

THE Chronicle



A PICTORIAL REVIEW OF
2016-17



Barrow Hills
SCHOOL

From the Headmaster

What a fantastic year at Barrow Hills - the U13 hockey, U11 netball and U11 hockey teams all playing in national finals, the Barrow Hills Bulldogs the only Prep school team to qualify for the national final of the Land Rover 4x4 design competition and over twenty scholarship offers from senior schools.

But more than that, 2016-17 was a year in which our ambition to prepare the children for greater things inspired a wonderful range of activities and experiences, helping them to be scholarly, responsible, compassionate, curious and joyful.

Their joy leaps out from the pages of this year's Chronicle. Well done to everyone, children and staff, on another happy and successful year at Barrow Hills.



Mr Sean Skehan
Headmaster



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House News

House Poetry

The audience behaved beautifully as each year group presented its poems. The writing was rich and varied and standards were high. The theme this year was "Messages".

The winners were:

Year 3 Anastasia; Year 4 Claudia; Year 5 Fraser; Year 6 Nicholas; Year 7 Bethany and Imogen; Year 8 Sebastian.

The overall winner was **Kean** with **McCormack** and **Murtough** joint runners up. A thankyou to Mr Skehan for judging, Mrs Campbell-John for organising, Miss Anna and all the teachers for helping. A special thankyou to Lily and Theo who read for the two children who were ill.

House Quiz

On Wednesday 6th December, the eagerly awaited House Quiz took place in the school hall. Eighteen finalists lined up, representing our three Houses. With questions about a variety of topics including: movies, maths, science, geography, history, famous faces and general knowledge, the battle to win the trophy was fiercely competitive. It was all level at half way but Kean then took off with a long run of correct answers to take the honours, with McCormack 2nd and Murtough 3rd.

Well done to all the competitors and special thanks to Mr Hopkin for putting the questions together.

The Message

The letter was sealed, I was 10 paces
away from the post box nine, eight,
seven, six, five, four, three, two.
Suddenly the letter flew out of my hand
off with the wind carrying it swiftly and
gently just like a mother would her baby.

I watched it pass all the houses in the
town whilst questions and questions flew
around in my head just like the letter,
where will it stop?

Who will receive it?

When will someone receive it?

Will someone open it?

Nobody knows.

I watched it till it was out of sight it
passed farms, schools, houses and oak
trees with colours of bright green and
lovely dark brown.

It gently floated away out of my sight
like a leaf dropping from a tree.

I squinted my eyes but still I could see nothing.

So I tried to imagine, where it would
go, but still nobody knows. I imagined
it flying across the town smoothly
adventuring land that is new to the letter.

Suddenly it stopped in the air, and fell
through the sky.

It landed in a river nearby, and floated
like a boat to where nobody knows.

Finlay Year 6, Kean, Runner Up

Messages

Riddle me this.
something you cannot touch.
fast as a bullet it never misses, it can go to
as many so many people as you wish
it can be stored away safely
it can be passed down from person to
person, winding like a snake changing its path
like Chinese whispers, it can travel across
the globe accompanied by a mouth.

Riddle me this.

A line in the sky in the blue blue sky like a
message for everyone written in a busy place
for more than one receiver
the carrier is travelling on borrowed time
it can go wrong because it takes a long time.

Riddle me this.

a spinning tape spinning, spinning until
the sun goes down
they say 'Ooooh yeah party' or 'mayday
mayday we're going down'
from forty years ago the ancient music
player the recording device of the
twentieth century.

Riddle me this.

the bribers on the big screen show the colourful
lands of fantasy saying come on why not try.
some can entertain you make you laugh
bring the impossible to life
the trees spoke like a powerful speaker.
a land where dogs are sheep and cats
are cows.

Can you guess?

Nicky Year 6, Murtough, Winner

The Great Barrow Hills Bake-Off

On Monday 20th February, many of our children entered the Great Barrow Hills Bake Off Competition - an idea proposed by School Council. Children could either enter the Technical Challenge and follow a recipe given to them by School Council, or they could enter the Showstopper Challenge and choose their own recipe. Children donned their aprons at home over the weekend, with help only from parents to supervise the electrical items and the use of the oven. The results were incredible, as you can see from the photos! Well done to all who participated.

The winners were:

Year 3&4

Technical challenge (flapjacks) = Matthew (4R) ([McCormack](#))
 Showstopper challenge (biscuits) = Barnaby (4G) (Murtough)

Year 5&6

Technical challenge (brownies) = Isobel (5G) ([McCormack](#))
 Showstopper challenge (cupcakes) = Rory (5G) (Murtough)

Year 7&8

Technical challenge (sausage rolls) = Sebastian (8G) (Murtough)
 Showstopper challenge (bread rolls) = Annabel (8G) ([Kean](#))

House winner 1st Murtough, 2nd [McCormack](#), 3rd [Kean](#)

Head Judge, Mrs Darg, took over an hour to taste and select the winners, commenting: "Fantastic effort from over 26 entries. Lots of very tasty and well made goodies."



House Sport



House Badminton

Congratulations to [McCormack](#), the House Badminton victors!

House Hockey

We all waited with bated breath to hear the results from mixed house hockey... the boys' cup was won by [Kean](#) and so was the girls' cup!

House Music

Well done to absolutely everyone who participated in and helped at House Music. The whole of Prep celebrated the musical life of the School in February with the House competition. With points for participation, as well as excellence, the competition encouraged music making at all levels. The House choirs sang with gusto, and the soloists, Fern, Tomas, Anna, Julien, Matthew, Dominic, Luke, Sam and Imogen, performed with confidence and skill. Well done to Murtough, the winning House.

'Off by heart' Poetry Final

Years 3 to 7 all enjoyed watching the House 'Off by Heart' Poetry Final. This is one of the last House events of the year so everyone was anxious to see which House would win...

There were three finalists from each year group:

Ruby, Matilda, Nathaniel (Year 3)

Claudia, Sarah, Harry (Year 4)

Jake, Xavier, Rory (Year 5)

Hermione, Elena, Nicky (Year 6)

Eddie, Julien, Imogen (Year 7)

Our guest judge, Tina Quinn from Rydes Hill, had a very difficult job deciding upon a winner from each year group as every single finalist was word perfect and spoke with great expression. Mrs Quinn commended everyone for their skill and enthusiasm and it was silent in the chapel while she announced the winners from each year group and the overall winner... [Kean](#)!

The cup was collected by Alexander from Year 7, next year's Head of [Kean](#).

Congratulations to all finalists and well done to ALL children for learning a poem by heart - not an easy feat!



World Book Day

In March, we all went book crazy as children, staff and parents embraced the joy of reading during Book Week at Barrow Hills. Year 6R introduced Book Week with a very funny assembly, talking about the importance of reading and what fun it can be to share a wide variety of books.

On Tuesday, children from Years 3 to 8 returned to school at 6.30pm in their pyjamas and onesies for a bed time story with a drink and a biscuit. Year 3 and 4 enjoyed an extract from 'Tom's Midnight Garden', Year 5 listened to the latest funny David Walliams book, 'The Blob', Year 6 enjoyed 'Grimm Tales', while Year 7 and 8 listened to the scary short story, 'The Monkey's Paw' up in the LRC with all the lights off...!

Parents went to the refectory to hear a very well-informed talk about reading from Mrs Goedkoop, and to discuss books and reading with Miss Tan and Mr Skehan. Mrs Goedkoop explained why it is so vital to read with your children and shared lots of ways to make this interesting and exciting. Thank you to Mrs Mason for organising such a fun packed week and to Mrs Nicholls for judging all the fantastic costumes on World Book Day.

"When Mrs Mason invited me and Mrs Hobbs to act as judges of all the amazing costumes to mark Thursday's World Book Day, we had no inkling of just how difficult it was going to be. Fun, of course. But difficult? ... we had no idea just how difficult! As we went round the classrooms we were deeply conscious of how much effort so many children had made and we would have loved to have dished out the prizes like Smarties. Some classes, such as Year 7, were very particularly hard to judge due to the tremendous trouble to which all the children had gone. We tried our hardest to be fair and thoughtful and to recognise those who had put particular effort into their costume. Well done to the winners, runners up and those with a special mention. Commiserations to all those who worked hard, but who just missed out. Honestly, you were all fantastic. A special mention must also go to Mrs Darg and her team for the wonderful lunch we had. Our menu included: Where the Wild Things are...chicken and rice soup; Green Eggs and Ham; Hot Noodles made from Poodles on a slice of garden hose; Mr Hippo's Pizza Parlour; Boiled slobbages and not forgetting Wonkas whipple scrumptious fudgemellow delight and fresh nishnobblers! Delicious!" Mrs Nicholls



The results were as follows. The winners in each year group received a Green Commendation, runners up received two credits and special mentions received one credit:

Year 3 Winner Raymond (3G) as Sirius Black; Runner Up Thomas (3R) as Paddington.

Year 4 Winner Ben (4R) as Gandalf; Runner Up Georgia (4R) as Saucepan Man; Special Mention Claudia (4G) Billionaire Boy.

Year 5 Winner Fraser (5R) as The Child Catcher; Runner Up Rory (5G) as Hagrid; Special Mention Nicholas (5G) as TinTin and Charlotte (5G) as Danny the Champion of the World.

Year 6 Winner Toby (6G) as Lord of the Flies; Runner Up George (6R) Frankenstein.

Year 7 Winner Harvey (7G) as The Boy in the Dress and Runner Up Imogen (7G) as Miss Marple; Special Mention Julian (7R) as Where's Wally and Eddie (7R) as Stanley Yelnats.

Year 8 Winner Lily (8R) as Prof Trelawney and Runner Up Jessica (8R) as Miss Trunchbull; Special Mention Sam (8R) as The wardrobe from The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

The overall winners were Ruby (3R) and William (5G) as Swallows and Amazons.



St George's Day

Wow! What fun was had on Friday the 28th April as the School took part in a variety of St George's Day activities. Mrs Darg provided everyone with a delicious traditional English lunch; roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, which was enjoyed by everyone, including the staff.

In Pre-Prep, Nursery and Kindy enjoyed some creative art activities linked to St George. Reception to Year 2 took part in a range of events, mixing the year groups together and visiting different classrooms. They all took on the challenge of morris dancing with Mrs Crisell, accompanied by Mr Wardell on the accordion. This was so popular the children wondered if it could become a regular part of the school timetable.

In cooking with Mrs Miles, the children made a coronet and a shield. It was amazing to see their attention to detail. It was fantastic to watch the older children being role models, working with the younger children, supporting and caring for them. They all created their own dragon with Mrs Rees, thinking carefully about the materials and colours they were using. As they entered Mrs Livingston's classroom, they transformed into a range of different characters. They even climbed a high mountain to see a dragon, using their brilliant imaginations.

Pre-Prep loved St George's day, visiting the different classrooms with a wide range of exciting learning opportunities.

Prep, in their very fetching red and white mufti, also took part in an array of St George's Day activities. From English cooking, to designing dragons and castles in DT; Mrs Mason's bin bag challenge; swimming pool games, bench, dodge and Danish ball games; chess; art; outward bounds / capture the flag at Forest School; dancing to the Spice Girls, and drama sketches. Our thanks go to everyone who took part, to our judges including Mrs Darg who helped to judge the cookery and old Barrow Hillian Joshua Garman who was our guest judge, and to all the teachers and staff who helped.

The overall winner was **Kean!**



House Art and DT Showcase

On the evening of Thursday 6th July, the St Joseph's Centre was open to parents and children to reveal the House Art entries and showcase a range of technology work that had been completed this year.

All pupils in Prep produced a piece of work for the House Art Exhibition, which hung from the old beams and covered all table tops. It was great to show the lovely old renovated barn, where the children make a range of creative pieces on a daily basis.

The event was a great success with a range of wonderful compliments from the children and parents. Congratulations to the winners.

The House Art competition was of a particularly high standard this year. Congratulations to all who took part.

The winners were:

Year 3: 1st: Samuel (3G) & Alexander (3G); 2nd: Nathaniel (3G) & Lloyd (3G); 3rd: Rose (3R)

Year 4: 1st: James (4G) & Louis (4G); 2nd: Nils (4R); 3rd: William (4G) & Jamie (4G)

Year 5: 1st: Emma (5R); 2nd: Joseph (5R) & Xavier (5R); 3rd: Fraser (5R)

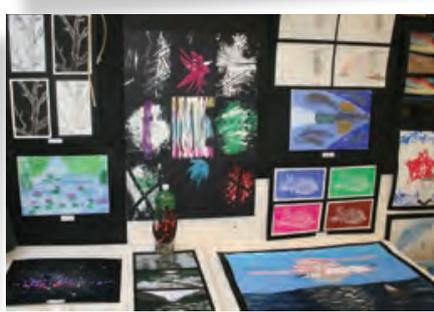
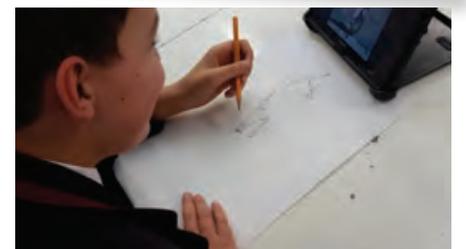
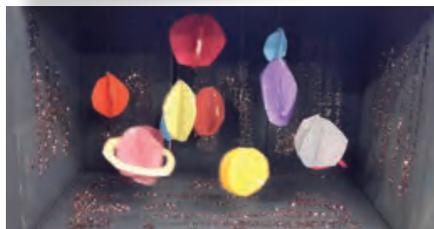
Year 6: 1st: George (6R) & Dominic (6G); 2nd: Finlay (6G) & Freddie (6G); 3rd: Noah (6R) & India (6R)

Year 7: 1st: Amy (7G); 2nd: Imogen (7G); 3rd: Bethany (7G)

Year 8: 1st: Freddie (8R); 2nd: Luke (8R); 3rd: Harry (8R)

Overall: 1st: Thomas (5G); 2nd: Serena (6R); 3rd: Ruby (3R)

House Winners: 1st **Kean**; 2nd Murtough; 3rd: **McCormack**



Children's Work

Nursery

Nursery has had several trips to the science lab this year. In February, under the watchful guidance of Ms Garcia, Nursery met and shook hands with the skeleton and held a model of the heart. They then felt their own hearts and listened to them with a stethoscope. Much fun was had by all our young scientists!

In the summer term, Nursery children went to the science lab to plant their beans encouraged and assisted by the Year 7 children in their task. It was a joy to all.



Kindy

In Kindy, topic work has ranged from dinosaurs to space. As part of their dinosaur topic, the children have been investigating volcanoes. Together, they looked up information on the internet, learning about magma and lava and also enjoying watching several videos of volcanic eruptions. The children decided it would be fun to build their own volcano and see if they could create an eruption. The pictures show the result of a lot of collaborative work as the children worked together to construct and then paint their volcano, the bicarb and vinegar eruption was a success!



Nursery and Kindy

Nursery and Kindy have been very busy this year. They have been for beautiful autumnal walks, they have learnt French and there has been plenty of creativity. At the beginning of June, the children entertained some very special visitors at lunch...their teddy bears! A fabulous time was had by all.



Reception

Things we have enjoyed in Reception:

Rory I enjoyed using the tablets and creating my planet fact sheet about Venus and Saturn.

Sophie I liked it when we went to Bocketts Farm and seeing the animals - the piglets were my favourite.

Eliza I loved planting in the greenhouse with Mr Gazka. We planted sunflowers and beans.

Arthur I liked when we went on our trip to the Lookout Centre and going in the water area, using the water fountains and diverting the water flow.

Alfie I loved going to the Lookout Centre and going on the truck in the construction area.

Louis I enjoyed learning about space, especially Jupiter and using shaving foam and paint to create my planet.

Bobby I liked it when the farm came to visit Pre-Prep in our garden especially the little puppy called Aster.

Freddie I liked looking at the cress seeds watching them sprout and learning what they need to grow.

Aria I liked learning about minibeasts and watching the caterpillars turn to butterflies.

Lyla I loved making the headbands and the flag in our Expressive Arts week when we learnt about Russia.

Emilia I have enjoyed going to the swimming pool and going in the deep end.

Abigail I enjoyed taking part in sports day and my favourite race was the running race.

Oliver I enjoyed the schools trips because I loved going on all the different things.

Suzie I have enjoyed going to the library and picking a new book each week.

James I enjoyed football every Monday after school with Kevin.



Pre-Prep Garden

Pre-Prep was very excited about returning to school after Easter to find the new playground equipment ready to use. They took on the challenge of the climbing wall, using their balancing skills to carefully make their way to the top; an achievement for all the children. They enjoyed reaching for the monkey handles and swinging from one to another, making their way across. The cargo net has been a particular favourite of the children, using their imaginative play pretending they are on a mission.

Emilia "I like the monkey swings the best."

James "I love it."

Eliza "I enjoy going over the little bridge balancing with my friends."



Spring chickens!

In May, the whole school was a-flutter as a very special delivery arrived. Six partly incubated eggs and all the equipment they needed for successful hatching was set up in the Reception classroom. We all waited with bated breath...

Over the next 48 hours, it was a privilege to watch the chicks emerge (bedraggled and exhausted!) from their eggs and fascinating to see how quickly they dried out and became yellow, fluffy, busy and extremely noisy!

When they were completely dry, the chicks were transferred from

the incubator to the brooding unit where they were carefully handled under adult supervision, observed and their antics enjoyed. The amount of individual love, care and attention they clearly receive in their early days means they got off to a flying start in life.

Thank you to 'incredible eggs' for our new friends, to Mrs Pulleyn for organising and to Mrs Livingston and Mrs Reed for being so patient with every single child and member of staff who visited their classroom.



Memories of Year 1

Jacob I enjoyed Christmas, we did a really special dance and we made yummy cake pops. I loved Victorians.

Hugo I loved The Titanic because it was so interesting. I liked learning about the Victorians because I learnt lots of things I didn't know before.

Kitty I liked the Christmas dance because it felt cheerful. I also liked the dinosaurs because of the fossils.

Ilana We went to Portchester Castle and I dressed up as a Victorian servant. I liked World Book Day and I dressed up as Cinderella!

Daisy I loved The Titanic because there was three different classes. I also liked castles because we went to Portchester Castle.

Charlie I liked the Victorians. They were very strict. I liked castles, we made motte and bailey castles.

Jethro We learnt about woodlands and I painted a squirrel. I liked doing the Mexican dance. I liked learning about Jesus.

Montgomery Year 1 has been brilliant. I enjoyed the Teddy Bears' Picnic because we had our own teddy. I loved Mexico because we made hats and panpipes.

Alfred My favourite thing was looking at animal skulls when we went to Alice Holt. I dressed up and I was a badger. Mexico was good because we tasted every single bit of food.

Lucas I enjoyed doing the Christmas tree. We collected leaves to cover in glitter then decorate the tree. I loved Golden Time when you get to do whatever you want.

Harry We made a dinosaur out of sticks, pinecones, daisies and fern. At Christmas we made a snowman with number bonds and I did a cowboy snowman.

Cleo My favourite things were all wonderful things! The problem is I don't have a favourite thing. I am looking forward to new experiences in Year 2.

Otilie I have enjoyed everything in Year One but my favourite thing was learning about the Titanic. A lady brought in some suitcases filled with clothes that people from first, second and third class wore.

Ronnie I liked Saint George as he saved the town. It was fun when Mrs Wilson dressed as a Christmas tree.

Max I liked learning how to cook and loved PSHE lessons because I like telling people things.

Timo My favourite part was learning about RMS Titanic. The thing I liked was that some of the people were rescued and saved.

