

Hermes

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Autumn Term

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Another busy week ...



Fledglings having fun!

Dear Parents

I write the bulk of this week's Hermes editorial crammed on a busy commuter train, returning with Mrs Sewed after a day of training at ISI HQ in Central London.

If you do this journey on a daily basis you have my heart-felt sympathies. It made a busy cattle market in my home town of Otley look decidedly civilised.

We have been learning what Inspectors are looking for in achievement and personal development in our pupils when they observe lessons during an Educational Quality inspections (due 2021 ish).

Despite London's urban heat island today, there has been a decidedly autumnal feel this week.

Monday was more than damp and cold, though it didn't stop the games staff who

bravely carried on. It was perfect weather for a game of rugby.



In Monday's assembly we welcomed Tara, Monkey World's education officer, who talked about the Centre's work in conservation.

Elsewhere in school our desire to keep testing new ideas led us to take delivery of two "Eiger desks" this week. These standing desks encourage 20% more blood to circulate round the brain and allow for more active learning. They have been well received. I know Tom H and Lily B found them very beneficial. Mme Shilliday noted that in France there are pedal desks to encourage fidgeters. We'll try one of these too!



I was delighted to hear this week that Archie MP has been selected to attend the IOCA winter sailing training squad and compete for BGR in Palamos and Brassemer later in the season.



We also have an unofficial world record holder in school. Orlando H and his father David, have kept it very quiet but over the holidays they managed to break the world record for the furthest distance travelled on a miniature railway in 12 hrs. The distance was an amazing 117.4 miles.

On the academic front, effort grades were sent home on Wednesday together with a letter from Mrs Sewed explaining how to interpret them. Don't forget that your child's tutor or Mrs Sewed, as Deputy Head Academic, are always available should you need to chat regarding how they can be improved. Clear targets have been set by teachers for all those who they teach that achieved a 5. A second set of effort grades (F3 and above) will be sent home at Christmas together with a full written report.

We have also held parents' evenings for every Form apart from Form 8's so far. Theirs will follow shortly after half term, on Tuesday 13th November.

Talking of half term, we have been very pleased with the uptake for the three day sports camp. If you were unsuccessful in gaining a place, please don't worry. We will run another at Christmas.

I have been absolutely delighted with the warm reception the new Friday sports programme has received. I must thank Mrs Wilson, Mr Adams and Mr Willemse for their great efforts to get this new initiative off the ground.

It has already begun to reap the seeds sown, as it has rekindled Nathan S's love of golf and seen him selected for the Dorset Golf Academy Development Squad.

I must also thank Mrs Thorpe who has been determined to keep Mr Stazicker's sailing club afloat (if you pardon the pun) whilst he has been away from school. Still no news on Ian yet but I will keep you updated as and when I know more. In the interim I must thank Mrs Smith who has been keeping his seat warm as acting Deputy Head Pastoral and to Mrs Carr who has been acting Designated Safeguard Lead.

Form 4 and indeed the whole of the school up to Form 5, treated us to a marvellous Harvest Festival assembly extravaganza this morning.





Fledglings

The wet and drizzly weather hasn't stopped us Fledglings having fun this week! Armed in our waterproofs we took full advantage of our waterlogged sandpits, with the added use of moon-sand and shaving foam, Ella had to hose us down!

Thank you to all the teachers for their great work in preparing the children so well and to Mrs Culshaw and Mrs Stein for decorating the hall so beautifully. Your own generosity has been amazing this week with so many items donated for the local food bank.



The PTFA AGM is on Tuesday 6th November at Zizzi's at 7.30 pm. Please email Lydia if you would like to attend so we can book enough seats.

Our Remembrance Service this year is on Friday 9th November at St George's Church, Fordington, at 2.30 pm followed by refreshments back at School.

Wishing you a wonderful half term and see you on Monday 5th November.

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster



Nursery

Hamo has enjoyed making a hedgehog out of a tessel. The skill for this activity was using the scissors.



Daisy has enjoyed using the interactive whiteboard to make an autumn tree.



Let's Explore with Reception & Nursery

During let's explore, the children have been using real hammers to hammer nails into a pumpkin.



The children were able to explore the clay and make an animal of their choice.



Form 1 & 2

Elmer meets Kandinsky

We read 3 Elmer stories this week and found out that Elmer was very good at making his friends laugh and be happy. We talked about what we are good at and each collaged an Elmer in the style of Kandinsky.



Reception - Forest Schools

It was a very blustery day but we wrapped up warm! We explored the woodland looking at the signs of Autumn: changing leaves, seed pods and the weather.



Form 5

Curious Victorian Artefacts

Mrs Looker raided her attic for a range of Victorian family heirlooms. She brought in a series of objects connected to her extended family and asked the Form 5 children to decide what each item might be. The children were very imaginative in their suggestions and it was impressive to see them all using their creative thinking skills. The children thoroughly enjoyed deciphering the use of each object and this enabled them to learn more about life during the historical era.

