained wins against all of our teams apart from our U10 team who won 6-0.



On Saturday 3rd October the U13 girls played in the Cranleigh Hockey Tournament and worked incredibly hard

against tough opposition. Despite losing all four matches our U13 girls knew they had performed to the best of their ability. Every girl in Years 7 and 8 had played, taking on Cranleigh, Highfield and Lord Wandsworth, all of whom have a much larger pool of girls from which to select an A team.

Our hockey matches against St Edmund's on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November 2015 proved to be far more even games. Our U8, U9, U11 and U13 all had narrow victories and whilst our U10 and U13B teams lost, the goal difference was incredibly close (U10 lost 1-2 and U13B lost 0-2).

On Wednesday 4th November 2015 girls from both Years 5 and 6 took part in the Bryanston U11 Hockey Tournament. The morning proved to be tough with the girls finishing fourth in their section of six schools. During afternoon play the Barrow Hills U11 team played against all other schools who had finished fourth in their section (vase competition). They played a round robin of five teams and won!



During the Spring Term the girls played 26 matches against Ripley Court, St Hilary's, Cranleigh, Edgeborough, St Andrew's, PGS and Amesbury. One match was cancelled, three matches resulted in a draw, six wins and 16 losses. The U8 team were the team who claimed most victories for the year.



Boys Sport

Cricket

With the Senior and Colts teams all winning their opening matches against The Heights, the scene was set for a successful and enjoyable season for all our boys. Rain delayed or cancelled many of our matches but our children worked to the best of their abilities, whatever the weather. Fantastic bowling performances from Flynn (bowler of the season) and Oscar who took eight and five wickets respectively through the season. As well as second best bowler, Oscar was named batter of the season with a total of 82 runs from three innings. Well done to all the boys and fingers crossed for better weather next year.



1st XI Cricket



2nd XI Cricket



3rd XI Cricket

Football



1st XI Football

I am really happy to have been the first team football captain this year and leading our extremely strong lineout to victory. We had some tough games but managed to hold on to the victory in the last minutes of the game on two occasions, even with Eliot getting sent off due to a handball save which was going to go in and claiming he was covering his face from the ball. We were lucky to have four very good players from the younger years that played well in every position that they were put in. Our coach Mr Osborne was extremely good with tactics and was so helpful. He made our backs stay in a solid formation and took us out onto the field most Thursday lunch breaks. Again thank you to the whole team for playing so well and to Mr Osborne for coaching us.

Oliver

We started the season well with Ollie and Archie securing our first win against Edgeborough. However, on the 16th of September we faced a difficult match against St Edmund's. Excellent goalkeeping by Harry meant we drew 1-1. We then went back to our winning streak, defeating Belmont 7-2. On Wednesday 7th October we faced our toughest match against Amesbury. Great tackling from Sam and great support from the whole team could not keep us in the lead unfortunately. The final score was 4-3 to Amesbury. Our last match was against Haslemere and we fell back into our winning streak ending our season with a 4-1 win. The team were great over the course of the season and we all improved massively. Thank you to all our coaches and the cooks for excellent match teas.

Cameron



2nds Football

Hockey



1st VII Hockey

We started the season with a match against our toughest opponent, Parkside. They won the match but it became clear we had some good talent on our side, and we could shape up to be a good team. Ollie started our goal tally by scoring a good deflection. Next we played Seaford and drew 4 all. Gabriel had a great game scoring a hat-trick. Following this we travelled to Canford for our first tournament of the season and had a great day and played some good hockey. We came third in the plate competition and played some really strong opponents. Hector and Sam did some solid defending.

Our next match was against Hoe Bridge. After being beaten by them in the semi's of the Plate competition at Canford, it was a re-match we wanted to win. It was a very tight match that came down to the wire. We were losing 2-1 in the final minute when Freddie did a great cross to Kit who finished it to make it 2-2.

The next match was our first convincing win. We played Amesbury and won 5-0. Well done to Ben for keeping a clean sheet and for being a great keeper all season. Also well done to Eliot for scoring a hat trick in this match.

We then entered the Surrey Cup and again put in a strong performance. Our best match was winning against RGS 1st team

2-0. We went on to come 6th in the whole competition, again coming up against Hoe Bridge in the play-offs.

As our final two matches, we played a triangular tournament against Edgeborough and St Edmund's. After a very close game with St Edmund's we drew 1-1. We then went on to beat Edgeborough 4-1, with Hector putting in a great performance and scoring 3 out of the 4.

It's been a great season and the team progressed massively over the games we played. We are very grateful to Mr Conway for coaching us so well and giving us great tips.

Felix



2nd VII Hockey

Our season had its highs and lows. We won games that we didn't think we would and lost games that we could have done better in. Let's start with the positive things. Everyone improved in some way or another. However, three people stood out.

Kit scored an amazing amount of goals and got a load of assists throughout the season even though he started out rusty he got going soon. Sam was our 'midfield maestro' winning the ball and attacking down the wing to put it in the opposition's danger zone where it was awkward for them to defend. Last but not

least, Cameron was our 'wall' of defence. Defence was one of our weak points to start with but when we neared the end of the season we defended so well that the keeper didn't need to do much.

The best part of the season by far was our first win against Seaford 8-1. Not having got off to a great start lowered the team spirit, but the win made up for it.

Louis



The fourth team played six matches in the season. We all improved over the weeks of playing. In our matches we would normally let in the goals in the first half, but in the second half we always improved but every time it was too late. We all tried our best.

We scored two goals in our season, which isn't the best but at least we scored something. In our last match we almost scored two goals but their goalie was too good, but when the referee blew the whistle one last time, it was a good feeling to know that we had all tried and could have not tried any harder to win.

Luke



Our season could have been better but it was great fun playing hockey and everyone enjoyed it. We improved most in attack with some help from the rest of the team.

The three players who improved the most were Seb in defence, inspiring tackles that saved us from conceding many goals. Secondly Oliver with some outstanding skill and for putting in hard work for every game. Lastly Bailey at striker for scoring an exceptional number of goals and assists.

Our highlight of the season was when we won 4-3 with some amazing effort from the whole team to win the game. Thank you to the whole team for playing so well and Mr Andrade for coaching us and supporting us through the season.

Charlie

Rugby



This year the Barrow Hills 1st team had a good season with some tough matches and some close ones. We played three sevens matches which were all tough and all of them were hard fought draws or losses, unfortunately. I thought that the most

outstanding player in this format was Felix. His determination to keep the ball alive and his ability to give all he had stood out the most for me. Our two wins this season were from our 15 a side matches. Both were hard fought wins, with the match against Belmont coming down to a last minute try which was scored in the corner. Freddie was the player that stood out for me in these two games. His strong will to win all the way through the season pulled us through in the match against Belmont.

