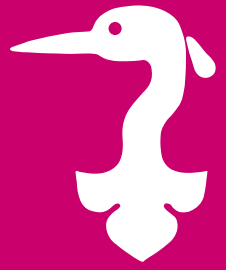




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January 2008

ALL HALLOWS
Preparatory School



New Extension for Reception Class

This year's Reception class has been able to enjoy the new extension to their classroom and outdoor play area. The new facility has equipped the children with an improved and extended area for creative activities, enabling them to access the Foundation Stage curriculum through independent child centred and investigative learning. It incorporates a specific outdoor learning area to the rear of the building which will also encourage and foster greater independence in their learning.

Situated in the heart of the school campus, the new building ensures that our youngest children remain wholly integrated into our school.



Christmas, Carols and Campfires

Of all the many events throughout the term it is perhaps the Nativity that is most eagerly awaited by both the children and parents in the Junior Department. This year's production was no disappointment, with over 65 children actively involved in dancing, singing and acting in their retelling of the Christmas story.

The term culminated with Carols by the Campfire where parents and children assembled in Scouts Wood to enjoy readings, poems and carols as well as a welcome supply of mulled wine and mince pies.

Personal Development and Team Building

As part of their PSHE programme, Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic 'Team Building' Day led by Jack Russell of PDC Inspiration. The day consisted of a variety of challenges and activities in which the children were encouraged to work together, as well as appreciate and make use of their individual strengths and skills. Tasks included an enormous 'Treasure Hunt' where the children had to be innovative and creative, designing their own team flags and working together to solve giant wooden puzzles.

Throughout the day the children were encouraged to follow Jack's belief in the slogan 'I can, I will' and to develop a sense of self awareness, self worth and an understanding and appreciation of their own unique human potential.



Out and About

Early in the term in a combined Art and History trip, Year 5 were able to appreciate the artwork of Howard Hodgkin at first hand at the Victoria Museum in Bath. They took part in 'Dazzle', a printing workshop which focused particularly upon the use of contrasting and complimentary colours. Following a picnic lunch in Victoria Park, they visited 'The Victorian Factory' where they enjoyed a 'hands on' tour of the museum.



Burcott Mill

The Reception class has enjoyed an extremely busy first term. One of the highlights was a trip to Burcott Mill near Wells, where the children were able to see how flour was produced locally using traditional techniques. After a picnic in Collett Park the children all returned to school with a bag of organic stone ground flour and a delicious roll!



Normandy

During half-term 42 intrepid All Hallows French learners crossed the Channel to Normandy, to visit Mont St Michel, the D-Day Beaches and William the Conqueror's Bayeux Tapestry, possibly popping into one or two crêpe establishments en route.

The hotel was situated scenically on the beautiful north French coast, perfect for paddling and 'le foot' and had a great conference room for 'la classe' or the odd historical 'skit'. The grand finale for the team was a visit to Paris for a cruise down the Seine and a dose of vertigo atop La Tour Eiffel!



Chepstow Castle

On November 19th the year of our Lord 2007 a band of hardy Britons in their 6th year of education did visit the Norman stronghold of Chepstow. Here they defended the castle from high atop the ramparts from the dangerous Celts across the River Wye to the west. They feasted at a banquet in the great hall served to them by the local serfs who worked the land from the Norman Lord under the feudal system. They taxed the trade on the river for goods and wares, and they punished any would-be rebels that might try to free England from the newly conquering Normans and King William.

...well they might have, if they'd been around after 1067!



The Power of Chocolate!

Many thanks to Storm Brand and Jack Gaggero who organised their own Christmas raffle for a 'Chocolate Feast' to raise money for Sanga, our linked school in Kenya. Having organised the prizes themselves, they sold tickets before and after school, during breaktimes and lunchtimes to both pupils and parents with the final total raised amounting to an amazing £200. This single act alone raised enough money for 16 Kenyan children to attend school, including the daily provision of two meals, for one year!

