

Huge piles!



Dear Parents

A summary of this week's activities must begin at the end of last week.

An U10 tour party left school last Friday. Small in number but great in heart, Mr Willemse's Form 5 rugby team represented their parents and school with great style, not just on the rugby pitch but in every aspect of their conduct and "bonne hommie". A full report has been written by two tour members later in this edition so I won't steal their thunder.



Our Children in Need Day last week raised a fabulous £1,005. I must thank Mrs Thorpe and her Pupil Voice committee members for their great efforts and for all your generous contributions. The school enjoyed a giant game of musical chairs, hot chocolate at break, a swap shop and a giant heads and tails game, not to mention the privilege of wearing spots to school.

As a country we raised over £50 million and the grand total so far is now over £1 billion, which is just staggering.

We haven't stopped our giving or caring having moved straight on to looking at how we can help local families over the festive period via our Food Bank appeal, which is being championed by Form 6 with great help from Mrs Woollam. They are doing an assembly on this next Friday. Please do join us if you'd like to hear about how you can help. A tasty breakfast awaits you all.

Despite Anti-Bullying week officially coming to a close we haven't stopped talking about this key issue. In Monday's assembly a selection of children read out their ABW pledges to their community and our tutors keep talking about wellbeing and kindness.



On Tuesday we hosted the PTFA AGM and Christmas Fayre planning meeting. Steve Ray, our treasurer, listed the many great events that took place and also noted that the team's fund raising events meant that

their total cash in bank total was in excess of £22,000. I was delighted to hear of the team's great desire to use this large pot to benefit many school activities.

The team voted unanimously to endorse the lease purchase of 25 ipads for use across Junior Prep. They agreed to fund the purchase of some new hi-tec gym mats for Mrs Wilson and her sports department. They have also supported the purchase of two diving blocks for the swimming pool, something that has been on our wish list for quite some time.

Carol Krosnar was voted in as the new Chair and the team also paid tribute to Lynn Strover for her great leadership last year. Sophia Radford-Wilson volunteered to be the new Secretary and Steve Ray continues as Treasurer.

Please do support their many events in the coming weeks and months starting with the Christmas Fayre on Thursday 6th December at 7pm in the Main House. Tickets are on sale in Compass Lobby each morning or available from Megan on Reception at any time of the day.

Elsewhere in school, Les and Ray have finally breathed a huge sigh of relief as the majority of leaves have finally fallen from the many beautiful trees around the site. If you doubt the enormity of their task, just look at the huge pile of leaves in the photo. It measures many metres long, wide and high. Its blessing is that it will all rot down into the richest of composts that our fab gardener, Liz Stein, will gratefully purloin once it is fully rotted down in a few years' time.

More and more pups seem to be joining our community. Our newest arrival is a beautiful Maltese terrier belonging to the Branska family and Mrs Jones brought Maple in for the day on Tuesday. Our long term strategic school development plan now includes a feasibility study on opening kennels during the holidays!



Ms Thomasson returned to school mid-week with some very notable scars from the sporting battle field. Claire is an inspiring and life-long member of the Weymouth Ladies Hockey Club who seems to know no fear. A match last week saw her charging down a ball knocked through to the opposition goal keeper. The ball rebounded and caught our SENCO full between the eyes causing two large black eyes and significant case of concussion, accompanied by a serious headache. Never one to back down, I'm sure she'll be back in action once the protocol for Return to Play has been observed.



On Wednesday morning we all awoke to find that the first snowfall of the year had rather surprisingly arrived, enough falling to cover the astro pitch with a thin film (A Winter's Tale?). Let's hope that this signals we have a dry, cold winter ahead that kills the many bugs and germs that seem to be causing a significant number of children and adults to be away from school this week.



I received an email from a parent this week that echoed an increasingly regular concern expressed by more than a few of you which relates to traffic safety in and around school.