The game against Seaford was an intensely physical game and this certainly was the story told on the scoreboard 45-0 loss by the time the referee blew the final whistle. In this match I think all of the squad found it difficult to keep their heads up and keep going and trying their very best to the end. Two players did this very well Freddie and Eliot, they both helped to keep the team going and they both had a great attitude to the huge scoreboard gap at all times.

Overall this season was in my opinion a success. Even though we lost more than we won, the spirit of the team was great.

Matthew



2nd XII Rugby

During the autumn and winter of 2015-16 the seconds played many matches. We did not win all but we won most. The team has improved since last academic year, with our forwards players managing to get many scores in our games.

My star players were; Harry, Cameron and Ollie. Harry was very good at catching, passing and tackling. Throughout the season Harry showed dedication as he scored and saved many tries. Cameron was always looking for different tactics for each match and he was always tackling for our team. Ollie was very good at scoring the tries as he could run past everyone in a short time, his only weakness was when he was caught up with he went down easily.

My favourite part of the season was before the Christmas holiday as it was the time when everyone tried their best.

Sam

Under 9B Rugby

Last season we played rugby in teams A and B. We had many practice sessions where we learnt how to tackle properly and how to side-step. We played against lots of different schools including Portsmouth Grammar School and Amesbury and Parkside and we won most of them! Well played to all the Year 4 boys.

Laurie



Under 9 Cobras Rugby

Under 9A Rugby

Year 4 had two under 9 rugby teams for the 2015/2016 season. We played matches against: St. Edmunds, Belmont, Haslemere Prep and PGS.

The 'A' team won against Belmont but we lost our other 3 games. The 'B' team won all 4 of their games. We all enjoyed the season and it was the first year we played contact Rugby.

Rupert had a really good season and become an awesome tackler. It was a pleasure to play with Rupert as well as all the Under 9 players. We have all improved our organisation, in attack and defence.

On Thursday 10th December, Mr Hatcher arranged for us to go to the 134th Varsity match at Twickenham where we saw Oxford win against Cambridge 12 points to 6. It was good to see the 'Blues' win for the 6th time in a row!

Mr Hatcher also arranged for the whole of the Under 9s to meet on Sunday 13th December at Guildford Rugby Club. We were warmly welcomed and were asked to split up and join the Guildford boys in teams for a competition. Sascha and Nicholas were in the sides that reached the final. It was great fun and some of us have continued playing at Guildford.

My favourite part of the rugby season was playing with all my friends from Barrow Hills. This year rugby has brought us closer as a year group and as friends, and we look forward to building on the success of this season as we go into Year 5, and into the 2016/2017 rugby season.

Thomas

Sports Day

Prep Sports Day

The sun finally shone for Prep Sports Day. The children performed magnificently, competition was balanced with sportsmanship, and records were broken. The Victor Ludorum was won by Eliot and the Victrix Ludorum by Lily. Congratulations to **Kean** who were the winning House.

Overall winners - **Kean**

Relay Cup winners - **Kean**

Victor Ludorum - Eliot (Year 8)

Victrix Ludorum - Lily (Year 7)

New Records

Ben (Year 6) - 800m - 2.50.03 (20 year-old record)

Gabriel (Year 8) - 100m - 12.83 (taken from Mr Osborne who set it 6 years ago)

Edward (Year 6) - 100m - 13.78 (taken from Hector who set it last year)

Pre-Prep Sports Day

Pre-Prep children took part in their annual sports day on a rather drizzly summer morning. Undeterred by the weather, our children from aged two to eight took part in a variety of races, including the ever popular obstacle and three-legged race. The sports day culminated in the big relay race and cheered on by their parents, all the children took part with huge enthusiasm.





Charity

The charity fundraising of the Barrow Hills Community Committee focuses on 'knowing our neighbour' with our main beneficiary being St Benoît School in Burkina Faso, West Africa. We have an annual commitment to them of £5,000, which we reached this year. In fact, due to a very generous donation we are able to send them £7,500 this year. A number of other charities also benefit, this year this has included Bag of Hope, CAFOD, Scope, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Stepping Stones, Cancer Research and the Poppy Appeal, a total of £3,314.59.

The BHCC also supports Barrows Hills to fund new facilities that may fall outside the existing future development plans of the school itself. These additional funds can help with the purchase of practical and exciting facilities sooner rather than



later. We hope that the purchase this year of new patio furniture will allow our current and future children, parents and staff to enjoy many more lunches, match teas and evening events in the School's beautiful outdoor space. Thank you to everyone who has helped and contributed throughout the year. A special mention must go to the fabulous bacon buttie team who are always a welcome sight on a Friday morning!

Hog Roast

Thank you to everyone who came to, and helped at the Hog Roast, hosted by the BHCC. We were very lucky with the weather and despite having ordered more rolls than last year we still had to send out a roll foraging party to purchase more! This is the first event of the school year and it was lovely to have an opportunity to meet new parents, see 'old' faces and for the children to have a super run around in our Pre-Prep garden in the glorious sunshine.



Bonfire Night

A very big thank you to all of those who helped to make Friday 6th November another successful bonfire and fireworks night. Many helpers and around 140 parents and children attended despite some soggy moments. Hot dogs, hot chocolate, mulled wine and superb glow in the dark trinkets were among the great things we enjoyed. The fireworks were some of the best with plenty of ooo's and aah's! The bonfire was fantastic as was the pumpkin cake which was won by the Mikhail family - congratulations! The event raised £540 including £241 for the raffle.



BHCC Cheese and Wine Evening

Over 40 parents and their guests enjoyed the BHCC Wine & Food Tasting run by The Haslemere Cellar on Friday 20th November. There were over 40 white, red, sparkling and dessert wines to taste plus Cognac, Armagnac and malt whisky. There was also a large range of food to try including cheese, pâté, Parma ham and panettone. The evening made a profit of just under £200.



BHCC Christmas Workshop for Children

On Wednesday 9th December, the BHCC held a morning of Christmas craft for the children. Around 140 children came to make a range of Christmas decorations. We had laughs and giggles, Christmas music, splattered paint, very adhesive reindeer and many smiling faces! Thank you to the children for coming, the parents for supporting their crafting, the staff for getting them there on time, the catering team for the refreshments and everyone who gave their time to help the children with this wonderful activity. We raised £468.88.

Bring and Buy Sale

The doors had barely opened when the children descended with great enthusiasm! Pocket money pricing meant a great deal could be purchased for £2, much to the children's delight. The parent helpers and Year 8 children did a sterling job setting up and 'selling' the fun items. The sweet and chocolate tombola was a great success and the Guess the Teacher competition was won by Sophie (Year 7). Well done!

Many thanks to everyone - children, parents and teachers, who contributed to making this a really fun Bring and Buy Sale. A very impressive £364.70 was raised.