Scientists gather at Clifton College

The Year Six Science trip to Clifton College in Bristol turned out to be far more exciting than expected. The introduction was taken by a teacher who had so many tricks, explosions and mind boggling illusions that one of the staff suggested that he may well have been burned as a witch had he been teaching 1300 years ago. The year group then split into rotating sets for chemistry, biology and physics which were all as equally engaging. The chemistry teacher turned everyone into forensic detectives whose task was to solve a murder from merely a substance smear; the biology teacher gave us (Mr Lundie aside) our first glimpse of DNA lego; and the chemistry teacher explained the intricacies and characteristics of light via lasers and mirrors.

Senior Girls Hockey
Full colours
 Laura Eyles
 Honor Gilbertson
 Mollie Hunt
 Philippa Jalland

Half colours
 Isobel Johnstone
 Amelia Parker
 Felicity Parker
 Anya Boulton
 Isabel Munro
 Monica Urquijo
 Ellie White
 Yasmeen Al Rumaithi

Inters Hockey
Full Colours
 Cecilia Jennings

Half Colours
 Sophy Botsford
 Tilly Compton-Welstead
 Claire Green
 Tasie Morgan
 Isabella Nunes Da Costa
 Lucy Parker
 Katie Strickland
 Hettie Horler

1st XV Rugby
Full Colours
 George Robson
 Hamish Pearson
 Nico Alexandroff
 Wilf Neville
 Ed Horler
 Jack Gaggero

Half Colours
 Harry Davies
 Ruairi Logan
 Henry Bruce-Jones
 Tom Duckworth
 Ed Hughes
 Will Pigott
 Nicholas Gracie
 Sam Fox
 Ignacio Rico
 Elliot Rutter
 Freddie Nunes da Costa

Colts Rugby
Full Colours
 Alex Fiske
 Harry Gould
 James Evans
 Joe Morris-Adams

Half Colours
 Ed Henderson
 James Channer
 Joe Wan
 Borja Kindelan
 Jorge Mataix
 William Mayor
 Howie Phillips
 Miles Hackett
 William Stoye
 William Brand-Lyons
 Patrick Moore

All Hallows Rugby Festival

On a gloriously sunny September day 100 boys from local Prep Schools attended our U10's Rugby Festival.

The A team tournament proved to be a hotly contested affair with a superb standard of rugby on display. Warminster, the eventual winners, played a powerful game dominated by their forwards and this saw them overpower all opposition apart from the hosts, All Hallows, who needed a win in the final to clinch the tournament. The match ended 10 – 10 in a fierce encounter and Warminster lifted the trophy on points difference.

Any players not participating in the A team event were placed in a pool to form 4 mixed 'Barbarians' sides. The purpose of the day was enjoyment and an opportunity to play rugby within a controlled environment, where coaching was key. The boys were a credit to their respective schools and the level of performance was exceptional. The commitment shown was most impressive and the final match between the 'England Barbarians' and their Welsh counterparts was to be the decider with England finally taking the honours on this occasion.



Representative Honours

Congratulations to our senior rugby players, George Robson and Nico Alexandroff, who represented Wessex at U14 level this term, with Wilf Neville and Hamish Pearson also gaining recognition at Somerset Prep School level. In Hockey Yasmeen Al Rumaithi, Honor Gilbertson and Amelia Parker all gained selection to the Somerset U14 Hockey Squad. This recognition highlights the very successful seasons for our boys and girls at senior level. The rugby sevens tournaments of the Spring are eagerly anticipated by this particular group of boys.

Girls U11 Hockey

The Girls U11A squad have had a tremendous season and have gone from strength to strength. At the beginning of term they were joint winners at the Clifton Tournament in the plate competition whilst the end of term saw them winning their pool and going through to the semi finals of the regional hockey IAPS. They were eventually knocked out on penalty flicks and finished 4th overall. They then competed in the U11 County Tournament and were worthy runners up, with the County Champions title eluding them by a single point! A fitting end to a great season!

Seaside Success For Tourists

Perhaps there was something in the sea air, but the U11 hockey and the Colts rugby teams enjoyed particularly successful tours to St. Bede's in Eastbourne and West Buckland, Devon, respectively. The girls were Runners up in both of their tournaments whilst the boys displayed some truly excellent rugby, with the Colts winning 24-12 and the U10s demolishing their opposition by 75 points to 15.