With more families choosing to walk, cycle or scooter to school, please can I implore all those who drive onto the campus to do so with the greatest of care and attention, particularly when you are reversing to park and especially on an evening as the nights draw in. Do please drive as slowly as possible and watch out for pedestrians and those on two wheels. We are planning to light the whole of the drive which should improve safety and visibility.

On Thursday I hosted the half termly Class Reps meeting, an event which is of great benefit to the wider school community. Tempted in by fresh coffee and tasty pastry, the determined group represented your thoughts and concerns in a very professional and helpful way. Topics are many and varied and we always try to quickly act on as many as possible.

There is often a yin and yang to these meetings. On one hand I was very pleased to receive news that many children really enjoyed school dinners, though cold packed lunches on chilly winter days were less popular. As always, the proactive group brings solutions and ideas ranged from having a lunch before heading off on fixtures to taking a thermos of hot soup and making sure there was a greater quantity and quality of hearty and healthy food.

The group also took part in a webinar looking at an app that will allow smoother communication of events and messages. Whilst we saw some great features, there were aspects to the app that didn't do what the group were looking for, an online calendar being of particular interest. There are other apps out there that we will take a closer look at, as improved communication is always of major importance to us all as the world gets ever busier.

Finally, Form 5 (and Mr Willemse) delivered their first assembly of the year this morning. They gave us a powerful Reduce, Reuse, Recycle message all accompanied by Jack Johnson. We all loved their rain dance and sounds from the rain forest. It followed on from work they have been doing as part of their science curriculum.

Wishing you all a very busy weekend with your families.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'J Thorpe'.

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Nursery

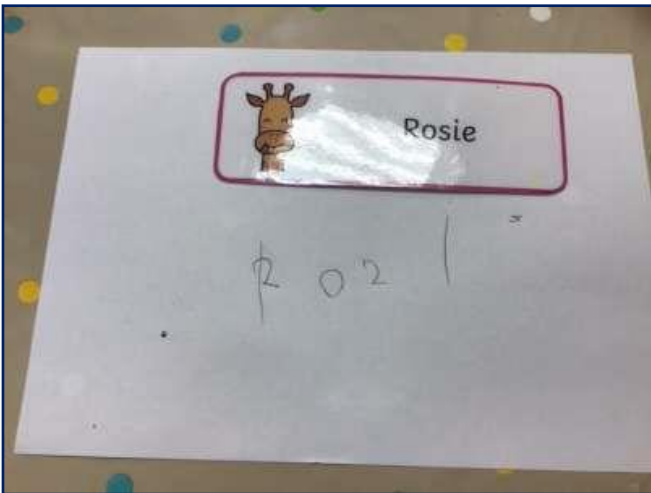
The children have loved listening to the story of the Stick Man. Everyone helped with the Nursery display board. They all had a go at painting their own stick man. They had a choice of painting with a stick or a paint brush. Some of the children had a go at writing their own names as well.

Let's Explore with Reception & Nursery

This week the children had a lovely time exploring corn flour with their hands and feeling the texture of it. They also enjoyed making tracks with the cars along the corn flour and watching the tracks disappear.



Some children were with Mrs Saines making Diwali clay diva lamps.



Form 2

The children have produced some fabulous Rangoli pattern designs during their specialist art lessons this week.



Form 3 & 4

The children had a fantastic Roman morning. They learnt about Boudicca, Roman towns, gods and goddesses and Roman feasts, where they made mock dishes for it. They were not overly enthusiastic about having to eat stuffed dormice and peacock tongues in Roman times!



Charlie as the Roman God, Neptune



Form 5 Rugby Tour



The match:

When we first arrived we thought the opposition were going to be tough (as they were sprinting around the pitch). When the whistle was blown and the match had started, they kicked to us. Aaron almost caught the ball but it slipped out of his hands. Luckily it went backwards and Theo picked it up, ran straight through all the players and scored a try. We changed our minds about how good they were but we had trouble scoring the next try after their coach talked to them.

