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Note from the Head

Summer 2022

It has been wonderful to celebrate a full calendar of events at the end of the Summer Term for the first time in three years. The weather was glorious and allowed Swimming Galas, the Summer Concert, Art Exhibition and other events to run smoothly and joyfully. We sweltered inside while enjoying the Year 7 production and cheerfully removed our ties after Prize Giving in the Sports Hall. Even the Friends' Tropical Disco and Sports Days had just about the right weather!

Celebrating as a community is part of being a Prep School and I really enjoyed spending time with parents, colleagues and children over the last few days of term. Throughout the term, the mood was purposeful and busy, with the full range of trips, assessments and normal lessons on offer. We remember the highlights, the informal Year 6 plays, the Year 5 French play, the Year 4 Robin Hood play and various tea parties, but a school must be judged by its day to day activities. I applaud the energy and dedication of my colleagues as they seek to educate and entertain the children in their care, and I cherish the energy and positivity of the children. It all combines to create a warm and productive atmosphere in our superb outdoor environment.

We look forward to welcoming new arrivals to our team of staff in September to replace those that have moved on, but the aims and atmosphere of the School remain the same – children who think for themselves and value others, staff who exhibit a passion for education and a natural rapport with their pupils, and parents who support their school and their children, all feeling part of one community.

Marlborough House is a special place and I am proud to be Head at this moment in the School's history. In 2024 we will be celebrating the 150th year of the School's existence – people come and go, but MHS remains strong and clear in its mission. We celebrated 70 years of a remarkable person and institution in May, recognising the Queen's steadfastness and longevity – perhaps Marlborough House can be celebrated in the same way!

I hope you enjoy this edition.

Eddy Newton, Head





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Schools Awards

This term we were thrilled to receive recognition from both Muddy Stilettos' Best Schools Awards 2022 and the Independent Schools of the Year Awards 2022. Huge congratulations to our creative and innovative teachers across the school. The results are as follows:

• Muddy Stilettos' Best Schools Awards 2022

Most Creative Learning Through Play (Early Years) - *Highly Commended*



• Independent Schools of the Year Awards 2022

- Independent Pre-Prep of the Year - *Shortlisted*
- The Innovation Award for an Outstanding New Initiative for 'The Great Outdoors' - *Shortlisted*



The winners will be announced in the Autumn term and we look forward to hearing the results.

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NEW: Speaking and Listening Awards

The end of the Spring term saw our Year 6 pupils participating in a new venture, the Marlborough House School Speaking and Listening Awards.

As so much of the children's work will involve having the confidence to communicate their knowledge and interests in a variety of ways, particularly as they move up through the school and embark on their PSB work in numerous subjects, we felt this was an important element to focus on as part of our English curriculum.

It will help the children gain the skills, confidence and expertise required in giving presentations to their peers and others. Having taught both the LAMDA and English Speaking Board exam syllabi for many years, Mrs Atkins, Head of English, acted as the assessor. It was a great project, and everyone enjoyed an impressive selection of presentations across a wide range of topics from tropical fish, to rock climbing, snorkelling, Lego, sushi and Jennifer Anniston to name but a few. Despite some understandable nerves, all the children acquitted themselves very well and should be very proud of their achievements. At the start of the Summer term they were awarded certificates in assembly, together with receiving some written feedback advising them on their next steps.



Inter-School Show Jumping Success

Six pupils from the MHS Riding Team competed at an NSEA Inter-School Competition during the Easter holidays.

The children came away with two team wins in the 50cm and 60cm classes and a second placed team in the 40cm class. Well done to Eliza B who won the 50cm class individually and to all those who received individual placings and qualifications for the NSEA Grass Roots Championships.

It was a great day and it was lovely to see the children supporting each other as always and especially their support and welcome to Emma E who is a new rider to join the team. We are delighted as this means we now have a squad of nine pupils competing for the school in NSEA classes.

Mrs Dipper, Riding Team Manager



Earth Day

On 22nd April, the whole school celebrated Earth Day. Founded in 1970, Earth Day encourages people to think about planet earth and how to look after it. It helps us to think about our actions that harm the earth and how we can stop or reduce these impacts.

PREP SCHOOL

The Prep School spent the day working in their Houses on their given topics of water pollution, climate change, deforestation and plastic pollution. They learnt about the scale of each problem, the causes, impacts and importantly, what can be done to reduce the problem. There was a real 'buzz' about the day and the energy from the children was infectious. In the afternoon, the children gathered to listen and watch the presentations about the topics from other houses.

It was a great day to celebrate an important topic. Comments from children suggested that they really enjoyed working within their houses and having the time to dedicate their energies and thoughts on a single topic. As well as learning about these four issues, children had a lot of fun but the important

step now, is to turn this learning into new habits and routines that will make a difference to the future of our planet. At MHS we have been busy planting hundreds of trees, selecting renewable electricity sources, starting the eco-committee and recycling food waste this year, but there is plenty more for us all to do and we hope that you will join us at home in making every day an Earth Day.

Mr Kimber, Head of Geography

PRE-PREP

Earth Day was a focus for the day throughout Pre-Prep. Reception used recycled milk bottle tops, their waterproof trousers and three tug-of-war ropes to create their very own planet Earth down on The Lawns. Year 1 had an introduction to the topic of global warming as they followed two emperor penguins who ended up on an unintended adventure. They then experimented with insulating ice cubes with different materials. A lot of soggy bags went home that afternoon!

In Year 2 they discussed ideas for helping our Earth and thought about pledges they could do every day to help make a difference to our world, decorating their classrooms with posters featuring their ideas.

Mrs Reid, Head of Pre-Prep

New Arrivals

Nursery returned from the Easter Holidays to find two new arrivals waiting to meet them - guinea pigs! The children have named them Pansy and Sweet Pea, and enjoyed welcoming them to their new home in Nursery.





Prep School Languages Day

On Tuesday 26th April, pupils in the Prep School experienced a somewhat different day as their lessons had a heavy international twist to them.

In English, some pupils looked at Japanese Poetry forms in order to create poems about nature and the great outdoors (haikus, tankas and cinquains) whilst others looked at unique words from around the world and worked on language links. In Mathematics, children solved sudokus in French, word searches in German and even took a "road trip" with mathematical clues to work out the names of European cities. In Geography, pupils expanded their knowledge of European cities and countries. In Latin, children were given a swift tour of the Mediterranean countries to embed their knowledge of the Odyssey. In Drama, pupils watched the famous 1956 French film *Le Ballon Rouge* which describes the adventures of boy and his red balloon through the streets of Paris.

Art lessons took pupils on a journey from the Middle East to South America; they made books, lanterns, learnt about Ramadan as well as the Mayans and the Indigenous peoples of the Amazon, their language and sounds of the rainforest. In Music, some classes studied Beethoven's 5th symphony and learnt about Germany, Western European music, romantic music culture and the birth of the rock star culture. Others looked at the connection between pulse and dance with a focus on Northern African countries. In Spanish, telling the time was the perfect way to do Mathematics and Spanish. Finally, in French, pupils discovered the Art of René Magritte, the famous Belgian painter, and produced some art inspired by his various techniques.

Pupils love cross-curricular lessons and Languages Day was the perfect opportunity to do just that in a very successful and enriching way.

Not only did the catering team prepare some delicious food from around the world throughout the day but they also made sure Year 7 pupils could host a *Café Français* and wait on teachers at break time. All grabbed the opportunity for role playing under the sun with great brio!

After lunch, the Freshwater Company visited us to deliver a one-hour story telling session, all in French, of the Ugly Duckling and Three Billy Goats Gruff where pupils themselves acted the different parts with such enthusiasm and good will. There was so much laughter in the Hopkins Hall that pre-prep classes wondered what was happening!

