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Another busy week in the life of Sunninghill



Form 2 'Andy Goldsworthy' style art

Dear Parents

A whole host of candidates are lining up for "first paragraph" headline billing in this week's edition of Hermes.

I'm going to plunge in at the deep end and start with the wonderful news that Lydia's "beau" Roger proposed over the half term and the sound of wedding bells will soon be heard peeling across the county. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing them the heartiest of congratulations.



Our new DT teacher Stephen Yates has sped ahead and marries his "belle" Holly at WPNSA tomorrow evening. Weather permitting, their carriage will be a rather splendid Jeanneau motor cruiser that will deliver them (hopefully fully dry) from the ceremony.

Hot on their heels finds us at the other end of the wedding spectrum as we enjoyed one of our favourite days of the year, when well over sixty grandparents joined us in school for their own afternoon. I hasten to guess that their combined wedded ages would be well in excess of a thousand years. I'm sure they'd have lots of good advice to offer our soon to be newlyweds.



They were proudly shown around the school by their grandchildren then entertained to the highest of standards by the Junior and Senior choirs and also one of our orchestral ensembles who performed "Skyfall".

It has also been a Just Giving week in the school. The staff walkers are due to complete a marathon tomorrow morning in setting off from Osmington early in the morning and walking a full 26 miles to Swanage, all in aid of Julia's House.



Aidan B and his family are busy selling raffle tickets to raise funds for the defibrillator. Thanks to all who have supported them, thus far.

Ian J, governor and parent, has cast his support into the ring by setting himself the "Clock to Clock" challenge which includes 5000m of ascent over 32 miles, in a walk from Weymouth to Swanage – more on this later in this edition.

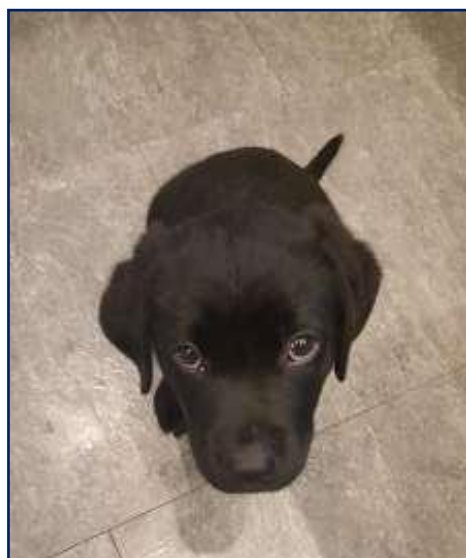
Later this evening Mrs Wilson and I will head off to the London Aquatic Centre (home to 2012 Olympics) to support Tallulah T and Freya B as they compete in the IAPS national swimming finals. They are terrific athletes having done so well to qualify. I'll let you know how they get on next week and we wish them the very best of luck.



Not to be outdone, Freya's super fit dad will dash from the swimming finals to the Black Mountains of South Wales where he will take part in the Dragon Back bike race, with a modest 180 miles to be cycled with thousands of metres of ascent en route. Noel has done much of his training on a turbo trainer whilst aboard a ship off the Brazilian coast. My basic maths tells me that is 12 hrs of constant cycling at 15 miles per hour. Wow – hats off to you, sir!

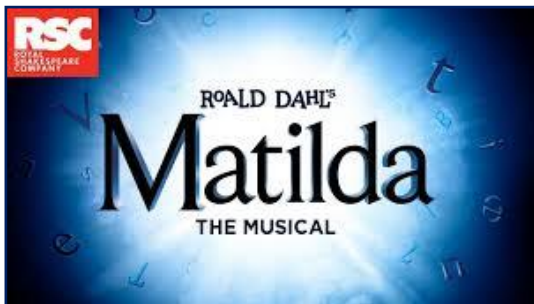


The Welsh mountains also featured in the half term plans for team Savva and Wilson who set their respective families the challenge of ascending Mount Snowdon, the highest peak in Wales. They summited in great style. Finn is in Reception and must surely have been the youngest person up the hill that day. Must be all the Forest School work he has been doing with Miss Livesey!



The Ray family excitedly noted the arrival of a new pup in their family. Rocky the black lab is their very first dog and is settling in nicely and keeping them all very busy.

Inevitably, this takes me back to thoughts of Molly. She had one litter of pups herself and my favourite girl from the litter is currently in pup and is due to whelp next week. I can't wait to see her grand-daughters.



Next Thursday, Forms 3-8 head to the Mayflower Theatre to enjoy an inspiring performance of Matilda.



This provides me with the perfect opportunity to announce that our major whole school performance next year will be Mary Poppins. Our productions over the past four years have set the bar incredibly high with

first Lion King and then Joseph, both of which were blockbusters. I am sure Mrs Moss and her army of supporters will be hot on the trail once the new school year begins in September. I just can't wait!

Chim-chimney-chim-chimney-chim-chim-cherru!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John Thorpe'.

Mr John Thorpe
Headmaster

Reception & Form 2

Form 2 took a moment this week to stop, look carefully at the beautiful flowers in our grounds and enjoy the sunshine whilst doing some observational draw painting. Here is one of their lovely watercolours.