Foodbank December 2016

Well done to India, Lucy, Annabelle, Isabella and Elena who did so well in leading our foodbank initiative in 2015. Mrs Boreham from the Haslemere Foodbank joined us for our Friday Assembly to collect the gifts that classes have donated and to say a big thank you to all the staff and children at Barrow Hills for their generosity. The parcels that we donated made a real difference to families in our local area.



Egg-traordinary Egg-travaganza

We did it!! The BHCC and an amazing host of volunteers donned their aprons, filled the piping bags (again and again) and poured the sprinkles. The 181 children were very creative and raised £470.



Cake Sales

We held our last cake sale of the year on Friday 17th June and raised £199.85.

Over the course of the year we have raised £1,523.29; this money has been distributed as follows:

£212.75	Bag of Hope
£185.99	Torso for St Benoit School
£140.25	SCOPE
£140.25	CAFOD
£320.95	Cancer Research
£1,000.19	Total

with the remaining £523.10 going towards the fabulous new patio furniture.

Thank you to all of you who have baked, served and bought - a special thank you needs to go to Rachel Bailey for organising these sales throughout the year.



Bag of Hope

A huge thank you for all of the generous donations of back packs, toys and clothing for the Bag of Hope project.

We had so many donations we had to use the Barrow Hills mini bus plus another car to transport all of the items to Chiddingfold. Thank you to Emily, Bethany, Jenny and Maddy, Mrs McBrown, Mrs Barraud and Miss Dimmock for the time

they have given to this project. The proceeds from bacon butties and cake sales on Friday 25th September were also donated to this project to assist with the shipping costs.





Lent Appeal

This year we went back to supporting local charities for our Lent Appeal. The children took ownership regarding the chosen charity, along with the fundraising ideas. It is important that we encourage our children to do something themselves to earn the sponsorship money that will help others.

As such we supported Scope (Haslemere). Scope exists to make this country a place where disabled people have the same opportunities as everyone else.

Fundraising activities were varied! Children in Nursery and Kindy took part in a sponsored trike ride, Reception did an obstacle course challenge, Year 1 completed a pancake race whilst Year 2 opted for laps around the Pre-Prep garden. The Junior Prep department walked two miles in fancy dress to King Edward's whilst the Middle Prep children in Years 5 and 6 created a piece of work for inclusion in the Barrow Hills Lent Booklet, which was sold in aid of Scope. Year 7 held a "Rounders in Onesies" match and Year 8 ran a (very popular!) car wash.

We were able to present Scope with a cheque for £1,831.89. The remainder of the total £2,599.64 raised through these activities was shared between Guide Dogs for the Blind; Stepping Stones, an independent special school in Hindhead and CAFOD.

Year 4 Sponsored Walk

I think it was fun, exciting and a great chance to get out in the open. **Ed**

It was dirty but it was worth it as we were doing it for Scope! **Fern**

It was a great cross country walk and to look at and appreciate what was around us rather than just running and not looking!

Charlotte

It was an awesome time raising money for Scope. I loved walking up the hills and I saw two deer running across from the field!

Laurie

I liked seeing all the daffodils peeping up from the ground. **Isobel**



Queen's 90th Birthday

On Friday 10th June, we had lots of fun with all children from Nursery to Year 8 dressing up in red, white and blue for the Queen's 90th birthday. We also made crowns and had a fabulous celebration lunch prepared by the lovely Mrs Darg and her team. All the children enjoyed their wonderful gift from the BHCC of either a commemorative coin or a Ladybird book celebrating the Queen's birthday.



Summer Fete

Thank you to the group of parents who stepped forward to organise and run the school fete. Everyone had a great time - treats, tattoos (temporary) and tombola! We raised £743.25.



Proms in the Park

First dreamed up and put together in 2010, this annual event has gone from strength to strength, even surviving, on occasion, torrential rain. This year we re-introduced the stage cover and had umbrellas on standby. However the weather was kind to us and we received a break in the never ending rain!

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 and parents.

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.

We hope that you all had a wonderful afternoon and thank you for your generous donations helping us to raise £908.



Summer Party

On Saturday 2nd July, Barrow Hills parents and staff enjoyed a lovely Summer Party on the back lawn. The theme was the letter B!

Beautiful weather, Bouncy Castle, B vodka luge, Bangkok BBQ'd chicken! All in all a Berry Good Evening. We had Barbie, Bill and Ben, Bananas, Buccaneers, a butcher, two burglars, Boris Johnson and many more superb costumes. Best dressed went to Richard and Jennie Royds for 'Bill and Ben the flowerpot men' and Pete Whitehouse, won Most Outrageous as 'Bubble Wrap Man'. Somersaults and backflips on the Bouncy Castle caused great hilarity, particularly when it was wet later in the evening. Many thanks to everyone who helped set up on the Friday and Saturday and those who enabled the swift clear up on the Sunday – superb team effort.



Trips & Visits



Mobile Farm

Kindy was treated to some very special visitors towards the end of the summer term. The Pre-Prep garden was host to a whole variety of animals, including turkeys, pigs, ducklings, sheep, donkeys, rabbits and a dog. The children had a super time stroking the animals and learning how to brush them.



The Alpacas Who Came To School ...

Forget about The Tiger Who Came To Tea, children in Pre-Prep at Barrow Hills were treated to some real live 'Alpacas that Came to School' one rainy summer's day!

The Alpacas – known as Wagner, Widget, Windsong and Waterloo – are owned by Redens Alpacas, an established local



breeder of black and brown Alpacas. Redens Alpacas is run by Linda Mackintosh, whose grandson, Thomas, is in Kindy.

The purpose of the Alpacas visit was put very simply by Mrs Macintosh, "I wanted the children to have the opportunity to get to know and love these wonderful animals. Learning to care for and respect animals, as well as people, is an important aspect of a child's development. Alpacas are very receptive to children, possibly because they are little people and less intimidating than adults. They are naturally curious about children when handled correctly and are very gentle and respectful".

The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit from their new woolly friends – although unlike the mayhem caused by the tiger character in the book 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea', the Alpacas behaviour was impeccable!

Planting seeds for the future

In the run up to the legendary Hampton Court Palace Flower Show, our children were encouraged to develop their horticultural expertise when they took part in a nursery garden project at school in a joint venture with Squire's Garden Centre in Milford.

The budding young botanists learned basic 'green finger' skills such as planting seeds, how plants grow and how to look after them following the creation of their own special garden.

Assisted by children from Nursery and Reception, Juliet from Squire's Garden Centre filled planters with a variety of flowers, tomatoes and herbs. Geraniums and Nemesia provided colour and scent and the herbs and tomatoes added a culinary educational value to the project.

Ms John said, "The Manager at Squire's wanted to create a rich learning environment for the children, where learning about growing plants is fun. Encouraging interest in gardening from an early age helps children learn the benefits of completing a task, as evidence of their hard work unfolds before their eyes. It's a great way to promote hands-on learning, helping them to start to understand about environmental responsibility and to explore the workings of nature."