I am very grateful to everyone involved in such a glorious and delightful day that took us away from the beautiful Albion to foreign shores whilst learning so many new and fascinating things.

Mme De Haan, Head of Modern Foreign Languages



Art Of The Middle East

Year 6 have been using the Turkish Map Fold technique to feature work that they have made in response to looking at Islamic Art.

They explored geometric tiles, Mosque architecture and Islamic metalware, culminating in three original paintings which were then copied and folded between decorative book covers.

The books are lovely to hold and work as decorations, as well as individual artworks.

Mrs Fields, Head of Art



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Bede's Galactic Challenge

On the first weekend of the Summer Term, eight children from Years 6 and 7 took part in the Bede's Galactic Challenge. This is a competition which develops and highlights real world industry skills of collaboration, communication and leadership within a science, maths and design context.

Dexter, Benji, Millie and Sophia from Year 7 were on the winning team, the fifth (out of six) time Marlborough House pupils have achieved this. Millie's design for the Space research station for 75 scientists and 25 support staff, harpooned onto the surface of a comet, set in 2052 particularly impressed the judging panel which included project managers and engineers from industry, and a researcher from Imperial College. The four Year 6 girls (Fleur, Ruby, Alexandra and Phoebe) made a really strong contribution to their team, with three of the girls confidently presenting to a Sports Hall full of parents, participants, teachers and experts from industry and academia.

The eight children made themselves, their parents and Marlborough House very proud. Truly excellent.

Mr Payne-Cook, Head of Science



Year 6 PSHE Fundraising Challenge

As part of their 'Healthy Me' topic in PHSE, Year 6 were challenged with planning and running a charity event.

They had been learning about how doing things for other people can have a positive impact on our own health and wellbeing. The children decided that they would like to raise some money for the people of Ukraine and set about planning a mini fête. Valuable lessons were learnt along the way such as teamwork, planning and remembering to bake cakes if you said you would! The children were so excited and did a fabulous job - all their own work - managing to create such a positive, inclusive atmosphere. The Lucky Dip proved very popular, as did the Busking, Cake Stall. Ping-Pong Challenge and Tin Can Alley added to the fun.

At the heart of this though, was the plight of the Ukrainian people and Y6 showed empathy and a strong determination to do something that might make a small difference. A sum of £220.68 was raised for the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal, well done Year 6.

Mrs Walker, Head of PHSE





MHS Young Farmers

This term saw the introduction of the Marlborough House School Young Farmers, available to the Prep School as part of our activity afternoon programme. The aim was to go out of school most weeks, to get a little closer to nature and understand how food is produced in the Garden of England.

For their first trip, Miss Jones and myself accompanied the ten budding young farmers to the Eckley's arable farm near Staplehurst. The children learnt about regenerative (no till) and precision (using GPS technology) agriculture; found out about some big machines, and looked for earthworms and bean root nodules in the (very dry) soil.



Our Young Farmers were out exploring again the following week and this time they paid a visit to the Hunter's new sustainable, no dig, vegetable garden at The Oak and Ivy in Hawkhurst. Next up was a bucolically blissful visit to the Hope's sheep and beef farm. With 800 ewes lambing a month before their

visit, there were lots of opportunities to see new lambs whilst exploring the farm.



In the second half of term, they explored orchards, an apple packing centre, grain stores and mega machinery at the Budd's, met the cows, visited in the milking parlour and saw where the school yoghurt is made at Hinxden Dairy, and visited the Goodwin's arable farm to see ripening crops (along with another fix of tractor and combine spotting)!

The final visit of the year was the Boyd's beef farm where the highlight was weighing the children and working out that 10 MHS Young Farmers have the same mass as me!

We are most grateful to all the families for giving their time to show the pupils around their wonderful farms.

Mr Payne-Cook, Head of Science





Benenden School Cricket Festival

The first weekend of term saw ten Year 7 girls attend a cricket festival at Benenden School run by a professional women's cricket coach.

During the morning session, the girls mixed with children from DPS and Benenden, to complete a carousel of skill specific drills, which focused on their bowling, batting and fielding techniques in preparation for games during the afternoon session. This allowed the girls to practice in mixed age and ability groups.

During the afternoon matches, the girls remained in their mixed groups to play five matches. There was some great play from MHS with the girls demonstrating fantastic cricket skills amongst their teams. There was special recognition of Gabriella S and Eliza F by the coaches, as they displayed excellent bowling and fielding ability. A fantastic day was had by all, despite the cold wind, and it was a great start to the cricket season.

Miss Jones, Girls' Games Coach

Year 7 Trading Game

On a Friday morning at the end of April, our Year 7 pupils played a game called the 'Trading Game' in a highly competitive spirit.

This game helps to show how international trade affects the prosperity of a country - both positively and negatively. As the game started, those representing the poorer nations discovered that they had plenty of resources, but were somewhat disappointed to discover that without the technology of scissors, pencils and rulers, they were unable to profit from them and needed to trade.

Some pupils embarked on trade deals, some decided that asking for 'aid' or loans was the best way forward and others resorted to theft! Current world trading systems are helping to maintain the gap between rich and poor nations and playing this game introduces the issues of trade, and the inequalities that exist. It is a valuable introduction to the basic issues that determine how the gap between rich and poor nations is maintained.

Year 7 fully engaged in the activity and, while some thoroughly enjoyed their spot at the top of the trading world, others certainly felt aggrieved at their situation they found themselves in. Creativity, negotiating skills and initiative was needed to make the most of each country's situation.

At the end of the game, the pupils who had banked the most were able to spend their money on luxurious snacks of sandwiches, sausage rolls and cake, but those who weren't able to bank as much were left with crackers. This helped the students to realise that the inequalities (that we in the UK benefit from) are very real!

Mr John Kimber, Head of Geography





Year 5 Trip To Weald And Downland Living Museum

In May, Year 5 visited the open-air Weald and Downland Living Museum in Chichester.

On our trip we were focusing on the Anglo-Saxon period, specifically at the houses they lived in and the tools they used, to complement our classroom learning. We had an exciting workshop which explained in detail how Anglo-Saxon houses were made and the pupils were able to explore a replica Hall House that has been built on the site, using traditional methods. They also had the opportunity to split wood in the traditional Anglo-Saxon way, which was essential in construction.

We then explored the rest of the site and were able to explore houses built through time, a working mill and traditional bread oven. The pupils were also very exciting to see the TV set for the BBC's repair shop which many of them watch!

Mrs Lelliott, Year 5 History Teacher

UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge

Well done to all those who took part in this Maths Challenge and especially to those who received awards.

At the beginning of term, ten children from Years 5 to 7 took part in the UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge. The challenge encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency using mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems are created for Years 5 to 8 and are designed to make the children think.

We were very proud that many children in the younger years who took part did extremely well. Congratulations especially go to Annabel S and Benjamin L who received a Bronze award and Joel L who received a silver and 'Best in School' award.

Miss Jones, Head of Maths



Ballet Exam Success

At the end of the Spring Term some of our ballet students took their ISTD Imperial Classical Ballet Exams and in the Summer Term we celebrated their results.

All seven pupils from Primary through to Grade 2 received high marking Merits with one Distinction; a wonderful achievement for so many taking their first exams. The Ballet programme is developing well at Marlborough House and we are delighted to now offer classes to the Nursery also. As a reminder, pupils can also join Street Dance and new for this term we introduced Acrobatic Arts classes for all our floor-based budding gymnasts.