Charlie I enjoyed learning about the woodland. We went to Alice Holt for the day, it was good fun and I loved the land art. The centre was good and we saw moose antlers.

Jamie We got to wear lifejackets during a talk from our Godalming Museum visitor. I liked Year 1, it was fun!





Year 2's Memories of Pre-Prep

India My favourite thing in Year 2 was the Tudor feast because I enjoyed getting dressed in my Tudor clothes.

Edward R My favourite thing in Year 2 was going to London because we got to watch a 3D movie and go on the London Eye and the river cruise.

Amelia I enjoyed World Book Day because we were dressed up and I dressed up as Rapunzel.

Georgia The thing I enjoyed most was the Tudor feast because we dressed up in Tudor clothes and ate Tudor food in the classroom.

Savannah My favourite thing I have done in Year 2 is swimming lessons with Sally and my friends.

Bella My favourite thing in Pre-Prep was all the cooking because it tasted really good and it was fun making the different things.

Josh My favourite thing in Year 2 was the Isle of Wight trip because I enjoyed having cake on the ferry.

Leo I really enjoyed the Isle of Wight trip because I had to be at school at 07:00. Also, I enjoyed talking about fishing with Dominic.

Edward L I loved art with Mrs Platt. She had brilliant ideas and I also enjoyed the Isle of Wight trip. I loved fossil hunting.

Dominic My favourite part of Year 2 was the Tudor feast. I went as a highwayman.

Charlie I enjoyed our trip to London. First, we got on a train, then we went on a boat then we went on the London Eye.

Chloe In Pre-Prep I enjoyed Kindy. I liked it when it was free time because we could do painting. I loved it.

Rocco My favourite thing in Pre-Prep was doing Art with Mrs Platt in Year 2.

Florence I loved Mrs Platt looking after us on our school trip.

Aoife In Pre-Prep I loved the teddy bears' picnic with Mrs Wilson in Year 1. It was fun. I also liked making my clay turtle with Mrs Platt.

Elizabeth In Pre-Prep I liked doing art with Mrs Wilson and Mrs Platt.

Phoebe I enjoyed going to Hampton Court Palace in Year 2. We saw the Crown Jewels.

Paige My favourite thing at school is when I went to have a taster day in Year 1.



Green fingers!

The children of Year 3 have enjoyed spending time in the garden this year. From pulling the rhubarb, to planting pansies and growing daffodils, all the children have thoroughly enjoyed gardening club.



Chess Club

Children enjoyed their lunchtime chess club this year. Players of different skill levels were given tasks to extend their knowledge. This included the ability to spot a floating piece, learning values of pieces and in some cases learning how to play a game of timed chess.



A special thank you

In June, Year 3 thanked a very special group of ladies. Mrs Darg and her team have looked after children and staff all year, producing fabulous food every day and always ensuring differing dietary requirements are catered for. Year 3 decided it was time to look after the team in return. There was a beautiful thank you card, delicious cake and hot cups of tea served by Year 3 to our wonderful catering staff.



Year 4 Creative Writing

Message in a bottle

My exhausted body was pushed onto the shore by the waves. I lay on the sand as if it was the comfiest bed in the world, grateful to not have to swim another stroke. The island had lots of palm trees with fresh coconuts. It also had banana trees. The bananas were delicious, but there was nothing to drink. I started to dig....

I found a passage. There were loads of skeletons and a little bit of gold. Finally, there was a cup of water. When I drank it I felt really strong. I could lift up anything, it must have been a magic potion. I couldn't get out of the cave so I walked on and I found a bottle. I walked on and I found a piece of paper. I remembered I was really strong so I pulled up to the surface. When I was up on the island I sent a message in the bottle.

I have lived here ever since.

Theo (4R)

Year 4 Persuasive letter writing

Dear Mr Skehan

I am writing to you as I would like Year 4 to go to PGL again next year. It will make them better students and have more friends to play with and you would have kinder students.

If they go, you could go too if you wanted. You could do raft building and the zip wire.

They would think you are the best headmaster. You are my favourite headmaster in the whole universe. You would make me feel so happy.

Yours sincerely

Ben (4R)

Year 4 Creative Writing

The Fantasy Sweet Shop

I was blown into an eerie, mysterious town, maybe a city; but it seemed like a town. Diesel fumes and smoke were blaring out of the engines. Finally I found my bearings then I saw a creaky, ancient wooden sweet shop. I glanced inside; there were jars with a bountiful amount of sweets, reaching to the brink of the glass. Most of the treats were flooding out of see through structures. Abruptly I headed straight for the door, little did I know this was one of the biggest mistakes of my life.

The first sound I heard was the clunking of the glass lids being placed and sort of smashed on the jars. I saw spoilt children raiding the shop for sherbets and those chewy kind of sweets, whining to their parents making them pay. I simply just had to smell the wonders of the minuscule circular bonbons. Inside the jars, all the vividly coloured sweets were having a parade. I thought the dark chocolate had just declared war on the white chocolate. I was as uncomfortable as a zebra surrounded by lions.

The shop didn't really have an end. Candy canes were helping Haribo heart sweets to not be dumped out of the shop. I felt famished by being surrounded by all the magical delights. I decided to purchase an everlasting gobstopper. I did not actually believe that they were real; weren't they just in a classic book written by this weird old British man?

Barnaby (4G)

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

In December, Year 5 had a great time at their Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Lots of cake, sandwiches and squash were enjoyed by children, parents and siblings. Their hats looked amazing and they even had a chance to watch a clip of the tea party from 'Alice in Wonderland'. Well done Year 5!



Year 6 Descriptive Writing

A honey voiced gloss silkily taunted me into submission. It spoke of calorie filled lands and sugar filled houses. A fragile white moon foam forced me into taking a bite. It convinced me obesity was nothing compared to not having a cloud on earth in my mouth.

Toby, Year 6



Young Inventors

Young Inventors is a club that inspires Barrow Hills children to think creatively and experiment with solutions to problems using their 'can do' attitude.

Young inventors have been creatively building marble runs from cardboard in their Prism activities. Congratulations to Isobel (5G) and Annabel (5R), who were the eventual winners. Well done to



Sascha (5R), Laurie (5R), Louis (4G), William (4G), Jedd (4G) and Max (5R) for their super efforts.

Earlier in the year, Taylor (4G) spent the weekend building a fantastic marble run out of everyday materials. This was inspired by his work in young inventors.



Forest School

It's always hard to condense so much into a single page, I could fill the entire Chronicle with stories of mud and high adventure, dens and tree houses, fire, stories and games.

People often ask me to define what happens in our Forest School and why I think it is important. The forest seems to offer a high definition, four dimensional, full contact, adrenaline fuelled way of learning. The children tell me it makes cold days warm and hot days cool!

It is always sad to say goodbye to our Year 8 leavers. This year was particularly hard, as they leave so much behind them.

We have a partial housing estate of dens that are so well organised and so loved that it really is going to be a very hard task to maintain them in good order. Our new Year 8 Forest School Captain, Alexander, has certainly got his work cut out. He is now busily organising a range of resources and helpers.

Our older children have now seen six years of action packed activities in the forest and have acquired a significant amount of knowledge and skills.

A special mention must go to last year's Year 3 children who spent a very special and memorable afternoon at HQ practising and then performing our hasty adaptation of the great Anglo Saxon epic, 'Beowulf'. What an experience! In my opinion, this story is very important and very special, sitting as it does at the root of English literature. It is a story that must be experienced, rather than just heard. We achieved this, dressed in period attire around a campfire and under a beautiful summer Forest Canopy. True deep learning at its best!

Mr Dean



Year 6 Creative Writing

Flea Began by Freddie (6G)

Flea began
He took the silence of a sock
He took the mouth of a crocodile
And made his voice.

For his body
He took the legs of flamingo,
He took the skin of an elephant
And made his shape.

For his life
Silently, he stole the life of a fly,
Quietly, he stole the speed of flash,
And time was created.

Flea repellent and bug spray
Were put in his allergies
And for the endless deaths of his fellow fleas
He counted a million.

For his appearance
He took one fifth of a centimeter
And a red, flat as a ox's back, back.

He could leap a skyscraper!
With the clumsiness of a clown!?!?
With legs of steel.

And Flea came.

Polar Bear Began by Lucy (6G)

Polar Bear Began
He caught the growling of sandpaper,
He caught the howling of the wolf
And made his voice.

For his fur
He caught the thickness of deep snow,
He caught the paleness of the silvery moon
He caught the softness of a fluffy cloud.

He caught the stamina of an olympic runner!
He caught the walk of flowing water
For his stride.

Then at night
He caught the stare of the owl,
He caught the darkness of the sky
To make his eyes.

Glass and fire!
Went in the sharpness of his claws
And for their shape
He caught the length of a giraffe's neck.

He caught the fierceness of the dragon
He caught the braveness of the lion
He caught the playfulness of the toddler.
And Polar Bear was made!

Horned Lizard Began by Dominic (6G)

He was given the blade of a warrior
He was given the steel of a knight's armour
And made his scales.

For his eyes
He was given the shot of a speeding bullet
He was given the blood of Dracula.

For his feet
He was given the engine of a car
He was given the stamina of an olympian

For his sound
He was given the silence of the night
He was given the lick of a frog

For his tail
He was given the whip of a snake
He was given the strength of the waves.

For his tongue
He was given the length of of a giraffe
He was given the point of a needle.

And Horned Lizard Began

Panther Began by India (6R)

Panther began.
She captured the cry of a knight,
She captured the roughness of a cliff edge,
She captured the sharpness of a holly bush
And made her voice.

For her coat
She captured the black midnight sky,
She captured the moisture of the jungle,
She captured the rippled water,
She captured the sheen of fine silk.

For her eyes
She captured the golden sunlight,
She captured the sharpness of a blade,
She captured the diamond shaped leaves.
She captured the glistening water.

Day and night,
Went into the endless talent

And for her figure,
She was given independent pride.
And panther was made.

Octopus Began by Nicholas (6R)

Octopus began.
Silently he lassoed the silhouette of the waves.
For his tentacles.

Octopus escaped.
Silently he lassoed the full moon's sphere.
For his head.

Octopus snuck.
Silently he lassoed a jellyfish.
For his pulsating tentacles.

Octopus found.
Silently he lassoed a horn.
For his cry.

Octopus saw!
He gently cradled kindness.
For his heart.

Bison Began by Toby (6G)

Bison began
He took the roar of a lion
He took the grunt of an exhausted rhinoceros
And made his voice.

For his coat
He took the darkness of a swamp
He took the beard of an old hermit
He took the colour of the bark of the trees in shadow.

From roaring battles
He took the tramp of an army's boots
He took the flick of horses' hoofs
For his walk.

Then from fire
Bison took the cracking of charcoal
He took the change of dirt to stone
To forge his duels.

Blood and fire
Went into the passion of his stampede
And for his running

He took the hammer of water pouring
over stone.
And Bison began.

Panther Began...by George (6R)

From the sky
 She seized the velvet from the night,
 She seized the ripple from the light,
 She seized the curl from a cloud
 And her coat began.

From a galaxy
 She seized the eruption of a beginning,
 She seized the heat of a sun,
 She seized the threat of extinction
 And her roar began.

From an orchestra
 She seized the strum of a harp,
 She seized the rhythm of the beat,
 She seized the tranquility of a violin
 And her purr began.

From the air
 She seized the motion of a sound wave,
 She seized the spring of a leaping frog,
 She seized the pace of a raindrop
 And her walk began.

From the sea
 She seized the point of a shark tooth,
 She seized the flexibility of a wave,
 She seized the colour of spray
 And her whiskers began.

From a cave
 She seized the skin of a diamond,
 She seized the severity of a falling stalactite,
 She seized the size of a pebble
 And her claws began.

From a battle
 She seized the courage of a soldier,
 She seized the target of a bullet,
 She seized the blood of a wound
 And her heart began.

From a house
 She seized the warmth of a hearth,
 She seized the softness of a pillow,
 She seized the honesty of a sheet
 And her kindness began.

From a storm
 Thunder and lightning merged merged,
 A whirlpool swirled,
 She borrowed the silence of the knife of
 the man far, far away.
 And her eyes opened.
 And Panther ended.

Hedgehog Began by Serena (6R)

Hedgehog Began
 For her coat
 She stole the point of a needle
 The sharpness of a knife.

For her eyes
 She stole the blackness of night
 The glow of melted coal.

For her movement
 She stole flash of lightning
 The speed of flowing water.

For her sound
 She stole the roughness of the wind
 The ticking of a clock.

For her claws
 She stole the shards of shattered glass
 The gleam of polished wood.

And Hedgehog began!

Elephant Began by Noah (6R)

Elephant began
 He stole the sound of the trumpet,
 He stole the thump from a collapsing building
 And made his voice.

For his skin
 He stole the wrinkles of the elderly,
 He stole his ears from the palm leaves
 And made his face.

For his movement
 He stole the swaying of trees,
 He stole the stiffness of robots
 And made his walk.

For his mind
 He stole the brain of a scientist,
 He stole teeth from blunt knives
 And made his jaw.

For his personality
 He stole the playfulness of clowns,
 He stole the joy of a pig in mud
 And made his excitement.

For his trunk
 He stole the length of the Eiffel Tower,
 He stole the flexibility of a skipping rope,
 And elephant was made.

Rhino Began by Elena (6G)

Rhino began
 He caught the paleness of the rocks,
 He caught the dryness of the droughts
 And created his skin.

For his armour
 He caught the texture of treebark,
 He caught the hardness of the diamonds
 He caught the roughness of the bristles of
 the dry shrubs.

From furnaces
 He caught the slow flicker of the flames,
 He caught the crackling of the wood
 For his walk.

Then at dawn
 Rhino caught the silhouette of the trees,
 He caught the stillness of the ground
 To make his eyes.

Moon and sun

Went into the slick curve of his horns
 And for their colour
 He caught the savannah's dust.
 And Rhino began.

Gorilla Grew by Finlay (6G)

Gorilla's teeth grew like knives ready to
 destroy and stab,
 Gorilla's coat grew softer than fine sand
 that flowed like water,
 Gorilla's look was made.

Gorilla's roar grew like the eruption of a rocket
 that deafened everyone and everything,
 Gorilla's footprints grew like the rage of a
 thunderstorm,
 Gorilla's sound was made.

Gorilla's posture grew with a perfect
 strong back
 Shaped like the smooth curve of the moon,
 Gorilla's shape was made.

Gorilla grew like the power of an elephant,
 Gorilla grew like the beauty of an angel.
 Gorilla's soul was made.

Gorilla began.

Year 6 parachutes

Year 6 enjoyed testing their parachutes, which they designed and built for an investigation into forces.



Year 7 science

As part of a STEM activity, Year 7 had to design and create a bridge. They then investigated which bridge could withstand the largest mass.



Year 7 geography fieldwork

Year 7 enjoyed completing their practical investigation as part of their Common Entrance fieldwork. They had to measure width and depth, so that they could create a cross-section and measure the velocity of the water.



Roundhouse

Our roundhouse journey began in 2011 and was the brainchild of Mr Hodgson-King. He took inspiration from the Year 6 residential at Bowles Activity Centre. Our current Year 8s have been part of this journey since the beginning and it is fitting that they completed this wonderful task as part of their post Common Entrance programme. Thank you to Mrs Rockingham and the Year 8 parents for donating their time and also their contribution, including scalplings, canvas panels and signage. Also, thank you to Mr Fisher for taking on the mantle from Mr H-K.



Art

Our art department encourages all children to build on and develop a wide range of artistic skills. Throughout all year groups, the children have studied a range of artistic methods. These have ranged from painting and printmaking to clay and modroc sculpture; Year 3 have created mythical birds using mixed media, Year 4 have moulded clay into Matisse inspired nature tiles, Year 5 have constructed Mad Hatter's hats for a tea party, Year 6 have experimented with textile art that included felt making and batik, Year 7 have carved lino for printmaking and Year 8 have created a range of works on the topic of Journey.

We are very proud to give our children such opportunities to explore and create their own vision of what they believe art is. 'Every child is born an artist.' Pablo Picasso

This year, our topic work in Prep has included:

Year 7 self

Year 7 have used a mixture of print making skills to create their final pieces. They have worked with lino, monoprinting and drawing. Their final pieces reflect something that they enjoy.

Year 6 observational drawings

On Friday 20th January, Year 6 had the opportunity to work with Miss Jivanda, the Graduate Art Assistant from King Edward's. They took part in a compositional drawing workshop, building on their still life knowledge and developed it into charcoal tonal drawing with chalk highlights. The work produced was stunning and extremely high quality. A great skill which was used in their Surrealism project. Thank you to Miss Jivanda for her time in teaching Year 6 such high quality skills!

Year 6 the sea

Year 6 have been using their textile knowledge to create sea inspired final pieces. They have used a range of materials including felt, batik and ink.

Year 5 body in motion

Year 5 have been inspired by the artwork of Edgar Degas. They have used their knowledge to create movement drawings and develop them into final pieces.

Year 4 portraits

Year 4 have been studying their faces and drawing their features in a range of materials. They have used their knowledge to create mixed media final pieces.



King Edward's Spring Art Competition

On Wednesday 22nd March, 10 Barrow Hills children found themselves entered in the final exhibition of the King Edward's Spring Art Competition. They had strong competition from a large range of local Junior and Prep schools and were highly complimented on their ideas and creative work. Well done to Joseph (5R), Isobel (5G), Charlotte (5R), Max (5R), Fraser (5R), Flynn (7R), Max (7G), Oliver (7R), Sam (8R) and Theo (8R).

Congratulations to Sam (8R) who won a High Commendation in his category.



Performing Arts

LAMDA

LAMDA and Musical Theatre was a huge success again this year with outstanding exam results.

The children gave a marvellous performance at the showcase in June. It was an opportunity for parents to see the children perform their LAMDA duologue or monologue. Some of them performed their pieces at the Godalming Music Festival. Others had the chance to perform at Proms in the Park.

Congratulations to three LAMDA pupils, Hermione, Lucy and Honor who were awarded Drama Scholarships for Year 7 and Year 9. Jess had the opportunity to audition for the Guildford Pantomime at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre and Luke, Max and Eddie appeared in an Educational Film for the Y.M.C.A.



CANDIDATE	SUBJECT & GRADE	GRADE
Paige	Solo Introductory Stage 3	Distinction
Thomas	Verse and Prose Entry	Merit
Theodore	Verse and Prose Entry	Merit
Nathaniel	Verse and Prose Entry	Distinction
Nils	Verse and Prose Grade 1	Merit
James	Verse and Prose Grade 1	Merit
Louis	Verse and Prose Grade 1	Distinction
Tommy	Verse and Prose Grade 1	Merit
James	Verse and Prose Grade 2	Merit
Luke	Verse and Prose Grade 4	Distinction
Claudia	Acting Solo Grade 1	Merit
Max	Acting Duo Grade 1	Merit
William	Acting Duo Grade 1	Merit
Georgia	Acting Duo Grade 1	Merit
Mia	Acting Duo Grade 1	Merit
Lily	Acting Duo Grade 2	Merit
Emma	Acting Duo Grade 2	Merit
William	Acting Duo Grade 2	Merit
Rupert	Acting Duo Grade 2	Distinction
Charlotte	Acting Duo Grade 2	Distinction
Fern	Acting Duo Grade 2	Merit
Edward	Acting Duo Grade 2	Merit
Nicholas	Acting Duo Grade 2	Distinction
Freddie	Acting Duo Grade 2	Distinction
Dominic	Acting Duo Grade 2	Distinction
Hermione	Acting Solo Grade 3	Distinction
Lucy	Acting Duo Grade 3	Distinction
Serena	Acting Duo Grade 3	Merit
Lucy	Acting Duo Grade 3	Merit
Isabella	Acting Duo Grade 3	Distinction
Flyn	Acting Duo Grade 3	Distinction
Max	Acting Duo Grade 3	Merit
Emily	Acting Duo Grade 4	Merit
Jess	Acting Duo Grade 4	Distinction
Lily	Acting Duo Grade 4	Distinction
Annabel	Acting Duo Grade 4	Distinction
Honor	Acting Solo Grade 4	Distinction
Hermione	Musical Theatre Solo Grade 3	Distinction



Pre-Prep Spring Service

Pre-Prep celebrated spring, Mothers' Day and Easter in their wonderful spring production. Parents were treated to songs and poems and the children delivered their lines and sang with gusto and clarity. Kindergarten and Nursery definitely had the "aww" factor with their rendition of 'Spring Chicken'. Their actions were beautiful and they were certainly having a ball! Reception's song was all about mummies. Do they EVER get grumpy? The poems Year 1 recited were about kite flying, the arrival of spring and planting seeds. They did a fabulous job with clear lines and expressive actions. Year 2 reminded us that Easter is really for Jesus, an important message for the children to take away with them as they began their holiday.