Bocketts Farm

In early October Reception children went on their first trip of the year. They visited Bocketts Farm and had a fantastic time. They enjoyed the famous pig race where the green pig was triumphant. On the tractor ride they saw lots of animals and stunning views of Leatherhead. Thank you very much to Mrs Wilson, Mrs Davey and Mrs Wright for helping.



Look Out for Minibeasts!

Reception children grabbed their nets and bug boxes and headed out to hunt for creatures great and small on their visit to the Look Out Discovery Centre. They learned lots of fascinating insect facts too. Did you know that spiders have no teeth and so liquify their lunch? Fly smoothie anyone?

The children learned about food chains and how all plants and insects depend on each other. Otilie did a great job when she dressed up as a giant ant to demonstrate that insects have six legs while arachnids have eight. The class then explored the rest of the science experiments including water, sound, light and forces. A big thank you to the parent helpers who accompanied the trip.



Godalming Museum

Year 1 was lucky enough to have two visits from the Godalming Museum this year to support their learning about the Titanic and the Victorians. The first of these visits was in the Autumn term. The children were fascinated and loved the practical activities. They typed Morse code using a Morse code key. They also unpacked suitcases which belonged to different passengers. Year 1 listened very well and were also able to answer plenty of questions. Our thanks to Anne from The Godalming Museum for her wonderful visit.

Then, in February, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Oliphant from The Godalming Museum to talk about The Victorians. The children had to pretend they were attending a Victorian school. Mrs Oliphant was a very strict teacher. She showed them some wonderful household objects and the children had to guess what they were used for. Their favourites were the knife polisher and the hair straighteners! They answered some fantastic questions and showed how well they had been listening in their topic lessons. Thank you very much to Mrs Oliphant for a fascinating morning.



Year 1 To Portchester Castle

Year 1 had a fantastic trip to Portchester Castle. Once again the sun shone and the children had a wonderful day exploring the castle. The children particularly enjoyed a Discovery Talk about the life of Kings and Queens in Portchester Castle. They were able to remember and identify many castle features. Thank you very much to Mrs Platt, Mrs Parker and Mrs Whitehouse for all their help.





Year 2 visits Isle of Wight

We had to leave school shortly after 7am to catch the ferry from Portsmouth. We travelled to Dinosaur Isle in Sandown, where we met Trevor who told us all about different fossils. We had a chance to look at lots of wonderful artefacts. We had a look through the museum and then we spent the afternoon looking for fossils on the beach. Mrs Pulleyne even bought us an ice-lolly! Mr Clarke dressed up as a dinosaur too!

Orchestral Day at King Edward's

On Friday 29th January, some of our talented musicians and music scholars were delighted to be invited to King Edward's Witley for a joint orchestral day in the Countess of Munster Music School. We started rehearsals at 9am and had a fantastic time being coached Mr Sliwka, Director of Music at King Edward's, and Mr Wardell. We particularly enjoyed our time with the percussion teacher, Mr Whittaker, who put us through our paces with samba! We rehearsed all day and the final concert was a real success.

The joint orchestra, made up of pupils from King Edward's and Barrow Hills, plus a few adult musicians, played 'March from Scipio' by Handel and 'Viva la vida' by Coldplay. This was followed by the String Ensemble

playing 'Let it go' from Frozen and 'Dolce Concerto Poloni' by Telemann. The wind band strutted their stuff with 'Also sprach Zarathustra' by Strauss and 'Thriller' by Michael Jackson.

Barrow Hills School solos were wonderfully performed by Alice - 'Serenade' by Scubert (cello), Julien - 'German Dance' by Haydn (French horn), Eleanor - 'Circus Rag' (flute). In addition to the three soloists, Nicholas (trumpet), Monty (trombone), Annabel B (clarinet), Annabel C (flute), Anna (violin) and Harry (percussion) all played beautifully.



Year 3 visits The Look Out Centre, Bracknell

Year 3 children have completed their amazing adventures with a fantastic trip to The Look Out Centre in Bracknell.

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

The children all climbed 'The Lookout Tower' too! Everybody's legs ached by the time we reached the top but it was worth it as the views were amazing and we could see for miles. We all had a picture at the top.

There is also an amazing woodland to play in and super adventure playgrounds. We were able to sit outside and have a picnic, once again prepared by the lovely Mrs Darg and her team.

Year 3 visit Butser Ancient Farm

The first adventure of the year for Year 3 was a great trip to Butser Ancient Farm where history was brought alive.

We were given our very own Round House for the day which had a real fire lit in it. We then participated in a wide range of activities linked to our history topic 'The Celts'. We could have had a special picnic with foods that may have been eaten in the Iron Age but we all voted for Mrs Darg's yummy packed lunches instead. We had a super picnic outside as the weather was lovely.

We had an action packed day full of activities. We made mosaic tiles, Celtic jewellery, we did an archaeological dig and participated in 'clunching' which involved crushing chalk and mixing it with mud, hay and water to build part of a wall, it was very messy but incredible fun! It was truly an incredible opportunity to see what life would have been like in the Iron Age.



Alice Holt

Year 1's first visit of the year was to the Alice Holt Forest. They had a fantastic time and thank you very much to the parent helpers.

Museum of London

In February, Year 2 visited the Museum of London as part of their topic work. The children enjoyed identifying important buildings from the coach on the way to and from the museum. In the museum they saw many exhibitions and displays about London through time, including the Black Death and the Fire of London. They also admired the spectacular Mayor of London's coach.



Twickenham visit

At the beginning of December, Year 3 and 4 enjoyed their trip to Twickenham to watch Oxford v Cambridge in the Varsity match.





Year 3 visit The Clock House Milford

In December, Year 3 visited The Clock House in Milford. This is an annual event and the children entertain visitors at the day centre with a selection of Christmas songs and carols. Following the singing, which was as ever brilliant, the children circulated and chatted to the audience. The children in Year 3 represented Barrow Hills brilliantly—they were polite, interested and animated as they talked to the people they met. In fact it was difficult to tear ourselves away! Here are some of the things the children had to say about our visit. As you will see, the time taken for this sort of involvement with our local community is so very worthwhile...