Miss Caister, Dance Teacher



Paella Evening

What a delightful and sunny evening we had in early May by the Outdoor Classroom. Year 6 entertained us to a dance and sing along of “No se habla de Bruno” before we all played several energetic rounds of “Coge la bandera” (catch the flag). All were obviously quite thirsty after so much running and a drinking competition was very welcome. The bojitos pupils drank from, are made of clay and are, in effect, evaporative coolers. The challenge was to try and last at least 5 seconds drinking the water without touching the container; some children managed to drink for as long as 19 seconds! We then played musical statues on the tunes of Enrique Iglesias’ songs whilst drooling over the delicious smell of the paella being kindly cooked by Señora Sanz and Mrs Archer. We all shared in this famous dish made of rice, garlic, olive oil, stock, saffron, peas, peppers, chicken, sausages, chorizo and lemons with great appetite and appreciation.

We are grateful to the kitchen and grounds staff for their support behind the scenes to make this event possible.

We look forward to the next paella evening already: olé!

Mme De Haan, Head of Modern Foreign Languages

Ingredients for a perfect paella evening at MHS:

- A big handful of Year 6 and 7 pupils,
- three skilled teachers (2 of them chefs, almost cordons bleus!),
- some spicy Spanish music,
- a large outdoor classroom,
- some bright sunshine,
- some ice cold “bojitos”,
- a few bags of rice
- and a kilo of chorizo.

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U10A Girls’ Cricket Tournament Runners Up

The U10A Girls’ Cricket Team had a fabulous fun-filled, albeit slightly windy and cold day, of cricket on Wednesday 12th May.

The team spirit and camaraderie shown by our U10A girls’ team was commendable and, alongside their determination and cricket ability, these attributes meant they came in second place overall, beating many other Prep schools; Ashford Prep, Vinehall and Sutton Valance Prep. Olivia J and Mila W won some special ‘Champagne Moments’ trophies, Olivia for catching, stumping and bowling someone out all in the same game and Mila’s trophy was for stopping a boundary ball that won the game!



There were many great catches taken throughout the tournament from Mila, Sophie O, Emma E and Olivia and wickets taken from some excellent bowling by Olivia and Lily-Belle D. When in bat, all the girls performed excellently, scoring many runs with their biggest win against Vinehall, where they scored 64. We are very proud of the girls, who are developing into a strong team now having success in both netball and Cricket.

Mrs Lelliott, Head of Girls’ Games



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Reception Outing To Wissenden Farm

With excitement levels through the roof, our Reception children set off on their first school trip!

As the coach pulled into the car park, all that was heard was "it's huge!" and "I've never been on a coach before!". We are not sure any more was needed to improve the day, but we boarded the coach anyway and headed to the farm.

Even though the sun may not have shone, the children truly did. They listened well, asked some great questions and respected the safety rules of the farm.

The children saw all the animals on the farm (including cows, calves, horses and chickens), discovering how all of them needed water, food and shelter no matter how big or small they were.

They were shown how to bottle feed some calves and they all helped feed some of the bigger cows. They saw some of the farm machinery and helped push a giant hay bale. Everyone's favourite bull was called Minion - who surprised the children by not being yellow!



When asked, the children's highlights of the day included:

- watching bottle calves being fed
- the bull (Minion) nearly pulling Mrs Boyd over (when trying to demonstrate how he uses his tongue to pull up the grass)
- being weighed as a class and finding out which class was heaviest
- sitting in the tractor
- sitting on the quad bike

Success all round: happy, smiley and giggly children (with some needing to rest their eyes on the journey home after such a busy day).

Well done Reception on a great day out!

Mrs Boyd and Mrs Bailey, Reception Teachers



Year 3 Trip To Bedgebury Pinetum

On Tuesday 17th May, Year 3 went on a school trip to Bedgebury. They learnt all about sustainable forests, which is very closely linked with the work we have done in school on rainforests and sustainable living.

The sun shone down as the children carried out a range of activities from bark rubbing, to tree identification and cone collecting. There were lots of practical learning activities linked to the tree cycle,

forest sustainability and conservation. The children were encouraged to think independently and discuss in groups, as well as lots of physical activity.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their day out in the beautiful Bedgebury Forest and have learnt a lot to bring back to school. As Charlie B said, *'My favourite bit was when we had to hunt for cards and then spread the word about forest sustainability.'*

Thank you to all the lovely children and the Year 3 team, including Nurse Izzy and Mrs Robinson, who came to help.

Mrs Coombs, Year 3 Teacher



Robin Hood On Trial

As part of their studies into the legends of Robin Hood, Year 4 performed a play titled "Robin Hood on Trial".

One of our most beautiful locations in our school grounds was transformed into Sherwood Forest and, beneath the branches, the children regaled their parents in the tales, legends and tribulations of the

famous Archer of Nottingham. The children displayed a wide range of talents, as well as acting; the story was told through ballads, poems, freeze frames and songs, including an interlude of a traditional dance. In the second act, the children really embodied their characters, Robin stood trial and the Sheriff and his Henchmen set out his prosecution. Each child in Year 4 chose their side, whether to stand in defence of Robin or against him, pleading their own individual cases and giving their evidence.

The children enjoyed writing their own parts, fitting their costumes, getting involved with decorating the stage and learning their stage directions as well as their lines. It was an incredibly memorable, enjoyable and entertaining performance.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Townsend for the huge job of creating an outdoor theatre in the grounds, to Ms Philip for the music and Mrs Robinson for the costumes.

Miss Davis and Mrs Mathers, Year 4 Class Teachers





Year 7's History Trip To London

In May, Year 7 went on an academic trip to London to learn about the capital's history and support their Tudor topic.

The first venue, The Museum of London, is a hidden gem in the city; it traces the history of London through the ages in a very pupil centric way. We were preparing for the Great Fire and investigating the 17th century fire brigade and the birth of house insurance. We also dispelled a few historical myths in the process – no it did not end the plague!

Following this, we went to the Tower to focus on the religious prisoners and their fate in the reigns of the Tudors. The expert guide was both engaging and knowledgeable and the pupils were thoroughly



focussed on what he had to say. I am pleased to report he was equally full of praise for their intelligent insights and questions.

I must thank Mr Kimber and Mrs Reeve, and of course Year 7, for an enjoyable and successful learning experience.

Mrs Budd, Head of History

MFL's Inter-House Spelling Bee



The Languages Department held a thrilling Inter-House Spelling Bee.

The pupils were asked to spell words they had studied in either French or Spanish - and the rules were strict! Some face-offs proved quite nerve-wracking for

those who had to come up on stage to spell in front of the crowd, using a microphone. It took quite a lot of courage and focus to get through the task.

I am very proud of all the spelling bees who took part but also very impressed with the crowd who supported all the contestants so cheerfully.

The winners were Emil D in Yr 3 (Hawkings), Tara B in Yr 4 (Awdry), Theo N in Yr 5 (Egan), Fleur DH in Yr 6 (Awdry) and Phoebe M in Yr 7 (Hawkings). All the winners were delighted to receive a £10 Amazon voucher as a prize!

Thank you to Mr Little, my indispensable right arm, Ms Philip, our sound engineer and Ms Coatz, our crowd warmer.

Mme De Haan, Head of Modern Foreign Languages



Year 6 Plays

On the Thursday before Half Term, the Old Gym was rocking once again to the sound of laughter and applause as the Year 6 children took to the stage in the annual Year 6 Informal Plays.

Well-supported by family members, the children performed with confidence, clarity and commitment. Two plays were performed, one a satirical look at the pandemic; the other a spoof version of 'Bake Off', they were written, produced and performed by the Y6 children.

6dH presented 'Jack and the Magic Beans' by Annabel S, a twist on the 'Jack and the Beanstalk' story where Fairyland is in grave danger from a previously unknown virus.