House Music

This term the House Championship seemed to be even more hotly contested than usual. There was a different approach to the House Music competition in which the group songs were selected randomly 'out of a hat'. This meant that the children had a shorter amount of time in which to rehearse and refine their performances. The dubious honour of judging the competition was given to Father Roger Barrallet who kindly agreed to step in at short notice. Individual honours went to Jasmine Wood of Cranmore who delighted the audience with her 'Cabaret', and Downhead surprised themselves by winning the group song with their lively rendition of 'Rubber Ducky' which led to their eventual success as overall House Music Champions.

Our musicians are celebrating the following awards

Anya Boulton	Flute	Grade 5	Merit
Michael Green	Piano	Grade 2	Pass
Edward Henderson	Cello	Grade 2	Merit
Annabella Ormerod	Recorder	Grade 2	Merit
Poppy Weir	Piano	Grade 3	Merit
Deborah Wood	Recorder	Grade 2	Pass
Henry Scarlett	Organ	Grade 3	Distinction

Michaelmas Term Merit Championship
Final House positions
1st Batcombe 5556
2nd Wanstrow 5340
3rd Downhead 5275
4th Cranmore 5087

Tom Channer was the overall Merit Champion and congratulations also go to 2TS for winning the Junior Form competition.

Poetry Festival

The House Poetry competition was a new addition this term. Children from Years 5 to 8 were invited to enter their poems on the theme of 'Water'. All entrants gained points by submitting a poem and Ita O'Donnell, our in-house poet, was delighted by the standard of the entries. The Year 5 category was won by John Butcher's 'River' whilst Wanstrow's Tilly Compton-Welstead's poem 'Tears' took the honours in Year 6. Jessica Brown of Batcombe was the winner of the Year 7 section with her poem entitled 'Marine Life' with Teresa Constable Maxwell winning an impressive Year 8 competition with her poem 'The Waves'. Batcombe were overall winners, beating Wanstrow into second place.

Inter Schools Dressage

The Inter Schools Dressage was once again hosted by Millfield and this year All Hallows was well represented by Felicity Parker, Molly Wills, Twiga Drewett, Isabella Rickcord and Hettie Horler. As usual the standard was very high, but the team rose admirably to the challenge and finished 2nd overall, with Felicity Parker winning the individual competition and Hettie Horler finishing 5th.



Judo

Under the expert and inspirational guidance of Nick Lowe, Judo continues to gain in popularity with an extra group now running during the week. On October 1st we met Salisbury Cathedral School in a return fixture. Having lost the previous encounter the children were anxious to gain revenge and after many exciting bouts All Hallows returned home victorious. All participants should be congratulated, but particular praise should be given to Charley Bradley-Veilands (Boys' Captain), Max Travers, Hugo Morgan, Otilie Adams, Holly Ryder (Girls' Captain), George Thackray, Harry Travers, Alex Tower, Max Ryder and Max Adams.

Welcome...

We welcome Kevin and Kate Hannah and their sons, Jack and Ned, to All Hallows this term. Kevin arrives from the renowned Garden International School in Kuala Lumpur and takes on the leadership of the Junior Department, whilst Kate becomes the House Parent for the Senior Girls. Owen Lucas, who joined us in the Summer term, has also taken on boarding responsibilities as House Parent to the Years 6 and 7 boys. We are also joined by Miss Ellie Thorp as our new History Specialist and Mrs Sophie Weir as Year 2 Form Teacher. The new Lent term will see an influx of invaluable Gap assistants. Henry Scarlett, our musical Gap, will be joined by Alex Shipp, a former pupil. We also welcome Lauren Gibson and Hamish McConnochie from New Zealand. All bring differing strengths and areas of expertise and play such a vital role within the boarding community and school as a whole. Finally we welcome back our matron, Liz Davis, who returns after hip replacement surgery.



Dates for your Diary

Exam week begins *Mon 21st Jan*
Junior Dept Consultation Week
Mon 21st Jan
Exeat weekend *26 - 27th Jan*
Y6 Parents' Consultations
Mon 4th Feb 4:15pm
Y8 Parents' Consultations
Fri 8th Feb 1:30pm
Half Term begins *Fri 8th Feb 2pm*
Boarders return *Sun 17th Feb 6pm*
Day pupils return *Mon 18th Feb 8:30am*
Y7 Parents' Consultations
Thur 6th Mar 4.30pm
Term ends *Thur 20th Mar 4pm*