I went to the old people's home. I said hello. I said that our school is Barrow Hills. They said quite funny things. I went to a lady and she knitted a snowman. They said they loved our singing. One used to be a teacher in Year 3. **Sienna**

Today we went to the Clock House to sing to the elderly. We sang 'Sing it high', 'Girls and boys', 'We wish you a Merry Christmas' and 'Away in a Manger'. I was nervous and scared at first but then when I had met them I found out it was fun! There was a person who used to be in the Navy and World War 2! There was even a Police Sergeant! The people were kind and nice to me. They were friendly as well. We met people called John, Joanne, Stan and Bert. **James**

Today I met a girl called Alice Bailey, she was seventy three years old and I felt a bit scared. Alice wondered why we had loads of badges all over our blazers. I also met a man called Bert, he used to be a policeman. I met a lady called Suzan she was excellent at swimming. **Georgia**

I liked it when a lady knitted a cool snowman with a Christmas cracker in its hand, it was epic! She was so kind. I loved singing in the carols, it was the best day of my life! **Mia**

Today we went to an old peoples' home. The name of the place was The Clock House. I sang as loud as I could. After that we had a drink and a biscuit. After that we went to have a talk so I went with William. First we went to talk to Joanne she was very

nice when we spoke to her she could not hear us properly. Next we went to Anne she could hear us properly. She was a very nice lady. I liked her. **Oliver**



Year 2 visit Haslemere Museum

As part of their topic on Ancient Egypt the children of Year 2 visited Haslemere Museum. They discovered that the Ancient Egyptians were around about

5,000 years ago. The children took part in the mummification process of Suti and learnt how the brain was removed, along with the liver, oesophagus, stomach and lungs. They discovered how to dry out the body and make it smell nice before it was wrapped in linen. Year 2 now know how to identify a Pharaoh's mummified body and that the process took seventy days to complete. They saw the 2,300 year-old mummified body in the museum and were able to see the beautifully coloured hieroglyphics on the outside of the mummy as well as his death mask. The children also saw a mummified cat, hawk and even some crocodiles!

After lunch the children were helped to mummify their own cuddly toy using a bandage. It was quite tricky to keep the bandage in place whilst wrapping it round! Barrow Hills mummies had their own death mask and cartouche with their name written on in hieroglyphs.

It was a fun and informative day out which consolidated their learning of this exciting topic.





Year 4 Trip To Wisley

Year 4 had a great day out in the sun at Wisley Gardens in March. As well as walking around the gardens and the glass house, they took part in a science workshop which included dissecting a broad bean, learning about different methods of seed dispersal and examining different seeds and made their own spinners. The search was on in the glass house for the Dragon tree which was on the children's spotting sheet. It was eventually found! The children also planted some seeds in a home-made biodegradable pot which hopefully germinated over the holidays. They also made a 'journey stick' as they walked around Wisley collecting interesting leaves and petals and



attaching them to the stick. From this, they did some geography, mapping the journey. The visit was useful learning for the children's topic of plants in the summer term. A fantastic place to visit and Mr Hooker and Mr Clarke enjoyed it too!

Big Bang Science Fair

Just before half term, Toby, Harry, Eleanor and Matthew went to the Big Bang Science Fair at Penntorpe School.

Toby and Harry took part in a project to discover the best material to prevent astro burns. They came up with a way to mimic children falling on the astro and found a food item that behaved much like skin. We were very proud when they finished in 3rd place in the competition.



Our second entry was a wonderful project by Eleanor and Matthew. It was so good that I think the judges didn't think the children could have done it on their own! We tend to have food on celebration Fridays in form time and they wanted to know if we could be spreading germs if we shared from the same bag. Eleanor and Matthew produced a wonderful display and spoke to the judge with confidence and enthusiasm.

All the children made the most of their time at the event, visiting the many displays and events on offer. They even made it into the front row to watch an amazing presentation about the fastest car - the 'bloodhound'.

Middle Prep Theatre Trip

Middle Prep had a fun trip to Richmond on Thursday, 10th December to watch the pantomime 'Cinderella'. All the children had a lovely time with lots of laughter and smiles.

Thank you to all the teachers who came with us and made it so successful.



Visiting Author for Years 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 pupils were treated to a special visit from children's author Jane Elson in October. She dropped in to give a talk on the inspiration for her books, as part of the 26th Guildford Book Festival celebrations.



Ms Elson, whose popular children's books include 'A Room Full of Chocolate' and 'How to Fly with Broken Wings', is a former actress and comedy improviser who fell into writing stories and plays. Although she always loved stories she originally believed that her dyslexia and resulting problems with spelling and writing would make it impossible for her to become a writer.

As an advocate of the benefits of creative writing for children, Ms Elson was keen to encourage the Year 5 and 6 pupils to open their eyes to the wonderful world of books – and to overcome any barriers to putting pen to paper (or indeed finger to tablet) to craft their very own stories.

Mrs Campbell-John, Head of English said, "The children were so excited to meet the author behind the much loved 'A Room Full of Chocolate' and were keen to find out how Jane came to write this acclaimed tale about friendship and illness. I'm sure we will see a surge of renewed interest in creative writing after Jane's motivating talk!"

Author Visit

Year 6-8 children had a treat when author Kendra Smith visited to deliver some creative writing workshops. Kendra, whose popular novel 'Jacaranda Wife' reached the Number One spot on Australia's 'best-selling Kindle eBooks' chart, has an established track record in journalism.

Kendra talked to the children about her life as a journalist and the inspiration behind her first novel, including the journey to finally getting the book published. In addition, Kendra provided practical guidance to explain the differences between writing fiction and developing content for the media. She said, "It was fantastic to have the opportunity to share my passion for writing with the children and it was such fun to spend time helping some potential writers of the future! Completing a novel is something that so many people aspire to, but the practicalities of doing that are generally kept under wraps. I hope my experience will encourage more children to pick up their pens – or rather tap on their keyboards – if they want a career working with words."



French Visitors for Year 7

Pupils and staff from La Providence School in Dieppe came to visit Barrow Hills in September. During the school day, the French visitors spent time getting to know their Year 7 counterparts in conversation activities and in netball and cricket sessions. The French school hopes to include these sports in their games sessions! Pairs of students from La Providence then stayed with host families from Barrow Hills for the night and returned the next morning to Witley, ready for their trip to Windsor and the journey back to Dieppe on Tuesday evening. The feedback was that it was fun, educational and a resounding success! We would like to say a huge "merci" to all our Barrow Hills host families who made it such a great experience for all.



Salters' Festival Of Chemistry

Congratulations to our Year 7 children who came 3rd in the Salters' Festival of Chemistry at the University of Surrey. We competed against 15 schools, and in assembly the Headmaster commented how well we did to beat Lanesborough School and the Royal Grammar School. The day started with a murder mystery challenge where our pupils had to solve a "who dunnit", followed by an endothermic university challenge and we finished with a "magic chemistry" presentation. Well done to Sebastian, Sam, Theo, and Benjamin who received their certificates in assembly together with a molecular modelling kit for the School.



Year 6 Sir Isaac Newton Lecture

On Thursday 12th November, Year 6 visited King Edward's School to hear a lecture about Sir Isaac Newton. It was a very engaging session and as well as learning about the life and work of Sir Isaac Newton, the children also learned about Galileo Galilei and Archimedes.