With a cast of thousands including news reporters, police officers, restaurateurs and even Boris Johnson, 6dH entertained the crowd with a joke-laden story about the medicinal properties of magic beans being the cure for Fairyland Covid. With energetic performances, bold characters and great impressions,

the children gave us an insight into the pandemic from a child's point of view.

In contrast, 6L presented 'The Great Fairy Tale Bake-Off' by Fleur dH and Phoebe H, a slapstick, spoof version of the popular TV show. Hosted by Puss in Boots, we met a range of fairyland bakers from the confident Little Red Riding Hood to the incompetent Prince Charming. Goldilocks, another contestant, who was desperate to show off her porridge flapjacks, is fed up with characters from Red Riding Hood's story always winning the competition (owing to the fact Grandma is the head judge). Chaos ensues as the contestants all chase the top prize. With cakes, cookies and commercials 6L kept the audience laughing right up to the custard pie throwing finale!

Both classes in Year 6 worked extremely hard over a number of weeks on this project. Using the scripts as a starting point, further material was added in English and Drama lessons. This collaborative approach was beneficial to all. Right up to the final performance, the children took responsibility for organising costumes, baking cakes, making jelly, lending boots, bridles, face masks, lip gloss, whoopee cushions and fairy wings. Better still, most of the sharing of props and costumes was across the two classes. This level of support and cooperation epitomises Drama at MHS.

The children can be immensely proud of the outstanding performances they delivered to the appreciative audience, creating memories that will be treasured for many years.

Mr Little, Head of Drama





MHS Jubilee Street Party

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was celebrated in style with the whole school community coming together for a very British tea party.



What a fantastic Jubilee Celebration it was! The weather was kind with even the occasional sunny spells and the tea party was enjoyed by all. The Jubilee Parade set the tone with the children wearing their crowns and hats, whilst live music was provided by the Choirs, Woodwind and Strings Group and Brass Band. A very impressive floor show was put on by the Acrodance Group (newly formed this term) and Mrs Willett's Maypole Dance added a typically British theme to the festivities.

This was very much a whole school event with everyone involved from our amazing Maintenance



team (putting up over 200m of bunting), to Mr Gibbons and his Catering team.

Thank you also to Mr Gibbons for judging the Jubilee Bake Off Competition; a challenging task with so many marvellous entries but Phoebe M was a worthy winner with her Queen in full coronation attire.

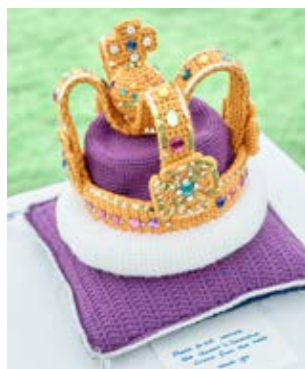


A few individuals need particular thanks for making the day particularly outstanding: Mrs Bayliss (Phoebe and Toby H's Grandmother) for her knitted coronation crown that was the centrepiece in the Pimm's tent alongside the remarkable cake by Mr Keates (Head





of Housekeeping), the Friends of MHS Committee Members (both new and 'old') and finally Mrs Butler-Graham for coordinating the Friends' crazy ideas into a workable plan on the day.



Thank you to all the parents and family who came along to support this once in a lifetime event.

Mrs Rachel Bennett, Chair of FoMHS



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A huge thank you of course goes to everyone involved in organising this special event, especially Mrs Bennett and the Friends of MHS.



Grandparents' Tea

In early June, our Year 3 children had a delightful afternoon welcoming their Grandparents to their school.

The afternoon began with a tour of the school. Each child had prepared a leaflet for their Grandparents and was able to show them all around the school and the grounds. It was very impressive how eloquently the children presented themselves and how proud they were of their school and their achievements.

Following this, there was a scrumptious tea party in the Dining Room. Very well done to the children who were fantastic hosts, displaying superb manners.



As a finale, the children played their recorders and sung a song. The children were able to build their hosting, presentation and performing skills as well as writing for a purpose. A fabulous time was had by everyone, what a great way to spend a Summer afternoon!

Mrs Coombs, Year 3 Teacher





Pre-Prep's Sensational Science Day

Pre-Prep had a day of excitement, wonder and awe on their Sensational Science Day in May.



Each child in Years 1 and 2 took part in a carousel of activities including experiments with chromatography, dissolving and chemical reactions.



Year 2 investigated the question, 'Is it a solid or a liquid?', making non-newtonian liquids by adding water to cornflour which made for a very satisfying hands-on exercise, involving lots of pink slime! They discovered that when pressure was put on the liquid it would turn into a solid as the water molecules were pushed away. Their challenge was to make a ball shape and then describe what happened next!

They then went on to learn all about chromatography (and patience) as they grew their very own rainbows using the technique for the separation of a mixture into its components through a moving fluid stream. While in Year 1, children enjoyed creating chromatography flowers and creating 'magic' milk to watch food colouring patterns move around. They discovered that Skittles were able to dissolve well as they are made up primarily of sugar.



Year 1 were also to be found outside, looking at insects and five tortoises (Dora, Karl, Rupert, Alex and Barbara) as part of their animal studies in Science - learning about reptiles in this instance, what they eat, conditions they prefer, laying of eggs, parts of body, longevity etc. With one tortoise between two or three children, they followed and observed them, and couldn't believe the speed or distance they travelled, or how good they were at escaping. Thank you to Mrs Reeves who found Barbara making her way down through the car park, presumably heading to the bus stop.

In RBY they made colourful Lava Lamps using chemical reactions and food colouring to great effect. While RBD's Science Day started with a BANG as they also looked at chemical reactions and went on to explore forces, healthy living, the properties of fabric for different purposes and growing plants. Reception also experimented with sinking and floating in their first swimming lesson, where thankfully everyone floated!



Year 7 Debate

Year 7 were in fine form for their two debates! It was super to be back in the Old Gym and participating in this event in front of an audience again after quite a break in proceedings over the past two years!

The two classes spent some time deciding what they would like to choose for a topic and following much discussion chose very different topics : “Should sports women be paid the same as sports men?” and “Should animal testing be banned?” They then each undertook their own independent research to gather facts, statistics and opinions on the topic, after which they all wrote their own persuasive speeches, incorporating the information which they had discovered.

In our first debate our debaters were Barney and Joel were opposing the motion of equal pay for sportswomen and men while Benji and Mya were arguing in support of the motion. There were some very intense moments and high passion at times here! In our second debate, our main debaters were Gracie and Robert – who were opposing the motion to ban animal testing while Eliza F and Chloe were proposing the motion for banning testing. Again – passions were high in this very emotive topic and all gave compelling reasons and impressive factual detail.

Each of our debaters spoke with great confidence, authority and, at times, great passion too and all gave powerfully persuasive speeches. Following the



speeches, a second vote was taken and the winners – determined by the amount of “swing” in the votes – were Barney and Joel and Robert and Gracie. Congratulations to all of them. It is a great skill to learn and no mean feat to overcome those nerves, having to stand up on your own and speak to the gathered audience of peers and parents is quite intimidating and I was very impressed and proud of them all.

Congratulations must also go to all our moderators! Our chief moderators: Dexter and Zac, ensured that the debates ran smoothly and that votes were counted accurately whilst our other moderators gave some intriguing insights into each of our debaters. Well done to all of them: Isobel, Millie, Phoebe, Freddie, Sophie, Florence and Gabriella. Thanks too to our critics: Eliza B, Phoebe and Sophia who gave some valuable feedback despite finding it difficult at times to find much constructive advice to give the debaters – so accomplished were they all!

Mrs Atkins, Head of English

Super Savvy Problem Solving Day

For our Super Savvy Problem Solving Day we welcomed The Problem Solving Maths Company who delivered interactive workshops to pupils from Reception upwards.