Pre-Prep Nativity – Silent Night

Pre-Prep gave a magical performance of 'Silent Night' to a full chapel in December. Their nativity was packed with cheeky sheep and their shepherds, twirling snowflakes, nibbling mice and elegant angels. Also featured were Mary, Joseph, the Innkeeper, his wife, Father Joseph and Franz. They were joined by some lovely visitors from Nursery and Kindy.

We found ourselves in a little village near Salzburg. It was Christmas Eve and snow was on the way. Father Joseph was trying to find inspiration for his Christmas sermon, Franz was preparing to play the church organ for Midnight Mass when he discovered there had been a disaster. The two men worked together to find the perfect solution.

All the children performed beautifully and special mention must go to Charlie as Father Joseph and Leo as Franz. A special thank you to Mrs Hosp and Mrs Reed for making sure we had well-dressed mice and snowflakes. A huge thank you to Mr Wardell for making learning the songs such fun. A special thank you, Mrs Platt for organising and making the props. Thank you to Mrs Pulleyn and all the Pre-Prep staff, for being supportive and understanding, especially when an impromptu rehearsal has taken place. The biggest thank you of all to the Pre-Prep children for learning their lines and songs so amazingly well. You are all stars!



Pre-Prep go around the world

At the end of the summer term, the Pre-Prep children put on a fantastic show based on the 'round the world' theme of their expressive arts week. Children from Nursery to Year 2 performed songs and dances from Peru, Mexico, Russia, Switzerland, Australia and Africa. The Year 2 children also enlightened us with a range of facts about these countries.

Thank you Mr Wardell, Mrs Pulley and to all the Pre-Prep teachers who inspired the children to perform so confidently.



Year 3 Snow White

On Tuesday 20th June, Year 3 performed Snow White to a packed house. Thanks to everyone who helped backstage, we weren't short of willing volunteers!





Year 4's 'In the Lap of the Gods'

I found the plot interesting as there are twists. It is about Greek myths. My favourite legend was Arachne because she gets turned into a spider by Athene. My favourite character was Hope (James) in Pandora's box. He had great voice projection after all the evils had come on. Some of the evils were Spite, Murder, Sickness, Selfishness, Starvation and Bullying.

I really liked the show because it made me feel happy and I felt proud to be part of it. I now know the myths of King Midas, the Sirens, Pandora, Arachne, Icarus and Atalanta, which I didn't know before.

I would recommend this show to a friend because I think everyone did their best! Arran (Year 4)



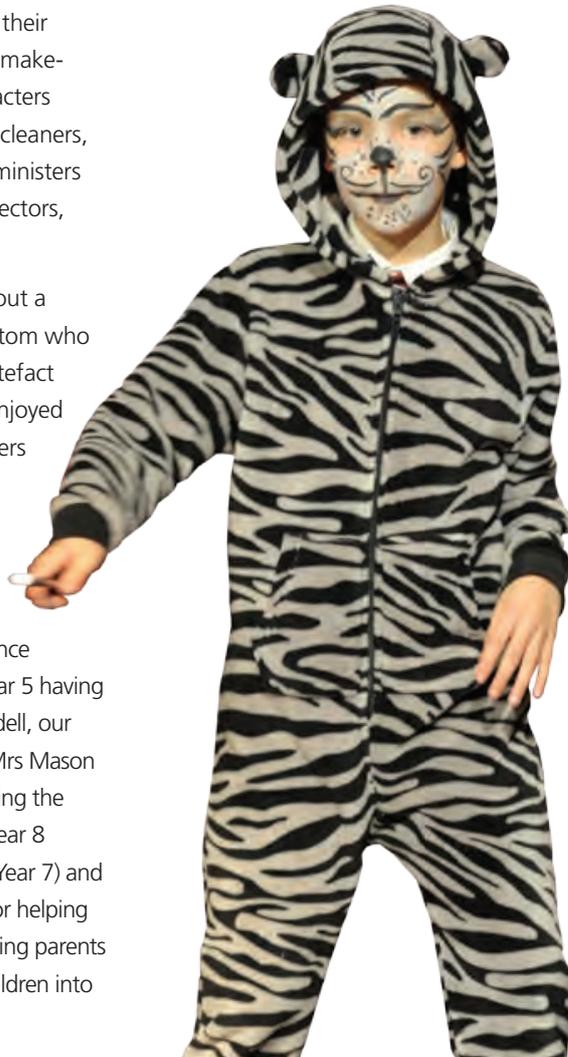
Year 5 An Evening of Music and Drama

On Thursday December 1st, Year 5 performed an Evening of Music and Drama to a packed hall of nearly one hundred people. The first half saw this very talented cast transformed into cats by some clever parents and teachers, and sing four songs from 'Cats': Bustopher Jones, Magical Mr Mistoffelees, Old Deuteronomy and Memory. Year 5 sang with great enthusiasm and it was clear they were enjoying every moment. They also recited two funny poems about cats.

The parents enjoyed a drink in the refectory while Year 5 wiped off their ears and whiskers and had their make-up re-applied to be diverse characters ranging from museum curators, cleaners, firemen, doctors and guards to ministers of the museum, policemen, inspectors, messengers and phantoms!

Their funny one act play was about a mysterious thief called The Phantom who kept trying to steal a priceless artefact from a failing museum. Year 5 enjoyed taking on new roles and characters as well as dressing up in various disguises. They even searched the audience to see if The Phantom was hiding there...

Everyone performed with confidence and it was a pleasure to watch Year 5 having so much fun. Thank you Mr Wardell, our wonderful Musical Director, and Mrs Mason and Mrs Campbell-John for directing the plays. Thanks also to one of our Year 8 Drama Captains, Jess, and Emily (Year 7) and Hermione (Year 6) and Miss Tan for helping backstage. Thanks to all the amazing parents who helped with transforming children into cats before the show.





Year 6 perform Buggy Malone

The hall was transformed into Fat Sam's Nightclub for the Year 6 production of 'Buggy Malone'. The audience, who all dressed up for the occasion, were welcomed by George and Toby in character as Fat Sam.

Parents and grandparents enjoyed a glass of wine and a superb evening's entertainment from Year 6. The acting was fantastic - with flawless American accents and the whole audience enjoyed songs like 'Bad Guys', 'Fat Sam's Grand Slam' and 'Down and Out' performed by the whole cast. The play finished with the entire cast splurging each other enthusiastically with splurge guns and custard pies... Well done Year 6, an amazing evening!



Year 7's Evening of Music and Drama

In March, Year 7 entertained their parents and guests with an excellent and varied evening of music and drama. After a very funny introduction from Ben and Oscar, the cast performed several scenes from the book, 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' by John Boyne. These very moving pieces were very well acted and the audience sat spellbound as this sad story unfolded. Max, Eddie and Flynn told the story of Bruno's move from Berlin to Out With, Ben; Emily and Alexander acted the first meeting between Bruno and Shmuel while Julien, Matthew, Alexander and Tomas performed a scene that showed Bruno's betrayal of his friend. Sam, Imogen and Ollie showed us the final meeting between the two boys.

Next, Matthew and Sam played piano solos followed by Julien who played his French horn. Tomas introduced six songs from 'Little Shop of Horrors' and Year 7 performed with skill, confidence and enthusiasm.

After the interval, this talented cast performed a play called 'Anything you say, your Majesty'. The Queen decides she wants to stage her coronation so she can get her picture in 'Hi There' magazine (the celebrity magazine read by celebrities). Unfortunately, the coronation crown has gone missing... Can the captain and his soldiers find it before it's too late? Bethany was a very funny Queen and Amy played a very confident Lady in Waiting turned PR Manager. Harvey and Harry were a great comic duo. Julian was a superb Stage Manager and did a great job putting on a giant plant and a shopping trolley!

Year 7 has worked very hard over this term to put together a show of a very high standard. Thank you Mrs Mason, Mr Wardell and Mrs Goedkoop, and also all the parents and staff who helped with make-up and costumes. Thanks to Mr Shreeve for his support backstage.



Snow White An Abba Spectacular

A traditional Snow White pantomime blended with the iconic songs of ABBA ...

Dwarves galore who work as accountants during the day but also moonlight as owners of a B&B ...

A festival vibe as the audience waves coloured glow sticks ...

Staying true to the classic pantomime concept, the boys dressed as pantomime dames, donning their tights and fancy frocks to play parts such as the Wicked Queen, Fairy Nasty and of course (in our interpretation), the hat shop owner Millicent and Nurse Gladys. Meanwhile, the girls took on the roles of two of the 'principal boys' by portraying the characters of Prince Kevin and Prince Ken. The evening's hilarious entertainment was given an edgy twist as the story played out to the sound track of some of ABBA's greatest hits including Super Trouper, Dancing Queen, Thank you for the Music, Mamma Mia and the unforgettable Waterloo – all of which proved an irresistible cue for some active audience participation.

Mrs Mason said, "The children have worked so hard to combine rehearsals with revision for their mock Common Entrance exam and I couldn't be prouder of their achievements. Every child put 100% into the production and the constant roars of laughter and enthusiastic singing from the audience confirm the success of our show."





Ballet News

EXAM RESULTS

Autumn Term 2016

Pre-Primary Passes:	Cleo	
	Ottilie	
	Kitty	
	Ilana	
	Daisy	
Grade Three:	Serena	Merit
	Lucy	Distinction

Spring Term 2017

Pre-Primary Passes:	Elizabeth	
	Amelia	
	Isabella	
	Paige	
Primary:	Chloe	Distinction
	Georgia	Distinction
	Dominic	Distinction
Grade One:	Jessica	Merit
	Mia	Merit
Grade Two:	Charlotte	Merit
	Lily	Merit
	Emma	Merit
Grade Three:	Annabel	Pass
	Alice	Merit
Grade Three Performance Award:	Lucy	Distinction

Other news

Lucy won the Surrey Royal Academy of Dance Surrey Heats.

We had a lovely ballet trip to the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden to see 'La Fille Mal Gardée'.

Summer Term 2017

Primary:	India	Merit
	Amelia	Merit
	Paige	Merit
Grade One:	Beatrice	Merit
	Ruby	Merit
	Verity	Merit
	Anastasia	Merit

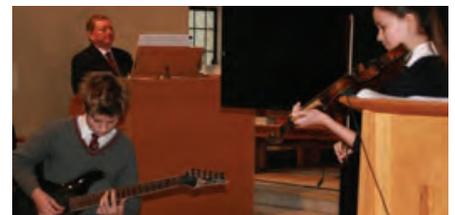


Music

Music

We have many talented musicians at Barrow Hills and we are privileged that they often perform a short piece for us during our Friday Assembly. Listening to our 'Friday Musician' is a thoroughly enjoyable part of the week and allows the children to showcase their talent.

Name	Exam	
Madeleine	Piano Prep Test	
Honor	Singing Grade 3	Merit
Annabel	Clarinet Grade 2	Merit
India	Guitar Grade 2	Merit
Thomas	Piano Prep Test	
Dominic	Piano Grade 2	Pass
Amy	Piano Grade 2	Pass
Anna	Violin Grade 5	Merit
Alexander	Clarinet Grade 2	Pass
Julien	Horn Grade 2	Distinction
Verity	Singing prep test	
Theodore	Singing prep test	
Jackson	Singing prep test	
Sarah	Singing prep test	
Julien	Singing Grade 2	Merit
Fern	Singing Grade 3	Distinction
Imogen	Singing Grade 5	Distinction
Jessica	Piano prep test	
Edward	Piano prep test	
Isobel	Singing Grade 3	Pass
Madeleine	Singing Grade 1	Pass
Matthew	Piano prep test	
William	Piano Grade 2	Merit
Xavier	Piano Prep test	
Xavier	Horn Grade 1	Merit
Emily	Singing Grade 3	Merit
Charlotte	Singing Grade 2	Merit
Amy	Flute Grade 2	Pass
Tom	Guitar Initial Test	
George	Guitar Grade 1	Merit
Fern	Guitar Grade 1	Distinction
Harry	Guitar Grade 2	Merit



Girls Sport

Lacrosse

The girls enjoyed a brief lacrosse season during which we played against teams from St Edmund's, Longacre, Highfield and Edgeborough. The U13 team was by far our most ferocious team and never afraid to put in a 'check' in order to gain possession of the ball. The U13 girls played incredibly well against Highfield U13C team and won 14-9. The following week they drew 3-3 with St Edmund's.

The U11 team battled hard in its match against Edgeborough but sadly lost 8-9. Next year we will be focusing on introducing goal keepers into the matches which should hopefully make the game even more exciting.

The U8 team is pictured celebrating its success against Longacre in pop lacrosse.



Rounders

Barrow Hills' rounders teams had an incredibly successful season in 2017. We played a total of 35 matches, winning 27, losing 7 and drawing 1. The U9 and U11 teams in particular had an exceptionally successful run. The U9 team lost just one match against Edgeborough and the U11 team won all matches apart from its last, which it frustratingly drew 10-10 against St Ives.

Many girls were awarded their pink rounders ball in assembly as a result of scoring either 4 full rounders or 3 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, two girls shared the most number of rounders scored in the season; with 16 each from Beatrix (3G) and Lily (8G). Maddie (5G) made the most catches (7 in 6 matches).



Leavers Rounders

On Tuesday 4th July, we had an exceedingly close rounders match between the girls leaving in Year 6 and Year 8 and their parents. Fortunately, the girls were victorious 24 - 19, however the parents did have a fantastic second innings in particular. Tactically the parents knew exactly where to field the ball!

Lily (8R) was the highest scoring girl of the game (5.5 rounders) and there was a tie amongst the parents for who scored the most between Mr Bustard, Mr Cooley and Mr Vartan (2 each).





Netball

Surrey Storm

This year Barrow Hills finally made it to the top of the waiting list and had their chance to be the ball girls for Surrey Storm in not one, but two, of their matches! The U11 girls had their turn on Saturday 21st January for Surrey Storm U19 vs London Pulse. On Monday 1st May, the U13 girls were ball girls for Surrey Storm vs Team Bath. A very exciting opportunity and so inspiring for our girls to watch such high level netball. The speed of the passing certainly ensured they remained alert for the duration of the game!



U13 Netball Team

The U13 team got off to a great start to its season winning the first two matches against Ripley Court and St Edmund's. However then they faced Amesbury who were just too strong an opposition. Despite battling hard, Barrow Hills lost 1-14. The team entered three tournaments: King Edward's, Bryanston and Cranleigh and whilst they were not victorious, they most certainly learned how to put up a strong fight for the ball!



U11 Netball Team

This year, the U11 netball team had the most incredible season. During their games afternoons they played 12 netball matches winning nine, drawing one (4-4 St Hilary's) and losing two (4-5 Amesbury, 11-12 PGS). They played in eight netball tournaments, one of which was the IAPS National Finals! They won both the Cranleigh U11 and Seaford U11 tournaments. They finished runners up in the GHS U11 tournament after losing 2-1 to GHS in the final and most impressively in the IAPS Qualifying Round they finished 3rd out of 37 teams.



U10 King Edward's Tournament

On Saturday 24th September, the U10 team participated in its first tournament of the year and finished 6th in their section which was most impressive considering

the team only had six players for half the tournament! The team ended their season by entering a very friendly U10 tournament at Conifers School. They

played four matches and lost four. Their spirits remained high as defensively they are a strong team, but sadly, they missed many chances to score on the day.

U9 Netball Team

A fantastic season for the U9 netball team. They played six matches, winning four, drawing one (1-1 Amesbury) and losing one (6-8 Ripley Court). Most definitely a team to watch out for!



U8 Cranleigh Tournament:

On Thursday 10th November, the U8 team played its first netball tournament in the most terrible weather. It was cold, windy and incredibly wet! They produced some very good netball however, finishing 2nd in their section behind Brookham who went on to win the tournament!



Girls hockey

Prior to starting the new initiative of mixed hockey in February 2017, the girls played a term of girls only hockey. Edgeborough was our first opposition and whilst our Colts A and Colts B teams both won (3-2 and 3-0), our seniors lost both of their matches. The senior team did improve as the season progressed, securing a win against St Edmund's 4-3, 3 draws (Belmont 2-2, Seaford 1-1 and St Andrew's 1-1) and finally one more loss against Danes Hill 0-1.

Due to an incredible netball season for the Colts A team, the number of hockey matches they took part in was reduced. They played four matches: two against Edgeborough and one St Edmund's and Cranleigh. They managed to win three out of the four matches and drew 1-1 against Cranleigh.

On Wednesday 9th November, they travelled to Bryanston for the U11 Prep Schools Hockey Tournament but sadly lost in the semi-

final of the bowl competition to Thorngrove. During the season, the Colts B team secured two wins, two losses and a draw.

The start of the spring term saw many hockey fixtures and tournaments cancelled due to poor weather. The Junior Colts A team had just two girls hockey fixtures, both of which they won, against Highfield and St Edmund's. On 9th March, they travelled to Portsmouth to take part in the PGS U9 Tournament and came 3rd overall in their section, achieving the following results: Amesbury 1-0, Edgeborough 0-0, Farleigh 0-1, PHS 5-0 and Ryde 1-0. Finally the Junior Colts B team played Highfield U9C team and lost 1-2 and also Cranleigh U8B team and won 7-0. In the U8 PGS Tournament on 16th March 2017, the girls won three matches and lost three matches. Despite it being a very cold and windy day they did show excellent ball skills and a real determination to score a goal.



Mixed Sport

Tennis

During the summer term, we had tennis fixtures against Seaford, Highfield, Edgeborough and Belmont and an U13 tournament at Cranleigh. The format for tennis fixtures was doubles matches and all pairs played one set against each other. The players all thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play competitive matches. In fact, tennis proved to be so popular that nearly all members of Year 8 were practising on the tennis courts every single break time.

On Monday 19th June, Barrow Hills entered two boys pairs into the Cranleigh U13 Tennis Tournament. This was the first time we have entered the tournament and the standard of tennis was incredibly impressive. Our pairs were put into different sections and both pairs had seven schools in their section. Matthew (7R) and Oscar (7R) were the 1st pair who won two matches, lost four and drew two. They came 6th in their section and 11th overall. The second pair, Alexander (7G) and Noah (6R), lost six matches and finished 7th in their section. Sadly, they lost their last match in the 7th place play off and finished 14th overall. However, despite the high standard of play the length of each rally was good and the boys played some fantastic tennis throughout the day on incredibly hot courts in the blazing sun! Well done to Matthew, Oscar, Alexander and Noah.