Winchester Science Centre

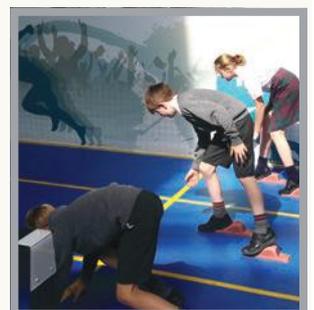
"We are the cosmos made conscious and life is the means by which the universe understands itself"
Professor Brian Cox

After a competition organised by Mrs Humphreys, the scene was set for a day out at Winchester Science Centre.

With 16 students from a combination of sets and year groups, we headed off for a morning of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths), museum exhibits and the opportunity to display the work produced for our school science fair, as well as taking a look at what other schools had produced.

On arrival, we went straight into the planetarium, in which we contemplated the terrifying scale of the universe. We learnt about navigation and human exploration, as well as the search for life elsewhere in the universe.

After our session, exploring the known universe, further challenges were set. We had the opportunity to gain a small prize by collecting stamps from the stalls around the centre. These ranged from; reaction testing, building our own torch, discussing the forces behind bridges, to the code behind various robots as well as samples of tissues under digital microscopes.



Residentials

Junior Prep Residential to PGL

The Junior Prep residential was to PGL in Hindhead. The children had a fun filled, action packed three days and a two-night stay, thoroughly enjoying themselves.

There were many challenges during the three days, yet they all succeeded in overcoming their fears, whether it was spending two nights away from home or successfully tackling the challenge course, climbing walls, a blindfold trail and ropes. The children abseiled, rode the giant swing and took part in an orienteering exercise, to name but a few of the fantastic team building exercises.

The children learnt to focus on the skills that they needed to use to succeed in the activities and were very proud of all their achievements. Most importantly, they discovered how crucial teamwork and friendships are to ensure that everyone has a fantastic experience. We are extremely proud of all they achieved and their super behaviour and manners which were commented on by the PGL staff.





Year 5 Residential to the Isle of Wight

Year 5 enjoyed an amazing trip to the Isle of Wight in June. After visiting HMS Victory, we arrived in the Isle of Wight, settled into our hotel and then went out to explore the Shanklin Chine. Activities during our fun packed week included a visit to Osborne House, Queen Victoria's retreat, where we all enjoyed dressing up as Victorian servants and trying out our bed making, shoe cleaning and table laying skills - under the stern gaze of Mrs Pilkington! We visited Carisbrooke Castle and enjoyed finding out about life in the past. We spent the afternoon at the Robin Hill Country Park, with the more adventurous of us enjoying riding on the pirate ship and toboggan run! In the evenings, we all loved going bowling, watching a very funny show with lots of singing and dancing and having a surfing lesson! We even went fossil hunting at Alum Bay and on a boat trip to see The Needles. Our exciting week ended with party night at the hotel and, after an early breakfast, we went back on the ferry, stopping in Gosport on our way home to visit HMS Alliance.

Our trip to the Isle of Wight

On Monday we entered school at eight am. We said goodbye to our parents and set off to Portsmouth to catch our ferry. Whilst we were in Portsmouth we went to the HMS Victory. At the HMS Victory we were given lots and lots of interesting facts about the ship's background history. I learnt that they kept water and soil below the ship so that it would be balanced. The trip on the ferry was very long, maybe only it seemed long because I was excited to stay at the Somerton Lodge Hotel. Finally, when we got off the ferry we set off to the hotel. Agnes showed us to our rooms, I was with Annabel and Serena. We stayed in our room until we went to the Shanklin Chine. There was a parrot there called Icle and he talked! Then we came back and it was bedtime.

Elena, Year 5



Year 6 Residential to Bowles

Year 6 had a wonderful time in Bowles during June. The weather was kind and every activity was fun and challenging. Thank you to all the teachers for their hard work and the children for being well behaved and enthusiastic.

Bowles

We leapt out of the mini bus one by one and excitedly grabbed our bags and suitcases. We suddenly realised that we had a steep hill to climb before we made it to our dorms at Bowles Adventure Club.

To our surprise, none of us knew how to make our beds but Mr Clarke came to our rescue and helped us. Everybody had a fun dormitory and soon we all discovered that the common room sold hot chocolate and had a table tennis table.

The next day we met the instructors. They were great fun and encouraged us through the activities.

We were all extremely excited about trying the zip wire and climbing and jumping the 'Leap of Faith'. Many of us felt scared too but our instructors helped us to face our fears and conquer the frightening activities.

Rock climbing was challenging and fun as we all had to squeeze through gaps, while canoeing and kayaking got us all soaking wet! Jumping between boats, singing songs and capsizing made us all laugh! Both raft building and orienteering made us all think carefully and work together in teams.

Later in the evening everybody enjoyed the burning campfire and the interesting treasure hunt.

Meal times at Bowles were delicious and gave us energy to bomb down the huge dry ski slope. It hurt to fall over but it was great fun!

Another fantastic activity was the mountain biking, where we went flying round the trails (burms) through the forests. I loved climbing up and then speeding down the hills!

Bowles was an amazing trip and an emotional journey where we all came together, worked together and had loads of fun.

Max, Year 6



Year 7 Residential to Normandy

Year 7 had a fantastic time in Normandy in June. The weather was kind which helped, as most of the visits about D Day were outside. The children enjoyed the morning at the market using their best French to buy fruits for a fruit salad and the visit to the biscuit factory where they made and tasted biscuits. However, the visit to Mont Saint Michel was their favourite.

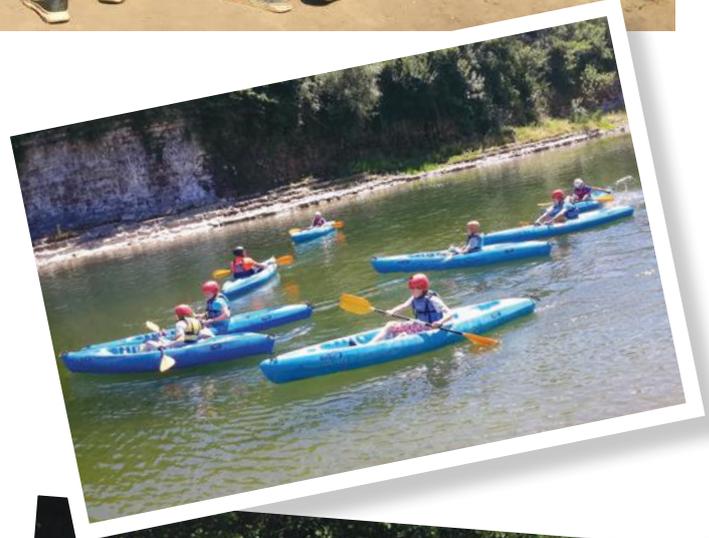
Thank you to Mr Conway and Miss Bousfield for their hard work and for the children for being well behaved, enthusiastic and very polite.