Working in teams, the children were challenged to solve a range of hands-on puzzles. It was a lively day with enthusiastic shouts resounding from the Old Gym as ideas were put forward and puzzles satisfyingly solved.

Miss Jones, Head of Maths





Year 6 Staycation

We had sunshine on our annual Year 6 staycation and such a wonderful time together.

The motto was to bond and have fun, and we certainly achieved that. Spending days and nights together allowed the children to get to know each other a bit better: their likes, dislikes, abilities and fears too! The pool party and movie night made boarding a real treat, whilst the outing to Rye Watersports was plain sailing (excuse the pun!) for some, but no bed of roses for others; seriously putting them outside their comfort zone. I was very proud to see many pupils helping their peers and guiding them through the sailing experience. Paddle boarding was another popular activity with the added benefit of the children getting to see their teachers lose balance and fall into the water time and time again!

The interactive workshop at the Rye Harbour Nature Reserve was brilliantly led by Natasha and Anne, who enlightened us and made us reflect about the wildlife on our doorstep, and the litter that tourists and fishermen leave on our shores. Working in several groups and reporting on our findings, put various skills to the test.

Next up was a trip to nearby Leeds Castle and Go Ape. I was absolutely amazed to see how fast the children literally ran on the high rope courses; hats off to them. Baboonzled (a giant, clever board game) was another great way to work in teams. The competitive element of the game was really fun and it was wonderful to see the children coming up with ideas and solutions, and ultimately enjoying one another. In the afternoon, the



Knights' Stronghold was the perfect place to play a game called 'Among Us', before getting lost in Leeds Castle's Maze. Again, I was impressed at the supportive attitude of those children who volunteered to go and rescue the trapped ones. What a great bonding experience it all was!

We savoured a well-deserved ice cream before making our way back through the beautiful grounds of Leeds Castle, where swans and ducks cared for their little ones, a bit like us teachers who felt very protective of our cohort full of very special little ones whom we dearly care for.

Mme de Haan, Year 6 Form Tutor

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Year 2 Beach Day

Beach day finally arrived in Year 2!

Year 2 diligently learnt about the seaside and its features across the curriculum throughout the Summer term and as part of their consolidation on the topic, they visited Pett Level to put all their learning into perspective.

Everyone excitedly arrived at school in their beach attire, equipped with buckets, spades and nets ready for their adventure to the beach. When we arrived at the beach, we set up camp and soon after set off on our first activity. The children used natural resources around them to create artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy whom we have learnt about in Art studies and Forest School followed by a bit of free play and sandcastle building.



We all then gathered for a lovely beach picnic before setting off on our next and much anticipated activity, rock pooling. The children used their nets and found all sorts of sea creatures which they thoroughly enjoyed observing.

What a great day of learning at the beach!

Mrs Chapman & Mrs Pay, Year 2 Teachers

Year 4 French Breakfast

We had a pop-up French café in Year 4, where parents joined their children for a petit déjeuner of pastries and hot chocolate.

Well done to the children who hosted their parents beautifully, showcased their French workbooks and ended the event with a fun performance of 'Je suis une pizza'.

Mme de Haan, Head of MFL





Year 7 Staycation

Introducing the Year 7 Staycation: two wonderful days of activities for Year 7, with two busy nights of boarding activities too.

DAY 1

BY SOPHIE C, YEAR 7

The staycation started with a laser tag combat activity. At the centre, there were three activities, for each of which we played two rounds; the first was Capture the Flag which was even more exciting with laser guns. The aim of the next game, Domination Box, was to shoot a target (the box) until it was fully one team's colour. Finally, we played Total Elimination, the purpose of which was to eliminate everyone in the opposing team. It was extremely hot but all games were still really fun. Annoyingly, 7R, the red team, ended up winning but it was all still very exciting

After the laser tag we went to Camber Sands for ice cream and to play Stoolball, a traditional Sussex game, similar to cricket except the ball is thrown higher, aimed at your head. Mr Kimber played so well that I think he might secretly be a professional. It was a perfect sunny day for the beach and thank you to all the teachers for taking us!

DAY 2

BY PHOEBE M, YEAR 7

On the second day of our staycation, we headed over to Rye Watersports where there were three different activities: Stand-Up Paddle-boarding, Wind Surfing



and Sailing. We got split into our classes and 7R started with sailing, with only three boats capsizing, whilst 7K were doing paddle-boarding and wind surfing. When it was 7K's turn to sail, surprisingly only two of their boats capsized.



When we were paddle-boarding, we played lots of fun games, most of which ended with everyone falling in the water and we did some races. When we were doing wind surfing the challenge was to try and stand up, with a few people standing up so well that they could not stop, which was very funny to watch as they set off across the lake. In sailing we just had to try and steer but not fall off. I am not sure if a few people in our year would ever make it as sailors in life, but it was a really fun day, everyone really enjoyed it and we all really want to go back.





Year 4 Science And Art Trip To Great Dixter

In late June our Year 4 pupils visited the gardens at Great Dixter to explore the wondrous variety of plant and insect life.



They enjoyed a morning of sketching in the garden and exploring the maze of pathways and the numerous different types of flowers and plants there. It was a brilliant way to bring Science to life and have the opportunity to see the parts of flowers and process of pollination happening live in front of their eyes. As they walked to the forest they played at hiding and sneaking through the forest just like Robin Hood's Merry Men!



Earlier in the day they made the dough for flatbread and, once they arrived in the forest, they built a fire and became expert den-builders and whittlers! All of Year 4 had a fantastic, unforgettable experience.

Miss Davis, Year 4 Teacher





Year 1 Science Trip To The Big Cat Sanctuary

At the end of June, the Year 1 children enjoyed an amazing trip to The Big Cat Sanctuary near Smarden.

They received a very warm welcome and the animals and children alike were happy and stimulated. The Sanctuary is set in magnificent grounds, was spotlessly clean and our ranger, Issy, was exceptionally knowledgeable. The children not only learnt a lot, but also showcased the range of things they have already discovered during the course of their Science topic this term. Thank you to the MHS kitchen staff for the splendid picnic - and to the weather for being so kind!

To add to the joy of the day, the Red Arrows were doing fly overs for an hour as part of the Battle of Britain Air Show at Headcorn aerodrome! All in all, a wonderful day!

Ms Fiona Wickham, Year 1 Teaching Assistant

Year 3 French Picnic



What a delightful way to spend time with each other in the sun, in our beautiful grounds, entertained by children who knew the lyrics and the choreography of their French songs so well that they hardly needed their teacher!



I particularly like this event as it brings the precious triangle of pupils, parents and teachers together around a French picnic, isn't food an integral part of French culture after all? It is a time to celebrate what we are grateful for: our children, our learning, our teaching and our very fortunate position in life.

Mme de Haan, Head of MFL





Prep School Sports Day

We enjoyed a beautiful day of sport for the Prep School's Inter-House Sports Day at the end of June.

With both field and track events it was a busy day but the children did their best for their Houses and enjoyed competing in the summer sunshine.

Congratulations to Egan who retained the House Cup, followed by Hawkings, Awdry and Dunbar.

Very well done to our talented sporting stars, the Victor and Victrix Ludorum: Benji L and Florence K, to those who set new records on the day and to Mila W who beat the 200m Year 5 girls' record.

Well done to all our competitors and thank you to all their supporters, it was a fantastic day.

Mr Mathers, Director of Sport



Pre-Prep Sports Day Events

Some excellent athleticism from Nursery through to Year 2 at the Pre-Prep Sports Day events.

The races even included a 'Treebilee' obstacle challenge as the Sports Department marked The Queen's jubilee year.

YEAR 1 AND 2 HOUSE COMPETITION

The House competition at the event for Years 1 and 2 was won by Awdry, who retained the House Cup for another year. Second was Hawkings with Egan in third place and Dunbar fourth.

