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“Spring has sprung!”



Our award winners

Dear Parents

My Thursday evening start to Hermes got off to a much later than usual start due to an evening out with the Duchess of Cornwall, closely watched over by HRH the Queen Mother. More hot gossip about this later in my editorial.

There's lots to report from a busy week gone by.

Last weekend, Mr Willemse, our very newest member of teaching staff, was busy adding to his already impressive array of coaching qualifications. Kevin managed to pass his level 2 rugby coaching award and is now fully up to speed with all the laws of the game.

That's more than can be said of Dylan Hartley, the England rugby captain who queried that most excellent of Gallic referees, Romain Poite, about what to do at the tackle zone. His reply will be committed to rugby folk law in a Nigel Owen'esque way.

On 1st March spring was officially sprung. Actually, the day before it looked like a spring had been sprung in a different way, as the picture below shows. The astro briefly flooded and turned into a two acre lake.



Whether it's an all-weather pitch?

On Wednesday I found myself descending into fictional make believe with Helen B (mum of Albi in Reception) and her very special guest, Ayisha Malik.

Ayisha has briefly forsaken her beloved metropolis of London to spend a month in rural Dorset. She's here researching her latest book. Her editor in chief gave me (and you) a sneak preview. It's going to be centred around a young Muslim woman's take on “Brigitte Jones comes to the Bride Valley”. Given the success of Ayisha's previous book, it's also destined to be a hit.

That segments perfectly into the first episode of the new Broadchurch drama series written by our very own Chris Chibnall (who entertained us so brilliantly at Speech Day last summer). It had viewers on the edge of their seats. Well actually, it had Mrs Thorpe on the edge of her seat and me behind the cushion. My chosen viewing normally extends to Countryfile and

anything on Quest. My current favourite is Building Alaska and Life Below Zero. I usually avoid anything that psychologically tortures the watcher. I find it all a bit too stressful and I like to watch tv to wind down. I will admit to watching Coronation Street now and then and thought Hailey Cropper did really well!

As part of her research, Ayisha has been keen to experience all that rural Dorset has to offer. Included in this has been a visit to our school and attending a PTFA meeting. She is also going to metaphorically parachute into a Friday assembly on the 17th March and chat to our children about her role as a leading author. She's then going to be part of a Form 8 workshop with Mrs Fernley and Mrs Carter. As always, you'd be very welcome to join us for the assembly and breakfast thereafter.

Back to my fictional date with the Duchess of Cornwall, on Thursday the PTFA met at the gastro pub with the same name, to plan events for the summer term. The main event will be the Summer Fayre on Saturday 1st July.



PTFA meeting in full flow!

There's lots of planning to do and we need many more bodies than have presently come forward, to make sure the burden of responsibility is shared. A key part of this is making sure we have a full quota of class reps who can galvanise other parents in their forms to help out. It seems these reps are very conspicuous by their absence in Forms 3 to 7. It will be my challenge and that of PTFA Chair Natasha Buchan-Moore to

encourage more of you to take an active part. We have another meeting at 7pm (note to self) in the Duchess of Cornwall on Wednesday 29th March to get the Summer Fayre ball rolling.

My job is to find a ferret racer!

To prove how important the PTFA are, they recently donated £5000 towards a low ropes adventure play area in the small forest adjacent to the swimming pool. I am pleased to let you know that this will be completed over the Easter holidays and be ready for action the first day we return after Easter.

I haven't finished there with this area as I also want to build a rustic tepee type structure that will allow us to have a fire pit and log seating to be used for PSHE and team building activities.

On Thursday nearly all the schools of the UK enjoyed World Book Day. It was fascinating to see the array of costumes on show. Predictably, there were many Harry Potters and Hermione Grangers, not to mention more than a few Dennis the Menaces. Less predictably, a very independent minded and good humoured boy in Form 7 came as the lead character from "The boy in a Girl's Dress". Wearing stilettoes, a very nice dress and ample bosom, he cut a dashing figure across the school!



Form 7 during World Book Day

It has been a week full of literary promise as earlier in the week Mrs Fernley attended a prize giving ceremony at Waterstones Bookshop. Earlier in the year, children entered the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition. A short story had to be written around the theme of "Reflections".

I am delighted to announce that Khleid was the winner of the senior category and Tallulah won the Junior Prize. A very great double for Mrs Fernley and the school.

Moving on to a more serious matter for a moment, you will notice that rather large signs have been attached to the boys and girls changing room doors. It clearly notes that parents must not enter these rooms.

You will appreciate that there are important safeguarding reasons why this must be the case and I thank you for your full support on this matter.