Year 8 to the Ardèche

On Saturday 18th June, Year 8 set off on a coach to the Ardèche in the south of France. We slept (some of us did!) and arrived in the sunshine on Sunday for lunch. We did lots of activities including caving, climbing, raft building and some team games. On Thursday, we set off down the Ardèche river for an exhilarating two day descent, covering 26 kilometres and 24 rapids. We had a fantastic time in the 30 degree sunshine, jumping in when we got too hot. Overnight we slept under the stars on a tarpaulin. We had one unwelcome guest... a wild boar visited us to steal our sweets at 03:40! The girls slept through it! We arrived home on Sunday 26th June, after a very sleepy trip back.



From the Chaplaincy

Life in the Chapel

MASSES AND SERVICES

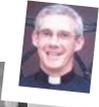
Our school chapel has, as usual, been at the heart of our school life and therefore busy this year. We were extremely sorry that Father Chris Bergin (top right) moved from the parish of Haslemere to Bognor Regis.

Father Chris did an enormous amount for us and we have felt his departure keenly. Father Peter Newsam (right, parish priest at Petworth, Duncton and Midhurst) who does a lot for us anyway, has thankfully been able to fill some of the gaps in priestly provision 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. Very importantly, our Start-of-Year Mass on 4th September was celebrated by Father Fabrice Tapsoba from Burkina Faso. 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.

Added to the list of clergy who came to see us this year, we were very happy to receive a visit from the Right Rev Richard Moth, Bishop of Arundel and Brighton who celebrated our St George's Day Mass for us on 22nd April. He then stayed on to have lunch before being given a tour of the school. His presence did much to encourage us and to highlight the Catholicity of Barrow Hills.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our 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 from the Lower in time for the start of the school day. It really would be lovely if more people would come to this Mass and I do urge you to consider attending if you possibly can.



We were very grateful to Mgr Jeremy Garratt, the Rector of the Seminary in Wonersh, for coming to celebrate our big End-of-Year Leavers' Mass for us on Friday 8th July.

The Church teaches that Lent is a time for doing more in terms of prayer, giving and fasting. Barrow Hills enters into the spirit of Lent through its many and varied fundraising activities, the CAFOD Fast Day and, finally, a whole-school Service of Reconciliation which I led just before we closed for the Easter Holidays.

On Friday 6th May we held our annual May Procession. The girls looked wonderful as they processed down the aisle of our chapel bearing their beautiful flowers to lay at the feet of the statue of Our Lady. This year Belle had the honour of crowning the statue with an exquisite crown created for us by Mrs Suzy Gook. We were really grateful to Father Peter for coming to lead this popular annual event for us.

This year we had just one First Holy Communicant. We celebrated Eoin's achievement at an assembly on Friday 24th June at which he was presented with the gift of a rosary and book. We were delighted to be able to share his and his 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.

PARENT PRAYERS

Our 8.30am "Parent 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 silence. Hopefully, more parents will feel drawn to this, as those who have attended in the past would tell you what a valuable and much-loved aspect of their experience of Barrow Hills it was for them.

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 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

Thank you to those parents who have entered into the spirit of Christian mission by embracing what has been an important aspect of our school life: our friendship with St Benedict's Catholic Primary School in Fada N'Gourma, Burkina Faso, West Africa. It is astonishing to think that it is eleven 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 eleven 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 several 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 on Friday 16th October the children of Year 3 clambered into the minibuses and set off to deliver the many and varied boxes of harvest goodies to the local elderly. We took the children to Dower House in Milford where they handed out a box to each of the residents. All the remaining boxes were taken to the local food banks where they were very gratefully received. 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 accompanying us, with a keyboard, so that the children could sing for the elderly.

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.



YEAR 8 RETREAT: MONDAY 28TH 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. I was helped to run the retreat by Paul Crisell and

also by Andy Poulson and Matt Smith, 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.



Royal Visit

On Wednesday 16th September, Barrow Hills was delighted to host the inaugural visit of our President, HRH The Duchess of Gloucester. Local dignitaries and school governors - as well as our Head Boy and Girl - joined the Duchess for delicious refreshments provided by Mrs Darg and her team before visiting various areas of our school.

The Duchess is a natural with children and her engagement and enjoyment shone in her face throughout her visit. She visited Year 7 in their science lesson, watched some ballet in the dance studio and then, in the hall, observed various children from Year 5 to Year 8.

During a short service in Chapel, having unveiled a plaque to commemorate her visit, she thoroughly enjoyed a rousing rendition of the school hymn after two songs performed by Pre-Prep. Just before leaving chapel she was presented with a small gift and a bouquet.

After a gracious farewell, she stepped into her waiting car as the rain began to fall and went on to reopen the newly refurbished Queen Mary House at King Edward's.





Nursery Opening

Our new nursery celebrated its official grand opening in January, with Mrs Sally Marks, Chairman of Surrey County Council cutting the ribbon and unveiling a commemorative plaque. After a blessing by Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Marks then joined the other guests (children and adults) to celebrate with a traditional children's tea party complete with balloons, fancy dress characters and of course plenty of party food! With special thanks to Miss Bousfield for dressing up as a penguin and Mrs Darg for the wonderful cakes.

Mr Crisell said, "We are delighted that Mrs Marks was able to join us today, to mark a new chapter in the School's life. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who've worked so tirelessly to help realise our decision to create a dedicated nursery at Barrow Hills, especially Mrs Pulleyn, Mr Clarke and Mr Graham Powell, School Governor and Architect. We extend a warm welcome to the younger children who have joined the special caring and nurturing environment that is unique to Barrow Hills and look forward to supporting every child as they start their educational journey."





Forest School

Another year and another attempt by me to express in a few words what an amazing place our forest has become thanks to the hard work and efforts of the children.

Without exception, every child who participates in Forest School brings a unique set of skills that are given expression in numerous ways, in the freedom of the forest. Not all children arrive with the enthusiasm that they leave with but every one of them discovers something about themselves that they were unaware of before. This can be anything from a passion for technical tool skills or finding ways to use nature to enhance their comfort and enjoyment.

Sometimes, I experience the 'thinker'. This is a fascinating experience as I watch a child just happily wandering among the trees, sometimes singing and often completely silent. They will touch the trees and then bend down and pick up a handful of mud or dust, or leaves. This process can go on for weeks and when checked they will almost always confirm to me that they are completely happy. It is these children who are really deeply touched by the spirit of nature. Not impossible that among our 'thinkers' are our future scientists, engineers, artists and poets.

The aim of Forest School is as always to encourage physical and emotional resilience and confidence. Access to free and sometimes risky play helps children learn to discriminate between a good and bad idea. It does this in ways that a safe, clean, flat and warm classroom is not and never will be able to. These hard won skills will transfer to all areas of school life.

"Confidence and not fear, is the wellspring of all learning."

