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#### Spring Term

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A taste of Spring with the Junior Gardeners

**Dear Parents** 

Earth, wind and fire feature in this week's resumé.



The earth has continued to throw everything it can at us. Yesterday was a case in point as Victorian drains finally failed to cope with the never ending deluges and water backed up into Compass Lobby and the girls changing rooms. It was very much a case of all hands on deck to make sure the school day could begin promptly.

The wind continues to pay havoc with the trees with another dismembered limb falling prey to Mother Nature. I am indebted to Grandpa Seal for sending a veritable army of chain saw experts to log the fallen branches by the rugby pitch. The tiny crumb of comfort is that our store of wood for the fires continues to grow.

This is fortuitous because cold weather has meant that Les has continued to keep the wood burning stove stoked up each morning. It is wonderful to arrive at school early in the morning to be met by a comforting glow in the Main entrance and a lovely smell of wood smoke.



Despite the damp ground and windy conditions, the equestrian world refuses to stay indoors and continues to travel around the county taking part in gymkhanas. The following photo shows a lovely shot of Connie V on her horse getting ready for a jump off against the clock.



On Thursday we received a cautious warning from a school we had visited regarding one of their pupils being isolated following flu-like symptoms. I passed on their concerns via a letter home. We await the results of the test before deciding what further action needs to be taken.

The pandemic threat has impacts that you would not always immediately imagine. Lydia and Roger tie the knot on the 30<sup>th</sup> March and had planned to spend part of their honeymoon in Italy. Fingers crossed that this goes ahead.

We will look very carefully at the fixtures we play and the venues we visit in the next few weeks so that we minimise the risk of coming into contact with the virus.

It didn't stop our Canford scholarships attending their Drama scholarship day. Let's hope all is well for the three candidates who attend their three days of academic scholarship next week. We wish them the very best of luck in this test of brilliance, not to mention a fair measure of stamina and resilience.

Elsewhere in school we continue to expand our commercial activities. These activities provide additional revenue to support learning and also provide invaluable "footfall" in terms of new visitors to school. Below is a link to all these activities which you or your family might wish to engage with.

https://www.facebook.com/pg/hiresunninghillindorch ester/events/?ref=page\_internal

Talking of activities which really benefit the school, the PTFA have met this week to look at their social events for the term. Holding a barn dance featured highly in their discussion. A date of 20th March had originally been chosen but the committee agreed that this was short notice and a more realistic date of Friday 1st May has now been chosen. I hope you will all support this really fun event so it is a great success.

This year the committee has set itself the objectives of providing a further two diving boards for the swimming pool and also raising further funds for sports equipment.



Finally, in today's assembly, Mr Stazicker and Form 6 talked to us about their personality profiles and what type of person we thought we might be. It was a very interesting and enlightening talk. If you would like to explore your own personality you can find the link below.

https://my-personality-test.com/



Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Mr John Thorpe Headmaster

### Nursery & Reception



Nursery and Reception have loved pancake day this week! We made and tasted our own pancakes using a variety of toppings that the children chose. We also incorporated pancakes into our maths and literacy by having pancake races, voting and reading our story of the week- Mr Wolf's Pancakes.

In French, Madame Hill created a wonderful French Cafe for us all. The children learned how to speak some French phrases such as "excuse me" "can I have the bill please?" "Thank you and have a good day". The children had a choice of buying a donut or a crepe with their Euros. Everyone loved this lesson!



We really enjoyed playing with our huge new dolls house this week! It's a lovely addition to our Foundation Unit.





Also in Form 2, our new topic is Florence Nightingale. We watched a film, telling us all about Florence's life and have started exploring the roleplay corner.



### Form 3 & 4

We had a fantastic time at Bovington Tank Museum. We learnt all about the home front, D-Day and marched as soldiers in the Home Guard! We even had to create our own floating tank designs!

### Form 2 Skiing at Warmwell









The children have been writing their own 500 word stories for the BBC2 competition. The entries were so good we decided to have our own competition!



In maths this week, Form 4 have been exploring the types of lines around school. Scan the QR code to watch Gregory's and Izzy's investigation. Congratulations to Iris for her winning story all about a boy called Arthur who was teleported back to the time of the Vikings.



Ava and Amelia's French bull dog puppies. There was a litter of 13!

### Form 5

On Thursday the pupils attended a science lecture at Sherborne School for Girls.



The lecture was led by Tim Harrison, Chemistry fellow and Professor at the University of Bristol.

The 'Gas and Air' lecture included a wide range of experiments conducted with the use of different gases. The pupils left excited and inspired by a fantastic experience. A big thank you to The Royal Society of Chemistry Sherborne Girls' School for organising the event.



