

Hermes

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“It’s over at long last”



Having conquered Scafell Pike!

Dear Parents

The title to my editorial comment could apply to at least three major episodes in school this week, though for me I must start with the amazing achievement of the “Magnificent Seven” over the half term break.

As you will remember, our Three Peaks Challengers finally set off on their long trained for goal over half term, accompanied by myself and Niall Simpson (who wins the award for the most midge averse Scot I’ve ever met).

The team set off up Ben Nevis at 4pm on Tuesday 30th May to be met by driving rain on the way up, temperatures of -5°C and snow on the summit with near zero visibility at times. Undeterred, they skipped back into the car park 5 ½ hrs later as if they’d been on a friendly jaunt to Hardy’s Monument.



At the summit of Ben Nevis

A six hour overnight drive to the Western Fells found them at Wasdale Head with dawn just peeking over the summit of Scafell Pike, which they demolished half an hour ahead of schedule.

A honey sandwich and a warm cup of sugary tea found us racing south to North Wales, only to be trapped in traffic in the South Lakes and on the M6/M56 connection.

Undeterred, they stormed up and down Snowdon in 4 ½ hrs, arriving back at Pen y Pass in a remarkable 25 ½ hrs, of which only 13hrs 59 minutes (for those who ran) was taken up with walking.



The final and third summit, Snowdon

Champagne corks were popped and we headed off to celebrate (some more so than others) in the famous Pen y Gwyrd hotel.

To get every member of the team over the line together was an amazing achievement and one we are all so proud of. Even better, we have raised nearly £4000 for our guide dog appeal.

Whilst the staff were busy fundraising, so were some of our fantastic children. Over half term Thomas E decided to go on a fitness campaign accompanied by a sponsored silence. He managed to keep quiet whilst doing a huge number of press ups and raised an amazing £55.00.



Putting us all to shame

Not to be outdone Tilly and Erin had their own sponsored silence and managed to raise a staggering £167.50 between them.



Silences are proving popular!

At the end of half term Les Senter, Richard Miller and I were delighted to play in the Steve Rideout memorial golf day at Wolfedale Golf Course. For parents new to school, Steve was the school chef until his very untimely death five years ago. Our team did really well with Richard scoring 36 points to take second place in the competition with Les close behind on 35 points. Afterwards we enjoyed a lovely BBQ back at school.



Celebrating with 2nd and 3rd places

The second “thank-goodness it’s all over” was Common Entrance for Form 8s. They’ve all worked so hard for the last two years and all seemed to have coped with the ordeal very well. I must also thank Mrs Brunt who, as Examinations Officer, has had a very stressful week making sure that everyone gets the right paper and that these papers get sent to the right school for marking. The results should reach us whilst we are away on Exped and I hope to be able to share great news with everybody.

On this subject, Forms 6 to 8 head out into the wilds next week. I will be in the Lake District with Form 8s so next week’s Hermes will be delivered from close to Rydal Water. Mrs Brunt will be holding the senior fort in my absence. Please do feel free to contact her for senior matters or Mrs Sleightholme in Junior Prep.

The final “Thank goodness it’s all over” relates to the election. It only seems

yesterday that we were waiting for the Brexit result and what a shock we received.

It was Churchill who said, “Democracy is the worst form of government, except for all the other alternatives” and we find ourselves very much in limbo today, once again with an unexpected outcome. Being surprised should no longer be a surprise!

From an IAPS (Independent Association of Prep Schools) perspective there doesn't appear to be the immediate prospect of VAT being added to school fees which I'm certain we are all very grateful for.

On the subject of the election I had a wonderful day at Marwell Zoo with Form 4 and the turbo charged Mrs King and Miss Guest. I was surprised to find out that the collective noun for owls was a Parliament.

Earlier in the week Mrs Sewed and I spent the day at Bryanston School on an Education Summit day. We were both looking for inspiration with regard to where eminent guest speakers thought the future of learning belonged. We were not disappointed and returned to school with some great ideas to discuss with our fellow teachers.