A March to the Military Keep

We spent an enjoyable afternoon in the company of Chris Copson, curator, at the Military Keep in Dorchester. He helped the children to understand more about the local population's involvement in Victorian campaigns abroad and their reasons for wanting to join the military ranks at this time.

Orienteering

Form 1 and 2 continued with orienteering in their enrichment time. This week we designed our own islands and decided how we were going to represent the things we wanted to put on them. Some great co-operation and discussion within the groups resulted in some imaginative islands.



The pupils tried on uniforms, got to hold replica weapons and found out about the difficulties these new recruits had reaching conflict areas and what life was like once they arrived. The food rations were not looked on favourably by the children!



Playtime in the sunshine



Music News

Congratulations to all those took part in this morning's Harvest Assembly.

The Music Timetable for the first week after half term will be on the Portal at the beginning of next week.

Notes from a small garden . . .

Not to be deterred by the rain this week we took to the greenhouse and the octagon and found some shelter. Liz had devised a lovely activity to help us recap on our term so far. All the gathered leaves and pictures represented all the lovely moments we have had, arranged in collages.

For the second part of the visit, the students worked in pairs to solve a quiz on military combat. They solved a series of clues by exploring the entirety of the museum. A highlight seemed to be looking out across Dorchester from the very top of the building.

Mrs Smith



It was fabulous to see how different everyone made them even though they all had the same raw materials. A very creative bunch of mini gardeners we have!



Looking forward to the winter we also potted up hyacinth bulbs ready for Christmas!

Jo Foote

PTFA Christmas Fayre, Thursday 6th December from 7pm

Hello everyone, I can't believe how quickly this time of the year comes around. We are already getting geared up to put on yet another fabulous evening of shopping, eating, chatting, laughing and enjoying a warming glass of mulled wine. As ever your support is much needed so please come along, bring friends, family and neighbours. Tickets will go on sale after half term (£3 each including canapés, mulled wine and a chance to win £100!). Tickets can be bought from Megan and Class Reps. Furthermore if anyone would like to contribute any additional prizes for the evening that would be just fabulous. We are already bursting at the seams with lots of amazing and unique stall holders and it promises to be, yet again, a fun and festive extravaganza.

For more information please contact Megan on receptionist@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk or 01305 262306.

Julie Hansen

Other News ...

Dorchester Literary Festival starts this week. On Saturday at 11am meet Mole and the Lumpy Bumpy Thing and there is a good line up of fiction and non-fiction. It finishes on Sunday. Here is the link:

<https://www.dorchesterliteraryfestival.com>

Events last one hour and you can buy tickets now online and at the Dorchester Tourist Information Centre. Tickets for most events cost £10.00 with £5 discount for every 3 tickets you buy.

Helen Corner-Bryant

Alumni

Keiran finally made it into Dorset U16 Hockey team. This is quite an achievement as he is only a U15 player and will therefore be eligible for the same team next year.



Two years ago he tried out for the county hockey team and was so close. Then last year he got to the Devon x country championship where the top 10 athletes were awarded county vests. He was 11th by less than 2 seconds.

In Dorset hockey, they don't use academic year but birth year for selection so the cut off is Jan 1st. Kieran has a birthday of 17th December so was not only the youngest of the group but as per usual the smallest. So against all odds really, it was his unwavering determination and all round athletic ability that got him across the line. Well done him and a lesson in perseverance!

Attitude Dance Academy

An invitation to all children for a day of free dance lessons. We would love to celebrate the opening of our new premises by offering the opportunity to all children to have a day of fun through dancing.

Please see the attached PDF.

Barbara Pereira
Head Teacher
Attitude Dance Academy

Bridport Literary Festival

This Festival takes place during November. All the details can be found on the attached PDF's.

Turtle Tots - West Dorset

One of our parents, Kate Hopps, is launching baby and toddler swimming lessons from January 2019. There are four locations: Wyvern Hydra Pool, Weymouth; Warmwell Holiday Park; Holbrook Health Club, Wincanton; and The Royal Chase Hotel, Shaftesbury.

For more information please see the attached PDF and follow Kate on Facebook: @turtletotswestdorset

Kate Hopps

Sports News

Hockey

Team: U11 v Sherborne
Date: 17th October
Venue: Away
Result: 3 - 0 win

The girls started really well with some good attacking play from lola, Indy, Georgie and Zuzanna. We were a little narrow, not using the width of the pitch and we got in each other's way sometimes. Mia and Holly did not let anything through in defence in the first half and took hit outs and free hits quickly to surprise the opposition. The whole team is really starting to use their skills more effectively and Zuzanna scored a great first goal from an excellent cross from Indy. In the 2nd half we had a change round and Holly worked well as a striker getting into the D on several occasions to force a good save from their keeper. She scored our 2nd goal with a well-aimed shot into the corner. lola completed the score line with a good goal after some persistent work in the D. A very good win with some excellent team work.

