



# THE CRANE



April 2009

## ALL HALLOWS Preparatory School



### All Hallows in the snow

The snow began falling at All Hallows on Monday afternoon and by Tuesday it was a thick white blanket across the fields. Waking up the boarders that morning was the easiest ever with everyone bounding from their beds and celebrating the fact that most people would struggle to come in and therefore school would have to be drastically altered. And so it proved!

Most teachers were not able to reach school, neither could the catering staff, so it was all hands on deck. My previous catering experience was put to use and as Sammi Stride had

stayed the night, we donned our outfits and began making toast and bacon for breakfast. The girls were then chopping salads and three children were washing up all day, not wanting to budge!

Lots of activities were planned, all involving snow, with plenty of hot chocolate to warm up afterwards. It was a great few days and wonderful to see how everyone pulled together and got on with what was needed to be done to keep the school running.

It was a memorable time, especially for my boys, who, living in Malaysia, had never seen snow; in fact Ned's words were, "Does this mean its Christmas again!" For most it was, as there was no school and lots of playing in the snow!

**Kate Hannah Girls' Houseparent**



*"All hands on deck"- Kate Hannah and the senior girls take over in the kitchen while our youngest boarder, Rosie Wells, mans the office. Outside snowballs rule!*

### Scholarship Awards 2008/9

Yasmeen Al Rumaithi	Sports Scholarship	Millfield School
Jessica Brown	All-Rounder Scholarship	Prior Park College
Jessica Brown	Hobhouse Academic Award	Bruton School for Girls
Max Dellwhite	Major Sports Scholarship	King's, Bruton
Nicholas Gracie	Sports Scholarship	Downside School
Thomas Hughes	Francis Dix All Rounder Award	Downside School
Hugo Morgan	Daniel Rees All Rounder Award	Downside School
Isabel Munro	Sports Scholarship	St Mary's, Shaftesbury
Thomas Ormerod	Music Exhibition	Downside School
Kirsty Russell	Daniel Rees All Rounder Award	Downside School
Miles Ryall	Sports Exhibition	Downside School
Lucy Slade	Academic Award	Redland High School for Girls
William White	Sports Scholarship	King's, Bruton
William White	Francis Dix All Rounder Award	Downside School



*We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Easter holiday. Over the last few weeks the children have returned with great stories from their ski trip and some of our young cricketers have been honing their skills on our cricket course in time for the start of the new season.*

## Winter

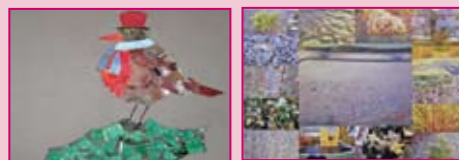
There was a huge response to enter the art competition over the Christmas holidays. Mr Somerville was delighted with the thoughtful entries; the winners are shown below:



Bluebelle Wood 1B Lolly Bruce-Jones 7D



Lucy Parker 7L Connie Wood 4M



Joshua Bex 5G Emily Ake 5G



Jack Butler 2W Archie Wood Rec



Twigia Drewett 7L Luke Holland 6G



## It was so Wicked!

In 35 hours the All Hallows' Year 7 theatre trip to London managed to cram in as much as is humanly possible! The production 'Wicked' was amazing and included a backstage tour and an opportunity to meet the cast. A whistle-stop sight-seeing tour of London took in many famous landmarks.



## Show Stoppers

There have been FANTASTIC drama productions this term including Year 7's magical performance of 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'. The theatre was transformed into a snowy Narnia. Year 4 were also magnificent, singing their hearts out and dancing and acting with sheer energy and enjoyment; the 'Gospel Show' told the story of Easter in a memorable and moving way.



Top: Year 4 in front of the 'Gospel Wagon'  
Above: Lucy Parker as the Snow Queen, surrounded by Seamus O'Kelly, Patrick Moore, Joe Wan & Carla Kerslake

## Potterne Brake

All Hallows has been granted exclusive use of a 12 acre mature Duchy of Cornwall woodland on the outskirts of Bath. This exciting new facility will provide a wealth of natural learning stimuli for the whole school. Work will start on compost toilets, shelters and fire pits in the following months with the older children taking an active role in the planning and construction of these facilities.