Reception and Form 2 braved the elements this week and despite some heavy downpours managed to make a fire, roast potatoes and enjoy a cup of fresh mint tea around the firepit.



Form 1

The children have had a wonderful week with lots of praise for their hard work in their subjects throughout the week. They have completed their smiley face mountain, so to round off a very exciting Grandparents afternoon they were spoiled by Mrs Culshaw and they all made their own Knickerbocker Glories and devoured them in record time!



Form 2



The children made their own short bug story books. They used flaps, pull outs and some created their own tactile creature. They then shared their books with the children in Nursery, who thought they were great!

Junior Prep Trip to Weymouth



Maths Challenge

On Wednesday, Ben, Henry, Daniel, Gabriel, Tom, Nathan, Tallulah, and Poppy (from Form 7 and 8) went to Thomas Hardy for a Maths Challenge against other local schools.

First we were split into two teams: Ben, Daniel, Nathan and Tallulah were team 7 and Gabriel, Henry, Tom and Poppy were team 6. Each team had their own separate table.

There were three different challenges:

First there was a **Group Round**. All the teams had to work together to solve the questions. We had 40 minutes to answer 15 questions.

Following that was a **Crossnumber Round**: it was similar to a crossword but instead the clues were sums that we had to work out. We had half an hour to complete all of the crossnumber.

For the final **Relay Round** our teams were split into an A and a B. Challenge group A would solve a question and when they got it right: they would run over to group B with a different question. Group B would then figure out that question and give a different question to group A. This would continue until the time was up.

In total team 6 got 85/170 and team 7 got 125/170.

There were some really tough questions but it was great fun!

Ben E

Music News

Please check lesson days and times as due to school trips some music teachers will be teaching on different days. Mr Wheeler will be teaching on Monday and Tuesday, Mrs Stell will be teaching on Wednesday and Friday, Mrs Hawes will be teaching on Monday and Wednesday and Mrs Nolan-Stone will be teaching exam pupils only.

A big well done to all pupils that performed at Grandparents' Day and thank you for the warm reception they received from our amazing Grandparents. The Music Department was especially proud of the wonderful team work we witnessed from the musicians and the support they gave each other.

*Mrs Moss, Mrs Nolan-Stone
and Mr Vanburgh*



Lions Lair Cake Sale

On Monday the 10th, two teams from the Form 8 Lion's Lair will be holding a cake sale in order to raise money for their product. Cakes will be 50p-£1. It will be next Monday 10th June, morning break in Compass Lobby. Remember to bring your money!

Marathon Trek for Julia's House

Miss Livesey, Miss Thomasson, Miss Dingle, Mrs King, Mrs Thorpe, Mrs Sewed and Mrs Saines are trekking the Dorset Coastal path on Saturday doing either 26 miles from

Osmington to Swanage or 13 miles from Kimmeridge to Swanage! We are raising money for Julia's House which is a wonderful charity to support terminally ill children locally. We would really appreciate it if you wished to sponsor us. The justgiving link is below. Thank you very much.

You can help raise money for this great cause by donating directly to their fundraising page -

https://www.justgiving.com/KarenKing2019?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=funraisingpage&utm_content=KarenKing2019&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=zWnzQNV45.

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Julia's House so that they can put your generosity to good use!

Karen King

Sports News

Team: *U8 Diamond Cricket*
Against: *Knighton House*
Venue: *SPS*
Result: *54 – 33 loss*

Rain did not stop play although it tried to. We won the toss and decided to bat first. Each set of 4 batters are in for 6 mins with the first 4 scoring 20 runs and the second 4 scoring 13 runs. We often swung and missed the ball as we took our eye off it. I think batting practice is the order of the day next lesson.

Knighton won the game because they hit the ball much harder and scored quite a few boundaries which is 4 runs. Fielding was equal with some good stops and throw ins.

The fielding would have been better if Kitty S wasn't performing handstands and Clara wasn't checking her nails!!!

Kitty T took a great catch; Katy, Iris, Anna and Scarlett fielded well and Izzy was good behind the stumps.

Contribution Award: Kitty T for a great catch and being sharp in the field.

Team: *U12 Cricket*
Against: *Sherborne Girls*
Venue: *Martinstown*
Result: *276 – 240 loss*

We won the toss and put Sherborne into bat. The accuracy of our bowling has definitely improved but we now need to increase the speed as a lot of our bowling was pitched short to allow their batsmen to have time to hit the ball hard and to score boundaries. Erin and Megan finished with the best bowling figures keeping their pair to 10 runs followed closely by Eleni and Erin again with 15 runs. Freya caught a bullet of a hit on the boundary. Brilliant reflex catch. Erin caught 3 fantastic catches again on the boundary.

The Sherborne bowlers were fast and pitched a good length ball that was difficult to hit.

Gemma and Freya were our top scoring pair with 28 runs and no wickets. All the other pairs suffered wickets except Esme and Sofia but their run rate was lower. Everyone has improved an aspect of their game but we could be more focussed in the field being ready to move to cover each other.