Contribution Award: lola for her hard work and running in midfield.

Team: U12 v Sherborne
Date: 17th October
Venue: Away
Result: 2 -2 draw

An exciting, open game played in great spirit, where a draw was probably the correct result.

Sunninghill began the stronger of the two teams despite the fact that this group of girls had never played together as a team before. Some excellent passing using the whole of the pitch saw them take the lead. A strong cross from Freya, wide on the left wing was met by Lily beyond the far post who passed to Megan to score.

I'm not sure what was in our water bottles, but after half time Sunninghill started to play far too narrowly. This cramped them for both time and space to pass. Sherborne took advantage and despite some great work by Sofia in goal, they scored 2 quick goals to take the lead. A few tactical changes and words of encouragement, saw Sunninghill revert to their more open style of play. They soon reaped the rewards when Erin took full advantage of a free hit deep in the Sherborne half. She drove strongly into the Sherborne D before picking out Megan who again pounced to score her second and secure a hard earned draw.

Contribution Award: Megan for enthusiastic and determined play throughout.

Team: U13 v Sherborne
Date: 17th October
Venue: Away
Result: 3 - 2 loss

An entertaining game against a skilful Sherborne team. We played well with good passing and ball pace, threatening their D. They had a quick break away and scored but we stuck to playing good hockey, creating chances. Sherborne scored again but we hit back with Freda taking her chance in the D. It was end to end play with Sherborne scoring once more. Again we retaliated and scored again to leave the final score at 3-2 to Sherborne.

Contribution Award: Lily B for skilful and tactical play.

Football

Team: U8/9 v Leweston
Date: 16th October
Venue: SPS
Result: 4 - 2 loss

The game started well with both teams playing with a high intensity. A lot of the possession occurred in midfield but either team could break through. Sam and Max chased hard all afternoon whilst Alexander tried to gain control in midfield. Lovely

goals were scored by both teams and Sunninghill were unfortunate not to equalise at the end of the match as momentum changed in our favour due to excellent attacking from Felix.

To improve, the team must mark opponents closer when defending.

Contribution Award: Sam for his excellent composure on the ball.

Team: U10/11 v Leweston
Date: 17th October
Venue: Away
Result: 7 - 4 win

A great end to end game saw SPS Rovers end up worthy winners, despite a valiant fight back from Leweston UFC.

Goals were shared evenly between Gethyn Pogba, Valentine Rossi, Thomas Bremner and Sam Giggs.

William Schmeichal was unbeaten in the first half.

The contribution award goes to Thomas E for scoring two great goals and for his all-round contribution to the team.

A special mention must go to Finn our lucky mascot and champion sausage and chip eater. More miraculously, he managed to sleep all the way home despite us all singing!

Mr Revie

Clayesmore Swimming Gala Team Results

Girls
Form 5
=1st Leweston, Yarrells 28
3rd Clayesmore 19
4th Knighton House 17
5th Sunninghill 15
6th Bournemouth Collegiate 11

Form 6
=1st Clayesmore, Yarrells 29
3rd Sunninghill 25
4th Leweston 21
5th Knighton House 10
6th Bournemouth Collegiate

Form 7
1st Clayesmore 21
2nd Leweston 20
3rd Sunninghill
4th Yarrells

Form 8
1st Leweston 33
2nd Bournemouth Collegiate
3rd Clayesmore 21
4th Sunninghill
5th Knighton House
6th Yarrells (missed events)

Boys:
Form 5
1st Clayesmore 28
2nd Yarrells 16
3rd Sunninghill 14
4th Bournemouth Collegiate 13
5th Leweston 8

Form 6
1st Yarrells 17
= 2nd Clayesmore, Bournemouth Collegiate 15
4th Sunninghill 11

Form 7
1st Clayesmore 12
2nd Sunninghill 6

Six schools competed in the Swimming Gala on Tuesday with two heats in many of the races. A very big well done and thank you to all our swimmers who competed fantastically well and coped with that poolside environment with increasing confidence. A big thank you as well for all those who stepped up at the last minute to

swim extra races. As you can see from the overall year results we did really well. A particular mention to the Form 6 girls achieving 3rd place only 4 points behind the joint winners.