Elsewhere in school we welcomed Weymouth Hockey Club to school on Tuesday evening to run the first of a seven week “Back to Hockey” program for local mums and dads. As part of our drive to be truly community based and looking at how our facilities could benefit the local community, we have been delighted to support this excellent initiative.



Enjoying the last of the evening's sun

Finally, I hope our Summer Fayre on Saturday 1st July is firmly etched in your diary and that you are able to support the PTFA before and during the event as “Many hands make light work”.

Wishing you an excellent family weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Thorpe." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings News

One of our newest Fledglings operating technology



No one is too young when it comes to investigating moon sand



Nursery News

This week we have been concentrating on the themes under the sea and pirates.

The children have been creating lovely small and big fish.



Another Nursery masterpiece

Reception News

Earlier in the week Reception were practicing for their sports day. After half an hour we thought we had managed to wear them out, but after lunch they bounced back!



Catch me if you can!

Forms 2 & 3 News

We enjoyed a wonderful day at Lorton Meadows on Thursday.

We spent time pond dipping, identifying trees and taking a guided walk along the nature trail.



Inspecting the catch and assessing the findings



Drying off after all the rain

Form 8 News



For Lions Lair our group has thought up the idea of dip dye t-shirts! We have come up with the name "Dipit" and our group comprises of: Fifi, Teisha, Brook, Xan and Joni.

Our t-shirts are available for pre-order and will also be sold at the Summer Fayre on the 1st of July. The t-shirts are £5.00 each and can be ordered with your choice of colour dye from the selection of: Goldfish orange, Bahama blue, Flamingo pink and Tropical green.

We are also doing a limited edition splatter paint shirt which will only be sold on the day of the summer fayre and will cost £6.50 each.

To order please visit any of our team and we will make a note of size and colour.

We hope you consider our project and we would love to make the highest profit so we can give it to our chosen charity- Help For Heroes.



In other news.....

Summer Holiday Club

We are taking bookings for the summer holiday club so please take a look at the link below for all the booking details. There will be lots of activities planned including swimming in the mornings.

<http://sunninghillprep.co.uk/information/holiday-club/>



Music

Timetables for next week are on the parent portal.

Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Friday. Mrs Nolan-Stone will be teaching on Thursday

Past Pupil Charity Fundraising

This summer I will be travelling to Buenos Aires with 10 other Canford Year 12 pupils.

Hogar el Alba is a warm and welcoming family dedicated to helping those in need. They take in as many children as they can afford to, from deprived backgrounds, and provide them with food, shelter, and an education. This is done in a family environment with a homely boarding house system. Boys, girls, older and younger children all live together and the older ones help look after the younger ones. When the children are younger they attend the adjacent school along with locals from the surrounding slum, and when they grow older they learn a trade. The Hogar educates, for free, hundreds of the local teenagers, giving them the skills required to get a job and become self-sufficient. They learn farming, cheese-making, animal husbandry, beekeeping, butchery, bakery and so on. No child is ever asked to leave the home at 18 years old when the Government funding stops - this happens in many other institutions. Children stay at The Hogar until they have a steady job and somewhere to live. Some choose to stay at The Hogar and work there as maintenance teams, bakers,

chefs and so on for a simple wage, sometimes as little as just bed-and-board only, because their love of the family of The Hogar is so strong. The Hogar has not received the government money it ought to have for many months and has thus become totally reliant on the donations.

Our work at The Hogar will involve waking up early in the middle of the South American winter, then it's a simple breakfast and off to work. We will be working every day to renovate the facilities, which they cannot afford to do themselves. This includes sanding, painting and cleaning various buildings and outside areas.

I would be grateful for any donations to this cause: the money we raise not only goes towards the maintenance of the Hogar, but to buying new furniture and equipment for the children.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/iqra-iftikhar-ArgentinaChildrensHome>

Iqra Iftikhar

Sports News

U8 and U9 Tennis v Leweston



A lovely afternoon of mini tennis despite the windy conditions and the odd heavy shower!

It was lovely to see 14 courts in use with so many children playing. Each game was 5 minutes and then the children gave their scores in.

