



Hermes

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Snow Day Sunninghill Style!



Dear Parents

A pinch and a punch, the first of the month, and no returns.

I begin Hermes having just managed to get home from IAPS HQ in Leamington Spa before the snow began to settle. I took the dogs out for a quick walk and met a dad taking his young son out for a play in the snow for the very first time and he might have been three. I could be exaggerating slightly though you should never let the truth get in the way of a good story.

The point is, we don't often get such a good covering of snow.

Sports reports can usually be found in the back of our weekly review but an exception will be made this week because the staff hockey team entertained Weymouth Vets last Sunday. By Vets, I don't mean those involved in animal husbandry, more those still wielding a hockey stick beyond an age many would deem sensible - no offence meant.

The event came about to support Weymouth Hockey clubs fundraising for essential repairs to their all-weather pitch.

With Mr Stazicker in goal, Mr Willemse here there and everywhere and Mrs Wilson bossing the midfield, we managed to win the first game rather comfortably. That famous pop group, the Thomasson Twins, used all their skill and experience to drive us forward and two young Seweds covered many miles. Mrs Stein swapped spade for blade and despite our rustiness I think we gave a good account.



In the second game, a far more experienced Weymouth team took to the field and included current parents, Mr and Mrs Foot, Mr Ellis and Mrs Hopps. They were rather good. The tables were turned and our team swallowed the bitter pill of defeat.

In the third game the Vets played each other, husband played against wife and the game had a much more Saturday league game feel to it. No quarter was asked for, none given.

We rounded the morning off with a final friendly game and those who did not over-partake in Burns Night the previous evening went to a local hostelry for much needed sustenance.

It was great fun and an event we hope to revisit in March.

I must now return to the classroom and bring you an update of how we are using iPads in school. If you remember, the wonderful PTFA matched our own lease purchase of iPads and we now have 50 in school. In our Tuesday staff meetings, we have been sharing how we are using these devices to support learning. This week Mrs Moss demonstrated a new App she uses called Seesaw. This App allows children to photograph a QR code which downloads a piece of work. The children can then annotate diagram, record their words, add thoughts and much more. The teacher can then respond to this via a recorded message. It was very inspiring stuff.

If you'd like a demo yourself, please do contact us and we'll arrange it.

The Form 7s continue to explore aspects of British Values and democracy and were at Shire Hall Museum this week with Mrs Smith, where they came up in front of a vaguely familiar judge.



Finally, today has offered us all a chance to return to the halcyon days of our youth. 9.00 am heralded the commencement of hostilities on the battle field, weapons were stock piled and the great snowball fight began. At one stage it felt like Custer's last stand with a small but determined staff

posse being circled by the entire school, all throwing their best arms.



A parent, hastily trying to reorganise the PTFA disco was even caught in the cross fire. Despite the injury sustained on the battlefield, I believe the disco has been rearranged for next Friday 8th February.

Kerry and Brenden treated us all to hot chocolate and sausage rolls and a really great time was had by all. Brenden can't be fully exonerated as he managed to catch me with a few sneaky snowballs. Revenge will be a dish best served cold, me thinks!

Finally, I must pay great tribute to all our wonderful staff who have worked so hard to keep us open when many other schools have not. Lydia and Les were here at 6.30 am and many staff walked in from some distance away. We've been fully fed and watered and teachers have combined classes and planned lovely one off lessons.

It sends us off into the start of the Six Nations competition in great spirit. My thoughts for the challenge ahead; narrow victories for the Irish and Welsh and a big points victory for the Scots.

Wishing you a wonderful winter wonderland weekend.

John Thorpe

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster



One Snowy Day



Gav with a Wessex Fm doughnut!

Nursery

On Wednesday afternoon we wrapped up warm and had a play in the low ropes! Freya came up from Fledglings to join us and had a lovely time!



Nursery children have worked really hard this week to make this beautiful Three Billy Goats Gruff display-it looks brilliant!



We then painted the pots with some bright colours, and we will be planting our daffodils in them soon.



We have also had lots of fun being really engaged in our Billy Goats tuff spot tray.



We have also enjoyed designing and colouring in our very own gingerbread men-they are so bright and colourful!

Form 2 Skiing at Warmwell



Let's Explore

Nursery and Reception have been busy preparing some new pots to hang up in our garden.