Archie kicked the ball and as soon as they caught it we pushed up on them. Thomas tackled his man and Vishnu rucked over and we won the ball. Max passed to Theo and from there he passed to Archie who ran on the wing and was about to get tackled into touch but passed to William who ran and scored a try!

So finally Archie scored 2 tries, William scored 1 try, Max scored 1 try and finally Theo scored 2 tries, the final score was 6-5 to Sunninghill!

The hotel:

We stayed in a Premier Inn for the night. We went to the Tale of Spice for a curry which was amazing though we all had to drink a lot of water!

Training:

On Saturday we had training with professional rugby players and they gave us some tips about rugby.



The match:

Before the match, we had chips and hot chocolate, then we went to our seats. The final score was 30-13 to Bath. We all came home after the match and had an amazing time away.

Vishnu & Thomas



Form 8

The children welcomed Jewish teacher, Jane Silver-Corren, to their classroom earlier this week. They found out a great deal about Judaism including its traditions, festivals, celebrations and laws. All of the children took part in holding different artefacts such as the Mezuzah and tried on items, including the tallit and kippah. They joined in with a number of Hebrew songs and prayers before completing the session.

with a Jewish dance. The pupils are now in the process of reflecting on their experiences.



Art Lessons

In Form 3 art lessons we have developed skills with clay, linking with our topic Roman Britain. We experimented with colour mixing from images projected on the whiteboard to help us.



Construction Club

The Roman Coliseum built by Clara and Oliver in Construction Club.



Music News

Mrs Stell will be teaching on Friday as per usual. Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Wednesday and Thursday.

Last week Sally Stell (cello Teacher) Steve Garden (Guitar teacher) and Lesley Nolan-Stone were all booked for the same gig, Cats at the Pavilion.



Olivia at Wells Cathedral School. Olivia attended a Horn workshop followed by an evening concert.



Weymouth Hockey Club

Freya played her first match for Weymouth Hockey in a tournament on Sunday and was with Sofia and Megan in her age group. They won or drew their matches. Freya scored her first goal for Weymouth too!

There are about 10 Sunninghill pupils at the Club now.



Dorset Counselling Partnership

One of our parents, Sally Amos is a member of an established counselling practice, Dorset Counselling Partnership. It was set up by three experienced BACP (British Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists) registered counsellors who adhere to a strict ethical code and take confidentiality very seriously. They are based in Poundbury and work with clients aged 16 years and over. You can find

further information on the attached PDF or at www.dcpartnership.net

Holiday Club



Bookings are now being taken for our Christmas Holiday Club. We are running for the first week of the holidays from Monday 17th December until Friday 21st December. Booking forms are available from our website.

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

It will be on a first come first served basis so please book early to avoid disappointment. All bookings to be submitted by Friday 7th December please.

PTFA News



PTFA Christmas Fayre, Thursday 6th December from 7.00 pm

Tickets are now on sale from Megan for this wonderful festive event @ £3.00 each.



Mosaic, a local charity supporting bereaved children, is hosting a concert in our School Hall on Friday 30th November. A small number of our pupils will be performing at 7.00 pm to open the show.

Tickets for Sunninghill parents are being offered at the reduced price of £4. Children are free. Please email Lydia if you would like to purchase some tickets.

secretary@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

Lydia

Lost Property

Will B-K has lost his named sports shorts.

Sports News

Hockey

Team: U8 v BCS
Date: 20th November
Venue: SPS
Result: 6 - 2 Win

On a very cold afternoon, the U8 team played BCS at home. The girls took a while to get into the match; at one point narrowly missing a home goal, but they soon started to play a more determined game and at half time we were 3-1 up.

Despite BCS having 6 players to our 5 they were unable to catch us up. Izzy went on to score further goals and Kitty S played an excellent game in defence saving many potential goals and getting the ball clear.

Scarlett was strong on the wing doing some powerful hits.

Contribution Award: Anna W for some really determined play and excellent hitting.

