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"The Glorious Lakes"



The Lakes Team

Never wanting to miss a Form 8 exped and yet still wanting to maintain my contribution to Hermes on a weekly basis, I write this week's editorial from the beautiful Lake District. It might be slightly shorter than usual though that might not be a bad thing at this busy time of year.

Mrs Wilson, Mrs Sewed, Mrs Sales and I have shared a great week of outdoor pursuits with all twenty eight of the Form 8's.



Perfect conditions for mountain biking

We have enjoyed kayaking, gorge scrambling, a day climbing the Old Man of Conistone, a session mountain biking in Grizedale Forest and finished off the week with a night in Zeffirelli's restaurant in Ambleside with a pizza and cinema meal deal ticket.



Getting ready for a day's climbing

On last year's trip to North Wales, as I am constantly reminded, I booked cinema tickets to Bangor only to realise it was Bangor Northern Island. This year you'll be pleased to hear I bought tickets to the right cinema though the planned screening of Pirates of the Caribbean somehow drifted off into the Pacific and we ended up seeing Wonder Woman.

Not guilty, m'lud!

It has been a fantastic week that we wouldn't swap for anything and five days seems like we have all just got into the swing of things.

The height of Lake District summer has been in full swing too. For those who know the Lakes well you'll understand what that means. All I can say is that it remains as verdant as it has ever been and one of the most beautiful parts of Great Britain. I was

surprised how many of the 8's have never been here.



Pre-gorge scrambling

This exped week is designed as a getaway treat post Common Entrance. Whilst away, the exam results came through to us and it has been fantastic to be able to tell every pupil that they have secured a place to the school of their choice. That's a great relief and whilst we manage to do this year after year we never take it for granted and keep pushing hard.



This is one way to relax after CE Exams!

Many of the results have been excellent and I must pay tribute to the hard work invested by pupils, parents and teachers. It is the culmination of many years effort from their very first teachers to their most recent,

more of which I will mention at Speech Day on Friday 7th July.

On this subject, I am delighted to announce that Mr Iftikhar will be our Guest Speaker and Mrs Iftikhar will present the prizes. Their long standing commitment to the school has been amazing and perfectly on message with one of our key aims of “family and community”.

Despite poor signal (which seems to affect just my signal and nobody else's) I have had brief reports from the Form 6 and 7 expeds who seem to have been having a fantastic time themselves. Mr Stazicker in particular has really embraced ‘Bookface’ with his regular updates.

Back at school the weather seems to have been much kinder and there has been rumours of “whilst the cat's away” with organised group sessions of running through water sprinklers and cruises across Poole Harbour to Brownsea Island.



Break time in the sprinkler on the lawn

Junior Prep have been on Creative Arts week which seems to have sparked the infamous “Nut Gate” affair which may well be on my desk waiting for me on my return!

Our arrival back at school will leave just three weeks until the end of the term. What an action packed time that will be, starting off with an amazing choir tour to Cornwall starting next Thursday.

Next Wednesday is the second Class Reps meeting with me at 8.30am in the Drawing Room. I look forward to seeing them all

there. Do remember that if you would like any issues brought to my attention please do chat to your Class Rep.

Finally, another shout out to our Summer Fayre on Saturday 1st July. Have you started to make and bake for Mrs Thorpe's WI competition and have you booked your dog in to the pet parlour for a special shampoo and set in readiness for the day? Second place behind Molly will be a great achievement.

Oh, I've just read the small print. Employees of the company are not eligible to enter!

Don't forget there will also be a non-uniform day on Friday 30th June as a thank you for all your donations of cakes, wine, jolly jars and more.

Wishing you a very summery weekend ahead.

John Thorpe.

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Fledglings News



Fledglings outside enjoying the lovely weather, we explored under the sea, moon dust and of course lots of fun water play



Nursery News

For Creative Arts Week the children have been enjoying forest school activities.

Below is a sequence of Raphael making his claves. He demonstrates his sawing, whittling and finally testing them out.



Sawing and whittling



Raphael testing his claves

Iris enjoying jumping over objects.



Practicing for sports day?

A reminder that Nursery finishes at 12.30pm on the last day of term (7th July). We are planning to have a picnic at 11.30am onwards. All parents are welcome to join us.

Junior Prep News

Reception to Form 4 have been on Creative Arts Week time table all week. The theme has been 'It's a Wonderful World' and all year groups have been mixed and working in different teams.



One of the huge collages being worked on

We kicked the week off by creating different pieces of artwork including a giant collage representing our environment and countryside. Everyone contributed using various materials and this was completed in groups throughout the rest of the week.



Working together to create a masterpiece

We had a large exodus from school on Tuesday with the whole of Junior Prep going on a walk around Dorchester exploring our beautiful local environment. We really are lucky to live here. We went on a river walk and mini beast hunt and had a great team picnic lunch at Salisbury Fields.



A little rest during the river walk

During break mid-week the various year groups took turns in playing in the sprinkler on the lawn. Lots of squeals of laughter and fun.