Sunninghill moved on a court so each game was against a new opponent. As well as playing this was a valuable experience of scoring and calling if the ball was out.

Overall Sunninghill won more games but there were some great rallies and some close contests.



U10 v Rounders v Castle Court

Result: Won 9 - 8½

After a quick warm up batting innings against the U11s (best not to ask!) we won the toss and batted first against Castle Court. Gemma was unfortunate to be caught out by the sand pit after a super hit and run out because the ball didn't go the half mile it would have done on grass. Nikita scored 2 runs after good running to beat the throw to second base and Erin scored 2 rounders and a couple of halves. Atlanta also had one great hit to get round too.

Fielding wasn't so positive and after the first few balls I was feeling less confident. A combination of poor decision making with some throws going awry meant that Castle Court were slowly building a score without really hitting the ball. They managed to get one rounder without hitting the ball! A shortened second innings became very tense until Gemma (cat like) caught out two of the oppositions best batters to relieve the pressure. What should have been a comfortable victory ended in a narrow win, but win they did. Well done!

The opposition gave the contribution awards to Erin for batting and Nikita for fielding.

U11 v Rounders v Castle Court

Result: Win 12 - 3

A mix up when we arrived meant that we really only batted once but still managed to win. We did score 12 in total with Tallulah scoring 2 ½ , Amalia- 2, Lily R - 2, Poppy - 2, Lily B- 2 , Olivia and Frida - 1, Verity- ½ .

It was our running between the posts that was effective and made the opposition panic when fielding and throwing in. Olivia and Lily B bowled well and there was some very quick fielding and accurate throwing to get batsman out. Amalia took a great catch moving forward fast to take the ball quite low. Lily B took a high catch and Lily R stumped many out at 2nd post. Some really good positive play and excellent teamwork.

Contribution award: The opposition chose Amalia for her batting and Olivia for her fielding.

U13 Rounders v Bournemouth CS

Result: Loss 26 - 7½

The weather wasn't as good as last week to our disappointment. We played really well winning both of our matches.

Throughout the match Olivia scored 6 rounder's, Orlagh and Merry scored 5 and others scoring lots too. Our fielding was good with some great catches despite the wind and managed to get lots out.

Contribution award: The opposition chose Olivia for batting and Teisha for fielding.

U9/U8 Tennis v Millfield

Result: Loss 16 - 15

The boys were extremely excited to face a new school. The under 8 boys played their matches in the sports hall using mini red balls. They played at least 4 games each, of which most were very close.

All the boys played brilliantly throughout the afternoon. They moved their feet with great energy but need to call the balls out when

they are out. The boys won their matches 12-10.

The under 9 boys played their 9 matches on two outside courts and one court which was covered by a bubble. Orlando played some very impressive tennis and managed to beat their number 2 and 3 quite convincingly. William also managed to win a match.

The level of tennis was extremely high and the boys learned a lot from it. The under 9's lost 6-3 in total.

Contribution award goes to the entire team for their fantastic attitude and beautiful shot making.

U11/10 Cricket v Castle Court

Result: 221-32 Loss

Sunninghill faced a strong Castle Court who started the innings as the batting team. Sunninghill were bowling brilliantly at times but could have been more energetic when fielding.

Castle Court batted brilliantly and 3 players retired at 50. The second innings was much of the same. The boys tried to be patient by waiting for the right ball but unfortunately Castle Court were too strong and managed to keep our score low.

Excellent runs were scored by Tom, Henry and Robert.

Contribution award goes to Henry for his excellent focus throughout.

U13/12 Cricket v Castle Court

Result: Loss Sunninghill 77 (20 overs) - 79 (15.3 overs) Castle Court

On Wednesday we enjoyed a very exciting game of cricket that, like the swallows chasing the bumblebees in the outfield, went one way then the other.

We batted first and were immediately impressed by the accuracy and blistering pace of their bowlers. We lost our big hitters - James, Kieran and Ben - to their superb strike bowlers. However, Aman (top scorer

17) and Cal (12) dug in and showed a combination of determined defence allied with some attacking and attractive stroke play.