Today I was delighted to see that the first class fundraising event for our Guide Dog appeal took place with a Fun Food Friday cake sale, generously organised by lovely parents from Form 1. There was a decidedly doggy theme to the cake including Labrador cupcakes and sausage dog shortcake. A total of £164.80 was raised which will be added to the donations made yesterday to begin to work towards our initial target of £2500. I'll say more about this next week as we now have a Just Giving page all set up and ready to go.



Form 1's very successful cake sale



The fantastic guide dog themed biscuits

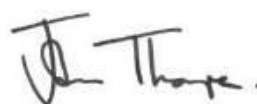
With spring on the way the junior gardening club is in full flow. Great thanks go to Mrs Vaughan and Mrs Stein for their great green-fingered support.



The green fingered spring gardening club

Finally, I hope you will be joining me and other staff at the Miah's fundraising event tomorrow night in the community hall. There is an eat all you can curry buffet starting at 7.30pm. Tickets can still be bought from the office or on the door on the night. Bliss!

Wishing you a lovely weekend ahead.



Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings News

Fledglings enjoyed dressing up for World Book Day



A group shot of all of our characters



Mr Bump!

Nursery & Reception News

‘Fun on the run’

Nursery and Reception joined in pancake races on Shrove Tuesday and continued the family tradition.

As you will see, some were more successful than others keeping the pancakes in their frying pans!





As part of their World War II topic, Year 4 had a fantastic trip to the Bovington Tank Museum. They went into a 1940's house, learnt how to do the washing with a dolly and a mangle, set off an air raid siren and took cover in an Anderson Shelter!



Form 4's News

We would like to share Valentine's letter from an evacuee.

Dear mum,

The train journey was horrid because all of the children who were crying and moaning except for me! I have gone to Scotland. When we got there I smarted myself up and I was chosen by a lovely couple who live on a farm. The man can't go to war because he had a tractor accident. He is the A.R.P Warden and I help him do the black out.

The food is great and they have real eggs! They already have four evacuees and they are called Jonny, Amy, Pete and Betty and they are all very friendly.

School is amazing our teacher is called Mr George. Don't worry about Sam because he is next door and having a good time too. Yesterday a bomb dropped on Mrs. Green's house and sadly she was badly injured. I hope daddy is ok. I miss you loads.

Love Valentine.

Eyes Front!

Another highlight was dressing up in soldiers' uniforms and learning how to stand at ease, stand to attention and march through the Tank Museum!



Attention!



No more talking in class!

Some more world book day photos



In other news.....

An invitation to the theatre

"WHEN THE EYE HAS GONE" on Monday 20th March (7.30pm) at Thomas Hardye's Theatre.

A play about the career/life of Colin Milburn, one of England's most entertaining and likeable cricketers, whose star burned brightly but briefly. A car accident ended his

career, but, while this may sound depressing, the play is a very entertaining portrayal of the highs and lows of a sportsman's life.

Tickets are £10, from Mike Williams (01305 756593) or mikewilliams969@hotmail.com

Proceeds go to the Shrievalty Fund and MIND.

Sports News

U11 Netball v Castle Court **Result: 10 - 8 Loss**

The U11 girls played a great match against Castle Court this week, both Mrs Wilson and I (Mrs Brass) agreed it was the best we'd seen them play.

The first quarter started well with eight goals scored in 6 minutes. Our girls marked well and did some fantastic centre passes, using the skills we'd practised on Monday.

Tallulah and Olivia defended well, and intercepted lots of passes in the D, only letting in one more goal before half time taking the score to 5-5.

The second half started in a bit of a muddle from both teams. Some of our girls passes were being intercepted and we missed a few shots on goal but quickly picked things up again.

Amalia and Poppy played well in attack together and Poppy made some great shots from the outside of the D. We'd pulled ahead to 7-6 after the third quarter but sadly, they rallied in the final five minutes and overtook winning 10-8.

We were really pleased with all of the girls performance and it was great to see them using the centre pass tactics we'd practised and them working so well.

Contribution award goes to Poppy for great passing and shooting.

U10 Netball v Castle Court **Result: 2 - 7 Loss**

A great game which does not reflect the final score. After the first quarter the score was 2 - 1 to Castle Court and the ball was end to end. Erin and Gemma worked extremely hard in defence intercepting many passes and winning the ball with their determination. We tended to throw passes away in attack and wasted opportunities to get the ball into the circle. We lost the game in the 2nd quarter allowing the opposition to score 3 goals and we failed to register. There were several changes to positions and in the 3rd quarter the score was 0 - 0 and the final quarter was 2 - 2.

Nikita worked extremely hard and created several opportunities to score as did Eleni. We do need to practise our shooting as the game would have been much closer if most of our attempts had gone in. A good performance girls, working hard right to the final whistle.