Form 2 practising their Robin Hood skills



Form 6

The pupils attended a Science lecture called 'Gases in the Air' at Sherborne Girls school on Thursday. The pupils were fascinated by a number of practical demonstrations humorously presented by Tim Harrison, Director of Outreach from the University of Bristol's School of Chemistry.



Below are a selection of their reflections:

On Thursday Form 6 ("the best class in the school") went to see a science show called gases in the air. The scientist did some really amazing experiments like the one he did by exploding a balloon of hydrogen. He did other cool chemical reactions like making purple flames by burning sugar using solid oxygen, he also put a rubber tube in a beaker of liquid nitrogen and made a frying pan sing. He was also very funny and made us all laugh.

Eddie

On Thursday Mrs. Brunt and Mrs. Baker took Form 6 to a lecture called 'Gases in the air' at Sherborne School for Girls. It was given by a professional chemist from Bristol University who taught students and teachers. In the lecture the chemist showed us exciting experiments using liquid nitrogen, oxidizers, color changing chemicals and hydrogen balloons. For the balloon experiment the chemist used helium balloons and hydrogen balloons and set them both alight. The hydrogen balloon caused an explosion.

For the experiment with the oxidizer the chemist showed that it is possible to make fire without oxygen gas. In the experiment with the color changing chemicals he showed that mixing chemicals can cause irreversible and reversible changes. The liquid nitrogen was used in a few experiments including putting rubber tubing in it and making a nitrogen shower, putting a balloon in and shrinking it and blowing a balloon up with the boiling nitrogen. The lecture was incredibly fun and we all want to go again.

Henry

Form 6 went on an exciting trip to Sherborne to see gases in the air. It was spectacular! We saw him explode balloons filled with helium and hydrogen which was an interesting sight. We also saw him freeze rubber tubing and dissolve polystyrene foam. Some rubber gloves got so big they exploded because they were filled with a chemical with the nickname dry ice. Dry ice is so cold that it would give you frostbite if you touched it for longer than 5 seconds.

He even changed the colour of his own scientific pee. 😊

Iola

Form 6 went to Sherborne Girls' School to watch a spectacular science lecture. It was not like any normal lecture because the scientist/chemist was doing mind blowing experiments which were: 1.exploding balloons full of hydrogen and helium, 2.put the balloons in liquid nitrogen, 3.mixed different chemicals together, 4.He shook two different bottles of 'urine' (not really) and 5.melted polystyrene foam in nail polish remover (awesome).

1. When the scientist exploded up the balloons he used a match attached to a long stick and set it a light and there were two different balloons, one was filled up with helium and one with hydrogen, the noise was a little disturbing when the scientist blew them up.

2. Putting the balloons in liquid nitrogen made the balloon shrink and when it was taken out, it transformed back to normal size.

3. The scientist mixed four chemicals altogether to make a huge and mouth opening volcano eruption.

4. He had two different types of bottles filled with urine (NOT) mixed with lots of chemicals formed together and when he shook them they would change colour to red and blue.

5. Finally he dipped polystyrene foam into nail polish remover which melted away the foam and left a blob that looked like snot.

Holly

Form 8

Holocaust Memorial Day

Form 8 pupils were part of an extremely moving local community event to mark Holocaust Memorial Day last week.

The children wrote and performed poems in response to their understanding of the atrocities which took place during World War II. They delivered their pieces in a compassionate and thoughtful way prompting a number of members of the public to praise their work.



This event is hosted annually by the South West Dorset Multicultural Network and gave our students a chance to reflect and learn about the importance of respecting and celebrating difference.



Shire Hall Historic Courthouse Museum

As part of the Humanities Creative Curriculum, Form 8 pupils visited the newly renovated historic courthouse situated in Dorchester. They compared primary evidence related to two local boys convicted of arson during the 1800s. A tour of the cells brought home just what a terrifying experience these juveniles must have experienced during their time awaiting their trials.



Once back in the court rooms, it was time to re-enact the trials of these two local children. Never shy in coming forwards, Form 8 took on the roles of the witnesses, jury and the accused. Mr. Stazicker also decided to get in on the act and nominated himself as judge!

During the summing up of both cases, Anne Brown the Education Manager at Shire Hall, announced the real verdicts which were given at the time of the actual trials. It was a good moment to reflect on the differences between the judicial system of the 1800s and that of today.



News from the PTFA

The disco has now been postponed until Friday 8th February. All other details regarding the disco remain the same.