Swimming

On Tuesday 20th September, Barrow Hills finally beat St Edmund's in a swimming gala! The children who compete each participate in one individual race and two relays. Then on Tuesday 27th September, another first for Barrow Hills was hosting a swimming gala at King Edward's pool. This was a girls only gala against St Ives which we sadly we lost 117-82. In the spring term we

competed in a further two galas - this time losing to St Edmund's and also Belmont.

Barrow Hills are now making full use of being able to swim throughout the year in the King Edward's pool in both their PE lessons and Friday morning swim club.



Pentathlon

In May, for the first time, Barrow Hills held a Pentathlon athletics meeting against five local prep schools: Belmont, Edgeborough, Highfield, Pennthorpe and St Edmund's. In total, 150 boys and girls participated in the U9, U11 and U13 age groups and all athletes had to enter 5 events: 60m Hurdles, Long Jump, 150m, Cricket/ Rounders Ball Throw and 800m.

Fortunately, the weather was glorious and the children from Barrow Hills were fantastic. Despite a few taking tumbles in the hurdles, they got straight back up and kept racing! Overall as a school, we achieved 4th place with Edgeborough winning the team competition. We achieved four individual medals.

Team Competition Results for Barrow Hills:

U9 Girls - 1st
 U9 Boys - 1st
 U11 Girls - 2nd
 U11 Boys - 2nd
 U13 Girls - 6th
 U13 Boys - 6th
 Overall Barrow Hills came 4th

Individual Competition Medalists:

Holly (4R) - 1st U9 Girls
 Beatrix (3G) - 2nd U9 Girls
 Theo (4R) - 2nd U9 Boys
 Annabelle (6G) - 3rd U11 Girls

Well done to all of the athletes, you were fantastic.



Colts A1 Hockey

Lucy WOW! What a hockey season we have had.

We started the season with a sense of excitement and apprehension, as many of us had not played since last year and we were playing for the first time as a mixed team. Our first game was a tournament at Bryanston, where we played well but only came 7th. This had been a good opportunity for us to see how each other played and become comfortable working as a team.

Harry Over the next couple of weeks we trained hard and worked well as a team, winning both our Wednesday fixtures. We were getting ourselves ready for the IAPS on 20th February, straight after half term, at Tonbridge School. The tournament started well and we played strong as a team and with lots of encouragement from our coaches and family, we beat Marlborough House, Bede's Prep and then Junior King's, convincingly. As a team, we looked and felt good about our play and came out top of our group for the main competition.

James Barrow Hills was now in the Quarter Finals, where we played The New Beacon. This was a very tough game and we spent most of our time defending, with Harry pulling off some incredible saves, keeping us in the game. It finished with a 0-0 score and we had to go into penalty shuffles. Noah, Annabelle and Finlay all stepped up and took some great penalties. Harry made a great save on their last shot, resulting in us winning! This put us through to the semis and also national competition!

Alexander We then had to face Parkside in the semis. We knew this would be a hard game. Parkside hadn't lost up until then that day and with a big squad of 12 players, it wasn't going to be easy. We had all played extremely hard and were very tired by this point. Harry made many saves and the team made lots of tackles but the final score ended with a 5-0 loss.

By our final game of the day, we knew we were through to the nationals, but had third place to play for. We were all extremely tired but this was a very tight game. We finished the game at 1-0 to them, putting us 4th in the competition. It was really fun but a hard day. The whole team worked incredibly hard and played some great hockey together as a team. Well done to all who played. Player of the tournament was Harry (6R)!

Finlay On the 12th March, we left Barrow Hills at 1pm, ready and raring to go to the national finals of the IAPS U11 Hockey tournament - for the first time in the School's history. Bags packed and sticks in hand, wearing our new IAPS Finals hoodies, we were looking smart too! It took us four long hours to make it to our hotel in Derby where we only had 30 minutes to check in, change into our kit and head off to Repton to check out the school and have a pre training session. Mr Conway and Mr Clarke led a relaxed but intense hour long training session under floodlights and the supporting eye of Miss Tan, who had made the long journey to support us, to get ready for the next day ahead.

Noah We were up early (apart from Harry) excited for the day to begin! Time for our first game versus The Perse: they had already played a game and won so they were already warmed up and into their stride. We looked nervous and had a slow start, and the speed of the game was high compared to normal. We made mistakes by giving the ball away in past but we fought hard to get back and defend. They were a strong team with some great shots, eventually putting four goals past us, ending the game 4-0. After not the best start, we talked about being stronger in our defending and making tackles instead of diving in to be beaten by skill. It was time to play New College. We had a couple of attempts and some short corners, but so did they. Harry made some more super saves as usual and eventually George scored our first goal! 1-0 up and the game was on. We held out to a 1-1 draw, knowing this was a much better performance from us.

Annabelle Next were Dean Close, They had drawn against The Perse so we knew it would be tough. They were very quick and well organised and with a changed team, players playing out of position they countered and ended up scoring four good goals against us. We worked hard, had attempts from short corners but no attempts at goal and the game didn't give us a chance to win as everyone was focused on defending. This left us losing another tough game 4-0.

George We went into our last game, knowing we had to beat Kent College to get three points to progress to the knockout stages. We went out fired up and ready. Our fitness was tested and we tackled well. George drove down the line and was fouled, he got up quickly to take the free hit but Kent College didn't retreat five yards and the umpire gave us a short corner. The team had practised lots and listened well. Finlay injected, Noah controlled and hit across the goal for George to get a deflection into the goal, straight of the training ground. The score was 1-0 Barrow Hills. We let one cross into the D and Harry made a good save but Kent College followed it up scoring. 1-1 the game was on, a draw wouldn't have been enough so we put bodies ahead of the ball but left too many gaps in defence leaving Kent College the chance for another shot which Annabelle fought hard to block but to no avail. Annabelle was down injured but the game went on. We managed to stop another goal and the game was over, 2-1.

Lucy The whole team were upset not to go through to the knockout round but Mr Clarke and Mr Conway said how proud they were of our effort and hard work. Annabelle was voted players' player and also coaches' player of the tournament. A special mention must go to Harry for stepping up with some brilliant saves. However, all together the teamwork and performance was outstanding! We had great fun and it was a brilliant experience for all. The whole team did incredibly well to get as far as we did; the first U11 Barrow Hills hockey team into IAPS Nationals in our school's history!

George The rest of our season had been full on, with many other great fixtures and tournaments. We entered the Surrey cup where we had strong competition ending up 4th and a fun day out for the boys at the amazing school Wellington. We beat some good schools and managed to draw against St George's 2-2 in our best game yet.

It has been a long season but also extremely exciting, so the whole team would like to say a big thank you to all the coaches, staff members and parents who have helped and come to support BUT especially to Mr Hatcher for organising, behind the scenes, all the fixtures, tournaments and of course the trip to the IAPS.

Colts B1 Hockey

In the first match, we were a bit nervous and not used to our teammates yet. We didn't really know our positions and unfortunately we lost three nil against Parkside. In our second match it was pretty much the same story as before. Although we tried our hardest, we came to a four nil loss against Holy Trinity.

We knew we were getting stronger but we unfortunately again lost, but by a lot smaller margin with a one nil loss to St Edmund's. Our third game came and we had tried hard in training but we realised that our opponents were strong. Once again we tried our hardest but we had a five nil loss to Hoe Bridge. It was our fourth match and we practised hard in training and we thought this was the one but it turned out to be a two one loss to Amesbury. It was our fifth match against Edgeborough and we were well prepared for the match, we defended well but they unfortunately got past us and took a one nil win.

Our next three matches were in a tournament and we drew all of our matches but we were getting more and more used to our teammates and we overall came second out of the four teams playing. In our last game we wanted to end the season on a high note and we just about managed a one all draw against Seaford.

I would like to thank Mrs Burnett and Miss Gartland for coaching us throughout the season and the whole team for putting their maximum effort into the season.

Harry



Junior Colts A1 Hockey

The Junior Colts A1 team had an amazing season, winning 5 matches and 2 tournaments at Parkside and Seaford College. Mixed hockey has been great practice for us all as a team; myself, Theo, James, Louis, Holly, Dom, Jack, Alexander and Ben in goal. It was actually the first time that Barrow Hills have ever won the Parkside Under 9 tournament, which includes some huge independent schools so this was an extra special win. The whole team played fantastically in every match with some tight games and great results. We improved lots throughout the season learning new skills and how to work better as a team. Some of the other schools we played against were really good. We had some tough matches but pulled off a two nil win against Lambrook.

St George's and Hoe Bridge both moved the ball quickly so we had to really work to defend. Dom, Jack and Alex were great defenders. Louis, Matt, James and I worked well together to set up and score the goals for Barrow Hills. The match against Hurstpierpoint at the Seaford Tournament final was the hardest but, with some great players in attack, we finally won it on golden goal. In the Parkside tournament, we were allowed to take a goalie and Ben did a great job by not letting any goals in at all!

Thank you to Mr Clarke and everyone else who has helped to coach. You have been brilliant coaches, leading us throughout the season and have helped us to develop our skills. Mr Clarke has taught us how to be side on when you are defending, how to play as a team when you're attacking and defending and he has cheered us on all the way. Every member of the team should be proud of themselves and we can't wait for next season to start!

Matthew



Cross-Country

Barrow Hills entered five cross-country competitions held throughout 2016/17. The first was a girls only event at St Ives for U8-U11 age groups. Beatrix (3G) and Anastasia (3R) ran exceptionally well coming 1st and 2nd respectively in the U8 race against teams from St Catherine's, Conifers, The Royal, St Hilary's and St Ives.

Next, on the 23rd September, the U10 and U11 boys and girls cross-country teams took part in the Seaford College Competition which is a very tough course with a rather large hill to climb! Annabelle (6G) came a very impressive 4th overall in the U11 girls race in a field of 60 runners.

On 3rd October, both the boys and girls teams travelled to Ripley Court to participate in a much less arduous course, with hay bales to jump rather than the steep hills at Seaford. The Barrow Hills U9 boys team won the school competition in their age group beating seven other prep schools.

On 2nd December, Barrow Hills and King Edward's Witley created a new event: 'King of the Hills'. All Barrow Hills children in Years 5 to 8 ran 2.2 miles against the Year 7 and 8 pupils from King Edward's. Barrow Hills had 77 children running and King Edward's had 50.



The winning school was the first school to have 30 runners across the finish line. This year Barrow Hills was the winning school! Our 30th runner (Toby (6G)) came across the line in 43rd place overall.



The first boy home from Barrow Hills and overall race winner was Hector (8G) who finished the course in 12 mins 25 secs. This is now the course record. The first girl home from Barrow Hills (and the first girl across the finish line) was Annabelle (6G) in 15 mins 56 secs, which now becomes the girls' record.

The course was across beautiful open countryside and then through the woods belonging to King Edward's. 16 marshals were used from both schools, so thank you to all staff who volunteered to stand and wait in place for the afternoon! Very well done to all children who participated. Every child completed the course in under 30 minutes.

Next year the route will be reversed, with Barrow Hills as the finish line.



Monday 13th March, the final cross-country event of the year was held at Barrow Hills. Barrow Hills hosted six other prep schools: Aldro, Belmont, Conifers, Ripley Court, St Edmund's and St Ives. The weather was glorious, almost slightly too warm for the runners!

The competitors enjoyed the variety of the Barrow Hills course, which had hills, fields, woods, narrow paths, wide muddy lanes and tarmac! The U9 course was 0.7 miles long, the U11 course - 0.9 miles and the U13 course - 1.2 miles.

We had some fantastic individual and team achievements:

U9 Girls: 2nd Beatrix (3G), 3rd Anastasia (3R), 6th Holly (4R)

U9 Girls: 2nd in team competition

U9 Boys: 1st Theo (4R), 4th Matthew (4R)

U9 Boys: 2nd in team competition

U11 Girls: 8th Isabella (6R), 9th Alice (6R)

U11 Girls: 2nd in team competition

U13 Girls: 2nd Lily (8G), 9th Lily (8R), 10th Serena (6R)

U13 Girls: 3rd in team competition

U13 Boys: 3rd Hector (8G), 8th Sam (8G)

U13 Boys: 2nd in team competition



Holland Sports Tour

During the October half term break a group of Year 7 & 8 children travelled to Valkenburg in the south of Holland for the biannual sports tour.

Mornings were spent at a huge sports complex in Maastricht, where the children took part in hockey coaching sessions followed by evening fixtures against Dutch teams. We were also very lucky in that the last training session of the tour was topped off with a visit from GB Olympic gold medallist, Sophie Bray. The children had the opportunity to meet Sophie and ask her questions. She also autographed the boys' sticks and water bottles. In fact, at the end of this session we were complimented by a member of staff from another school for the great questions that our children asked.

The children also went swimming and tobogganing which both proved to be very popular, as well as a visit to the town we were staying in, Valkenburg.

On the Thursday, we hired bikes and cycled in to Maastricht. This was a fabulous day and so good for the children to have the experience of riding on a typical Dutch bike and to see, close up, the countryside. En route, we passed a windmill and couldn't resist the photo opportunity that it offered! Once we arrived in Maastricht, the children had some free time to explore this beautiful city, before returning via a slightly different route to our hotel. Despite what you often hear about Holland, it does in fact have hills - and we managed to find one on both the outbound and homebound journey!

For our final fixture on Thursday evening, the A and B teams combined to play against HC Sjinborn. For this fixture, we were also joined by Vito Heemskerk, an Old Barrow Hillian who would currently be in Year 8 had he not returned with his family to his native Holland. It was wonderful to see Vito and also his mum, who had driven for two and a half hours to come to visit us. They joined us for dinner and Vito also played in the evening fixture.

Well done to Freddie and Sam who were each Player of the Week for their team, to all the boys who represented us so well, to Mr Hatcher for organising a successful and action packed tour and to Mrs Burnett, Mrs McBrown and Mr Hopkin for their help.

Results

1st XI v Tegelen JC1 1 - 4

2nd X v Tegelen JC2 0 - 7

1st XI v HC Horst JC1 2 - 1

2nd X v HC Scoop JD2 1 - 1

Mixed 1st & 2nd XI v HC Sjinborn 5 - 10



Sports Day

Pre-Prep Sports Day

The bunting was out and the sun was shining on a Wednesday morning in June. All our Pre-Prep children, from the littlest in Nursery aged two, to the eldest in Year 2 who is approaching 8, made their way to the field. Each child gave their all to complete their races. Traditional running races, the three legged race and the new seaside race all had their place. The highlight was the final relay race which was great fun for both the children and the cheering parents! Thank you to all the staff in the Pre-Prep and sports departments who made sure everyone had enough suncream and water and organised such a superb morning.

Prep Sports Day

On Wednesday 21st June, the Prep children took to the field to compete in their traditional track and field events. The sun shone, parents cheered and school records were broken. Parents, staff and competitors alike, all thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

The Relay cup was a three way tie. The Victor Ludorum was won by Sam (8G) in Murtough and the Victrix Ludorum by Lily (8G) in McCormack. The overall Sports Day winners were Kean.

Thank you to the sports department and all other members of staff who helped to organise such a fantastic afternoon, to the parents who managed the pimmis and ice-cream sales and to Mrs Gray for her wonderful photography.

Overall winners – Kean

Victrix Ludorum – Lily (Year 8)

Victor Ludorum – Sam (Year 8)

New Records

Conrad (Kean) Year 3 - 75m skip 11.25s (25 year old record) and 200m sprint 32.65s

Theo (McCormack) Year 4 - 75m skip 12.37s, 75m sprint 10.9s (34 year old record) and 200m sprint 30.96s (11 year old record)

Lily (McCormack) Year 8 - 100m sprint 13.96s





Boys Sport

Cricket

2017 was a record breaking season for cricket. Only one game rained off! Freddie captained the 1st XI with support from his Vice Captain Sebastian. They looked very smart in their new shirts and hats sponsored by 'The Hall Hunter Partnership'. The second team was captained by Thomas, and three of our senior teams had successful seasons.

As well as our three senior teams, the school fielded three teams at Colts level and five teams at Junior Colts, with all cricketers involved in a game every week. The top three batters and bowlers for the season were:

Batting average

1. Freddie (8R) (54)
2. Harry (8R) (27)
3. Noah (6R) (22)

Wickets taken

1. Archie (8R) (5)
2. Nicholas (5G) (5)
3. Archie (8G) (4)

The leavers cricket was held on a balmy summer evening. The dads opened the batting with some great bowling from the boys. After refuelling at the BBQ, the boys came out to bat. Dads were determined to beat their sons and the boys were bombarded by the dads' bowling attack. Yet the boys came back fighting to win by 1 run. A great evening enjoyed by all and a perfect way to round off a great year. Thank you to Mrs Darg and all the staff who helped, for the wonderful BBQ and cold drinks.



1st XI Cricket



2nd XI Cricket

1st XI Football

This year the first football team had a great season, winning nearly every game. We all knew that this year we had a very good team with some very promising players.

The first game was good as we won and because it was the start of our great season winning it 7-1. Matthew was definitely the most determined player. I remember his great runs skipping through the defence. We sailed through the next game against Belmont, beating them 6-2.

Then we came up against the hardest team we would face, Danes Hill. Their team was very strong as they had Jamie Redknapp's son on their side. We fought hard like a group of wolves, but Danes Hill scored four goals.

Throughout the rest of the season we were unbeaten thanks to our goal keeper Ben, and Sam who controlled the defence. Personally, I think the whole season was great but the best part was playing with this really good team. At end of the season we were passing the ball so well. Everyone this year played their

part and I have to say this has to be one of the best Barrow Hills football teams I have ever seen. Thank you Mr Conway for coaching us.

Sam



1st XI Football



2nd XI Football

2nd XI Football

This season the 2nds football team was a strong group of players. We played a 3-1-4-2 formation with Flynn in goal, Sam, Theo and Alexander in defence. I was in centre defensive midfield Ben, Max and Ollie in midfield and Eddie and Alexander. We started the season with a really good win, thrashing St Edmund's 6-1. Unfortunately, in our next game we came up against a really good team from Danes Hill.

Although we lost this fixture, our determination shone through with no one dropping their heads. In our next match, we played Great Ballard, a team we hadn't played before, They were very good at teamwork and beat us. In this match, Flynn shone through, making several great saves and preventing a big loss.

Finally, we played Amesbury, maybe not finishing our season in the best way, but a well fought match. As captain, I would like to say very well done to Eddie for his great determination and Oliver for his excellent crosses and balls down the line and to Ben for his great finishes and to Flynn for great goal keeping. Thank you Mr Andrade for coaching us.

Seb

3rd VII Football

The 3rds team played very well in football. Our first match was against St Edmund's. It was a very fun match and we drew 0-0, so it raised our spirits for the next match. I was in goal, Luke and Tom in defence, Jasper and Charlie were in midfield, Julien was striker and Julian as freelancer. Julien had some great throws and Jasper had some great tackles and I had some amazing saves.

In our second match against Belmont, with spirits high, we lost dramatically. We lost 6-2.

Our third match was also a bad loss of 5-1. As goalie I dived like a penguin on the ball, and it really hurt!

In our last match we were against Amesbury and we lost 5-0 but we played really well with some great shots at the goal.

I would like to thank Mr Hatcher for coaching us and the whole team for playing so well.

Thomas

Colts B Football

The Colts B football team got off to a good start. As the first match began, Oscar was the bravest. In the first match, we were 1 - 0 down at half time, which is not a good start. When we went in for a team talk, Thomas was very angry and wanted to win. As a result, he scored two goals getting a 2-1 win vs Amesbury.

Firing into our second match, Ben showed us the real tiger inside him. We won our second match 4-2, with Ben scoring twice.