Contribution Awards: Sherborne chose Freya for her batting; Gemma for her bowling and I would like to add Erin for her fielding and 3 great catches.

Team: *U8 & U9 Tennis*
Venue: *Sir John Colfox*

After winning the Dorchester area final in May, the year 3-4 tennis team was invited to the area final tournament at the Sir Colfox School in Bridport. Iris, Carolina, Felix and William faced the strongest teams from Weymouth, Bridport and Dorchester. They all competed very well and came 1st overall! They are now through to the County finals at Bryanston later this term. Well done and keep practising!



Team: *U13 & U12*
Venue: *Wey Valley Tennis*

The Form 7 and 8 boys competed in the Aegon Schools Tennis Championships. The county stage of the national competition took place at the Wey Valley Tennis Centre.

It was a real treat for the boys to play at this 4 court indoor centre and tennis was of a high level. Every player won at least two matches throughout the afternoon and some



won more. Sunninghill competed well and finished 2nd place in Dorset which was a brilliant achievement considering the level of tennis.

Well done!

Sports Camps

Sunninghill will be running sports camps during the Summer. They will be running from Tuesday 16th - Thursday 18th July, Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th July and Monday 29th - Wednesday 31st July.

The camps will consist of a variety of sports, outdoor pursuits and activities. The camp is open to students in current Forms 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

A sign up letter will be sent out in due course.

Alumni

Alice, a former pupil achieved her Grade 8 on her flute a few weeks ago, but the harp is very popular. She has been playing about 18 months. She played at a recent wedding at Sunninghill.



Defibrillator Fund - Sponsored Walk

Ian J will be walking from 'Clock to Clock' (Swanage to Weymouth) on Saturday 22 Jun with a small group of family and friends, and has decided to use this feat to raise ££s for Aidan's Defibrillator fund. Pledges gratefully received by email (ian@imjltd.uk), text/Whatsapp (07801234547), justgiving page - <https://tinyurl.com/y37ookqy> or sign up on the sheet on Megan's desk.

The walk is approximately 32 miles along the Coastal Path and the target is to complete it within 12 hours (including stops!).

Over its length the route includes nearly 1 mile of vertical climb (and the same in descent)!

Support for the last few miles would be most welcome; Osmington Mills (approx 5.15 pm) to Weymouth is 5 miles or you can join for the 'flat bit' at Overcombe Corner (approx 6:15pm) for the final 1.7 miles to the Jubilee Clock.

Dorset Police Open Day

It takes place on Saturday 20 July between 11am and 4pm at Dorset Police HQ, DT2 8DZ.

Members of the public will be able to visit stands, watch displays and interact with the following teams and departments:

- Dog section
- Drone unit
- National Police Air Service (helicopter)
- Traffic department
- Safety camera team
- Neighbourhood policing team
- Firearms unit
- Forensics team
- Search team
- Marine section
- Rural crime team
- Recruitment and volunteering team
- Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner

Form 8 Responsibilities for the Summer Term

Head Boy –Nathan
Head Girl – Lily
Sports Captains – Tom & Frida

Prefects:

ICT – Lawrence & Olivia
Art – Jessie
M&D – Clara & Lily
Outdoor Ed – Atlanta & Frida
STEM – Verity & Poppy
Languages – Lea & Amalia
Humanities – Olivia
Eco schools – Jessie & Verity
Publicity – Clara

Lydia:

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Registrar@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

Megan:

receptionist@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk

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Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL	10th	Junior Prep Creative Arts Week
DIARY OF EVENTS		Form 8 Lions' Lair Cake Sale 10.15 am
	11th	Form 7 Geography Field Trip 2.15 pm
		U8 & U9 Mixed Tennis & Cricket v Leweston 2.15 pm (H)
	12th	Forms 2 & 4 Forest Schools
		Form 4 select group - Wessex FM 10.45 am
		U12/13 Boys Cricket v DMS 2.30 pm
	13th	Forms 3 - 8 Matilda Performance, Southampton
		Sailing 4.30 - 8.00 pm - not this week
		Golf @ Dorset Golf & Country Club 4.30 - 6.30 pm - not this week
	14th	Form 5 Assembly - all parents welcome 8.30 am
		Form 8 THS Roadshow at St Osmund's School 9.10 am
		Parent & Toddler Group 10 - 11.30 am
		Forms 3 & 4 Sailing 2.00 pm
		Forms 6 & 6 Sailing and Windsurfing 2.00 pm
	15th	Music Theory Grade 5 exams
LETTERS ON THE PORTAL	Music Timetable- Week 7	
	Menu - 10th June	
	Fixtures of the Week and Team Sheets	
Nursery	No Letters	
Reception	Move-Up Day	
Form 1	Move-Up Day	
Form 2	Move-Up Day	
Form 3	Matilda/Move-Up Day/Residential feedback/BSO trip	
Form 4	Matilda/Move-Up Day/BSO trip	
Form 5	Matilda/Residential feedback/BSO trip	
Form 6	Matilda	
Form 7	Matilda	
Form 8	Matilda	