Highlight of the day was when Ben bowled our first ball. Their opener tried to hit over Aman at mid on who plucked it from the air to take a Diamond Duck. Our strike bowlers Ben and Aman bowled brilliantly early on taking two quick wickets apiece. Kieran kept wicket well but inconsistency from our change bowlers led to too many wides and the game was lost.

Contribution Award: Aman - at the centre of all our best moments: top scorer batting, safe pair of hands fielding and joint top wicket taker - he even had time to make his Dad a cup of tea.

U9 Level 2 Tennis Tournament at Sir John Colfox Academy Result: Won

The level 2 tennis tournament is a qualifier for the level 3 Sainsbury's games at Bryanston. It is usually for Form 4 pupils but because they were away on a trip to Marwell Zoo, the year 3 players were kind enough to help them out.

Otis, Polina, Isabel and Sam represented Sunninghill. The tournament was played in the sports hall at Colfox in Bridport which had 4 teams taking part in total. The team surprisingly won their first round 3-1 with some brilliant rallies taking place on all courts. In the second round Sunninghill faced Bridport Primary. Otis and Sam stepped their games up and cruised to convincing leads. Isabel and Polina battled hard to gain vital wins. In the final match the team faced Salway Ash. The match was incredibly tight but Sunninghill managed to hold on and win the tournament by only two points!

A huge well done to Polina, Sam, Otis and Isabel for helping Sunninghill qualify for the finals at Bryanston.

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Outdoor Ed:	<i>Bonnie Davenport & James Cook</i>
English:	<i>Brook Michael-Beale</i>
Maths:	<i>Elliot Raybould & Teisha Barrey</i>
Science:	<i>Jamie Barrington</i>
Humanities:	<i>Peter Message</i>
Art:	<i>Rachel Williams-Schoeller & Hannah Stanhope</i>
IT:	<i>Brook Michael-Beale, Jacob Horton, Charlie Blake & Xan Airy</i>
Drama:	<i>Joni Denne-Loader & Millie Durkin-Jones</i>
Citizenship:	<i>Oliver Shutt & Fifi Collett</i>
Library:	<i>Alexander Valadas Marques</i>

Weekly diary and communications

<p>WHOLE SCHOOL</p> <p>LETTERS ON THE PORTAL</p>	<p>Mon 12th Forms 6 - 8 off on their Expeds to Devon, Brecon Beacons and the Lake District Junior Prep Creative Arts Week</p> <p>Tues 13th No Sports Fixtures</p> <p>Wed 14th Form 5 Brownsea Island No Sports Fixtures</p> <p>Thurs 15th No After School Sailing or Golf</p> <p>Fri 16th Form Stokewater Meadows Junior Prep Sharing 3.00 pm School Hall Forms 6 - 8 return from their Expeds</p> <p>Sat 17th Grade 5 Theory Exams - Thomas Hardy School</p> <p>Reception to Form 8 Music Timetable Whole School Menu</p>
<p>Fledglings</p>	<p>No news</p>
<p>Nursery</p>	<p>Move Up Day - selected</p>
<p>Reception</p>	<p>Move Up Day Creative Arts Week</p>
<p>Form 1</p>	<p>Move Up Day Creative Arts Week</p>
<p>Form 2</p>	<p>Move Up Day Creative Arts Week</p>
<p>Form 3</p>	<p>Move Up Day e-Safety Magazine Creative Arts Week</p>
<p>Form 4</p>	<p>Move Up Day Stokewater Meadows e-Safety Magazine Creative Arts Week</p>
<p>Form 5</p>	<p>Move Up Day Brownsea Island and timetable of weekly events e-Safety Magazine</p>
<p>Form 6</p>	<p>Move Up Day e-Safety Magazine Choir trip - on portal early next week</p>
<p>Form 7</p>	<p>Move Up Day e-Safety Magazine Choir trip - on portal early next week</p>
<p>Form 8</p>	<p>e-Safety Magazine Choir trip - on portal early next week</p>