Contribution award: The opposition chose Gemma for her amazing performance in defence and Nikita for working so hard as GA.

U12 Netball v Castle Court **Result: Cancelled**

U13 Netball v Castle Court **Result: Cancelled**

U8/9A Football v Sandroyd **Result: 2 - 5 Loss**

Fortunately there was a break in the wet weather enabling the match to go ahead.

The first half was a very close game with some excellent goal keeping from Eddie.

Excellent passing from Valentine and Orlando enabled Gethyn to score two brilliant goals. Sandroyd played extremely well too and scored some exciting goals. Sunninghill need to keep pressing high when

they are defending to move their opponents on the back foot. Final score was 2-5

Contribution awards go to Gethyn for scoring two beautiful goals and Theo for his hard work and improved football skills.

U8/9B Football v Sandroyd **Result: 2 - 1 Win**

The boys were excited to face a new team and showed great energy right from the start. Otis and Sam caused Sandroyd a lot of trouble early on with some excellent shots on target. Great defending from Theo, William and Max made it difficult for Sandroyd to break through.

The boys need to remember to keep their positions and not run off, leaving space open. After two excellent goals from Sam, the game was won 2-1. Well done to all involved!

Contribution awards go to Tom for his brilliant goal keeping and Theo S for his rock solid defending.

U11/10A Hockey v Bournemouth CS **Result: 4 - 1 Win**

Sunninghill started the match strong with some excellent passing using the width of the pitch. Defensively the team played tight with Nathan, Tom and Tymon clearing any potential danger. Play was build up well by Robert who managed to find Stan and Henry up front who troubled BCS greatly. Fantastic goals were scored from Robert, Stan and Henry. It was a real team performance and a fully deserved win.

Contribution awards go to Nathan for his excellent work ethic and Tymon for his much improved hockey skills.

U11/10B Hockey v Bournemouth CS **Result: 0 - 2 Loss**

The game was a tight and even fought battle throughout. Bournemouth Collegiate defended well and made it difficult for us to score. Unfortunately we did not defend as

well near the end of the match due to hockey sticks not being low enough.

Excellent goal keeping from Lawrence meant we only conceded two goals, which could easily have been more. Sunninghill kept trying their best to get back into the game with some excellent attacking play from Ben, Archie and William but unfortunately could not score.

Contribution award goes to Henry for his excellent ball control and passing skills.

Lost and Found

George P in Form 1 has lost his named jumper labelled as 'GP'.

Oliver R in Form 1 has lost his named red sweatshirt.

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 lost property box, now situated outside the boys changing room and girls' toilets.

Please check that your child only brings home their uniform each week, and please return any items not belonging to your child. Thank you.

Multi-coloured Swap Shop

Don't forget the swap shop in Compass Lobby - swap and return your books, wellies and trainers.

This is working very well - thank you to everyone who is swapping!

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our second hand uniform shop is based in our medical room at the front of the school. Please contact me if you would like to buy any uniform.

If you would like to sell or donate any **good quality uniform**, please ensure everything is washed/dry cleaned before leaving it with

me. Please remember to remove your child's name labels.

We sell second hand uniform with proceeds going to our PTFA. If you would like to receive 50% of the sale of your items please clearly label and price each item. Please pin or use luggage labels (sticky labels tend to fall off and get lost!). If you would like to donate the clothes, no labelling is required.

We only sell clothes with the school logo on, so if you have any trousers, shirts or blouses you no longer require and please take them to your local charity shop.

Dates for your Diaries - Mar 2017

All sports fixtures are on the school website

Tues 7th Form 6 Parents' Evening
Thurs 9th Club Forms 5 -8 Skiing Club
Forms 5 - 8 Skiing Club
Fri 10th Parent and Toddler
Form 2 Skiing
Form 3 Fleet Air Museum
Form 4 North Fort
Weymouth Festival Concert

Form 8 responsibilities ***Spring Term:***

Head Boy: *Harry Young*
Head Girl: *Meredith Perry*

Sports: *Teisha Barrey & Kieran Williams*

Outdoor Ed: *Bonnie Davenport & James Cook*

English: *Brook Michael-Beale*

Maths: *Elliot Raybould & Teisha Barrey*

Science: *Jamie Barrington*

Humanities: *Peter Message*

Art: *Rachel Williams-Schoeller & Hannah Stanhope*

IT: *Brook Michael-Beale, Jacob Horton, Charlie Blake & Xan Airy*

Drama: *Joni Denne-Loader & Millie Durkin-Jones*

Citizenship: *Oliver Shutt & Fifi Collet*

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