My favourite part of the season was our last match against Chandler. We showed them the real footballers we were, with four goals from Joe, one from James, one from Ben and Fraser and two from Thomas. I played goalkeeper for every match and I like to think all my corner saves, penalty saves and Chandler saves were the best.

Without all the members of the team, we probably wouldn't have won every game except one. Thank you to Mr Dean for coaching us.

Freddie

Colts C1

It was a challenging season for the Colts C1 football team and we were not always victorious. However, we played with enthusiasm throughout the season.

Nicky and Dominic were great strikers, ensuring we frequently scored. Laurie was an amazing defender and his giant kicks up the pitch often kept the ball firmly at the right end. My favourite part of the season was when we defeated Seaford 1-0.

By the end of the season our team was running smoothly and working together, like a pack of wolves. Thank you to Mr Hopkin for coaching us.

Toby

Colts C2 Football

Even though we had a low score line this season, we had some amazing shots from one of our strikers, Cillian; all of the opposition's goalkeepers were too strong. Although our striking was not as good as our defensive play, we had some amazing stops and clearances from our two main defenders, Jake and Max. They defended ferociously like a lion protecting its cub, to stop the ball on countless occasions. Unfortunately, our efforts did not pay off as we lost all our matches by a very small margin.

Thank you to the whole team for playing so well and Mr Fisher for coaching us throughout the season. Thank you to the parents who came and watched.

Harry

Junior Colts A Football

This season, I thought our A team played really well. The first match we won easily but the rest were a bit harder, like Belmont! Our positioning was great and Tommy did us proud in goal by saving some incredibly tricky shots. Theo played well on the ball, helped us on the wings and made great shots too. James showed us some fancy skills and scored some crackers! Also, we were as strong and confident as lions!

We had lots of fun this season and thanks to Mr Hooker for helping us get better.

Jack

Junior Colts B1 Football

The amazing B1s finish the season without losing a game.

A thrilling game against St Edmunds saw striker Barnaby score his first hat trick in a brilliant 8-0 victory. It was my favourite match and the team's best score of the season.

At a mini tournament, we drew with Belmont and I scored two goals in a comfortable 4-0 with Duke of Kent. The next match we played Longacre and Barnaby scored his second hat trick, along with Louis who scored two and Tom who made it 6-4. Goalie William saved an amazing penalty. Our next away game at Pennthorpe saw us play brilliantly as a team and we managed a 4-0 victory.

In the last match William defended amazingly against a very tough Amesbury, chasing every ball like a jaguar.

Mr Conway was a brilliant coach and helped us to improve our passing, tackling and working together as a team.

Taylor

Junior Colts B2 Football

Oliver was our top scorer, James did some great defending, as did Jago. We won all our games and scored 17 goals in total, except when we played Pennthorpe at home when we sadly lost 4-0.

I think we all played well as a team and had lots of fun, even when we were tired. I was the team's goalkeeper for many of the matches, which I really enjoyed. I had a clean sheet in four matches, which made me and the team happy. During the season, we improved our defending.

Ben



Junior Colts B2 Football

B2s first game was against St Edmund's. We were at home, we fought like bears and won 8-0.

My favourite game was against Duke of Kent at home and we were the winners. The best player was Arron because he scored most of the goals. Tom was good because he cleared the ball well. I improved my defence the most. We had a good football season. Thank you to Mr Clarke for coaching us.

Nils

Junior Colts C2 Football

At the start of the season, we were like fish out of water but with some practice and teamwork, we were happy as clams, especially after a good match tea! I would like to thank my team for the huge effort and fun we had over the season.

A special mention to Jack - very good at calling for the ball, Jackson - super job in goal, Harry - trying to get as many goals as possible, Nathaniel - tackling everyone.

My favourite part of the season was when we all worked hard, called for the ball and how we tried. I am proud of our effort. Our team improved when we passed, found space and called to each other for the ball. We had mixed results but we tried hard, had fun and are much better players.

Eoin

Junior Colts C3 Football

I was in the C3 team for football. We played St. Edmund's, Duke of Kent, Pennthorpe, Belmont, Longacre and Amesbury. We won against two teams, drew with one and lost against three. I liked meeting people from other schools. We ran like cheetahs and learnt football skills from other teams.

We learnt the most when we lost because we worked out why they scored their goals when we talked after the match. Next year I will practise running and tackling better. Thank you Mr Hatcher for coaching us.

Edward

1st VII Hockey

Wow what a season! We started with one of our toughest competitors over the years, Parkside. When we came away with a convincing win, we knew that this was going to be a good year. Mr Conway told us he was eyeing up some silverware at the start of the season and I am really proud of how we all worked hard to make it happen.

Having started strong, our team just got better and better; especially in getting back behind the ball in defence when teams pushed back against our attack.

The highlight of our season has got to be our journey to the England Hockey In2Hockey Championship Nationals 2017 on 12th May in Nottingham. Our journey had many highs – coming through the drama and tension of penalty strokes at both County (against Reed's) and Regional (against Simon Langton) tournaments and winning through to the FINALS – as well as the lows of losing agonisingly close matches 3-0 at the Nationals.

As Captain I was really proud of my team. We kept going, fought like lions, and never gave up working hard to try and get a win. We were rewarded by a 3-0 win in our final!

Archie - determined on the wing, with great position in the D;

Ben - fearsome in attack, always threatening to score especially on those shorts;

Freddie – strong in defence and attack, with awesome power from the top of the D;

Harry - great speed and amazing steals on the wing;

Hector - super fast, always applying the pressure;

Mattie - amazing speed and great stick skills, and never being put off by the size of his opponents;

Sam A - solid in defence, with great stops to clear the ball;

Sam G - so fast, always in the right place to make other teams work hard to get in our D.

Thank you to all our coaches, but especially Mr Conway and Mr Clarke for all the coaching and support you gave us throughout the season and the Championship. A special thank you to Mr Conway for our lovely new playing shirts and shorts! We hope we made you proud!

As the Year 8s in the team are leaving for our senior schools, we will leave Ben, Mattie and Harry to take over and lead the team to hopefully an even better season next year! Go Hills!

Ben



1st VII Hockey

2nd VII Hockey

The second's hockey season was a great season with everybody contributing out in the field. We had excellent goalkeepers - Ben and Max. At the start of the season we were letting in goals that could've easily been stopped, at the end of the season we trained on this and let in very few goals.

Matthew and Harry were our two main goal scorers. They played the ball through the midfield opening the other team's midfield and defence.

Scott



2nd VII Hockey

4th VII Hockey

The 4th hockey team played extremely well in our season. We kept our commitment all the way through the season. We started on a high and ended on a high. We fought like bears to win our matches. We all enjoyed ourselves and had a great time.

In our team there was Charlie who played very well, Tomas was very determined. We all played well together as a strong team.

Luke



1st XII Rugby

1st XII Rugby

This year the Barrow Hills 1st team has worked incredibly well together and has used that teamwork to improve their individual skill. We have been very fortunate this year to have some powerful forwards like Harry and Julian, who have helped us massively. During our match against St Edmund's, Sam seemed to be very hard to tackle - he slid out of their tackles like a snake. We had great fun and success. Well done to the whole team and thank you to Mr Hopkin and Mr Fisher for coaching us.

Hector



1st XII Rugby

2nd XII Rugby

The season started off slowly for the seconds. Our first match was against Belmont and unfortunately they brought only four players to play us! We mixed our teams up which was good practice, and unsurprisingly we won!

Our following matches went better with a few wins, a couple of losses and sadly a cancellation due to the frozen pitch. Mentions go to Ben for his passing and running and to the whole team for their enthusiasm and teamwork. I am sad the season is over.

Charlie

Colts A2 Rugby

During the autumn term this year, we played six enjoyable, but wet cold and muddy games of rugby. Out of six fixtures, we only played five matches due to cancellation of our away match with Edgeborough. Our coach for the season was Mr Conway who gave us lots of encouragement and inspiration.

All of the members of our team put in a lot of effort and hard work during the matches but there were some great performances from Thomas, who tackled fearlessly like a lion. In his first season at Barrow Hills, Joseph also showed his awesome talent with his speed and agility and the tries he scored. I also remember Harry's speed and strength in the rucks. Fraser did some brilliant tracking back and tackling. For the first four games of the season we had an outstanding new player, William, who was so good he got promoted to A1.

Out of the five games, we played we won two and lost three. My favourite rugby match was when we played against PGS. It was a really close game and both teams did exceptionally well and were highly committed. Joseph scored two tries but unfortunately we did not quite manage to win, the final score was 4-3 to PGS.

Overall we had a great season, lots of fun and our rugby improved a lot.

Oscar

Colts B1 Rugby

Rugby was a hard and easy season. Everyone tried their hardest to win. If we didn't win we still had fun. My favourite game was playing against PGS because we all had to score a try. We did and in the end we won. Alex, our try scorer was amazing, James and Nicholas were great at dodging, Toby was a really good rucker and Harry was a great tackler. When it was our turn to tackle we ran at them like a crash of rhinos.

Dominic

Colts B2 Rugby

At the start of the rugby season, the ground was dry and it was sunny. We trained a lot for our first match and we won. We had a great time and enjoyed the entire season. I thought Max, Laurie and William were very good.

Cillian

Junior Colts 3A Tag Rugby

The Junior Colts 3A played our first full season of Tag Rugby. We had lots of fun learning how to dodge and tag. Sam and Tom were really good at tagging and me and Jago scored lots of tries. Scoring tries was fun. Thank you Mr Conway for coaching us.

Conrad

Junior Colts 3B Tag Rugby

We won against Belmont 35 -15. Nathaniel was the best at scoring tries. I side stepped most of their players and avoided them like a slippery snake. Most of our players were good at passing so we did really well. Thank you to Mr Hopkin for coaching us.

Lloyd

Junior Colts 3C Tag Rugby

We won our first game against Belmont 70-45. Theodore scored 5 tries. We dodged them like snakes and I scored. Jago scored lots of tries. My best part of the season was learning how to run in spaces not faces. Thank you Mr Hooker for coaching us. I am looking forward to playing real rugby in Year 4.

Jack

Junior Colts 4A Rugby

This season has been successful. We have had an unbeaten three games and over the course of the season, we have learnt lots about the sport. We have learnt to use the ball more effectively and quickly. We worked together like a pack of wolves, not losing any of our games. It was a great season.

Dominic

Junior Colts 4B Rugby

My best part of the rugby season was running down the pitch and scoring a TREMENDOUS TRY. I think the best players were Will, Tommy and me. My best match was against Belmont; we thrashed them 25-10. I improved my running speed the most. I am looking forward to playing rugby in Year 5. We ran as fast as leopards.

Ben

Junior Colts 4C Rugby

My favourite part of the season was when I had an appearance for the A1. My team improved well, concentrating on putting the ball in the back of the net. Our Year 4 C's played extremely well too. Oliver and Jamie played fantastically. Nils and Eoin were superb, James and Edward were simply terrifying for the other team because they charged like bulldogs. Harry and I fought as hard as we could. My favourite part of the season was playing with my friends, and working as a team. We improved so much with our tackling skills.

Barnaby



Charity

The Barrow Hills Community Committee (BHCC) is made up of parents and staff, supported by our parent class representatives. The committee has established a vibrant programme of events each year, raising money for school projects, both big and small, and supporting the charitable work undertaken by our children.

The charity fundraising focuses on 'knowing our neighbour' with our main beneficiary being St Benoît School in Burkina Faso. We are grateful to everyone for helping us reach our annual commitment to them of £500. However, a number of other charities also benefit. This year this has included the halow project, Shooting Stars, Challengers, CAFOD, the Poppy Appeal and Macmillan, a total of £3,072.84.

The committee also supports the school 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 resources sooner rather than later.

This year a number of items were purchased. These included a BBQ that sees weekly use thanks to the commitment of the bacon buttie team and two picnic tables that allow the art department to extend their teaching outside. A second table tennis table for the adventure playground, dry ropes for the sports department to use at



tournaments on the many inclement days and a selection of hoops and skipping robes. We have also bought back Gammontrude, Herbaceous Boarder, Pig in a Roke; our Haslemere Hog, who will be on display once a permanent home has been found.

The BHCC have also committed funds to Pre-Prep for the improvement of the playground markings and to the sports department for a shelter to improve the seating at the astro and improvements to the pavilion.

We hope that these purchases are enjoyed by children and parents alike for many years to come.

Thank you to everyone who has helped and contributed throughout the year.



Hog Roast

Thank you to everyone who came to, and helped at, the Hog Roast, hosted by the BHCC on Saturday 17th September and thank you for the generous donations. The rain clouds kept away, and although not the 30 degrees we had experienced during the week there was a great turnout. 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. A special thank you to Garlic Wood Farm for providing some fantastic food.



Fabulous fireworks and spooky pumpkins

Thank you to everyone who helped make Friday 4th November such fun. Whether it was encouraging ticket sales, rounding up volunteers, manning the stalls or contributing to the raffle - it all helps!

Setup was challenging in the rain (and with faulty generators!) but thankfully, the rain cleared, lights were sorted and we ended with a clear night. We hope you agree that the bonfire was a roaring success. Thank you to Mike and his team. The fireworks went with a bang... expertly set off by Skyburst.

Ticket sales picked up nicely after half term and there was a steady flow on the night; with around 400 tickets sold overall. The raffle was a great success. A big thank you to Year 8 for creating a wonderful hamper. It was won by the Wakeley family in Year 1.

The results of the Pumpkin competition were:

Pre-Prep: Henry (Kindy)

Junior Prep: Claudia (Year 4) [Kean](#)

Middle Prep: Annabel (Year 5) [Murtough](#)

Upper Prep: Emily (Year 7) [McCormack](#)

The overall result was a tie!

The event made a profit of £959. Well done everyone and thank you again from the BHCC.



Christmas workshop

On Wednesday 14th December, the BHCC held a Christmassy workshop for around 150 children, from the littlest in Nursery, right up to Year 8. We had lots of laughs, Christmas music, escaping Christmas cracker presents, beautifully decorated gifts and many smiling faces! Thank you to the children for coming and being polite, the staff for getting them there on time, the catering ladies for the refreshments and the team of parents who were amazing in giving their time to help the children with this wonderful activity. You raised £435.40 for the BHCC.



Haslemere Food Bank

On Monday 12th December, we were pleased to welcome Mrs Boreham, from the Haslemere Food Bank to our assembly. She talked a little about the work of the Food Bank and what a help this service was to local families. Mrs Boreham thanked the whole school for the special Christmas gifts which the classes have donated to the Food Bank. In particular, she thanked Elena, Lucy, Annabelle, India and Isabella whose initiative this was.



Surprise visitor to Pre-Prep

A surprise visitor arrived in Pre-Prep on a chilly December afternoon. Children from Nursery to Year 2 were surprised and delighted to meet Father Christmas when he arrived in the hall. A huge thank you to Father Christmas for coming, we know how busy he is at this time of year. Also to his elves, the parents who persuaded him to drop in and to Mrs Pulleyn for making him feel welcome!



EGG-traordinary Egg Decorating

We did it for the 7th year running!! On Wednesday 29th March, our children, enjoyed decorating Easter eggs. There were plenty of delicious goodies and sprinkles to choose from - some sweets didn't make it as far as the eggs! The amazing BHCC and parent helpers worked hard all day, wiping sticky hands, supporting wobbly eggs and clearing up afterwards. The 190 children were very creative and raised nearly £524. Thank you to everyone who helped and to the children for being so well behaved.



Rokefest – the BHCC Summer Party

Rokefest was a rocking success on Saturday night. So much so, ears were still ringing on Monday morning! Highlights of this fantastically organised and very well attended event were: BeetleJuice cocktails - delicious, although deadly... The Cheap Shots who got everyone up onto the dance floor with their mix of music dating back to eighties and bringing it bang up to date with Up Town Funk to end it all... DJs Thom and Seb who kept the dancing going until the end when there were just a few Year 8 and Year 6 parents left, arm in arm, cementing memories and friendships before going their separate ways next term.

Thank you to Mel Isherwood, Richard Royds, David Brydon and Rachel and Rob Gray for organising Rokefest. Thank you to Mrs Darg and her team, they did an A-M-A-Z-I-N-G job - best food ever at a Barrow Hills party! There are many behind the scenes who helped make the marquee look so fabulous - thanks to Julie Triska and Julia Hosp for making the flags and table runners, to Mark and Katy Vaculova-Ashton for donating the gorgeous fabrics, to Ags and Harry Hall for the wonderful strawberries, Jo and Anthony Baker for the straw bales, Jennie Royds for the flowers, Rachel Barraud for her support and guidance in the background, to the teams of people (too many to mention all by name) who helped set up and clear down and of course to everyone who came and partied and made it such a memorable night.



Lenten Appeal

During the spring term, we celebrated raising £2,458 for local charities via our annual Lent Appeal which saw all the children from Nursery through to Year 8 participate in an imaginative range of fund-raising activities. Every age group in the School was involved in raising money for the Appeal: the youngest Pre-Prep children lapped the garden on their trikes and scooters, while Years 1 and 2 ran; the Junior Prep undertook a sponsored walk from sister school King Edward's to Barrow Hills; the Middle Prep children held their own mini fete featuring numerous stalls and a variety of games and challenges; Year 7 children held a diablo competition and the older children organised a 'dodgeball and dance' event in the School hall.

Our Year 8 children identified three local charities to benefit from the School's hard work. The lion's share of the money raised went to the halow project (£1,958) – a Guildford based charity which works to support young people aged 16-35 with a learning disability on their journey into and through adult life. Addlestone based Shooting Star Chase (which provides hospice care for babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions) and Guildford based Challengers, (which provides play and youth centre facilities for disabled children and young people), also each received £250.



On Friday 12th May, we welcomed Diane Savage, Community & Events Fundraiser for the halow project, and Will, one of the young people who has benefitted from halow's help, to our assembly. Commenting on the donation Diane said, "We are very grateful to the School for all the effort that has gone into raising much needed funds for the charity. It is wonderful to see children demonstrate such empathy and awareness of the needs of others – and even more gratifying to witness their determination to actively seek out ways in which they can demonstrate their support through direct action."



Proms in the Park

Wow wow wow! Now in its eighth year, this annual event has gone from strength to strength. With a record number of performers on the programme, Sunday arrived with a chance of rain but the weather was kind and the sun shone on us all.

It is an afternoon when all members of the extended school community can come together in our beautiful school grounds to down a chilled pimm's (or two), enjoy a bite from the BBQ and 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.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put this event together, and to everyone who came to support it. 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 nearly £500.



Cake Sales and Bacon Butties

We held our last cake sale of the year in June, raising £135.10. This brought the total for the year from these sales to £1172.50.

Our Bacon buttie team raised over £5,800 for the BHCC. From the combined cake sales and bacon buttie proceeds, £313.87 was donated to Macmillan along with the proceeds from that

day's bacon butties and the balance went into the general fundraising pot to be distributed accordingly.

A big thank you to everyone involved – whether cooks, eaters or helpers! A particular thank you to Rachel Bailey for organising these extremely popular cake sales and Gill Wilson and Richard Roysds for manning the bacon butties stall come rain or shine.

Trips & Visits

Canine Partners

Pre-Prep had a very special visitor in March, when Canine Partners 'puppy in training' Neve, came to Barrow Hills. Neve was accompanied by her volunteer puppy parent, Clinton, who demonstrated Neve's core skills of touching, tugging and retrieving, and her love of cheese!

The children listened beautifully as Penny, a volunteer speaker for Canine Partners, explained how these dogs can transform the lives of people living with disabilities. The dogs are trained to help with everyday tasks such as opening and closing doors, unloading the washing machine, picking up dropped items, pressing buttons and switches and fetching help in an emergency. They can even help people to get undressed, tidy their own toys away and remove a card from an ATM! Each dog costs £20,000 from selection as a puppy to retirement at approximately 12 years of age. That's £4.56 a day. Thank you to Canine Partners and to Mr Clarke for arranging the visit.