One morning the various groups used Andy Goldsmith's style of art, by collecting natural materials to create art with some fabulous results. This included using driftwood, mini beast mosaics and sea creatures using seeds, weaving and pine cone animals.



Picnic stop in the shade



Recreating art Andy Goldsmith's style



Fur cone bugs and butterflies

We completed our creative week with a large exhibition of all our hard work in the Community Hall. It was a great event enjoyed by parents who were also treated to summer fruit juice made by the children.

Form 5 News

Children have been enjoying an exciting and varied timetable this week. With the rest of Prep out on expeds, it was time to do something different.



Ladies who lunch

They've been busy with French cookery (crepes), problem saving challenges in maths, creating board games based on their humanities learning, art workshops, rookie lifeguarding, visiting Brownsea Island for the day, a picnic on the lawn and finally creating a newsletter about their week.



Busy in the art room

They were even spotted in the sun eating ice cream that they had made in science!!

On Brownsea Island they were just about quiet enough at lunch time to see a red squirrel. There is an outside chance that Form 5 will be on the One Show as they were filming 'The Famous Five go to Brownsea Island'.



Our rookies waiting to be rescued

In other news.....

PTFA

Please can we have donations of books, toys and also soft toys for the stalls? Any contributions please can you give them to Lydia. Many thanks.

There will also be a PTFA meeting with class reps on Wednesday 21st @ 8.30am in the Drawing Room. We need to discuss final arrangements for the Summer Fayre.

Summer Holiday Club

We are still 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/>



Waiting in the sun for the ferry to Brownsea

Prep

Forms 6, 7 and 8 all left early on Monday morning for a week away on exped. Form 6 went to Exmoor, 7 to Brecon and Form 8 to the Lake District. They will have many adventures to share with us next week!



Form's 6, 7 and 8 leaving for their expeds

Music News

Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Thursday. Mrs Nolan-Stone is teaching a reduced timetable of exam students and those that missed lessons last week on Monday and Tuesday due to the choir tour.

Wind Band will be on Monday during assembly and first break.

Music timetables have been uploaded to the parent portal.

Class Photos

Reception to Form 5 have received their class photos.

Form 6 - 8 will bring theirs home on Monday.

Deadline to return order forms to Lydia is Friday 23rd June please.

“Notes from a small garden”

It was hot in the garden today, but our champion watering can wielder Charlie was on hand with an endless supply of water for our thirsty plants.



Charlie the champion waterer

The girls declared the baby pea pods 'too delicious to leave alone' and devoured quite a bit of our early crop!

I am a firm believer in every cloud having a silver lining, or in this case a Silver birch... Ray has beautifully transformed the sad stump of the silver birch into a bird feeding station, at the perfect height to be visible from the art room so it will provide endless bird entertainment from inside the building and out!

The courgette plants are already adorned with some baby fruit as are our white currant bushes!



White currants are growing beautifully

The spinach is still our number one crop but it's very good to see the children excited about trying the early peas and beans. With mounting anticipation we look forward to our first potato dig next week!



How many potatoes will we get next week?

Jo Vaughan

Sports News

There were no matches this week due to exped but normal service will resume next week with match reports.

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English:	<i>Brook Michael-Beale</i>
Maths:	<i>Elliot Raybould & Teisha Barrey</i>
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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 & Fiji Collett</i>
Library:	<i>Alexander Valadas Marques</i>

Weekly diary and communications

WHOLE SCHOOL	Mon 19th	Forms 5 – 8 Creative Arts Week
	Tues 20th	Reception – Form 3 Weymouth Beach
		Form 7 & 8 talk by author, Emma Carroll Tempest
		U8 & U9 Tennis v Millfield
		U8 & U9 Rounders v Knighton House & Sandroyd
		U10 Tennis v Millfield
		Informal Music Concert, Music Room
	Wed 21st	PTFA & Class Reps Meeting , Drawing Room
		U13 & U12 Rounders v Hanford
		U11 & U10 Rounders v Hanford
		U13/12 Cricket v Sandroyd tbc
		U11/10 Cricket v Sandroyd
	Thurs 22nd	Form 6 – 8 Chamber Choir and Wood wind Band tour
		After School Sailing & Golf tbc
	Fri 23rd	Form 4 Assembly. All parents welcome
		Form 6 – 8 Chamber Choir and Wood wind Band tour
		Working Dogs Enrichment
		U8 & U9 Rounders & Cricket v Clayesmore tbc
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Reception to Form 8 Music Timetable Whole School Menu Forms 3 - 8 Team Sheets and Fixtures	
Fledglings	Letter re Mrs Powell	
Nursery	Weymouth Beach Letter re Mrs Powell	
Reception	Weymouth Beach Letter re Mrs Powell	
Form 1	Weymouth Beach	
Form 2	Weymouth Beach	
Form 3	Weymouth Beach	
Form 4	No letters	
Form 5	No letters	
Form 6	Choir trip – Chamber Choir	
Form 7	Choir trip – Chamber Choir	
Form 8	Choir trip – Chamber Choir	