



Form 3 become Romans for the day

Dear Parents

I must begin this week's Hermes where I left off last week. I promised I would let you know how the Remembrance Day service at St. George's Church went. Well, as I am sure those who joined us will testify, it was a very moving service.

Our ever expanding chamber choir (supported by parents and staff) as we have now become accustomed to, excelled.

Our readers were word perfect and Allen Knott (he of the reverend type and not the famous wicket keeper) led our service in his superb inimitable way. That said, he is a very safe pair of hands! Allen adds a wonderful gravitas to our service and I really appreciate the support he offers our community.

Two moments from the service stood out for me. The first has to be the great dignity and honour in which the veterans support us and in particular that lump in your throat moment when a single red rose is passed across to the veterans and their wives. The second is when every child places their own cross in remembrance, with a quiet message written on it to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so we could be free.

I would also like to thank Dennis Curlett our trumpet teacher who always drops everything else he has planned to make sure we listen to the Reveille in "real time" and not via electronic wizardry.

I was so proud of the way in which every single child, even those in our youngest ages, respected the service in such a solemn and dignified manner.

To follow this service up, in Monday assembly I played John Lennon's "Imagine" and asked the children to dream of a world living in peace without conflict. To finish off the week we observed a minute of silence at 11 am yesterday.

I must also thank our Head Boy and Girl, George Livsey and Bella Laux, who represented the school at the Remembrance Service at the Town War Memorial, last Sunday.

By Wednesday of this week we managed to complete our taster days with the children from Thornlow and began to offer places to start with us at the beginning of the Spring term. Although I haven't had written confirmation, I believe we may have a child joining each of the Form 7 classes, a child joining Form 6, Form 5 and Form 4, two girls joining Form 3, three joining Form 1 and Reception, 3 joining Nursery and 1 Fledglings.

It is an amazing opportunity to welcome some wonderful new families to school and to further improve our wonderful facilities and highest quality of teaching available to your children, without changing our mission or promise to you at all.

Progress on the all-weather surface continues to forge ahead of schedule. We hope to see the carpet laid before Christmas and be ready to use when we return after the holidays. At the same time, Mrs Brunt

has designed phase 1 of refurbishment of the Science lab. Over Christmas we will spend a considerable amount of money making sure the rear of the lab is just as we would like it. Phase 2 will be completed in the summer holidays, with new benches and flooring. We will have a really up to date facility in such a key subject.

As if this all hasn't been enough, we had a regular November open day planned in our diary for this week. We imagined a quiet day would be in store for us but in fact thirteen new families visited us, with particular interest in the lower ages from Fledglings to Reception.

I'm not complaining about any of this interest, but I have to say I am quite looking forward to getting back to my day job next week. My natural habitat has always been the classroom or games field and making sure the quality of teaching and learning in our school reaches the highest level.

Just to change the tempo of Hermes for a moment, and to share with you the varied nature of our job, we had a real scare in Fledglings this week and had to call for an ambulance as a matter of real urgency. When you are involved with children, you never really know what is around the corner and can never relax. Thankfully, our skilled first aiders used their regular training to prevent what could have been a much more serious situation developing.

Elsewhere in school this week, the classrooms lower down the school have been reverberating with the sound of rehearsals for their Christmas Nativity. This event is always a firm favourite of mine. It should be ready just in time to welcome Miss Sykes and her daughter Mabel back to school. We have really missed Emma in school whilst she has been on maternity leave. Her great sense of fun and humour will keep us all on our toes. I also think the Early Year's parents and teachers will welcome a knowledgeable person leading their department and not having me causing a nuisance in her absence!

We say a temporary good bye to Benji who is going on a family back packing adventure! They fly to Cambodia to spend several days exploring Anchor What and then fly to

Northern Laos, where the family will be trekking into a remote region delivering children's reading books to the Lahu. They plan to volunteer at local schools and see where the adventure takes them, with no planned itinerary. The boys will be taking a kindle paper white and some maths study books, apart from that they hope the trip will teach them all new things as a family.



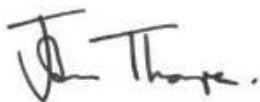
I know Mrs Moss has been very busy doing auditions for the Lion King. I don't envy this most difficult task, though I have complete confidence in her ability to get it spot on and chose the right people for the right parts.