New friends in Nursery and Kindy

At the end of the summer term, Kindy and Nursery enjoyed meeting some new friends. There were sheep, pigs, ducks, goats, llamas, of course the magnificent turkeys and more! The children learnt how to approach and handle the animals and about feeding and grooming. The children (and animals!) had a wonderful morning.



Magical Forest Creatures

Santa's elves had better watch out! Our Pre-Prep children flexed their creative skills and made beautiful decorations for a 'Decorate A Christmas Tree' competition organised for local schools by Squire's Garden Centre in Milford.

The budding young crafters were tasked with designing and creating tree decorations following the theme of 'Magical Forest Creatures' with woodland animals including owls, reindeer, birds, squirrels, mice and more. Taking inspiration from their outside play area, the children thoroughly enjoyed stepping up to the challenge!



Choral Day with King Edward's

The new year brought about a new event in the diary for both Barrow Hills and King Edward's. Having held a hugely successful Orchestral Day in 2016, it was the turn of our many singers to take centre stage. On Friday 27 January, eleven children from Barrow Hills joined King Edward's 1st Form and Chapel Choirs for a full day of singing.

A wide variety of music was on the agenda and not a moment was to be lost from the outset. After enjoying a hot chocolate, the Lower School launched into learning four new songs; 'Hey Mr Miller', 'Power in me' and traditional numbers 'Suo Gân' and 'Hashivenu'. Members from the Upper School Choir turned out in force throughout the day to go through music to be sung for the Bridewell Service at Southwark Cathedral. It was wonderful to see children take on such challenging music without intimidation. The repertoire included 'I was glad' and 'Blest pair of Sirens' as well as 'Locus iste'.

It was an incredible showcase of talent for both schools, and a testament to what can be achieved within such a small space of time. Interwoven into the programme of the day were several individual performances by singers and various instrumentalists including: Anna (violin) 'Allegro in E'; Imogen (voice) 'A nightingale sang in Berkeley Square'; Julien (horn) 'Song of dusk'. A perfect way to end a busy week for pupils and audience alike.



Junior Prep Residential

In May, Junior Prep had a superb residential trip to PGL. Their time at PGL involved quad biking, raft building, fencing, low ropes and much more. All the staff were very impressed with their behaviour and enthusiasm. New skills were gained, whether it be for an activity or being a member of a team and needing to listen and support each other.

Spirits were high throughout the trip and it really was non-stop fun. A big thank you to Mrs Harris, Mrs Peek, Mr Hooker, Mrs Wallace, Mrs Gartland, Mrs Brown, Mrs Stoneham, Miss Crathern, Mr Crisell and Mr Shreeve who gave excellent care to our children in Junior Prep.



Orchestral Day at King Edward's

On the 11th October, 15 children from Barrow Hills took part in an Orchestral Day. With great enthusiasm, we joined King Edward's Orchestra for a non stop programme of music making and fun.

The day was rounded off by a concert for parents and guests, and included items from soloists, string orchestra, wind band, and full orchestra. Our fantastic soloists included, Anna (violin) performing 'Intermezzo' by Kodaly, Imogen singing 'Dalmatian Cradle Song' – traditional, Julien (horn) performing 'St Anthony Chorale' by Brahms and Annabel (clarinet) performing 'Ssh' by Mark Cropton.

Everyone who took part in the music making should be extremely proud of what they achieved; transforming the music from the barely recognisable at the start of the day, to a highly commendable performance at the end.



Virtual Reality

On the 13th November, children at Barrow Hills went to King Edward's Witley to experience a Google virtual reality trip. A Google employee summarised how it worked: the virtual reality headset (Google cardboard) cuts off all things from the real world. It puts you into a virtual world where you cannot see anything besides the screen through the lenses. It changes your depth perception so it can create an almost life like experience.

The technology inside the Google cardboard is... your phone! It uses the gyroscope inside your phone to detect movement and you can look around with the headset on and experience things like you're really there! A basic Google cardboard set is about £5-£25 so this great experience is only a few car washes away! This is a very affordable version of virtual reality.

Inside the virtual reality trip, we used Google expeditions. This takes you to certain landmarks like Christ the Redeemer in Rio and the Taj Mahal in India. We also had a trip through the digestive system in VR! This gave detailed pictures!

I thought that this is a great, affordable idea that everyone should experience.

Charlie (Year 8), IT Captain



Art Scholars visit Watts Gallery

On Friday 23rd June, all of Year 3 and the Year 6 Art Scholars went to Watts Gallery in Compton to see the work of George and Mary Watts, two local artists.

We were able to investigate their methods of working and how they made work on such a large scale. Did you know that George Watts designed a large canvas sized gap in his floor, so he could move his work up and down on pulleys, without using a ladder?

After lunch, we walked to the hand-made clay chapel, created by Mary Watts and the local people of Compton. There were beautiful designs in and outside the chapel including birds that symbolised different values. To complete the day, we had the opportunity to create tiles using terracotta clay, just as Mary did.

Thank you to the children who were extremely well behaved and asked some great questions throughout the day. Thank you also to Mrs Peek, Mr Hooker and Mrs Brown as well as our parent helper, Mrs Westhorp.

Mrs Hatcher



School disco

On Friday 30th June, children in Years 3 to 5 had their disco evening at Barrow Hills. Deepheat Disco even treated the children to snow! The children looked fabulous in their outfits and pulled off some great dance moves. Thank you to Mrs Burnett for organising and to all the staff who helped during the evening.



Oliver Twist

The children were enthralled by a visiting theatre production of Oliver Twist at the end of the summer term. They were captivated by the strong, believable characters. There was some audience participation too when eating up their bowls of gruel. Well done to Bea and Nathaniel for helping out with the 'magical' handkerchief trick. During many of the songs,

the children and Mrs Mason could be heard singing. It was a superb performance with clever scenery, quick costume changes and atmospheric lighting. Oliver Twist was great experience of live theatre, hopefully giving the children lots of tips for their next production!



Say no to bullying

On Monday 12th September, we welcomed Robert Higgs to give two 'anti-bullying' sessions, one to Years 7 and 8 and the other to Years 3 to 6. He was brilliant.

He began by performing a drama piece, which he had written himself, called 'The boy in the photograph'. It was very powerful as it contained Robert's own experience of being a victim of bullying when he was at school.

During the morning, he explained to the children that bullies often have their own problems, which is why they might bully. He talked about not being a bystander if you

see such behaviour happening as well as how to handle bullying behaviour, should you become a victim. The interactive activities really kept the children interested and the feedback was very positive.



Lucy Faithfull Foundation Seminars

On Wednesday 26th September, we welcomed guests from the Lucy Faithfull Foundation who presented three E-safety seminars, one to children in Years 3 to 6, another to children in Years 7 and 8 and one to parents.

They were both interesting and informative and gave the children some sound advice on how to identify potential dangers and stay safe online. They were able to raise awareness about cyberbullying and talk about how to prevent and respond to it, as well as what to do if they are ever concerned. The parent session was also very useful and thought provoking, with some quite hard-hitting videos and useful discussion.

Trip to Boulogne

On Friday 24th March, Years 5 and 6 went to France for the day. We left very early and crossed the Channel using the Eurotunnel. In the morning, we visited a bakery where the children tried to make croissants and learnt how bread was made. Then we went to Nausicaa - National Sea Centre, one of northern France's most popular tourist attractions. We had lunch and looked at the fascinating exhibitions, including fish, sea lions and sharks.

In the afternoon we went to a sweet factory where we learnt how to make sweets. The weather was fantastic and we all enjoyed the trip greatly.



Mathematics Logic Cup

Emma, Maddie, Harry and Freddie went to Lord Wandsworth College in Hampshire for a day of mathematics. They started the day with a pub quiz style game, and followed it with a mathematical treasure hunt around the school. After lunch, they were involved in a fast-paced relay race to see who could get the most questions correct. All four children showed enthusiasm and tenacity to complete the challenges. Well done Emma, Maddie, Harry and Freddie. Thank you Mr Clarke for taking them.

One of the questions for any keen mathematicians -

My grandmother's age is a prime number. Two years ago my grandmother's age was also a prime number. In three years' time my grandmother's age will be an even square number. How old is my grandmother?



Aladdin

On Thursday 15th December, Middle Prep went to the Yvonne Arnaud theatre in Guildford to watch Aladdin. It was a spectacle of laughter, jokes and lots of water! Thank you to the teachers of Middle Prep and Mr Conway and Mr Hopkin for taking them.



The art of storytelling

On 7th February, best-selling author Bruno Vincent came to Barrow Hills to present a creative workshop, and discuss the art of storytelling and the inspiration for some of the creepy characters and atmospheric settings in his 'Tumblewater' collection of children's books.

His contemporary rewrites of Enid Blyton's the 'Famous Five', part of the Ladybird parody series for grown ups – with titles such as 'Five Go Gluten Free' and 'Five Go Parenting', proved an instant hit, flying off booksellers shelves over Christmas. The Tumblewater books, published by Pan Macmillan, are his first for children.

A bookseller and book editor before turning his hand to writing, Bruno Vincent's humour books for grown-ups are co-authored with Jon Butler and have gone on to become



national best sellers translated into seven languages. Children from Years 5 - 8, delved into 'Grisly Tales from Tumblewater', and 'School for Villains'. Both books feature the popular orphan-turned-storyteller Daniel Dorey who, in the telling of the tale, unexpectedly becomes part of the story itself.

During his visit, the author fired the children's imaginations and showed them how to successfully put a plot together whilst also encouraging confidence in their work.

An audience with Michael Faraday

On Thursday 17th November, Year 6 and 7 went to King Edward's School to see a science lecture. It was about Michael Faraday's life and discoveries of electricity.

Michael Faraday was born on September 22, 1791 in Newington Butts, London. His family was very poor and his father was a blacksmith. Michael Faraday had three siblings. Fortunately, he was able to go to school until he was thirteen, when his mother took him out of school. He became a bookbinder and read a book called 'Conversations on Chemistry', which inspired him to be a scientist. It talked about a man called Humphrey Davy who was the Head of the Royal Institution. Humphrey Davy presented lectures to people once every year and Michael Faraday wanted to watch one, but he was too poor. One day a man came to the book binding shop and they started talking. Michael Faraday said he wanted to see a lecture and the man gave him a ticket. Michael Faraday loved it and that is where his career started.

Michael Faraday wrote a book and a letter to Humphrey Davy asking to join the Royal Institution, but he got denied as there was no space. A quote that Michael Faraday wrote shows the determination that made him continue waiting to be a scientist: "But still try, for who knows what is possible..."

A few months later one of the workers got into a fight and was fired. This meant there was a space open and Michael Faraday got it. Michael Faraday invented the Faraday cage. He also invented the first motor. He invented the Tesla coil that was improved by Nikola Tesla later on.

The lecture was very interesting and we learnt a lot. The man talked about topics that we were currently covering, which gave us a better understanding. For example, we have been learning about different sources of energy and fossil fuels, which was covered in the lecture.

Amy (Year 7)

On the 17th November, Year 6 and 7 went to King Edward's to see a lecture on Michael Faraday. Michael Faraday was a blacksmith's son and was very poor. He went to school until 13, when his mother pulled him out. After that he was a book binder.

One day he read a book called 'Conversations on Chemistry'. It talked about one of Humphrey Davy's Lectures at the Royal Institution. He really wanted to go to a lecture but the tickets were too expensive. One day a rich man came into the bookbinders shop and Michael and the man started talking. Michael told him about lectures he wanted to go to and the man gave Michael Faraday a ticket to one of Humphrey Davy's lectures. After the lecture he wrote a letter to Humphrey Davy saying that he was soooo interested his work and would love to work at the Royal Institution with him. A letter came back explaining that there were no spaces left. He was so disappointed. But a few months later a scientist got into a fight and was fired. Michael Faraday got the job as an assistant. He went on a tour soon after around Europe, he met famous scientists and inventions. In 1812 Humphrey Davy retired So Michael Faraday became President of the Royal Institution. That was his best year.

It was fun as we had a chance to interact and get involved. At the end he showed us a machine with a mini Faraday Cage which showed us electricity sparks. Overall, it was a very good experience!

Bethany (Year 7)



French Visitors

On 24th November, we welcomed 28 children from a French school, 'La Providence' in Dieppe. These visits have been hugely popular since the relationship with the Dieppe school began several years ago. Our children enjoyed various activities together throughout the day. Parents and children in both parties have enjoyed the many benefits of the stay and feedback has been great.



Rockin' roller disco

The Year 6 to 8 roller disco was a great success - a fantastic opportunity for the children to be able to let off some steam! The evening started with pizza in our refectory. The children were then transported to King Edward's to use their large exhibition hall for skating. Children looked absolutely fabulous in their neon outfits and really enjoyed the opportunity to learn how to roller skate. The evening culminated in a fun, huge relay race around cones. Many of our skaters demonstrated some interesting techniques!



'Le Café'

On Tuesday morning, Years 6, 7 and 8 travelled to King Edward's to watch a production of 'Le Café'. The play was entirely in French but the vocabulary and story were easy to understand. All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves.



How to write a spy story!

On Monday 10th October, Year 7 and 8 went to see the visiting author Ally Sherrick at King Edward's. She came to talk to us about her new book 'Black Powder'. She taught us how to write a spy story and how to build a character.

She told us that as a girl she wanted to be an Egyptologist but then realised that she needed to study physics and become a forensic scientist, which she was not too happy about.

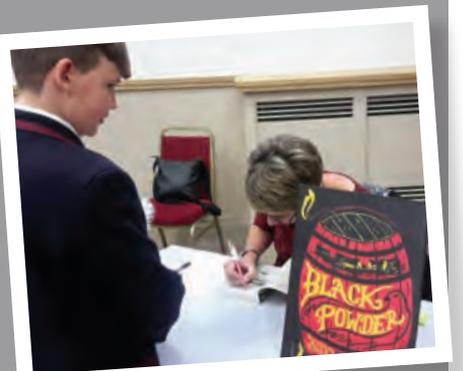
When she was younger, she struggled to read, then moved to a new school where the staff encouraged her to read more often. A few of her favourite books were 'Carrie's War', 'Traveller in Time' and 'The Wolves of Willoughby Chase'.

One day she went to the ruins of Cowdray Castle and the man there told her a story which this inspired the story of 'Black Powder'.

'Black Powder' is about Guy Fawkes, a boy called Tom and "The Falcon".

We all thoroughly enjoyed it and are grateful that Ally Sherrick could share her story and secrets. We also had the chance to have 'Black Powder' signed.

By Bethany, Amy, Emily and Imogen (Year 7)





Les Misérables

Year 7 and 8 enjoyed an amazing experience when they went to London to watch *Les Misérables*. They travelled by coach to the Prince of Wales Theatre for a drama workshop which saw them recreate a highly emotive battle scene on the barricades. This included learning how to die in slow motion!

Then we all went to watch *Les Misérables*. What a superb performance! We were all mesmerised by the powerful music and the incredible spectacle that unfolded on stage. Our favourite characters included Jean Valjean, Gavroche and Fantine.

Trip to The Globe

Four Year 7 Drama Scholars, Eddie, Flynn, Emily and Bethany, the Year 8 Drama Captains, Lily and Jess, and LAMDA Captain, Honor, enjoyed a fantastic trip to The Globe Theatre in London this week. The seven children plus Mrs Mason and Mrs Eisenhower set off by train on Monday morning. We had a picnic lunch at the Tate Modern, where we admired a very interesting flashing installation, then made our way to The Globe Theatre. This is a replica of the Shakespeare's Globe Theatre and it was amazing to see inside it and watch a performance of *The Taming of the Shrew*.

This is one of Shakespeare's comedies and is about a man with two daughters, Katherina and Bianca. Bianca is sweet and lovely and lots of men want to marry her. Unfortunately her father has said that she cannot be married until her difficult older sister is. Will Petruchio, a stranger, be able to make Katherina his bride?

The play was very fast paced and entertaining and we all enjoyed the funny fight scenes as well as the songs and the Shakespearean language. We were most relieved that

we were sitting undercover unlike the poor 'groundlings' standing in the rain by the front of the stage!

After the play, we visited the shop for souvenirs, then made our way to the National Theatre for a delicious hot chocolate before returning home.



On the Look-out For Bugs!

In May, as part of their minibeasts topic, Reception children visited the Lookout Centre. Armed with nets and bug boxes, the children shook branches and searched under logs to collect insects. They then used picture cards to identify what they had found, including beetles, centipedes and woodlice. It was then all inside to explore the light, water and sound activities and experiments. A fascinating day was rounded off with a play in the adventure playground.



Reception visit to Bocketts Farm

On Tuesday 27th September, Reception class set off on its eagerly awaited trip to Bocketts Farm. This farm is special, as it remains a working farm, as well as having animals for the children to see and pet close up.

On arrival, the children went on a tractor ride around the farmland. They saw many animals as well as stunning views of the countryside with the London skyline visible in the distance. During the visit, the children saw sheep, goats, cattle, horse, llamas, donkeys and pigs as well as small animals such as rabbits, mice and guinea pigs inside the barn that they could hold and stroke. Louis also met his namesake in the form of Louis the Border collie, is one of the farm's working sheep dogs! Lily, the Bocketts Farm guide was fabulous and told the children lots of interesting facts about the animals as well as giving them the opportunity to watch one of the goats being milked.

Perhaps the most exciting, and certainly the noisiest activity, was the pig race. Six pigs hurtled around a racetrack to the cheers and screams of the spectating children. It was hard to see who enjoyed it most – the cheering children or the pigs with their snouts in the troughs at the end of the race!

After the thrill of the pig race, the children let off some steam on the mini tractor course before getting back on the minibus and heading home.

All in all, it really was a wonderful day out.



Year 1 trip to Alice Holt

On Thursday 29th September, Year 1 visited Alice Holt to learn about woodland trees and animals. The children had a fantastic day and enjoyed taking part in activities and games. They had to pretend to be moles and followed a rope trail whilst wearing a blindfold. Mrs Wilson enjoyed taking part in this activity too! They pretended to be different animals and the rest of the class had to guess the habitat.

The children then went deeper into the forest and made food chains. Their final activity was to design a home for a certain type of animal. The whole day was action packed and great fun. Well done to all the children for answering so many questions. Everyone had a great day out and we managed to avoid the rain!



RMS Titanic!

On a damp and dreary Tuesday morning, Year 1 did not feel jaded. Squeals of delight were heard as they entered the classroom to the eerie sound of Morse Code being tapped out! 'cqd', 'cqd', 'sos', 'sos'.

Anne, our visitor from Godalming Museum, delighted us all with wonderful animated demonstrations, artefacts, facts and figures about the wonderfully majestic RMS Titanic.

The children sat quietly, completely enthralled in this yet true story. They found themselves listening to some incredible adventures of 10 year old, Douglas Speddon. They then dressed in the wonderful outfits, deciding on who would have travelled in either first, second or third class. See if you can guess who travelled in which area of the ship...

The children were so inspired that during playtime they were overheard playing Titanic games. Our grateful thanks to Godalming Museum for a superb and informative session, both children and staff loved it.