YEAR 2 VICTRIX LUDORUM AND VICTOR LUDORUM

Daisy W and William E.

YEAR 1 PUPILS WITH MOST ATHLETIC PROMISE

Amber P and George T

Mr Mathers, Director of Sport





Year 5 Science Trip To Samphire Hoe



In late June, our Year 5 pupils visited Samphire Hoe Nature Reserve, near Dover, for some science and nature exploration.

The children bug hunted, rock pooled and used their senses to explore the wonderful site which was created from the rock extracted when the Channel Tunnel was built. They were guided by Ranger Paul, a marine biologist, who inspired them all to look closely at the variety of plant and animal life under their noses, which we too often take for granted.

Mr Payne-Cook, Head of Science



Pre-Prep Informal Concert

Our Pre-Prep instrumentalists performed in the final Pre-Prep concert of the academic year at the end of June.

Pianists, singers, violinists and guitarists all shared some fabulous performances. It really was wonderful to see some of our youngest players in the school performing with such confidence and talent. Thank you so much to the instrumental teachers for all of the hard work that they have put in this year.

Huge congratulations go to all of the performers: Darcey A, Amelia B, Elizabeth B, Alice B, George C, Toby C, Theo D, Rupert D, William E, Noorie F, Rafferty G, Guy M, Agnes P, Jacobi P, Charlie P, Verity P, Scarlett P, Florence R and Ariana T.

Miss Philip, Director of Music





MHS Creative Writing Competition

Throughout the Prep School our children have been busily beaver away and composing some amazing stories for our annual Creative Writing Competition.

The stories were read by different judges, each of whom came in and gave feedback to the children and announced the winners in each class. As always, it was a difficult task to choose just three children from each year as so many of the stories were wonderful – but these are the winners they selected. Each has won a prize – the first place winners will receive their prizes during LISTS at the end of term.

YEAR 3

FIRST place: Eleanor T and Raife Q

SECOND place: Emil D and Oliver M

THIRD place: Nathanael P and Eleanor M

YEAR 4

FIRST place: Olivia S and Emilia C

SECOND place: Emmeline F and Enzo L

THIRD place: Emily C and Charlotte B

YEAR 5

FIRST place: Beatrice T and Freddie C

SECOND place: Camilla L and LillyBelle D

THIRD place: William S and Isaac G

YEAR 6

FIRST place: Emma G and Phoebe H

SECOND Place Emilia M and Ruby C

THIRD place: Tom P and Fleur dH

YEAR 7

FIRST place: Sophia S and Sophie C

SECOND place: Dexter H and Eliza F

THIRD place: Mya V and Henry LB

Grateful thanks too to our wonderful judges: Mrs Mariette Murphy (formerly our Y3 teacher Mrs Nafig) Mrs Charlotte Reid (formerly a Y3 teacher and now an author) and Mrs Val Lodge who has worked in many guises across the English department and is now enjoying her retirement!

Mrs Atkins, Head of English



Field To Fork

At the end of term it was harvest time for the Pre-Prep Gardening Club, who have been getting their hands muddy growing vegetables for the whole school to enjoy, as part of our Field to Fork learning initiative.

Year 2 and a few of Year 3 have been busy nurturing our Pre-Prep vegetable garden. Gardening Club meet once a week for weeding, planting, and watering. These enthusiastic gardeners are able to observe what they have sown, from tiny seedlings to watching the fruit and vegetables blossom. In mid-June, we had our first harvest. We were able to harvest the kale, carrots and also some of the soft fruit. We had so much kale that we were able to take it up to the kitchens to be made into smoothies. The children loved the smoothies and were so excited about trying something new.

This initiative of growing and harvesting our own fruit and vegetables, challenges the children to think about their food and where it comes from. This develops a respect for our natural resources and the environment, giving an early introduction to sustainable agriculture. In the world we are living in today, this is more valuable than ever, to consider how we can protect our planet and stay healthy. An example of educating the whole child, with both physical and mental wellbeing being at the centre of all that we do here at MHS.

Thank you to our local Hands Of Hope Charity and the RHS Campaign for School Gardening for their wonderful grow kits.

Mrs Coombs, Year 3 Teacher

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Junior Swimming Gala

The Year 3 and 4 Inter-House Swimming Gala was undertaken in bright sunshine and the children had a very exciting afternoon.

Very well done to all the children who swam so well and tried their very best. The individual boy who stood out was William P (4D) who beat two records, the Yr4 Boys' Backstroke with a new time of 26.45 beating the previous record by over a second and he then won the Individual Medley with a time of 58.52, beating the previous holder by over 7 seconds! Egan came through to win the cup as a House (by only 1 point!) with 112. Hawkings were in 2nd placed with 111, Dunbar in 3rd on 100 points with Awdry just 2 points behind them. A lovely day with superb effort by all the pupils.

Senior Swimming Gala

In the last week of term we enjoyed another wonderful afternoon of swimming, with the four Houses competing fiercely for the House Swimming Cup.

The competition was a tight affair, with the final race deciding the result as two Houses were within 4 points of each other. After that race the gap closed to only 2 points with 166 to Egan as winners and 164 to Hawkings who were 2nd. Awdry were 3rd and Dunbar were 4th.

Very well done to all the pupils and to Nel D who broke the Year 6 Girls' Individual Medley in a new time of 46.53, beating a previous pupil who now currently swims for the S.E. of England.

Mr Mathers, Head of Sport





Art And DT Building Completion

Housing the Art Room (pictured), DT Room and Pottery Room, the recently completed Art and DT Building is a wonderfully light, airy space with beautiful views over the Chapel Garden.

The creative arts are integral to the broad and comprehensive education we offer and give children

the opportunity to express themselves in a multitude of ways.

With our 100% success rate for Senior School Art and DT Scholarships last year, we hope this enhanced facility will ensure creative arts at MHS go from strength to strength.

Friends Of MHS Tropical Sundowner

The last Friends' event of the academic year was a lovely tropical party in the school grounds.

As always, the inflatable assault course went down a storm with the children and I'm sure there were no problems getting little ones to sleep that night. Children, parents and teachers enjoyed the disco, with quite an eclectic range of music tastes covered over the night. The food, provided by Larrat Butchers, was amazing and of course the bar was the epicentre of the party.

I'd like to say thank you to all the Friends, volunteers and happy helpers, including MHS staff, that helped set up and support us on the night, but in particular to Hattie Moser and Fi Christie. This was their last event as members of the Friends' Committee; their dedication and support will be missed.

Mrs Rachel Bennett, Chair, FoMHS





Summer Concert And Art Exhibition



Summer Concert

On a warm summer evening at the end of term, the grounds were filled with the sound of music. As the audience looked on from the grassy bank, performers from throughout the Prep School entertained everyone. Singers, brass players, woodwind, guitars, piano, violins and drums gave us music from traditional classics to modern pop and musical theatre. Thank you so much to all the performers and music staff that have worked so hard to enable such a wonderful event to finish off the school year.

Miss Philip, Director of Music



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Art Exhibition

It is always lovely to look back at the remarkable artwork that the pupils in the Prep School have achieved over the course of the year.

The Art and Music festival enabled us to showcase this year's results in our wonderful, new art space which made it extra special.

Bugs, beetles, butterflies, Rainforest flowers, trees, mythical beasts, still-lives and portraits all mingled to form an eye-catching display which was enjoyed by pupils and parents alike. It was nice to see the children giving visitors a guided tour!

Thank you to my talented colleague Mrs Robinson and to all those hard-working and creative children who have made this year's event such a success!