With The Merchant of Venice but a distant memory on the horizon, the Form 8's have not had a moment to catch their breath and have stepped straight back on the tread mill spinning at full speed, in particular those with scholarships to aim for in the New Year.

Finally, I will sign off with a really big thank you to Mrs Breese and Miss Clark who along with Form 3 delivered a most superb assembly to us this morning. Dressed in wet suits, with climbing ropes and lots more outdoor gear, they shared their experiences with us of their recent expedition to Rock and Rapids in North Devon. Quite curiously, the Hoover featured heavily in their memories, Eddie's in particular. A wonderful and moving poem was also read out to thank Mr Stazicker, resplendent in his now customary "Friday Reds." For the first time, we also enjoyed video footage from our recently purchased "Go Pro." (Other models are also available) All the children in Form 4 and above understood the bravery

needed for the balcony jump and enjoyed watching it on live footage.

Wishing you an excellent weekend ahead



Headmaster

Fencing News

Mia has been fencing for just over two years. She started taking individual lessons during the recent Summer holidays.

She was invited to enter the Sherborne Fencing Tournament, held at The Oxley Centre, Sherborne on Saturday 7th November.

Although she is only seven, she had to enter a mixed 'poule' of six Under 10's. There were three girls and three boys.

She won three of her five fights, finishing third overall, for which she received a bronze medal. She was also the leading girl, for which she received a gold medal!

For one so young, and smaller than her peers, this was a tremendous achievement, of which she, her parents, and her school can be very proud.

In conclusion I must report that other coaches at the tournament commented on her style, and the cheerful and courteous way in which she conducted herself.

Nigel Carter, Fencing Coach

Fledglings experimenting with ICT



Gingerbread man for a top secret surprise!!



Reception & Nursery having a fire during Friday Enrichment

News from the PTFA

Not long now before our Christmas Shopping evening on the 26th November from 7pm onwards. Tickets went on sale this week and are selling like hot cakes (thanks to the great work of Lulu, Lydia, Jo, Claire, Kate and Sam!). They will be on sale everyday up to and including the day of the event.

You have all received an email telling you all about it, who is coming and not forgetting the fabulous delights included in the price of your ticket. It's an event not to be missed. Please support the school by coming along, you won't be disappointed.

If you need to know anything else at all about the evening please drop me an email (julieannehansen1965@yahoo.com) or call me on 07528 572742

Julie Hansen



Congratulations to Erin Pank who entered an art competition for Dorset Architectural Heritage Week, and won the 1st prize of £50.

New Barn Field Centre

Form 3 had a fantastic day at New Barn Farm learning all about the Romans in Britain. We learned how to march like a Roman soldier (once we had sorted out our sinister



from our dexter!), made butter, ground flour to make Roman bread and made a Roman coin.



We discovered the differences between a Roman house and a Celtic round house - the second was very dark and smokey! The day really helped us discover more about life in Roman Britain and we look forward to recreating some of these activities during our own 'Roman Day' later this term.

Book Fayre

All next week we will be hosting our Travelling Books Book Fair. Children will be coming home with a small book catalogue.

Each class will be visiting in their usual library slot and it will be open each morning break.

Your support is appreciated as the School gets to spend any commission on books for the classrooms and library.

Mrs O'Donnell

Sports Fixtures Results

Team: U8 Hockey

Venue: Perrott Hill

Result: 2 - 4 loss

Teacher in Charge: Mrs Wilson

This match was a little different for the girls as we played inside. In the first half it looked as if we had been watching the 'Frozen' movie too much! It was a little daunting playing with no sidelines and using the wall as an extra player but we didn't put up much resistance for Perrott Hill to score their 4 goals. After a re group at half time and lots of 'geeing up' everyone played much better.

Alex was brilliant in defence, tackling and sending the ball forward with a good strong push. Hence the opposition failed to add to their first half score. Lola was everywhere hunting the ball with a passion and Miah came to life with some determined play. Poppy was far more alert as a forward and she scored both our goals through perseverance. Molly and Bea need to watch the ball and keep their sticks down but a

much better second half from everyone. We need to start as we finished.

Contribution award: Alex for some great defending.

Team: U9 Hockey
Venue: Perrott Hill
Result: 2 - 4 loss

Teacher in Charge: Miss Thomasson

Perrott Hill started this 6 a side game in a very organised fashion and this unsettled SPS. They scored 2 goals in the first half and SPS made it all a little too easy for them. However, after a reminder from Miss T about positioning and marking at half-time, SPS were transformed.