Year 1 visit Portchester Castle

On Wednesday 24th May, Year 1 went on a trip to Portchester Castle. We were incredibly lucky to have beautiful sunshine all day long. The children were very excited to have the opportunity to explore such a beautiful castle. It was fantastic to hear the children remember the names of so many castle features. The highlight was definitely climbing the steep steps to the keep and imagining what castle life would have been like. We were all so impressed with the children's enthusiasm. It was a wonderful trip thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



Year 1 visit Petworth House

The children of Year 1 enjoyed a day in Petworth House as part of their Victorian topic. They were dressed for the occasion and enjoyed shoe polishing, laying fires and cleaning copper pans with salt and lemon. The children were led on a tour of the house by the butler, who taught them how to descend the grand staircase as graceful Lords and Ladies. In a rather chilly dairy, the children embarked on making butter from cream, and although not entirely successful, they enjoyed the chant whilst trying to produce buttermilk and butter.

At the end of the day, we all agreed we would much rather be the Lord or Lady of the house as opposed to a servant or even a butler!



Trip to the Royal Opera House

At the end of September, Miss Anna took a group of our ballet dancers to the Royal Opera House to see a production of 'La Fille Mal Gardée'. It was a special matinee performance for school children and was played to a full house. Before the ballet began, the audience was treated to an introduction to the orchestra, who demonstrated the different instrumental sections that comprise a full orchestra.

The ballet tells the story of Lise and Colas, a young couple who fall in love. The performance was vibrant and exciting; it had the children captivated and made them smile, laugh, gasp and clap along. And just when you thought it couldn't get any better... there was even a pony on stage!

A very big thank you to Miss Anna for organising the trip. The children saw many famous sights as they walked through London, experienced the beauty and grandeur of the Royal Opera House and watched a cast of truly talented dancers perform a fabulous ballet. Truly a day to remember!



Year 2 visit Hampton Court Palace

As part of their Tudor topic, the children of Year 2 visited Hampton Court Palace in November. They enjoyed visiting the Tudor kitchens, the Great Hall, Henry VIII's rooms, the Young Henry exhibition and the gardens.

After a delicious packed lunch, the children then took part in 'A Royal Christmas Celebration' workshop. They were dismayed to learn that, had they lived in Tudor times, they would have had to wait until January to receive any presents. The highlight of the afternoon was visiting the Chapel Royal and seeing Henry VIII's crown.

It was an enjoyable trip, which brought the topic alive. The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Year 2 trip to the Isle of Wight

In Year 2 we have been learning about islands. We had great fun travelling to the Isle of Wight by ferry. While we were there, we walked along the beach at Yaverland and collected fossils. We then walked to Dinosaur Isle at Sandown where we were shown around the museum. We found out about the dinosaurs who lived there many, many years ago, and how the Isle of Wight became an island. We also found out lots more about fossils.



Year 2's busy day in London

On Wednesday 1st March, Year 2 enjoyed a very busy day in London. They travelled by train to Waterloo. After the short walk along the South Bank they took a leisurely cruise down the River Thames, listening to the commentary, learning new facts and observing many sights. They also enjoyed their packed lunch on the way. The London Eye enabled them to view many of the capital's important buildings. Finally, wearing special dark glasses, they experienced a short film in a 4D cinema before returning to Witley by train.



Year 3 visit Butser Ancient Farm

On Friday 23rd September, Year 3 had their first school trip adventure of the term when they went to Butser Ancient Farm. This trip was designed to enrich their history topic, The Celts.

Everyone had a fantastic day, experiencing how to be archaeologists, dig for artefacts, create chalk drawings, as well as making 'clunch' to help build a new roundhouse and making pottery pots to take home with them.

We had a super picnic provided by Mrs Darg.



Historical trip to Haslemere

In November, Year 4 had an exciting time on their historical trip to Haslemere. This included a visit to the Victorian town well, the original Haslemere police station, the infamous Town House, as well as the green Penfold post box. William and Barnaby both provided a recount of the trip.

"Some of us were peering inside the Victorian sweet shop. We spoke about the black wooden beams of the Tudor Cottage and how they were representative of Tudor times. We headed off to the Penfold pillar box; it was green, hexagonal in shape with the initials VR." Barnaby

"A famous General and MP, James Oglethorpe lived in the Town House. This is a Georgian building with decorative bricks on the front and big windows. Eoin mentioned the window tax charged in the Georgian period. We spent time at the War Memorial. We discussed the fact that this memorial was constructed to honour those men who gave up their lives in the two World Wars. This memorial therefore wasn't in the pictures we have of Victorian Haslemere." *William*

Art scholars visit the Tate Modern

On Tuesday 13th June, five art scholars and Year 4, travelled to London to see the artworks on display at the Tate Modern. It was a beautiful day and there were many famous sights seen from the coach on the journey.

At the museum, we had the opportunity to sketch famous artwork. Some of the pieces we saw were Andy Warhol's 'Marilyn Diptych' from 1962, Salvador Dali's 'Lobster Telephone' from 1936 and Bridget Riley's 'Illusion To A Summer's Day' 2 from 1980.

Some of the pieces that inspired us were Umberto Boccioni's 'Unique Forms of Continuity in Space, 1913, cast 1972, a large pointy sculpture that looked like a running man and Cildo Meireles' 'Babel 2001, a large tower of old to new radios that were gently lit in blue lights.

All of the children worked incredibly hard when sketching and created some great discussion topics while walking through the museum. It was great to see such enthusiasm for modern art!

Thank you to the children for their fantastic behaviour and thank you to the teachers Mrs Harris, Miss Gartland, Mrs Brown and parent helpers, Mrs Hall and Mrs Shaw for their help and support.



Year 4 visit Victorian school rooms

On Monday 6th March, Year 4 pupils dressed up as Victorian school children and travelled to the Victorian school rooms, to begin their day as the children of 1888.

"We were taught many different subjects, such as arithmetic, drawing and religious studies. The classroom looked like a prison cell, with barely any colour on the walls and a simple blackboard. We used fountain pens that we dipped in ink and slate pens that squeaked like mice when we wrote with them." *Barnaby (4G)*

"The girls had to line up separately from the boys. The expectations regarding behaviour were high and there was no smiling whatsoever! The teachers were stern and used words such as 'scholars' and 'offices'." *Sarah (4R)*

"We were given a Victorian lunch in the castle grounds that included sandwiches, apples, carrots, cheese and a piece of shortbread. There was no plastic because in 1888 you wouldn't have had plastic! After lunch, we visited the museum. On the first floor was a replica of a dead body! Upstairs there were many examples of Victorian toys and bicycles." *William (4R)*

"I felt really excited about the day and hope that I may be able to visit again!" *Georgia (4R)*.

Year 5 Residential, Isle of Wight

A thrilling exciting adventure awaited us on Monday 5th June as we settled into our seats for the long journey ahead. Throughout the whole ride happy laughter and curiosity erupted from all of the year. As the coach came to a stop in Portsmouth, we clambered off into the vast Navy Museum.

Inside the museum, models of extremely old ships surrounded us each with information about them; my favourite was an old huge wooden ship that had spiked ice studded all around it. As we walked through the museum everything became more modern until we came into a room where there were three immense black metal guns. Beyond this room we did different activities including listening to interviews of people from the Navy.

We were then allowed to explore a real ship from 1765, HMS Victory. In the ship, we learnt a great deal, including how it was involved in history, we also had a talk about how they dealt with injuries during a battle. I thought that this first activity was marvellous.

After that, as quick as a flash our coach had brought us into the colossal ferry port. The ride was joyful and we enthusiastically tried to spot the Isle of Wight in the distance. Water rushed against the sides of the boat, while we slowly sailed over the white glistening sea horses towards the Isle of Wight harbour. When we came into the dock, everyone disembarked the ferry to make it in time for the second activity.

The activity was a secret (not to the teachers though!) as the coach drove us across the countryside to our destination. After the ride, Year 5 jumped off the coach with excitement, to find that we were at the Chine Walk.

We gazed upon a beautiful sparkling waterfall, as Mr Andrade talked to us about how the water was eroding the ground beneath the waterfall. We slowly walked over the bridge observing the stream beneath us. As we carried on, Mr Andrade asked us lots of questions about erosion. Further into the walk, we came across a chipmunk enclosure. We noticed a chipmunk jumping across its friendly home. Unfortunately, we had to walk on, and not stay to play with the chipmunks. We finally made it to a viewpoint, where we could admire the beautiful bay below us, as Mr Andrade continued the geography lesson! Around the corner, we noticed an aviary, where the birds had tropical coloured feathers and were stunning to look at. Funnily enough, one of the birds started squawking at us so we hurriedly walked off back to the bus.

Overall, we had an amazing first day and I loved the HMS Victory tour! I knew I would enjoy the rest of the fabulous week ahead.

Sascha (5R)

"On Monday 4th June, I went to the Isle of Wight on our school residential. The bits I really liked was the bowling. I liked that because I got the second highest score in my team and my team got the second highest score in the year. My second best bit was the body boarding. I liked that because I liked being in the sea and I liked being thrown because I got a prize at the end of the week for it. My final best bit was the 4D cinema. I liked that because the seats moved quickly and the film was really good."

Joseph (5R)

"I also loved the Thursday night. It was fantabydocius!! Although I now have a sore throat and I lost my voice this morning. But at the prize ceremony I won a chocolate orange stick of candy rock for being the trendiest and having the best party outfit! I really enjoyed my trip to the Isle of Wight and I managed to get everybody in my family a gift, apart from Barney my dog..."

Charlotte (5R)

"This term I went on a residential trip to the Isle of Wight. We did loads of great things there. I really enjoyed bowling. The reason why was that I got 119 points. Secondly, I enjoyed the disco because there were lots of tracks to dance to which I really enjoyed. Finally, I enjoyed body boarding because I love the sea and I liked catching the waves."

Laurie (5R)



Year 6 Residential

"I found Bowles challenging because I did some activities that I have never done before, such as rock climbing, dry slope skiing, mountain biking and orienteering. Overall, I enjoyed Bowles and I would recommend the trip to everyone. I especially liked the watersports." *Elena*

"The thing that I enjoyed most about Bowles was Harrison's rocks and rock climbing. I found skiing the most challenging. I really enjoyed watersports because we did canoeing and kayaking and I nearly fell in." *Hermione*

"My best bit about Bowles was mountain biking, rock climbing and skiing. I enjoyed mountain biking because there were jumps and we went fast. Rock Climbing was fun because you climb actual rocks not a wall. Also, I liked skiing because I have never been on a dry-ski slope before, although I have been on real snow." *Finlay*



Eagle House Maths Challenge

Well done to Alice, Elena, Freddie, George, Harry, Nicholas, Noah and Toby from Year 6 who took part in the Eagle House Maths Challenge and came first in their section and second in the overall competition out of 90 teams. A fantastic achievement - well done everyone.



Salters' Chemistry Competition

On 2nd May, Ms Garcia took four Year 7 children to the Salters' Chemistry competition at Brunel University. Amy, Imogen, Julien and Matthew had a great experience and did very well coming third out of 13 schools in the University Challenge.

The children said: "The first activity was the 'Salters' Challenge', this was a murder mystery where we had to work out who the suspects were, who the murderer was and who the victim was. We used chromatography and observations to help us work the problem out. After lunch we had another activity which was the 'University Challenge'. In this challenge, we had to make a soap by making seeds into oil. Then we had to compare soap A, B, C, and the soap we had made, to find out the best soap. We had to make up an investigation to work this out. We decided to see which was the fastest at washing away dirt... we came third in the soap making activity. Thank you Ms Garcia for organising and taking us to the university. We had a great time!" Amy (Year 7)

"We set off from Barrow Hills, keen to go and try our best at the Salters' Chemistry competition. When we arrived, the lady gave us a brief description of our morning task. So eagerly we

began completing our first activity. We had to work out the suspects of the murderer. They gave us elements with a letter of the alphabet on top and so from then on the four of us had to work out the suspects. Linked with that activity we had to put different powders in test tubes and pour hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide, universal indicator and distilled water. Then we recorded what reaction we saw on a table. Secondly we created chromatograms and had to record what colours we saw. That was very enjoyable. Overall I thoroughly enjoyed it and had a super time at the science competition." Matthew (Year 7)



Bank of England

In May, the Year 7 children, accompanied by Ms Edworthy, Mrs Goddings and Mr Andrade enjoyed a trip to London. Catching the train from Godalming, the children were in good spirits and looking forward to the day ahead.

The group started at the junction of Monument Street and Fish Street Hill in the City of London, where the Monument stands. The children learnt about how it was built between 1671 and 1677 to commemorate the Great Fire of London and to celebrate the rebuilding of the City. The views from the top are spectacular and the children enjoyed pointing out landmarks that they knew around London.

Then it was off to the Bank of England - an incredibly busy part of London. The museum, which is next to the entrance to the Bank of England, shows the history of the Bank, its buildings, and the people who have shaped it over more than 300 years. The children were given a talk by one of the curators about why money is used and how it has changed over time. There was a lot of interest from the Year 7 children when gold bars were discussed, particularly the weight of them. Afterwards, the children were able to test the weight for themselves in the museum. The curator also showed them the bank notes old and new, and talked about the different people pictured on the notes. Eddie's (7R) great, great, great uncle is on the £50 note! The children had the opportunity to investigate the museum armed with a questionnaire that they had to complete.

It was then back to school, with their heads buzzing about how they could earn enough money to get one of those gold bars!



Year 7 Residential

In June, Year 7 went to Normandy for its residential. Every day was busy with trips to a local market, to Le Mont Saint Michel, the American cemetery near Omaha beach, to Arromanche and other sites from the Second World War.

Children enjoyed croissant for breakfast, they even tried snails and different French cheeses. A great time was had by all!

Alexander (7R) "I really enjoyed it because we got to learn French, have fun with friends but also try new food like snails and cheeses."

Eddie (7R) "The Mont Saint Michel was amazing and the street with the shops looked like Diagon Alley."

Julien (7R) "Best trip ever."



Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church

Our 2016 Harvest Festival was slightly different in that all the goods which were brought into school were not then given away to the residents of Dower House or the Clock House, but sold at the end of the day, raising a terrific £534.14. This sum was given to the Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church on Shaftesbury Avenue where, every single Sunday, they serve a full Sunday lunch to the local homeless.

"I enjoyed our trip out to London because it taught me that we should be grateful for our homes and food." **Scott**

"I enjoyed this trip as it showed me how hard it is for homeless people and makes me think where they went afterwards and how they can cope." **Sam**

"I am happy and felt like a good person because I have given up a day to help people who don't necessarily always have someone there to be kind to them." **Honor**

"We met with a range of people, elderly and homeless. One person asked if he could have 'extra potatoes' and signed to put them in his napkin for later when he doesn't have any food on the streets... The lesson I learned is to be grateful and feel happy for what you already have." **Archie**

Year 8 Retreat

After their exams had finished, Year 8 enjoyed the annual retreat at Ladywell convent in Godalming with Mrs Nicholls, Mr Crisell and the Trinity Trust Team. There was time to enjoy the grounds as well as the sessions where the children were able to reflect on their time at Barrow Hills and their hopes moving on to their next schools. There was the opportunity to offer personal prayers as well as some practical activities. The day finished with a short liturgy. Despite the intense heat, everyone enjoyed the peace and quiet as well as the time to simply indulge in some valuable thinking. Year 8 was, as ever, a credit to our school.



Year 8 visit the Science Museum

On 15th June, Year 8s visited the Science Museum in London. They went around the Robots exhibition, where they saw a motorised baby; a RoboThespian, which recites Hamlet in Klingon; a small, trumpet-playing robot called Harry; a robot that responds to human emotions, called Pepper and an intentionally endearing robot called Nao, that teaches children. Thought provoking questions were asked as they wandered around the exhibit, such as will this technology bring us closer together or drive us apart? Is it deceptive to build robots that look like humans before they match our intelligence? What will be the next piece of technology that will revolutionise the way we live our lives and could you be a part of designing it?

The children took part in a workshop, in which they discussed the difference between waves and frequency, and built a radio and speakers from a plastic bowl, copper wires and a magnet. They looked around the Winton Mathematics gallery and the space gallery and had a 3D experience flying in a red arrow.

It was a fabulously action-packed day and the children were engaged and enthusiastic throughout their time in the museum. Many thanks to Miss Edworthy, Mrs Goddings and Mr Andrade for supporting the children on this trip.



People Like Us

On 25 November 2016, Year 8 were privileged to attend a dedicated event aimed at inspiring them to consider Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) related careers.

The programme was based on the WISE (Women in Science and Engineering) initiative which promotes an increase in the participation, contribution and success of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics – a previously male dominated sector.

Titled 'People Like Us', the event provided the children with access to a panel of four speakers: Wendy Fischer, a Lab Manager for Intertek; Rachel Gray, former Sales Director of Cisco, world leader in IT; Dr Paola Coffey, a Doctor of Psychology; and Sally Whitehouse, a nurse.

Mrs Wallace, who organised this wonderful event, commented, "With the country now being led by a female Prime Minister, we are regularly reminded of the amazing opportunities now open to women in the work place. Never has there been such a strong push for women to opt for STEM related careers and we hope that today's session has provided a snap shot of the significant benefits associated with working in these sectors, from the favourable remuneration to the incredible job satisfaction that awaits. As well as listening to our speakers, the children were able to find out more about the universities offering specific funding to help young women break into a STEM based career."



Geography fieldwork

Year 8 children enjoying their Geography fieldwork in September!



Tilford Hike

On Tuesday 4th July, 20 members of Year 8, with three members of staff set off on a lovely sunny day for the Tilford Hike. The route was 12 miles long, starting and ending in Tilford. Children were then sent off in three separate groups, with their maps and eight check points to navigate to.

Two groups happily met up at Frensham Great Pond for the planned lunch stop and ice cream. Sadly one group never made it to Frensham Pond, after struggling to navigate their way across Frensham Common!

The last two miles of the route involved crossing Hankley Common and most groups found walking in the sand incredibly tiring. Fortunately, a military exercise diverted the children's attention away from thinking about their tired legs! Several confident map readers emerged from this great day and all of the children completed the hike with a fantastic sense of achievement.



Year 8 Residential

Year 8 Children had an amazing residential trip in the Ardèche. We left school at 4pm on Friday 23rd June after a full day at school. The coach took us to the Eurotunnel and on to Calais. On the coach we could listen to music, play games or watch films. We travelled overnight through France, arriving at the camp site at 9am on Saturday.

On Sunday and Monday we canoed a total of 26km down the Ardèche river; overnight we bivouacked under the stars. The gorge was spectacular. To cool off we played games jumping in and out of our canoes. We also did some rock jumps and wombling. There were only two capsizes on the rapids, both by Mrs Goddings and Mr Hatcher! The next day went to a small town where the famous Pont d'Arc crosses the river. We did some shopping and visited the caves at Aven d'Orgnac which were very interesting and cool on the hot day.

The rest of the week we did more exciting activities. Caving in a natural limestone cave, climbing a challenging crag, raft building, high ropes, kayaking, swimming in the pool and mission impossible. We had other fun activities in the evening.

We left at 6pm on Friday 30th June and most of us slept on the coach. We arrived back to school at 9am on the Saturday. We had a fabulous adventure.



From the Chaplaincy



Life In The Chapel

Our school chapel has, as usual, been at the heart of our school life and therefore busy this year. We are all very grateful to Father Peter Newsam (**left**, parish priest at Petworth, Duncton and Midhurst), Father Martin Ashcroft (a Josephite from St George's in Weybridge) and Mgr Jeremy Garratt (**top right**, ex Rector of the seminary in Wonerh, now the parish priest in Waterloo) for coming to help us with the celebration Mass at Barrow Hills. Father Brian Coyle (**bottom right**, the current Rector of the seminary in Wonerh) very kindly came to celebrate one of our early morning Tuesday Masses, for which we were grateful. We were particularly delighted to welcome Godalming's new parish priest, Father David Parmiter (**middle right**). No sooner had he arrived in the parish than he was keen to help us out. We look forward to many more visits from Father David in the years to come.