Maggie is displaying the flammability of hydrogen

### Rotary Young Writers "Connections"

Congratulations to our pupils who have won prizes in the Rotary Young Writers competition in which three other local schools took part. This year's task was to write an essay or story with the title "Connections." The prize giving will be at Waterstones at 4.30 pm on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Junior Competition:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Izzy, Form 6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Vishnu, Form 6
Highly Commended	Amelia, Form 6

Senior Competition:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Eleni, Form 8
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Freya, Form 8
Highly Commended	Lily, Form 8

### **British Science Week**



This year, Sunninghill will be celebrating British Science Week!

British Science Week is a 10-day (6-15<sup>th</sup> March) programme of thousands of events running throughout the whole of the UK with the aim of celebrating science, engineering, technology and maths.

In school, the Science department will run a range of activities and workshops to promote Science throughout the week.

There are also some family events organised around Dorset. You can find some more information about these by going on the British Science Week website (www.britishscienceweek.org) or search for Dorchester Science Festival.

### Junior Gardening Club

The sun shone again for the gardeners this week. We managed to plant some Muscari – beautiful blue flowering bulbs into the front borders.

The gardeners also sowed cucumber seeds – which we all enjoy, and Ammi Majus seeds – a white summer flower; and some coriander.

The greenhouse is looking exciting and rather full!





### Senior Gardening Club

The children sowed pea and tomato seeds. As it was another lovely day, the pea seeds were sown directly into the ground!



### **Music**

Please note Mrs Hawes and String Group will be on Monday. Mrs Potts will be teaching on Monday and Mrs Stell will be teaching on Thursday.

We are beginning to get excited about our spring concert, please see the attached poster for more information!



### Thunk of the Week

*Last week's thunk was:* If school didn't exist, what would happen?



Some of the answers:

Charlie: The world would be ruled by crime as there would be nobody to tell anyone right from wrong.

Aidan: If school did not exist, people would not be able to do their jobs as nobody would have learned how to do their jobs properly.

This week's thunk:





The Big Bang' is a programme of UK-wide events that gets students excited about science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). **The event takes place on Wednesday 18 March at Bovington Tank Museum 5 – 7:30pm**. This free session is for parents/ carers and their children of any age. <u>Click here to book your</u> <u>FREE tickets</u>

If you need more information, please contact Mrs Sewed.

## **Sports**

Team:	U10/11 Netball
Against:	<b>Castle Court</b>
Venue:	Redlands
<b>Result:</b>	9 – 1 win

The first team on started really well and we went into a 4 goal lead in the first quarter with Izzy S and Polina scoring 2 goals each. Well done to Izzy, as she normally plays GK. The opposition were really small and our U10's towered over them. Every quarter we switched players and positions around which was good as our girls had to challenge themselves. Lydia was our star shooter in the second and last quarter scoring 3 goals. Flora and Amelia were strong in defence not allowing their shooters many shots. Mirabelle had a strong quarter at centre and Lucy, playing GA for the first time, shot 2 lovely goals to keep our scoring up. I was really pleased with the way the girls willingly changed position; put the effort in and played well as a team. Our basic skills and movement

were much better and we deserved our victory.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Polina in attack. I chose Lydia, Izzy S and Lucy for their accurate shooting as they don't normally play in that position.

Team:	U13 Netball
Against:	BCS
Venue:	Away
<b>Result:</b>	6 – 0 win

Unexpectedly BCS arrived at Castle Court, so we played 2 matches. The girls were on form from the start; sequential play down the court, and accurate feeds into the circle by Megan gave SPS an early lead. Keeping the court balanced (finally) the girls found space, and shooters, Eleni and Freya, were able to increase the score. BCS fought well, changing tactics at half time to defeat Gemma at GD to eventually get the ball to the post. Unfortunately, they were unable to score.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Freya for attack and Gemma for defence.

Team:	U13 Netball
Against:	<b>Castle Court</b>
Venue:	Away
<b>Result:</b>	7 - 3 win

The second game started and due to injury we had to lend Castle Court a player. Erin took up the challenge to go in as GS and worked our defence hard. Such a fun and entertaining game of netball. Possession switching from one team to the other, and everyone got along merrily. We went into the second half ahead by 6 goals so Freya swapped into GS for Castle Court with Gemma marking her at GK. Their competitive edge took over and the crowd and players got behind both of them, neither wanting to be outdone by the other. Praised for their on-court comradery, polite and, at times, apologetic nature, all the girls enjoyed a lovely game of netball.

Contribution Award: The opposition chose Freya for her commitment to their team and Eleni for her attacking skills.

Team:	U12/13 B Hockey
Against:	Yarrells
Venue:	Home
<b>Result:</b>	2 – 1 loss

Sunninghill dominated from the start as Henry controlled play from the centre. Gethyn and Harri displayed fine skills in the D and had shot after shot on target. Due to some good fortune, excellent goalie and sheer amount of bodies in the defence area, Yarrells managed to keep a clean sheet until the end of the first half. Gethyn attacked from a short corner with a powerful shot which was deflected into the goal.

Yarrells scored two goals on the counter attack when Sunninghill lost their concentration and work ethic to track back. Sunninghill continued to attack in the second half but could not convert their chances into goals.