Mr David Ellery and Mr Nick Somerville 'talk trees' in Potterne Brake



The first ever Parents Project Day in Scouts Wood was very productive. On a blustery March day parents and Forest School staff spent the whole day in the woods constructing wood stores, fire circles and completing the hazel weaving for our round house, amongst other back breaking work. Tea and coffee around the

fire and freshly made pizza, prepared and cooked in the pizza oven, kept the team fuelled for all their hard work, which will now enable the Forest School team to prepare for a busy summer term's activities using these new resources.

## Staff News



Mrs Charlotte Lucas goes on Maternity Leave at the end of the Lent Term. She will be sadly missed, especially by her class 3K. We look forward to her return, and send her, Owen and their new arrival, our very best wishes.



Ben Coombes joined us this term. He is a former Deputy Headmaster who has relocated from the South East.



Nici Castell has had additional training as a Forest School Leader and is using her expertise and enthusiasm to great effect in Scouts Wood



## House News

Hugo Morgan and Yasmeen Al Rumaithi, House Captains of Wanstraw, the House Merit Champions.

Wanstraw 4456  
Cranmore 4360  
Downhead 4281  
Batcombe 4143

## Mid – Somerset Festival

Distinction 87% - 89%  
Commended 84% - 86%  
Merit 81% - 83%

### Verse Speaking 8- 8½ Years

Megan Murphy 88% Distinction 1st Place Evelyn Sandford Memorial Cup

### Verse Speaking 9½ – 10 Years

Isabelle Weir 87% Distinction 2nd Place

### Verse Speaking 10 – 10½ Years

Emily Ake 85% Commended 2nd Place

Daisy Mant 84% Commended 3rd Place

### Verse Speaking 11½ - 12 Years

Lucy Parker 85% Commended 2nd Place

Lucy Boulton 85% Commended 2nd Place

Alastair Smith 84% Commended 3rd Place

Lucie Averill 84% Commended 3rd Place

### Verse Speaking 12½ - 13 Years

Tilly Compton – Welstead 87%

Distinction 1st Place Oldfield Park Bookshop Plaque

Isabella Nunes da Costa 86%

Commended 2nd Place

### Duo – Acting (under 11 Years)

Isabelle Weir and Daisy Mant 87%

Distinction 3rd Place

### Duo – Acting (under 12 Years) Class 82

Lucy Parker and Lucy Boulton 88%

Distinction 2nd Place

Rory Cadbury and Alastair Smith 84%

Commended 3rd Place

### Duo – Acting (under 13)

Lucie Averill and Anna Fohlmann 85%

Commended 3rd Place

Tilly Compton-Welstead and Isabella Nunes da Costa

85% Commended 3rd Place

Olivia Bruce-Jones and Carla Kerslake 85%

Commended 3rd Place

### Solo Acting (13 Years)

George Stonehouse 85% Commended 2nd Place



## School Council

Electing and running a School Council has been a key part of the PSHE curriculum this year. Its main purpose is to help the children develop an understanding of their own ability to effect positive changes in their environment. This is achieved by involving them in decision making and respecting them as partners in their own education, encouraging a sense of ownership. Mr. Duncan Fiskien came to talk to the Council last term about running effective meetings and actually getting things done! He gave some very good advice.

This year's School Council has achieved the following already: new clocks were put up in the pet room and changing rooms to help the children to arrive to lessons on time, they chose four beautiful wooden benches for the Crane Wing area to enable children to sit and chat in the sunshine at break times and after school and they have influenced menus for breakfast, lunch and supper. The Council meets twice each half-term and each representative can add to the agenda. This year's elected chairperson is Kirsty Russell and the Secretary is Abi Stoyle. Everyone is doing a really super job.