Team: U9 v BCS
Date: 20th November
Venue: SPS
Result: 2 - 2 Draw

A very even game with the ball being passed from D to D with both teams having quite a few chances to score. BCS scored the first goal with our defence watching and not tackling. Flora was left on her own to win the ball which she did brilliantly on many occasions clearing it wide or up to our forwards. After some good passing, Mirabelle scored the equaliser and it was 1 - 1 at half time.

In the second half we were much better organised with Maggie staying back and Carolina coming back to defend as well. Mirabelle stayed up the pitch which was great as we often got the ball through to her. After a scramble in our D BCS scored their 2nd goal but with a minute to go Mirabelle received a great pass from Carolina, passed it onto Isadora who put it in to make it a draw. Lucy worked hard on the right wing helping Maggie and taking the ball forward.

A really good game and a fair result.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Flora for her strong tackles and passing.

Team: U10 v Sandroyd
Date: 21st November
Venue: Sandroyd
Result: 8 - 0 Loss

The girls faced tough opposition and even tougher weather on Wednesday with it raining heavily for the duration of the match with near zero temperatures.

Sandroyd had put out a strong team and made life difficult for our defence, however, we managed to keep the ball out

of the net for long periods with strong play by Katie. Amelia was always well positioned, but the ball seemed to favour the other wing meaning Imogen was always busy, mainly defending, with support from Bea and Izzy. Lydia ran non stop too and was only matched in activity by Isabel's storming performance in goal where she was quite rightly voted by the opposition for the contribution award.

Contribution Award: Isabel S

Team: U11 v Sandroyd
Date: 21st November
Venue: Sandroyd
Result: 0 - 0 Draw

We arrived at Sandroyd to be met with an icy wind but worse soon arrived when the looming black clouds came over and deposited their contents!

Due to illness, Sunninghill began a player short and with Poppy bravely taking the goalkeeper pads for the first time. Unsurprisingly, a strong and well organised Sandroyd team dominated the first half.

At the half time team talk it was suggested we forget the first half and begin again at 0 - 0. Sandroyd kindly loaned Sunninghill their substitute for the second half and the visitors began to hold their own. However by now the temperature had dropped further and as the torrential rain fell, the decision was taken to abandon the match.

All were very grateful to retire to the warm for a hot match tea.

Contribution Award: Mia for some strong tackling.

Team: U12/13A
In 2 Hockey Tournament
Date: 21st November
Venue: Gillingham
Results: v Dumpton 0 - 4 (L)
v Gillingham 0 - 1 (L)
v Castle Court 0 - 5 (L)
v Sherborne Prep 0 - 6 (L)

From the results above it would seem that we were totally out played in all our games. This was not the case as we played some really good hockey against A teams with much more experience; many of them county players. We worked the ball into the attack well but just didn't have the fire power to really test the opposition's goalkeepers.

Amalia played a stormer in goal. She blocked, stopped, parried, cleared and everyone applauded her play. Megan and Frida showed some nice control going forward and Lily worked so hard in centre midfield. The matches were 10 minutes each way so a tough ask.

Atlanta, Erin and Tallulah tackled, harried and blocked shots in defence with Freya always chasing back to help. No-one gave up and everyone kept playing right to the end although we were all freezing cold and wet! Great experience and at least we were there competing with the best.

Contribution Award: Amalia without question for her amazing performance in goal.

Team: U12/13 B v Sandroyd
Date: 21st November
Venue: SPS
Result: 7 - 0 loss

We played a very strong Sandroyd team who moved the ball around very quickly. They soon went 3 goals up but Sunninghill played with great determination and created chances of their own. Unfortunately we just could not score. Sandroyd continued to play well in the 2nd half to secure the match.

Contribution Awards: Jessie for some good defending. Eleni for good play. Sofia for keeping her spirits up and making some great saves.

Rugby

Team: U8 v BCS
Date: 20th November
Venue: SPS

Firstly a huge apology to William for the confusion in the match report last week when he wasn't given the credit for his three tries and man of the match performance.