Freya worked tirelessly in defence and midfield and Nikita and Gemma were determined to get the ball into the D. Erin, Sofia and Esme tackled well and did some nice hard hit outs which really helped to get the ball into attack. Nikita scored our first goal which made the score 2-1 but then Perrott scored another 2 goals in quick succession to make the score 3-1. A final flourish of attack with Gemma and Nikita working well together led to a great goal from Gemma to make the final score 4-2.

Contribution Award - Nikita for some excellent attacking skills and a great goal and Erin for reading the game well and being where she needed to be all of the time.

Team: U8 Rugby
Venue: Perrott Hill
Result: 8 - 11 loss

Teacher in Charge: Mr Willemse

Sunninghill started the game slow with some sloppy defending. Perrott Hill played very well with some fantastic speed on the wings but we needed to defend with more aggression. Our boys worked hard for each other after the first half and started to gain more possession of the ball. William and Edgar scored some brilliant tries which enabled us to get back in the game. Theo and Gethyn trying to play much more aggressive than last week. Gethyn regained

possession for Sunninghill with strong tackles.

Contribution award: Theo Shutt for his improved defensive play.

Team: U9 Rugby
Venue: Perrott Hill
Result: Lost 6 tries to 3

Teacher in Charge: Mr Thorpe

In only their second game of full contact, the U9's more than acquitted themselves against bigger and more experienced opposition.

In attack we looked capable of scoring regularly, and indeed did so. In defence we left a few too many holes for some tricky runners to exploit - and they did!

I saw lots of potential to develop in the years to come and was delighted to see players with a real appetite for the game.

Stanley W ran well and Johnny S was a veritable tiger in every aspect of the game. Henry T was always in the right place at the right time and Archie M-P looked a natural loose forward.

Contribution award goes to Tymon Graja who carried the ball forward with much enthusiasm and who worked hard in defence to keep the opposition players on the back foot.

Team: U12/13A Hockey v Hanford
Venue: Redlands
Result: 3 - 0 win

Teacher in Charge: Miss Thompson

The team played well within their comfort zone in the first half but Teisha managed to score 2 very good goals. Daena carried the ball from halfway into the D to shoot and Teisha followed in well to get the rebound. The second goal came from some excellent work by Olivia on the right crossing the ball for Teisha to sweep the ball in.

We had more of the attack with some good support from behind with Bonnie looking to help our wingers. In the second half Daena

scored from a good strike and Carmen was unlucky not to add to the total. We always looked in control and now everyone must be prepared to play in any position as we have a very capable squad.

We must work hard, tackle back, support each other and play with passion. A little more composure in front of goal would have resulted in a bigger score.

Contribution award: Teisha for some good play and scoring 2 goals.

Team: U12/13 B Hockey

Venue: Salisbury

Result: 8 - 1 loss

Teacher in Charge: Mrs Brunt

I am not sure if it was the long journey or the damp and miserable weather, but we never really got going in this game! Disappointingly everyone seemed to have forgotten all the skills and tactical work learnt in this term's lessons and matches.

Salisbury scored 4 goals in each half and were convincing winners. Our defence led by Lily did respond to the half time talk and make a big improvement in the second half. However it wasn't until the final minute of the game that we created our first scoring chance - but it was worth the wait! A break by Phoebe from a free hit in our half resulted in her slotting the ball past the approaching Salisbury keeper into the far corner of the goal.

Contribution Award: Annabelle for excellent goalkeeping including 2 fantastic short-range saves.

Team: U11 Hockey v Hanford

Venue: Redlands

Result: 3 - 2 win

Teacher in Charge: Miss Thompson

We had a shocking start and allowed Hanford to run at us. There was too much holding onto the ball. Due to a couple of defending errors they scored 2 goals in the first half.

We started the second half with more determination and soon had the opportunity to score. Issy and Erin Phillips worked hard in the midfield and started to pass the ball with more confidence.