Megan Murphy and Tilly Compton-Welstead both won their classes at the Somerset Festival

## Kung Hei Fat Choy



Reception Class enjoy Chinese food they made in class to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

## Dates for your Diary

All boarders return	Mon 20 April
Day pupils return	Tue 21 April
Open morning	10.15-12.45 Mon 4 May
Half-term begins	16.05 Fri 22 May
Boarders return	Sun 31 May
Boarders/Day pupils return	Mon 1 June
Privegiving/Term ends for boarding & day pupils	Sat 4 July

## Girls' Awards

### First Team Netball

#### Full colours:

#### Half colours:

Yasmeeen Al Rumaithi

Phoebe Bennett

Cris de La Rica

Olivia Hampson

Victoria Keeling

Tink Munro

Isabella Rickcord

### Inters Netball

#### Full colours:

Erika Cotton

Isabel Gallego de Chaves

Hettie Horler

Sophie Sage

#### Half colours:

Justina Alexandroff

Milly Drewett

Freya Logan

Brogan Sellar

Millie Smith

### Inters Hockey

#### Full colours:

Erika Cotton

Hettie Horler

#### Half colours:

Justina Alexandroff

Milly Drewett

Freya Logan

Aurora Paris

Sophie Sage

Player of the Season:

#### 1st Team:

Colours awarded

#### 2nd Team:

Anna Fohlmann

#### 3rd Team:

Isabel Gallego de Chaves

#### 4th Team:

Sofia Arreciado

#### 5th Team:

Maria Loscertales

#### U11A:

Colours awarded

#### U11B:

Sophia Sheldrake

#### U10A:

Daisy Mant

#### U10B:

Beatrice Rees-Mogg

#### U9A:

Abigail Rees-Jones

#### U9B:

Charlotte Gould

#### U8:

Frede Dellwhite

/Celia Ellis

## Boys Awards

### Senior Colours:

Edward Temple-Pedersen

George Stonehouse

### Senior Half Colours:

Max Dellwhite

William White

Harry Cadbury

Tirso Merry del Val

Miles Ryall

James Evans

Alexander Fiskien

Nicholas Gracie

### Inters Colours:

Mike Stride

William Brand-Lyons

### Inters Half Colours:

Rory Cadbury

Miles Hackett

William Stoyle

Howie Phillips

William Norcross

Ben Duckworth

Oliver Dempsey-Parr

#### U9A:

Player of the Season:

Tom Hunt

#### U9B:

Player of the Season:

Gabriel Toomey

Most Improved:

Tom Williams/

George Ley-Morgan

#### U8A:

Player of the Season:

Tom Munro

#### U8B:

Player of the Season:

George Paterson

### Colts B:

Player of the Season:

George Thackray

### Colts Eagles:

Player of the Season:

Tom Williams

### Colts Falcons:

Player of the Season:

Alejandro Triay

### Colts Goshawks:

Player of the Season:

Alex Kemp

### Inters:

Most Improved:

Ben Duckworth/

Luis Osorio Suelves

#### 2nd XI:

Player of the Season:

Sam Fox

#### 3rd XI:

Player of the Season:

James Tower

#### 4th XI:

Player of the Season:

Ollie Pitts

### Seniors:

Most Improved:

Joe Wan

## Notable performances

### U9A Netball

3rd Position in the All Hallows U9 Invitation Round Robin Tournament.

### U8A&B Hockey

Congratulations to the boys U8 A&B teams for an unbeaten season in hockey.

## Victorious Team



Congratulations to the U11 mixed hockey team from All Hallows, league champions in their first season in the Savills League. The victorious team won all their matches and conceded only 2 goals!

## Rugby prowess



Will Stoyle, Miles Hackett and Will Brand-Lyons (all in Yr 6) were chosen to represent the SW Prep Schools against the SE. Will Brand-Lyons went on as a trialist for the England U11 Barbarians.

## Teams of the season



U11 Hockey - IAPS Plate Tournament winners, semi-finalists County Tournament, Canford Tournament winners

## House Tournaments

Senior Netball:	BATCOMBE
Inters Netball:	CRANMORE
Junior Netball:	WANSTROW
Senior Hockey:	DOWNHEAD/ BATCOMBE
Inters Hockey:	CRANMORE
Junior Hockey:	CRANMORE
Inters Football:	WANSTROW
Seniors Football:	BATCOMBE

## Riding to success



On Sunday 22nd February the Mini Schools' Eventers Challenge was hosted by Millfield Prep School. Ten school teams competed and our All Hallows girls finished in a very creditable 3rd position overall.



## Tennis Champion

Congratulations to Erika Cotton, Yr 6, who became the Somerset County U11 Tennis Champion.



U12A Netball - Finalists in the Monkton Combe Super 7s Plate Competition