This week was the first home game and well supported by a partisan crowd who enjoyed the experience so much they needed encouraging into match tea! The toughest opposition of the day wasn't BCS but definitely the weather. Despite the non stop running and effort from the boys they were frozen by the finish. All tried to get their hands on the ball and there was some excellent running with Xavier unlucky not to score. Sam not surprisingly scored a try, Rex exuded confidence with the ball in hand and scored two while Freddie scored a hat-trick with some runs around the outside.

Contribution Award: Charlie who in his first match had a couple of text book moments and scored his first ever try. Well done everyone.

Team: U9 v BCS
Date: 20th November
Venue: SPS
Result: 13 - 9 Loss

The U9's started the game too compact when defending, giving their opponents too much space to run in. Defending gradually became better as the boys tried to close BCS down. Gregory and Oliver both played up this week and performed very well. Gregory scored a lovely try whilst Oliver tagged some players. Felix, Freddie and Charlie also scored tries after producing excellent runs. Stepping out and cutting in is definitely starting to give them success.

Contribution Award: *Charlie for his determination and tries scored.*

Team: *U10 v Clayesmore & BCS*
Date: *21st November*
Venue: *Clayesmore*
Result: *4 - 3 Win v BCS*

Sunninghill started the afternoon against BCS which happened to be a very wet affair. The u10's continued their excellent form against a strong BCS with some excellent patterns of play and tries scored. Thomas completed some beautiful passes which enabled Archie and Max to score tries.

Contribution Award: *Max for completing a successful tackle at every attempt.*

Result: *4 - 0 Loss v Clayesmore*

The U10's were soaking wet and frozen after their first game but were determined to complete the triangular fixture. Archie and Theo rallied the troops together and all the boys produced a fine first half. Unfortunate not to take the lead on a few occasions, Clayesmore managed to end the first half 1-0 up. Unfortunately energy dipped in the second half and tackles stopped being made. Many positives to take from the match and full marks to the team for their determination and perseverance.

Contribution Award: *William B-K for making stunning tackles.*

Team: *U11 v Clayesmore & BCS*
Date: *21st November*
Venue: *Clayesmore*
Result: *45 - 10 Win*

(Tries: Harry 3, Gethyn 2, Valentine 2, Theo 1, Eddie 1)

We played in horrendous conditions not conducive to our free flowing game. In fact the weather was so bad we didn't play our

second game despite our boys being up for it. We had to wait out the first game so had time for drills and went physical with some tackling and rucking training.

Despite grey clouds, howling winds and icy rain, in our match against BCS, our players shone. We showed amazing team spirit and played superbly. Our match was a try fest due to lots of missed tackles from frostbite fingers. The handling was pretty good despite a ball that was more slippery than frozen soap. Everyone was fantastic and all deserve recognition - especially all the try scorers who put in a great shift as well as scoring.

Contribution Award: *Theo S - our very own abominable snowman - who brought great physicality and determination to win the ball at every breakdown.*

Team: *U12/13 v Clayesmore*
Date: *21st November*
Venue: *DRC*
Result: *35 - 30 Loss*

Three late withdrawals and a forgotten gum shield meant the team began with ten men (in a 12 aside game).

Clayesmore kindly lent us a player and a great end to end game ensued.

The opposition were, almost without exception, head and shoulders above us in size and weight but we more than made up for it in our skill and determination and we led for much of the game.

Harry A was awesome playing hooker, Ben E played with immense courage and heart and Toby J gave his all for the team.

Tries were shared between Nathan S, Henry T (who scored the team try of the game) and Tom H.

Contribution Award: *Tom H for his hat-trick of tries.*

Team: U10 v Warminster
Date: 19th November
Venue: Warminster
Result: 6 - 5 Win

Sunninghill were determined to perform well on their first Rugby Tour. The team warmed up and faced a determined Warminster School. Their pitch looked great and with the weather being excellent, a good game of rugby was always on the cards.