Contribution Award: Toby for improving his tactical understanding.

### **Community** News

My name is Hannah and I'm a Casting Researcher at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down.

We are delighted to say, that we have recently opened applications for the 6th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain. We are looking for young budding bakers between 9 -15 years old.

Filming would take place from July 2020, but our applications close on Sunday 5th April 2020.

Interested bakers can apply online at -<u>WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.U</u> <u>K</u>.

# Form 8 Responsibilities for the Spring Term

Head Boy:	Harry
Head Girl:	Meena
Sports Captains:	Gabriel & Megan

#### **Prefects:**

Esme, Josh & Aidan
Eleni & Meena
Lily & Erin
Freya, Megan & Esme
Gabriel & Lily
Erin & Henry
Ben & Gemma
Toby & Daniel
Tymon
Tom & Harry
Aidan
Tom & Mckenzie

Lydia:

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South Court, South Walks, Dorchester, Dorset. DT1 1EB. 01305 262306



# Visit the Dorchester Art Exhibition

Brought to you by ArtGallerySW

April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 2020 | 10am - 4pm at Sunninghill School South Walks Road | Dorchester | DT1 1EB

Painting: 'St. Andrew's Ruins ... from the Other Side' by Charles Maher

Charity exhibition in aid of Weldmar Hospicecare

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Tickets: £9 On the door £10

### Tickets available at www.harrynorth.co.uk

\*Featuring art work inspired by Harry's guitar compositions by Dorset artists\* All money raised from ticket sales will be donated to the 'World Land Trust' Registered charity No. 1001291



# Wednesday 18 March 2020

5pm - 7.30pm, Tank Museum, Bovington

Free Family event book via: https://tbbdorset2020.eventbrite.co.uk



- Hands-on and interactive exhibits
- Speak to local and national employers about careers using STEM (Science,
- Technology, Engineering and Maths) Find out about apprenticeships at 20 min talks 5.30pm and 6.30pm
- Gain careers advice from a qualified career guidance team

### SUNNINGHILL PREP SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT

### FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 5PM SCHOOL HALL

### FEATURING THE SUNNINGHILL

Chamber Choir Wind Band Clarinet Ensemble String Group Brass Ensemble Junior Choir Recorder Club JSax Jazz Club Percussion Ensemble

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ALL WELCOME

### Weekly Diary

WHOLE SCHOOL	2nd	Nursery- Form 4 Parents' Evening Week	
DIARY OF EVENTS		Forms 5 & 6 Netball @ Milton Abbey 11.00 am-1.00 pm	
		Forms 7 & 8 Netball @ Wey Valley 2.50-4.30 pm	
	3rd	Form 8 Creative Curriculum 9.45am- 2.00pm	
		U8 & U9 Hockey V Dumpton @ Dumpton 2.15pm	
		U8 & U9 High Five Netball V Leweston @ SPS 2.30pm	
		Form 5 and Parents' Evening 4.45pm	
	4th	U11 & U10 Netball V Sherborne Prep @ Sherborne Prep 2.15pm	
		U13 & U12 Netball V Sherborne Girls @ Sherborne Girls 2.30pm	
		U10 Hockey V Sherborne @ Sherborne 2.30pm	
		U11 Hockey V Sherborne @ Sherborne 2.30pm	
		U12 & U13 A Hockey V Sherborne @ SPS 2.15pm	
		U12 & U13 B Hockey V Sherborne @ SPS 3.00pm	
	5th	World Book Day! Come dressed as your favourite book character	
		Reception & Form 1 Swimming @ 1610	
	6th	Reception Assembly 8.30am- Breakfast to follow	
		Form 3 Stokewater Meadow Trip 9.00am-4.00pm	
		Parent & Toddler Group 10.00-11.30 am	
		Form 2 Skiing Enrichment 1.30 pm	
		Enrichment & Friday Sports 1.30 pm	
		Forms 5-8 Girls Netball Super League 2.30pm	
Letters on the Portal	Menu		
	Fixtures	Fixtures & Team Sheets	
	Music Ti	Music Timetable	
	A messa	A message from the Head	
Nursery	Junior P	Junior Prep Parents' Meetings/ Reception Autumn 2020/World Book Day	
Reception	Junior P	Junior Prep Parents' Meetings/ Favourite Book/World Book Day	
Form 1	Junior P	Junior Prep Parents' Meetings/World Book Day	
Form 2	Junior P	Junior Prep Parents' Meetings/World Book Day	
Form 3	Junior P	Junior Prep Parents' Meetings/Nothe Fort/ World Book Day	
Form 4	Junior P	Junior Prep Parents' Meetings/Nothe Fort/ World Book Day	
Form 5	Form 5 P	Form 5 Parents' Evening/Summer Expedition to Scotland/World Book Day	
Form 6	Form 6 Parents' Evening/Summer Expedition to Scotland/World Book Day		
Form 7	Summer expedition to Scotland/World Book Day		
Form 8	Summer expedition to Scotland/World Book Day		