Thank you to everyone who has supported our **First Tuesday of the Month** Masses.

These begin promptly at 7.50am and is over by 8.15am in order to enable staff to attend Mass and then collect the children in their form from the Lower in time for the start of the school day. It really would be lovely if more people would come to this Mass and I do urge you to consider attending if you possibly can.

The Church teaches that **Lent** is a time for doing more in terms of **prayer, giving** and **fasting**. Barrow Hills 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 5th 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 Georgia had the honour of crowning the statue with an exquisite crown created for us by Mrs Kim Rockingham.

This year we had seven **First Holy Communicants** whose achievement we celebrated in a special assembly on Friday 23rd June during which they were presented with the gift of a rosary and book. We were delighted to be able to share their and their family's joy at such a special time in their faith journey.



EXPOSITION: TUESDAYS 8AM-8.30AM

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

PARENTS' PRAYERS

Our 8.30am "Parents' Prayers" liturgy continues to be a really important aspect of our school prayer life and is offered as an opportunity for parents to gather in our school chapel for a short half-hour liturgy of readings, prayers and 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 up our voices to the fabulous accompaniment of our school organ played so brilliantly by Mr Wardell. I am always humbled by the willingness and bravery of those children who undertake to read for us in front of a packed school chapel. Thank you, therefore, to all of them – without them we could not put on such lovely and important school services

Life Beyond The Chapel

It was twelve years ago that our African adventure began, an adventure which led to a small and extremely dilapidated Catholic primary school in the diocese of Fada N’Gourma, Burkina Faso being transformed into a successful and well-equipped school. Our support of St Benedict’s Primary School over the years has genuinely resulted in its becoming one of the best, with children achieving a 100% success rate in passing their exams. In short, the school is now flourishing.



WE HAVE DONE WELL, AS HAS ST BENEDICT’S, AND THIS YEAR WE DECIDED TO MOVE ON BY WIDENING OUR GIVING.



The town of Fada N’Gourma has a number of Catholic schools, some of which have looked on at the support St Benedict’s has received over the years, and longed to enjoy at least some of

it. For instance, at St Joseph’s Primary School, just a stone’s throw from St Benedict’s, they have a kitchen but no food. The children, therefore, go hungry all day long, despite the cost of feeding them all being just £1,600 for the year. Wouldn’t it be great to have a hand in feeding those children?

Perhaps, however, one of the most exciting prospects of being of real help to the entire town is the fact that Fada urgently needs a lycée, that is to say the final three years of education to enable pupils to then progress to university. Before we run a mile at the prospect of financing a lycée, I should point out that this is no more than a block of four large classrooms – that’s it. Their needs are simple!

When I was in Burkina Faso in February, I confirmed to my good friend, Father Jean-Baptist Yarga (right, the Fada Diocesan Director of Education who has overseen all the funds we have sent since 2007) that we wanted to widen our giving to allow the Fada diocese to use our funds on schools as they see fit. He could not have been happier or more relieved. Of all the priests of the diocese, he is the one who knows exactly what the needs are, and where. I hope you will share my excitement at the prospect of how much good we can potentially do for so many more children in Fada in the years to come.



HARVEST FESTIVAL AND HELPING THE HOMELESS

Last term’s Harvest Festival was slightly different in that all the goods which were brought into school were not then given away to the local elderly, but sold at the end of the day, raising a terrific £534.14. This sum was given to the



Bloomsbury Central Baptist Church on Shaftesbury Avenue where, every Sunday, they serve a full Sunday lunch to the local homeless. We were given permission to take four of our Year 8 children to experience serving lunch to the homeless. Sam, Archie, Scott and Honor were kept busy serving up and clearing away a three course meal, and then after lunch, were responsible for ensuring that all the tables were not only clear, but clean also. All four children were absolutely magnificent, attracting many compliments.

We are very grateful to them for giving our children such a hands-on experience of ministering to those who are homeless and hungry, and who have agreed to us making this an annual Year 8 event.



Year 8 Retreat: Tuesday 20th June

I know that the children of Year 8 never really look forward to their retreat, wondering if it is going to be a day spent praying. In reality, it is a day of fun but thought-provoking exercises and plenty of outdoor play. For the last few years I have taken them to Ladywell Convent where the Sisters were fabulously attentive to our needs and anxious to make sure we were comfortable and had everything we needed. I was helped to run the retreat by Paul Crisell and also by Andy Poulson, Matt Smith and Arianna Pisetti, all members of the local Trinity Trust Team. Thanks to their truly inspirational input and the willingness of the Year 8 children to enter into the spirit of the day, I can honestly say we had a truly terrific Year 8 retreat.

Farewells

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

Headline News

Bridewell Day

On Tuesday 14th March, Year 8 and the Bridewell Choir went to Southwark Cathedral in London to celebrate Bridewell Day.

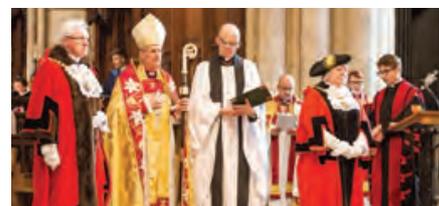
HRH Duchess of Gloucester attended the service. The choir sang two songs called I was Glad and "Blest Pair of Sirens" accompanied by brilliant Mr Wardell on the organ.

Following the service, all of Year 8 and the choir went to the Southbank and enjoyed a nice waffle with ice cream. Whilst they were having their ice creams we were whisked off to the Guildhall to have a very sophisticated lunch with Mr Skehan and Ms Garcia. The lunch was attended by HRH Duchess of

Gloucester and the Lord Mayor of London. Following lunch, we met the others and boarded the coach back to school.

King Edward VI founded King Edward's School in 1553. King Edward received a letter saying that there was a problem with poor children living on the streets, so Edward gave the Bridewell Palace to the city children as an orphanage. On Tuesday, we celebrated the 150th anniversary of King Edward's School moving from Bridewell Palace in London to Witley.

Hector (Head Boy) and Annabel (Head Girl)



Olympic champion visits Barrow Hills

On 18th May, our children were delighted to meet Olympic champion hockey player Helen Richardson-Walsh MBE, when she dropped into Barrow Hills to talk about the opportunities for women in sport and her personal journey to Olympic success. Ms Richardson-Walsh, who played a starring role in Great Britain's Olympic gold medal triumph in Rio last year, has competed in four Olympics and is recognised as the youngest British woman to represent her country in hockey on the Olympic circuit.

The timely visit came hot on the heels of Barrow Hills' fantastic achievement in hockey. The Under 11 mixed hockey team reached the national finals of The Independent Association of Prep Schools hockey tournament for the first time in the School's history - reminding children and parents that gender is never a barrier to success in sport. The Under 13 team had an unbeaten season and qualified for the England Hockey national finals at the National Hockey Centre in Nottingham.

Mrs Burnett said, "The children were very excited to have the chance to meet and chat with such a legendary Olympian, especially as it was Helen who scored one of the decisive penalties in last year's dramatic final in Rio. All of our hockey players – boys and girls - have been truly inspired by Helen's motivating story, so watch this space for further news of our success on the pitch!"



Haslemere Hogs

During the spring term, Barrow Hills took part in a Haslemere based charity event known as 'Haslemere Hogs'.

Large, ceramic pigs, decorated by local schools and artists were displayed during April in and around the local area. The focus of the event was to publicise Haslemere while raising money for charity and promoting art in the local community. The theme for our 'hog' was around the garden designer Gertrude Jekyll who created our own walled gardens and who also has a beautiful rose named after her. We began fundraising by inviting children and families to 'Name our Hog for £1'. The first £200 pounds raised was donated to the Haslemere Hog's charities, which include: Kaleidoscope; Action Medical Research for Children; the Haslemere Penny Ha' Penny Trust and Positive Action.

Mrs Hatcher had a busy start to the term, making 94 bumblebee tiles for Pre-Prep to decorate. The Prep Department made and painted their own garden items, including butterflies and roses.



Success for U11 netball team

We celebrated success in the U11 Regional IAPS netball competition, finishing an impressive third in the tournament, out of 37 teams.

On 2nd March, the U11 team travelled to Hurstpierpoint College with Mrs Burnett and Miss Gartland for the competition. Our U11 team finished first in their section of ten teams, winning all nine matches against: Sutton Valance, St Catherine's, Reigate St Mary's, Ashford, St Teresa's, Bede's, Windlesham House, St Andrew's and Russell House.

The team then went on to play all section winners and lost to Wimbledon High and Holy Cross but recovered their form to beat The Study, resulting in the School finishing third overall out of 37 teams.

The final result is a reflection of the incredible effort put in by all who played. Team members include: Serena who worked tirelessly in centre position, always running to get free for a pass. India played well as a strong defender. Elena and Annabelle achieved countless interceptions in defence. Lucy P delivered some amazing shooting from virtually any position. Lucy I and Madeleine proved indomitable when it came to getting free for a pass, while Alice was consistently strong in Goal Attack, the timing of her movement and passes was exceptional.

At the U11 IAPS Netball national finals our team finished sixth in their section of 10 teams, a remarkable achievement. Well done girls and thank you to Miss Gartland and Mrs Burnett.



Bulldogs through to the Nationals

A wet and windy Monday in February saw six Year 8 children accompanied by Mr Fisher and Miss Crathern leaving at the crack of dawn in a minibus, to get down to the Land Rover Ben Ainslie Racing HQ in Portsmouth, for the Regional Finals of the prestigious Land Rover 4x4 In Schools Challenge.

For a term and a half this group of Year 8 children have busily designed, built, modified and rebuilt a Radio Control 4x4 model to take on a series of challenges thrown at them by some of the most astute engineering brains from Land Rover.

After a very professional day of engineering scrutiny, interviews, pit displays, presentations, track tests and trailer towing tests the team were left exhausted, but having had immense fun. Thrown into the deep end of the executive world of the automotive engineering industry the Year 8s performed admirably and showed just what great children represent us at Barrow Hills.

As the youngest participants at the event, they had done very well just to get there. Our children were up against senior schools, sixth form colleges and tech colleges, so it was with a due amount of pride and wonderment to listen to the announcement that the Barrow Hills Bulldogs had gained the Judges Discretionary Award and had made it through to the National Finals at Silverstone Racing circuit!

In March, the winning team travelled to Silverstone for the national final. The girls and boys performed very well in

competition with the best from across the UK, exclusively GCSE and A-level students. Our children were the youngest group at the final and although they did not win, they all earned themselves Industrial Cadet Silver Awards that they can now include on their CVs. They had a great time and were even able to take a spin around the Silverstone track. The winners (Sixth Formers) have won places in the World Finals where they will be flown out to Abu Dhabi!

It was a great experience and one we hope to repeat at Barrow Hills in years to come. Well done to Seb, Annabel, Luke, Honor, Charlie and Tom.



U11 Hockey team reaches IAPS National Finals

We celebrated amazing success on the hockey pitch after our Under 11 team succeeded in reaching the national finals of the IAPS (The Independent Association of Prep Schools) U11 Hockey tournament – for the first time in the School’s history. Earning a place in the final represented a major achievement as the team faced strong competition from 25 other prep schools, many of them larger than Barrow Hills.

The coaches were extremely proud of the effort and hard work the children have put into their hockey. Annabelle was voted players’ player, and also coaches’ player, of the tournament and a special mention to Harry for stepping up with some brilliant saves, but all together the teamwork and performance was outstanding!

Mr Clarke would like to thank all the children for playing amazingly and for all the support and help from parents. Mr Skehan said, “What a result! Our children faced some seriously stiff competition on the pitch against teams with an established track record in this tournament but they certainly did us proud. A fantastic performance which demonstrated the importance of skill, tenacity and great team work if you want to achieve success on the sports field. Our players fought hard in the national final but sadly missed out on a place in the final four, however in our eyes everyone in the team is a winner!”



International Rugby player visits Barrow Hills

Maggie Alphonsi MBE, the face of international women’s rugby, who represented her country an impressive 74 times and helped England win a record breaking seven consecutive Six Nations crowns, was our guest speaker at Prize Giving.

Mr Skehan said, “Having Maggie present at our end of year Prize Giving service provides our children with a wonderful opportunity to meet with a high-profile sports woman, whose sporting achievements are legendary. Maggie personifies the importance of courage, determination and sheer hard work as the required attributes for success. Of

course, she is also a fantastic role model for our girls, underpinning the School’s strong belief that gender should never be a barrier to achievement. Maggie has accomplished so much in a sport that was historically dominated by men, becoming the first ever former female player to commentate on men’s international rugby. All of this whilst still continuing with her academic studies, obtaining an MSc and BSc in Sports & Exercise. She is truly an inspiration to all our children.”

Maggie Alphonsi commented, “It is always rewarding to meet with young children who are just starting to carve out their hopes and ambitions for the future. From

spending time with the children today, the School’s strong ethos is clearly evident; to encourage children to believe in themselves and to strive to achieve to the very best of their ability. The prize giving today and news of the number of scholarships awarded to Barrow Hills children this year is testament to the power of that philosophy.”



U13 Hockey Team Reach National Finals

In May, our U13 boys' hockey team played in the National In2Hockey Finals in Nottingham. This team of nine boys played two tournaments to qualify, beating off strong competition at county and regional level. They are the first Barrow Hills hockey team to achieve this amazing standard of play, finishing ninth in the country above the two hundred competitive teams that also entered. The boys demonstrated a commitment, maturity and teamship that impressed all, as well as playing exceptional hockey.

We very much hope that they are inspired to continue playing as they move on to their senior schools and that the Year 7 players use this as motivation as the hockey season comes round again next year. We would like to wish all the boys our heartfelt congratulations once again. Their story has inspired the school and they have set the standard for future Barrow Hills teams.



School Council

School Council 2016 – 17

Members of School Council

Sam (3G), Ruby (3R)
Barnaby (4G), Harry (4R)
Alexander (5G), Edward (5R)
Harry (6G), George (6R),
Sam (7G), Alexander (7R)

Our School Council has had a busy year, with plenty of requests from their cohort. One of the most popular wishes from all year groups was for a school disco, duly organised in November and June. Catering requests were numerous! Children are now given cheese again at break times, Year 8 has been given a condiments box on their tables at every lunch-time and Prep children have the option of squash on a Friday with their lunch.

Two ice cream sales proved very popular in the summer term after school. Children were incredibly keen to run a bake-off competition. In February 2017, the Barrow Hills Bake-Off took place, with Mrs Darg judging the incredible entries, ranging from brownies to bread rolls.

Aside from food requests, more sports clubs are now in place over lunch times and children are now participating in a weekly, current affairs based quiz. Break times on a Friday during the summer term have moved onto the school field, enabling the children to have plenty of space to burn off their energy!

Next year we will be addressing the further requests for a Grandparents Day at Barrow Hills as well as an additional themed mufti day. Thank you to all those on the School Council and to Mrs Burnett for organising.



Senior Prefects and Captains 2016/2017

Head Girl Annabel
Head Boy Hector
Kean Tom
McCormack Lily
Murtough Theo
Art Harry
D.T Seb
Drama Jess

Drama Lauren
Forest School Jasper
Forest School Charlie
Humanities Archie
Music Luke
Music Anna
Photography Scott
Pre-Prep Honor

Science Ben
Sport Archie
Sport Sam
Sport Sam
Sport Freddie
Swimming Lily



2017 Scholarships & Awards

11+ LEAVERS' SHIELDS

Noah - Churcher's College

Finlay - Churcher's College

India - Prior's Field - Exhibition for Sporting Promise

Harry - High Rock Middle School, Boston, MA

Alice - Prior's Field - Academic Scholarship & Exhibition for Sporting Promise

Annabelle - Prior's Field - Sports Scholarship

George - City of London School for Boys - Academic Scholarship

Lucy - Prior's Field - Sports Scholarship & Exhibition for Promise in Drama

Isabella - King Edward's Witley

11+ SCHOLARSHIPS 2017/18

Elena - Academic

Toby - Academic

Lucy - Drama

Harry - Academic

Hermione - Drama

Freddie - All Rounder

Dominic - Art

13+ LEAVERS' SHIELDS

Sam - The Royal Grammar School - with the top mark for mathematics at Common Entrance

Lily - Milton Abbey

Freddie - Cranleigh - Eric Abbot Award

Jessica - Prior's Field

Thomas - King Edward's Witley - Academic Scholarship

Annabel - Farnborough Hill

Charlie - King Edward's Witley

Anna - King Edward's Witley - Music Scholarship

Ben - Cranleigh

Samuel - King Edward's Witley - Sports Scholarship

Harry - Charterhouse - Design Technology Scholarship

Archie - Cranleigh

Scott P - King Edward's Witley - Art Scholarship

Jasper - Cranleigh

Sebastian - Churcher's College

Hector - King Edward's Witley, Academic Scholarship & Sports Scholarship

Lily - Prior's Field - Sports Scholarship

Theo - Portsmouth Grammar School

Honor - Frensham Heights - Drama Scholarship

Luke - King Edward's Witley - Design & Technology Scholarship

Archie - Cranleigh

FORM PRIZES

1st in Year 4 - **Barnaby**

Effort in 4G - **Claudia**

Effort in 4R - **Alexander**

1st in Year 5 - **Emma**

Effort in 5G - **Nicholas & Alexander**

Effort in 5R - **Max & Fraser**

1st in Year 6 - **George**

Effort in 6G - **Harry**

Effort in 6R - **Alice**

1st in Year 7 - **Imogen**

Effort in 7G - **Bethany & Amy**

Effort in 7R - **Matthew**

Year 8

Effort in 8G - **Annabel & Sebastian**

Effort in 8R - **Honor**

SPECIAL AWARDS

Academic Progress - **Samuel**

Alfonso Sedati Cup (Written French) - **Jasper**

All-Round Musician Cup - **Luke**

Barrow Hills Sportsman's Cup - **Sam**

Beauclair Year 6 Maths Cup - **George**

Bodsworth Cup - **Barnaby**

Borelli R.E. Cup - **Thomas**

Campbell-John Drama Cup - **Lily**

Clery Gardner Art Cup - **Dominic**

Cooper I.T. Cup - **Charlie**

Curtin Cricket Cup - **Freddie**

Davies English Cup - **Annabel**

Dr Booker All Round Best Student Cup - **Theo**

Effort Cup for Ballet - **Jessica**

Enrico Medi Cup (Oral French) - **Hector**

Esposito Football Cup - **Samuel**

Farmer Rugby Cup - **Hector**

Forster Year 7 Maths Cup - **Imogen**

Garman Art Cup - **Scott**

Hirst Cup - **Archie**

Hobbs Sports Cup - **Annabelle**

Hodgson-King Cup for History - **Theo**

Holden Poetry Cup - **Sebastian**

Holford Ballet Cup - **Lucy**

Hutchings Year 8 Maths Cup - **Sam**

James Brown DT Cup - **Sebastian**

La Berliere Cup (Year 7 French) - **Julien**

Latin Cup - **Sam**

Liz O'Neill Cup - **William**

MacMillan Acting Cup - **Archie**

Navin Cup - **Lily**

Netball Cup - **Annabel**

Performing Arts Cup - **Honor**

Pollen Chorister Cup - **Anna**

Regina Caeli Cup - **Harry**

Rice Science Cup - **Theo**

Sommer Rounders Cup - **Jessica**

St Pier Cup - **Lily**

Taylor Best Endeavour - **Lily**

Victor Ludorum - **Samuel**

Victrix Ludorum - **Lily**

Wilde Hockey Trophy - **Ben**

Wyatt Humanities Cup - **Archie**

Zante Art Cup - **Harry**



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