Music News

AB Entries

William	Prep Test Piano
Aaron	Piano Grade I
Freya	Singing Grade II
Henry	Piano Grade II
Kitty	Singing Prep Test
Isadora	Singing Prep Test

Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Wednesday this week.

All entries have now been submitted to the Weymouth Music Festival, we will be in touch shortly with more details.

Please come along and support our first Informal music concert of the term on the 14th Feb at 4pm in the drawing room. Those pupils wishing to perform should speak to Mrs Nolan-Stone or their instrumental music teacher, alternatively there is a sign-up sheet on the music board.

Mrs Nolan-Stone

Sports News

Team: U8 High 5 Netball v Salisbury
Venue: Milton Abbey
Result: 3 - 3 draw

This was our first ever netball match and all the girls were both nervous and excited! We played 3 quarters of 5 minutes and rotated positions each time. Izzy scored our first 2 goals whilst playing GA and then Katie scored our final goal. Our passing was good and we managed to get the ball up the court several times. Anna and Scarlet worked very hard all over the court and Clara tried to pass accurately. Kitty tried hard to mark the player and get into space and Iris found good spaces. It was a very even match with lots of interceptions and was most enjoyable to watch. We found it quite tricky to mark the Salisbury players and we will work on this in future games lessons.

Contribution Award - Kitty for marking and finding space.

Team: U9 High 5 Netball v Salisbury
Venue: Milton Abbey
Result: 4 - 2 loss

A good, close first high five netball match for the U9s played on the indoor court at Milton Abbey. The girls started well with Lucy scoring our first goal after some good passing from Izzy and Carolina. Salisbury then scored 2 goals and their tall shooters had several near misses. The girls need to be more determined to go for the ball particularly in the circle. Flora made some great interceptions as a defender and also shot our 2nd goal when she played GA. We had some lovely passing moves down the court with Mirabelle and Maggie but our last pass into the circle was not quite accurate enough and Salisbury managed to gain possession. A very good start though girls, lots to work on but great enthusiasm and enjoyment

Contribution Award: Flora for some good interceptions in defence.

Team: U10/11 Netball v Knighton House
Venue: Redlands

To win a netball match you need to have possession of the ball. Unfortunately, we didn't have enough hands on the ball in the first half. The girls need to be more determined and move towards the ball rather than letting it come to them. Despite excellent defence from Isabel we let a steady drip of goals through. The second half was a different story and we pulled one back with a goal from Polina. The addition of lola to the team provided a little more zest and she got everyone else moving.

Contribution Award: lola.

Team: U11 Netball v Knighton House
Venue: Redlands
Result: 9 - 0 loss

If we had taken all our chances in our attacking circle the score would certainly have been more even. Knighton had some very tall players and moved quickly around the court. We became more determined as the game went on with Poppy making some great interceptions and getting the ball into the centre court. Mia and Georgie worked hard and with lola managed to get the ball for a concentrated period into our shooters Holly and Zuzanna. We do need to practise shooting as a few goals scored gives confidence to the team. There was no lack of effort but we need to slow down, wait for a dodge and then pass. We tended to panic and throw the ball away which put us back under pressure.

Contribution Award: Poppy for some good defensive work.

Team: U11 BackIn2 Hockey Tournament
Venue: Castle Court

The U10/11's participated in a strong hockey tournament which was the qualifier for the Regional final. Sunninghill played their best hockey of the term and improved match after match. Their first game was against Castle Court who ended up winning

the tournament. Theo and Sam were solid at the back and Will made some brilliant saves. Sunninghill were unfortunate not to win the match after having the better chances in the second half. In their second match they played Sherborne who started superbly. Two reverse stick goals early on were tough to take but the team fought ever so hard. After going 3-0 down at the start of the second half, Sunninghill stepped up a gear and Gethyn scored two well created goals. Valentine and William kept firing balls in the 'D' but we couldn't quite equalise.

The final match was against Clayesmore which Sunninghill lost 2-0. The game was played at a high pace and Sunninghill created some outstanding chances. Clayesmore created two lovely goals from counter attacks.