Mrs Fields, Head of Art

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Sherlock And Cinders



Everybody knows the story of Cinderella, the mystery girl fleeing from Prince Charming's ball at midnight. At least, they think they know the story. But do they know that world famous detective, Sherlock Holmes, was actually the mastermind who helped the prince locate his princess? Remember...The Game is a Foot.



The Year 7 Play, Sherlock and Cinders revealed the whole story, clue by clue. It was tale of twists and turns, clues and conundrums, tantrums and tiaras. Not to mention some really ugly sisters, a sinister stepmother and Doctor Watson dressed as a female cook!

Year 7 should feel justly proud for delivering a wonderful performance, full of laughter and song.



Year 5 Viking Excitement

There was end of term Viking excitement for Year 5 who set their long-ship models afloat across the pool, before jumping in for their swimming lesson.

They also took part in an interactive Viking Workshop that really captured the imagination. Pupils discovered what life was like as a Saxon under Viking rule, joined forces with Alfred the Great, took part in a bard's tribute to the Viking Gods and more. A memorable learning experience, consolidating this term's Viking project.

Mrs Lelliott, Year 5 History Teacher





Watch Dance Week

We had a wonderful few days celebrating the ballet, street dance and acrobatic arts as pupils participated in the end of term watch week for parents to enjoy. Pupils showcased Examination Work, Class Exercises and Display Routines, showing real confidence in front of an audience. As a reward for their hard work, all students received a medal to celebrate their achievements and progress over the last year. We now look forward to returning in September and continuing on with more ballet examinations and performances, as well as offering acrobatic arts to all ages at school.

Miss Caister, Dance Teacher

Real World Workshop

The Real World Workshop at the end of term invited Years 6 and 7 to take part in a Dragons Den style experience, where they had to plan, present and pitch for investment in products they had designed and branded.

The purpose of the task was to develop, practice and identify leadership, collaboration, communication and thinking skills in a “real-world” context.

The children were in five mixed year group teams. Each team, split into three sub-teams, pitched a 5-minute product concept from one of two target markets, for investment from some ‘Dragons’. Our very impressive line up of Dragons were the renown:

- Dr Elodinia who, with her range of biodegradable, high fashion activewear, is looking to invest in new materials to help save the planet.
- The famously fierce but fair Dame ‘Philly’ Archingron-Smythe, looking for the next big culinary gadget or time-saving app.
- The property magnate and former children’s presenter Lord Little of Goudhurst, looking for the next eco-friendly technology craze.



- Hippy inventor of ‘Kinotractor’ fame, Professor Sir Tobin Paynesmithers, looking for the next wacky technology for modern farming.

The innovation shown by each company was fantastic. This was followed up by some imaginative strategies employed to win over the dragons, including product orders in branded letters from big name wholesalers, convincing margins and clever concepts that the Dragons just couldn’t wait to invest in.

It was a really positive, energetic and entertaining activity, further embedding the PSB skills culture at Marlborough House and ending the year on a creative high!

Mr Payne-Cook, PSB Leader



Boys' Sport Round Up

Cricket

We have had a new format to include some mixed matches which have been a great addition to the games programme. The boys and girls have worked really well together across the age groups.

The **senior** boys have had some excellent matches with good wins from exciting close games. They also attended a tournament with a very demanding structure as the first five bowlers could not be amongst the first five batsmen. This really required all round cricket skills and it was good to see them compete so well with Hilden Grange and beat DPS on the day. The only game they lost heavily was to Wellesley House against a much older physically bigger and stronger side, but the boys certainly learnt from the experience and the importance of staying calm when chasing a total. The key players of Dexter as Captain, Barnaby, Lexy, Oliver, Benji and Zac have all had days when things went well for them with either bat or ball and at times both. Henry, Robert, Joel, Freddie and Vinnie have all added to the core, with Joel and Robert becoming happier at the crease. The U12 boys often played full U13 sides and came away with 6 wins and only 2 losses for the season - a great performance.

The **U11** Colts were also a young team with mostly junior lads stepping up, and they performed admirably. Freddie K, Joshua, Ralph, Rafferty, Toby, William C and Freddie C were a core who learnt a great deal and developed their skills set. Key for them was trying to keep the ball down, as they soon learned that at this age catches are taken more often than not and an innings needs to be made with care by working the ball around



the field. They got a win, but struggled to compete with the older sides - next year the experience will be invaluable so hopefully they can use it as a positive.

The **U9's** had a mostly mixed season, with a mixed tournament also being attended with four girls and four boys playing in the side. The team had some great wins and the tournament was a positive day with four very close games, two of which were won. Tara and Poppy were strong cricketers and George and William also performed well with bat and ball over the term. The potential in Year 4 is very good and we hope to see the boys and girls really progressing in the coming seasons and over the winter nets.

Tennis

The senior and middle boys had six matches programmed - though a couple were lost to poor weather. Barnaby and Oliver were a good first pair and played well when they beat the DPS first pair. The standards across the first six were very similar and our boys really enjoyed their matches and performed with increased consistency over the term.

Mr Mathers, Director of Sport





Girls' Sport Round Up



Cricket

We've come to the end of a sunny summer term which has been filled to the brim with cricket fixtures!

U12 - Playing a mixture of single sex, mixed, hardball and softball cricket this term, the girls have had an exciting time. It was great to see some of the girls playing hardball this year and doing really well, with Gracie joining the boys tournament at Dulwich with excellent bowling. Overall the girls have performed brilliantly, winning four out of seven matches and showing they are a developing team to keep your eye on for the future! Player of the season - *Gracie G*

U11a - Winning five of their seven matches, showing great teamwork and commitment each week to improving. Player of the season - *Cleo M*

U11b - Only losing one game, drawing one and winning five. They grew in confidence and developed a greater understanding of the game. Worked exceptionally hard to improve both bowling and batting. Player of the season - *Sylvie W*



U10a - This team has progressed really well this term, winning many games and having great success at the local prep school tournament coming in 2nd place, beating the likes of Ashford Prep, Vinehall and Sutton Valance. Player of the season - *Emma E*

U10b - Developing their cricket skills and showing great improvement throughout the term, this showed through their matches. By the 2nd half of term they were winning more often, bowling more accurately and hitting more consistently. Player of the season - *Elspeth G*

U9 - Progress has been outstanding, their bowling techniques have become accurate and, in many places, powerful, seeing them have real success in their games. In bat, they hit the ball consistently with many of the girls scoring 4's and 6's regularly! This year group are a fierce bunch of girls who work as a team, either together or mixed with the boys. Their determination out on field has stopped many runs being scored, all year this group have been excellent - this is a year group to watch in Year 5! Player of the season - *Tara B*

U8 - Winning their final match of the season and showing that they have improved their cricket skills and ability to work as a team! Player of the season - *Milla H-B*

The season finished with all teams winning their final cricket matches, a great way to finish the season and a credit to all the girls and their determination to improve.

It has been brilliant to have a full school year of matches, my first since I started as Head of Girls' Games back in January 2020! I'm looking forward to having you back in September for the Hockey season for Years 5-8 and the Netball season for Years 3&4.

Mrs Lelliott, Head of Girls' Games



Clubs Round Up

With a total of 42 clubs it was another busy term for extra-curricular activities at MHS. Some highlights include:

Pre-Prep Gardening Club were busy growing vegetables for the whole school to enjoy, turned into tasty treats by our catering team. While the **Prep School Gardening** Club had great success with their new plot.

Maypole Club and **Acrodance** were an integral part of this year's Platinum Jubilee celebration with both clubs putting on dazzling displays of grace, rhythm and athleticism.

On warm Tuesday evenings, 20 plus pupils would make their way down to the schools **tennis** courts to refine their skills and enjoy some friendly competition.