The match started really tight with both teams rucking and tackling well. Sunninghill delivered the first punch with two tries from Theo and Archie. Warminster retaliated with great runs from their own to add to the score board.

In the last 10 minutes of the second half the U10's were leading 5-3. With a vast amount of supporters on the side lines, Warminster kept attacking and Sunninghill defended brilliantly trying to ruck and maul their opponents back. Warminster scored the 5-4 and kept the pressure on Sunninghill.

Theo managed to regain possession late on, offloaded the ball to William who scored the winning try after running past three defenders. The match end 6-5 and Sunninghill was victorious.

Contribution Award: the entire team for their brilliant team work efforts.



Form 8
Responsibilities for the
Autumn Term

Head Boy	Lawrence
Head Girl	Verity
Sports Captains	Amalia & Nathan

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

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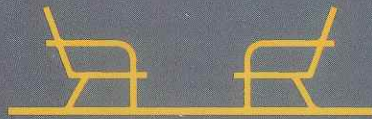
Time: 10am to 12pm

Venue: Poole Park, Cricket Pavillion

Invitation
to our prize presentation

You are invited to the Beat the Street celebration event at the Cricket Pavillion in Poole Park! You can find out more about the success of the game, explore stalls from local activity providers and enjoy fun activities - including an opportunity to try out orienteering around the park with thanks to the Wessex Orienteering Club. We will end the event with the winning teams being presented with their prizes.





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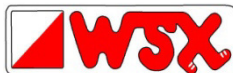
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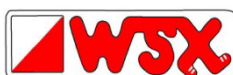
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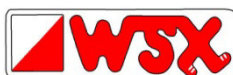
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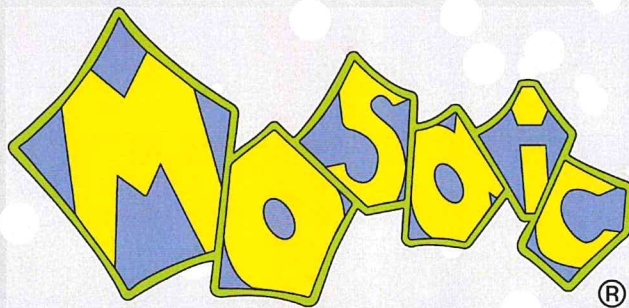
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Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	26th	
	27th	Nursery to Poundbury Garden Centre 9.00 - 11.30 am
		U8 & U9 Hockey v Dumpton (A) 2.15 pm
		U8 & U9 Rugby v Sandroyd (H) 2.15 pm
		Informal Concert Drawing Room 4.00 pm
	28th	U12/13 A & B Hockey v Leweston (A) 2.30 pm
		U11 Hockey v Leweston (H) 3.00 pm
		U10 Hockey v Leweston (H) 2.30 pm
	29th	Reception - Form 4 Swimming
		Nursery to Poundbury Garden Centre 1.00 - 3.30 pm
	30th	Form 6 Assembly - all parents welcome 8.30 am
		<i>Please let Megan know if you would like breakfast</i>
		Parent & Toddler Group Christmas Party
		Form 5 - 8 Sports Afternoon
		Mosaic Concert in Hall, including our pupils 7.00 pm
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Menu - 26th November	
	Music Timetable - Week 11	
	Sports Fixtures	
	Weekly Diary	
	Anti-bullying Letter and Policy	
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	No letters	
Reception	No letters	
Form 1	No letters	
Form 2	No letters	
Form 3	No letters	
Form 4	No letters	
Form 5	Form 5 - 8 Girls re Netball Tour March 2019/Sports Activity letter	
Form 6	Form 5 - 8 Girls re Netball Tour March 2019/Sports Activity letter	
Form 7	Form 5 - 8 Girls re Netball Tour March 2019/Sports Activity letter	
Form 8	Form 5 - 8 Girls re Netball Tour/History Resources/Sports Activity letter	