Team: *U8 Hockey v Salisbury*
Venue: *SPS*

The rain didn't dampen the boy's spirits and we began the match with gusto with Freddie scoring in the first few minutes. For the first half we dominated possession however failed to get it in the back of the net. Early in the second half we had the joy of William scoring with Freddie parting to get some ice on his fingers leaving us a man down. Salisbury pulled one back and gained more of the ball, however, Charlie won the game again with his excellent positioning giving him the space and time to score an excellent goal. Freddie forgot the pain and returned to keep us in the lead and deserves a contribution award with William for his excellent play. Overall the boys showed excellent effort and determination and enjoyed the thoroughly deserved win.

Team: *U9 Hockey v Salisbury*
Venue: *SPS*
Result: *3 - 0 loss*

Sunninghill started with a lot of possession and moved the ball well. Salisbury were powerful and deadly on the counter, scoring their three goals in the first half. Sunninghill continued to display their vast improved skills and edged closer and closer to the Salisbury goal. The U9's had a lot of possession and displayed good ball control

skills but couldn't break down the tall and power Salisbury defence. Coach Willemse has been delighted with their improvements!

Contribution Award: *Oscar for his improved passing and moving skills.*

Open Morning

If you would like to visit us on our next Open Morning, please register with Mandy; and spread the word to family and friends.



Easter Holiday Club



We are now taking bookings for our Easter Holiday Club that will be running for almost two weeks over the Easter holidays. We welcome children aged 3 to 13 as well as children from other schools.

Further information and booking forms are available on the school website at <https://sunninghillprep.co.uk/information/holiday-club/>

Please ensure that your forms and payment are with us by Friday 22nd March to secure you place. If you have any queries do contact us at school on 01305 262306.

Form 8 Responsibilities for the Spring Term

Head Boy	Tom
Head Girl	Poppy
Sports Captains	Lawrence & Tallulah

STEM
Languages
Humanities
Eco
Publicity

Verity & Poppy
Lea & Amalia
Olivia
Jessie & Verity
Clara

Prefects:

ICT	Lawrence & Olivia
Art	Jessie
M&D	Clara & Lily
Outdoor Ed	Atlanta & Frida



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Be Part of Weymouth Hockey Club's Future!



Who? Founded in 1895, Weymouth Hockey Club has two men's and two ladies senior teams as well as minis and juniors teams.

What? The club cannot continue for much longer without a new pitch and has a fundraising goal of £70,000.

Where? Redlands Community Sports Hub in Weymouth.

When? We will be fundraising until June 2019.

Why? To ensure future generations in Weymouth have the chance to play hockey and be part of this fabulous club, while getting your company noticed by over 100,000 visitors per year.

How? There are some exciting new sponsorship opportunities such as sponsoring:

- Pitch name
- Team Dugouts
- Goal Backboards
- Individual Banners
- Match Report

Please see/email Claire Thomasson for more information.



Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL DIARY OF EVENTS	4th Feb	Forms 5 & 6 Girls Netball Practice - Milton Abbey 11.00 am
		Forms 7 & 8 Girls Netball Practice - Milton Abbey 2.30 pm
	5th Feb	Nursery to Teddy Bear Museum 9.00 am
		U8 & U9 Netball v Sherborne Prep (A) 2.15 pm
		U8 & U9 Hockey v Sandroyd (A) 2.15 pm
		Form 5 Parents' Evening 4.45 pm
	6th Feb	Form 1 Forest School 8.30 - 10.15 am
		Form 3 Forest School 10.45 - 12.25 pm
		U12/13 A & B Netball v Hanford (A) 2.30 pm
		U10/11 Netball Practice @ Redlands 2.30 pm
		U10/11/12/13 Hockey v DMS (A) 2.00 pm
	7th Feb	Reception & Form 1 Swimming @ 1611
		PTFA Committee Meeting 6.00 pm
	8th Feb	Assembly - all parents welcome 8.30 am
		Open Morning 9.30 - 12 noon
		Parent & Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30 am
		Reception Forest School 10.00 - 12.15 pm
		Form 2 Skiing 1.30 pm
		Forms 5 - 8 Sports Afternoon
		PTF Disco from 2.00 pm
	LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Music Timetable- Week 5
Menu - Week 5		
Fixtures of the Week and Team Sheets - to follow on Monday		
Fledglings	No letters	
Nursery	Fairy Tales Letter	
Reception	Fairy Tales Letter	
Form 1	Fairy Tales Letter	
Form 2	Fairy Tales Letter	
Form 3	Hooke Court	
Form 4	Hooke Court	
Form 5	No letters	
Form 6	No letters	
Form 7	No letters	
Form 8	No letters	