Mr Dean





Exercise Spring Tab 2016, Easter Reunion Hike

This year our annual hike for old Barrow Hillians took place from 7th – 8th April. As usual we all met early on the morning of the 7th, cheerful and full of carbs, ready to burn it all off on the South Downs. The team was very well prepared this year, and I can't help thinking that some of them are benefiting from older siblings who completed this Tab over the past couple of years.

Arriving at Didling church, we immediately climb about 350ft up onto the ancient ridgeway that runs from Winchester to Eastbourne, 106 miles in all. We were only completing a very small part of this but by the time we were 'up there', the look on the faces of the team suggested otherwise. 11 miles today, some of it in pretty wet weather. Lots of blisters and even time for some sheep rustling-rescue thanks to our resident farmer, Bart.

By the time we made it into Gumber Bothy, everyone was more than ready for a shower and some hot food. Each

intrepid adventurer was issued with army rations, containing enough calories for the entire hike; enough calories for a fit British Army soldier to keep going in combat for 24 hrs. Not enough though for some of our Year 9 hikers! Extras supplied... Time for a camp fire and traditional sing along! Sleep and then onto the Downs by 10am. Hike in the rain for the last three miles, everyone was completely sodden by the end at Arundel Castle, which thankfully came at about 3pm. Land Rovers back to Barrow Hills and then immediately home to a nice warm bath and bed.

A real pleasure to see everyone again and I have to say I was immensely proud of their capabilities and general spirit of endeavour. Well done team, another one in the bag, and some good prep stored away for next year's Duke of Edinburgh and Cadet Adventures.

Mr Dean



Senior Prefects and Captains 2015/2016

Head Boy
 Head Girl
 Kean – Captain
 McCormack Captain
 Murtough Captain
 Art Captain
 Art Captain
 Art Captain
 Art Captain
 Astro Captain
 Drama Captain
 Drama Captain
 Drama Captain
 Drama Captain
 DT Captain
 Forest School Captain
 Kindy Captain
 Kindy Captain
 Kindy Captain
 IT Captain
 Music Captain
 Music Captain
 Pre-Prep Captain
 Science
 Sports Captain - boys
 Sports Captain - boys
 Sports Captain - boys
 Sports Captain - girls
 Swimming Captain

Matthew
 Maddy
 Charlotte
 Cameron
 Ollie
 Cameron
 Jenny
 Kit
 Ollie
 Ollie
 Cameron
 Charlotte
 Lexi
 Louis
 Kit
 Oliver
 Maddy
 Lexi
 Oliver
 Sam
 Charlotte
 Jenny
 Maddy
 Matthew
 Eliot
 Felix
 Gabriel
 Lily
 Charlie



Year VIII 2016

2016 Scholarships & Awards

11+ LEAVERS' SHIELDS

Oliver - St Peter's
 Molly - Frensham Heights
 Edward - Edgeborough School
 Frank - Churcher's College
 Callum - St Edmund's, Hindhead
 Eleanor - St Catherine's, Bramley
 Caitlin - The Royal School, Haslemere
 Anastasia - Seaford College
 Charlotte - Seaford College
 Henrietta - Surbiton High School -
 Hockey and Principal's Award
 Freddie - Cranleigh Prep

12+ LEAVERS' SHIELDS

Bailey - Iona College, Brisbane
 Oliver - Edgeborough School
 Sophie - St Catherine's, Bramley

13+ LEAVERS' SHIELDS

Louis - St George's College
 Charlie - Seaford College
 Oliver - Seaford College - Art
 Jennifer - Worth School
 Alexandra - The Portsmouth Grammar
 School
 Madeline - Cranleigh
 Matthew - Reed's School
 Gabriel - Charterhouse - Attenborough
 Award: Leadership, Drama and Football
 Samuel - Charterhouse
 Madeleine - Frensham Heights - Drama
 Cameron - Royal Grammar School,
 Guildford - achieved highest score in
 Biology RGS Common Entrance
 Felix - Cranleigh
 Eliot - St George's College
 Kit - Seaford College
 Charlotte - The Royal School,
 Haslemere
 Oliver - St Edmund's, Hindhead

BARROW HILLS

11+ SCHOLARSHIPS 2016/17

Benedict - Sport
 Edward - All Rounder
 Julien - Music
 Emily - Drama
 Flyn - Drama and Art
 Bethany - Drama
 Oscar - Sport

FORM PRIZES

1st in Year 3 - William
 Effort in 3G - James
 Effort in 3R - Claudia

1st in Year 4 - Emma
 Effort in 4G - Belle
 Effort in 4R - Fraser

1st in Year 5 - George
 Effort in 5G - Alice
 Effort in 5R - Harry

1st in Year 6 - Henrietta
 Effort in 6G - Frank & Bethany
 Effort in 6R - Matthew & Eleanor

1st in Year 7 - Samuel
 Effort in 7G - Thomas & Annabel
 Effort in 7R - Theo & Ben

1st in Year 8 - Cameron
 Effort in Year 8 - Oliver

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) -
 Cameron
All-Round Musician Cup - Charlie
Barrow Hills Sportsman's Cup - Felix
Beauclair Year 6 Maths Cup - Eleanor
Bodsworth Cup - Madeleine
Borelli R.E. Cup - Jennifer
Campbell-John Drama Cup - Louis

Clery Gardner Art Cup - Frank

Cooper I.T. Cup - Samuel

Curtin Cricket Cup - Felix

Davies English Cup - Gabriel

Dr Booker All Round Best Student Cup
 - Cameron

Effort Cup for Ballet - Serena

Enrico Medi Cup (Oral French) - Eliot

Esposito Football Cup - Eliot

Farmer Rugby Cup - Matthew

Fisher Spanish Cup - Oliver

Forster Year 7 Maths Cup - Samuel

Garman Art Cup - Oliver

Hirst Cup - Alexandra

Hobbs Sports Cup - Henrietta

Hodgson-King Cup for History - Charlotte

Holden Poetry Cup - Louis

Holford Ballet Cup - Molly

Holford Pre-Prep Ballet Cup -
 Ruby and Beatrix

Hutchings Year 8 Maths Cup - Madeline

La Berliere Cup (Year 7 French) - Samuel

Latin Cup - Madeline

Liz O'Neill Cup - Nicholas

MacMillan Acting Cup - Gabriel

Navin Cup - Harry

Netball Cup - Madeline

Performing Arts Cup - Charlie

Pollen Chorister Cup - Jennifer

Regina Caeli Cup - Julian

Rice Science Cup - Sebastian

Sommer Rounders Cup - Jessica

St Pier Cup - Madeline

Standen - Jewell Cup - Matthew

Taylor Best Endeavour - Kit

Victor Ludorum - Eliot

Victrix Ludorum - Lily

Wilde Hockey Trophy - Felix

Wyatt Humanities Cup - Gabriel

Zante Art Cup - Cameron



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