Form 8 Responsibilities for the Autumn Term

<i>Head Boy</i>	Lawrence
<i>Head Girl</i>	Verity
<i>Sports Captains</i>	Amalia & Nathan

<i>Prefects:</i>	
<i>ICT</i>	Lawrence and Olivia
<i>Art</i>	Jessie
<i>M&D</i>	Clara and Lily B
<i>Outdoor Ed</i>	Atlanta and Frida
<i>STEM</i>	Verity and Poppy
<i>Languages</i>	Lea and Amalia
<i>Humanities</i>	Olivia
<i>Eco</i>	Jessie and Verity
<i>Publicity</i>	Clara



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Sunday 4th – Sunday 11th November



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Sinbad the Sailor Saturday
Children's Storyteller 3rd Nov

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Playshop - places limited to 35 children
11.00 am – 12 noon
Performance - Sinbad the Sailor

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Sinbad the Sailor £3 per Child
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Venue: The Bridport Youth and Community Centre,
Gundry Lane,
Bridport. DT6 3RL

Lauren St. John Saturday
Kat Wolfe Investigates 10th Nov

Time: 10.00 am – 11.00 am
Venue: The Lyric Theatre
Barrack Street

Tickets: Adult and child £8
additional child £5
Suitable for children of 8 – 11 years plus

Kate Wakeling - Saturday
Poetry to Please Children 10th Nov

Time: 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

Venue: The Lyric Theatre

Tickets: Adult and Child
£8 additional
child £5
Suitable for
children
6 yrs plus



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Saturday 10th November

Lauren St. John - Kat Wolfe Investigates

BridLitKids is thrilled to welcome **Lauren St. John**, one of the most imaginative story-tellers, to talk about her latest book: **Kat Wolfe Investigates** – the first in a new series of stories set on our very own Jurassic Coastline. **Winner of the Independent Book Sellers Children's Book of the Season (Summer).**

This is an exciting opportunity for children to hear Lauren talk about her work and to answer questions against the backdrop of the Dorset landscape which so inspired her as well as the tales of animals of all kinds in Africa.



Time: **10.00 am – 11.00 am**
Venue: **The Lyric Theatre
Barrack Street**
Tickets: **Adult and child £8
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Suitable for children
of 8 – 11 years plus**



Kate Wakeling - Poetry to Please Children

This year, we are delighted that Kate is bringing new and exciting poetry to BridLitKids. She will introduce Skig, the warrior who is more of a worrier, and Rita, the world's most ferocious pirate, and Demon Mouth who is about to eat the dog!

This is a brilliant opportunity for interactive poetry reading and an opportunity for children to write a brand new poem with Kate about a very peculiar machine!



Time: **2.00 pm – 3.00 pm**
Venue: **The Lyric Theatre**
Tickets: **Adult and Child
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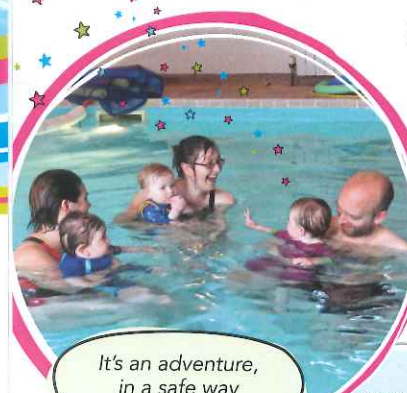
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Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	5th Nov	Return after half term	
	6th Nov	Reception to Form 5 Flu Nasal Sprays	
		Form 8 Shakespeare rehearsals all day	
		U8/U9 Tag Rugby v Leweston (H) 2.15 pm & 2.45 pm	
		PTFA AGM Zizzi's 7.30 pm	
	7th Nov	Form 8 Shakespeare rehearsals all day	
		U10 Hockey v BCS @ Chapel Gate 2.30 pm	
		U11 Hockey v Sherborne Prep @ Chapel Gate 2.30 pm	
		U11/10 Football v The Park (A) 2.30 pm	
		U12/13 Football v The Park (A) 2.30 pm	
		Much Ado About Nothing Weymouth Pavilion 7.00 pm	
	8th	Reception - Form 4 Swimming	
		Form 7 & 8 Chamber Choir Prep Choral Day 9.00 - 5.00 pm	
		Board of Governors' Meeting 6.45 pm	
	9th	Parent & Toddler Group	
		Remembrance Service St George's Church 2.30 pm	
		Followed by refreshments at School	
	LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Menu - 5th November	
		Music Timetable - Week 8 - on the portal next week	
Sports Fixtures			
School Diary			
Fledglings	No letters		
Nursery	No letters		
Reception	Music Festival		
Form 1	Music Festival		
Form 2	Music Festival		
Form 3	Music Festival/Forms 3 - 8 Effort Grades		
Form 4	Music Festival/Forms 3 - 8 Effort Grades		
Form 5	Music Festival/Forms 3 - 8 Effort Grades		
Form 6	Music Festival/Forms 3 - 8 Effort Grades		
Form 7	Music Festival/Forms 3 - 8 Effort Grades		
Form 8	Little Shop of Horrors/Music Festival/Forms 3 - 8 Effort Grades		