The new **Animal** Club in Pre-Prep met and discussed all sorts of animals and even went on Safari to join 4D for their science lesson.

Summer term saw **cricket** nets move outside, allowing both boys and girls to supplement their games lessons with an extra hour of practise, working on batting and bowling skills.

Pre-Prep pupils have been busy in the sports hall taking part in several different sports in a **Multi-Sports** club, as well as progressing their strength, balance and flight in **Gymnastics** club.

In all a fantastically busy year of clubs; a perfect way to discover something new, develop skills and socialise out of the classroom.

Mr Robson, Head of Clubs

Boarding Round Up



Summer Boarding has seen the children out and about on evening trips in the sunshine. From paddling in the sea at Camber, dusk adventures at Bedgebury and twilight picnics at Bewl, we have really enjoyed our evening adventures, making the most of our beautiful, local surroundings. Back at MHS, many a pool party has taken place, alongside a cupcake decorating masterclass from Mr Keates and an epic water fight!

We are thrilled that so many children now participate in regular, weekly boarding, with an increasing number of children staying for more than one night each week. We take huge pride in watching the children develop their independence, whilst forming bonds and friendships with children outside of their year group. Here's to a fun, action packed year. We hope many more children will join the MHS Boarding family next term!

Mrs Archer, Head of Boarding





Salvete

Fi Christie, Admin Assistant

After taking a break from full time teaching to focus on our children and my own artwork commissions, I am excited to be back in the buzz of an educational environment! Now in a different part of the school, I love supporting the children, teachers and parents from the front office.



I completed my teacher training in London and last taught at Thomas's Clapham as a Year 1 teacher. I then ran an after school Art club in Earlsfield when our children were tiny. Prior to teaching, I worked in publishing for 10 years.

Valete

Kari Bailey, Deputy Head of Pre-Prep and Reception Teacher

Working at MHS for six years, Kari has taught in Year 2 and Reception. In her position as Deputy Head of Pre-Prep she brought a lot to the team and to the development of the department. Kari quickly showed that she was an experienced teacher with a wonderful ability to bring character education to the fore. Kari is passionate about teaching the 'whole' child and



putting them at the centre of teaching. As a result, Kari was instrumental in redesigning the Maths curriculum as well as developing assemblies and the EYFS department. Kari's sense of fun and energy will be missed by everyone; children, parents and colleagues. We wish her well on her new adventures in Devon.

Megan Goldup, Early Years Practitioner

Megan joined MHS Nursery in September 2015 and her calm and unflappable nature was immediately invaluable. Miss Le Gassick, as she was then, quickly got renamed by the children as Mrs Galactic, which was great (or Mrs Elastic - not so great!)



Megan had a couple of strangely unique skills which she brought to her role, skills we didn't know we needed until she was not here. She could identify unnamed fleeces by smell and with her photographic memory knew every birthday, every pair of shoes and boots and every child's sessions, with no need to look anything up!

As she moves on to a role closer to home and more time with her family she leaves behind a wealth of fond memories and a host of children who were nurtured, supported and coaxed through their time in nursery. She will be sorely missed by her team here.

Claire Gunston, Year 2 Teaching Assistant

Claire Gunston joined Year 2 with dedication and passion. A strong team player, Mrs Gunston quickly formed a successful working bond with Mrs Pay. Together, they made 2RP a powerful environment. Mrs Gunston always approached each day with renewed energy and dedication to the children's learning. Her care for each person knows no bounds





and we will all miss her Friday baked treats. We wish her the best of luck with her new catering business.

Amanda Philip, Director of Music

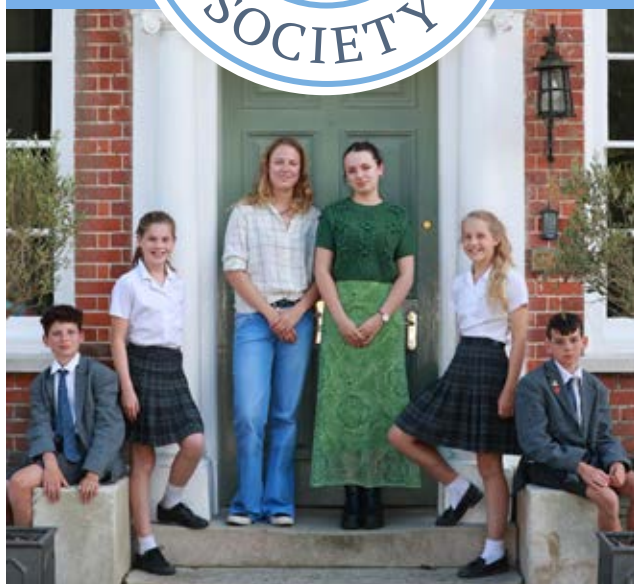
Amanda Philip joined MHS two years ago and successfully supported the Music Department through a difficult period of remote teaching during Lockdown. During her time here Miss Philip has worked hard to expand the number of instrumental opportunities by introducing a String Group and Jamming Sessions. Miss Philip recently organised a popular cello experience for all the children with encouragement to start lessons in this instrument.



With Carol Services, Concerts, and a plethora of productions to name but a few of her accomplishments, Miss Philip leaves MHS with our best wishes and gratitude. We wish her every success in her new position.

Hugh Whitlock, Year 1 Teaching Assistant

Hugh joined MHS as a GAP teacher and quickly made his mark with his dedicated, kind and caring manner. Always child focused, Hugh gave time and thought to every pupil at break time, on the games pitch and in the classroom. Hugh moved to Pre-Prep three years ago to become a Year 1 TA and was a key player during COVID, looking after key worker children. Hugh always ensured that every child felt respected and got the most out of MHS. Hugh goes on to explore different career paths and even travel before deciding where he will settle.



Alumni Heads Of School

We are very proud to have no less than four Heads of School in our alumni cohort currently in Upper Sixth at their Senior Schools (Bethany, Cranbrook School, Eastbourne College and Sutton Valence) and were delighted to welcome back two of them at the end of term.

OMs Olivia (Head Girl at Eastbourne College) and Alice (Head Girl at Cranbrook School) returned to MHS to talk to our older pupils about life at senior school. From explaining the House system at Eastbourne 'It's like Egan but with an actual house and beds!' to debating the best bit about being a School Leader, it was an inspiring session and our visitors were inundated with questions.

We are most grateful to them for giving up their time and wish them all the best with their university plans and beyond.



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This summer a group of former MHS parents led by Gill and James Stewart, embarked on a crazy challenge called the Bike to Hike.

"The challenge involved riding down France from coast to coast and then a few weeks later a hike across a good part of the Alps. A few weeks ago a group of 8/9 with an average age over 60 finished the cycle leg which followed a meandering route from St Malo to Nice covering a 1000 miles – 70 miles a day. Just for fun we threw in an ascent of Mont Ventoux, the famous Tour de France climb, on what could have been a rest day.

France is a very beautiful country to see from a bike particularly when you get off the beaten track. If you are interested in looking at or doing the route then there is a great book called France En Velo.

Next up was a walk across the Alps for two weeks on the GR5 starting in Chatel and finishing in Modane – just under another 200 miles. As you can imagine both routes are quite up and down and by the end we had climbed over 30,000m. To put that in perspective on the walk every day we went up and down the equivalent of Scafell and more whilst averaging over 15 miles.

So utter madness, but it is in all in aid of two great charities: Power for the People and Chalkdown Riding for Disabled. So far we have raised over £40,000 and we are now pushing to get to £50,000. For Chalkdown, our local RDA, the project that we are supporting is "A Stable Roof" which will rebuild some essential stables that were in a poor state but then Storm Eunice recently finished them off.

If you would like to support us scan the QR code above for Bike to Hike 2022. Thank you!"

Gill and James Stewart



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