After several shots and some excellent saves from their goalkeeper, Issy scored our first goal. Lily Barrett demonstrated some lovely stickwork on the right wing and made some good passes to Erin. We had several penalty corners but Erin Phillips needed to be quicker on the ball. She continued to battle with the opposition and was eventually rewarded with a goal. The score was 2-2 and we increased the pressure. Hanford weakened and we had more and more shots which went wide of the goal or rebounded off the goalkeeper. Erin Horn defended well and kept the ball out of our D.

With a minute to go Issy took the ball into the D and hit it hard to score our winning goal.

Contribution Award - Erin Phillips for not giving up and scoring an excellent goal.

Team: U12/13 Rugby v BCS

Venue: DRC

Result: 17 - 5 win

Teacher in Charge: Mr Adams

Our first win of the season! Our training sessions seem to be paying dividends as our speed of thought and action improves. Our passing and running was excellent. Great handling skills from Kieran and Zak. Ben and Brook jinked their way around the opposition while Max and Cal took the short cut and went through them. It was nice to see we were still running through contact and looking to offload in the tackle.

We seem to step up our game in the 22 - protecting our line with a siege like mentality and determined to get a try every time we were in theirs. Great tries from Zak, James and Brook M-B.

Contribution award: James Cooke - his first game and made the difference with a massive game of tackling, running, mauling and running.

Team: U10 Rugby v Forres Manor & Dumpton

Venue: Dumpton

Result: 4 - 1 loss

Teacher in Charge: Mr Stazicker

The boys enjoyed a couple of games with two teams from Dumpton and a team from Forres Sandle Manor. In their second game of the year the boys again took a while to gain confidence and start playing with some belief captained by Robert. Despite great try from Jack we lost 4-1. In the second game against Dumpton's stronger side the boys upped the pace and were passing and offloading and generally playing some good rugby and narrowly lost by only two tries.

For the third game against FSM they moved pitches and were suddenly faced with a pitch twice as wide that FSM had already played two games on. The score looked like they had lost comfortably, however, the sides were very evenly matched except for the few occasions when the ball got to the wing and FSM had two quick boys on the wing which made the difference.

Overall the boys keep improving and contribution award goes to Benji for a try saving tackle followed by another attempt and the quote of the day 'that tackle felt fantastic. I want to do another one.'

Thank you to Mrs Sloley for being the kit lady!

Contribution award: Benji Lopez-Garcia

**Inter House Games - Forms 5 - 8
Rugby at Sunninghill Prep School
Hockey at Redlands**

Monday 23rd November - 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Letters and emails sent out this week

Music Lessons on the website

Sports Fixtures on the website

Menu for next week on the website

Lion King letter

Pre Prep & Nursery Christmas Nativity

Christmas Holiday Club

Extra copies of all letters are available from the School Office.

Lost and Found

Please remember to name all clothes and equipment so they can be returned to the correct child. If you are missing any named clothes please check in the bins in Compass Lobby - please ensure this area is kept tidy at all times - thank you.

Lost: William Hall - named blue raincoat.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

We now have a second hand uniform shop which is based in our new medical room at the front of the school. It is open every day from 9 am until 4.30 pm. Please contact me if you would like to buy any uniform.

With thanks

Lydia

Dates for your Diaries - November 2015

Mon 16th Book Fayre Compass Lobby all week

Tue 17th U8 Hockey v Sherborne Prep (A)

U9 Hockey v Sherborne Prep (A)

U8 6-aside Tag Rugby v Sherborne Prep (A)

U9 7-aside Rugby v Sherborne Prep (A)

Wed 18th U10 Hockey v Knighton House (H)

U11 Hockey v Knighton House (A)

U12/13A Hockey v Knighton House (H)

U11 Rugby Tournament @ Sherborne Prep

U12/13 Rugby v Sherborne Prep (H)

U10 Rugby v Sherborne Prep (H)

U12 Rugby Tournament @ DRC

Thur 19th Form 7 Henry V live broadcast

Form 4 Tutankhamun Visit

Fri 20th Form 4 Skiing at Warmwell

Form 8 responsibilities:

Autumn Head Girl - Bella Laux
Autumn Head Boy - George Livsey

Prefects:

Sports Captains - Brook Legg and Daena Shah
Music - Elaine Inayat and Bella Laux
Drama - Flora Turberville-Smith
Art - Oliver Gordon and Phoebe Jones
Outdoor Education - Max Hansen
Citizenship - Lily Farquhar-Thomson
Maths - Annabelle Grother
ICT - William Douie and George Livsey
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