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# REVIEW

BLUNDELL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL MAGAZINE

AUTUMN 2009

## Sundays out

Carols, Concerts and  
Christmas highlights

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## Head Master's News



The Autumn Term, our longest by some way, seemed to flash by this year. The children, as always, behaved

well and threw themselves into their busy school lives.

Some management time this term has been spent on designing an updated prospectus, in light of our new buildings. It is very hard, however, to try and encapsulate all we are about in just a few pages and so the Review is an important supplement, showing the active day to day school life at Blundell's Prep. I think it says a lot about the variety and breadth of the education on offer here. Thank you to all the children and staff for their hard work and enthusiasm, and to all our parents, who support our school and their children so very well.

**Nick Folland** Head Master



## Proclamation of the Fair

Children from Year 3 gathered with pupils from other local schools at Coggan's Well in Tiverton on Thursday 10th October for the bi-annual Proclamation of the Fair. They heard Mayor Paul Graham make the traditional proclamation, before scrambling for pennies thrown into the crowd...

# Bonfire Night

The Friends of Blundell's Prep Bonfire Night Party fell on Friday 6th November this year. There was a brilliant firework display and a huge bonfire topped by a burning Guy Fawkes made by Joseph Norris and Max Payne. There were also glow sticks for sale and some great food and drink, including hotdogs, burgers and hot chocolate with marshmallows! The weather held out and everyone had a great night!

**Eva Lloyd, Ella Davenport and Hannah Carthew, Year 6**

# Marathon Challenge



I felt I needed a challenge, if working full time with a baby was not enough! So, after sitting for another year watching the thousands of people participate in the London marathon I decided to get involved – wanting to prove to myself, my family and friends that I could do it, I could raise the money, stick to the training, go for it and complete the London Marathon!

I started to look at different ways of applying and browsed the web. The charity Action for Children caught my eye as a worthy cause to raise money for. It was a moment of excitement and

shock when I received a phone call asking if I was willing to accept one of their Gold Bond places for the 2010 Virgin London Marathon. I said yes in an instant, and worried about getting to the start line later!

At university I had the pleasure of sharing a house with Liz Yelling, Olympic marathon runner, coach and mentor and had frequent offers to run with her and her best friend, Paula Radcliff – needless to say, I never took them up on the offer! Since hearing about my challenge, Liz has been very encouraging and has been able to offer lots of advice. Liz has a personal best of sub 2 hours 30! I will be over the moon to reach the finish line, even if it takes all day!

During the Spring Term, I will be launching my charity appeal to raise £1500 for Action for Children. Forthcoming events will include the sale of charity wrist bands, a fun run on Saturday 23rd January, and a non-uniform day.

If you would like to make a donation, please visit my web page: [www.justgiving.com/Louiza-May](http://www.justgiving.com/Louiza-May).

Any amount is greatly appreciated and thank you in advance for all your support!

**Louiza May**

## PREFECTS AND COUNCILLORS

### **The start of a new academic year saw the appointment of new Prefects in the Prep School.**

The Prefects meet with Mr. Folland once each week, help to watch over the younger children during wet break times and work together to create the termly Pupil Newsletter. Each Prefect also has their own personal duties: Harriet Nash – School Council Prefect, Arianna Folland and Olivia Jolliffe – Library Prefects, Ben Clarke and Alix Mountbatten – Sports Prefects, Zara Cameron and Tom Mortiboys – Year 3 Prefects, and Archie Fraser and Tabitha Pring – Prefects in charge of the Pupil Board.

New School Councillors were also elected at the start of the year. The Councillors were voted for in form elections, and represent their forms in School Council meetings with Mr. Cross. They have an important role in putting forwards the views of the children on many aspects of school life, including school menus, recycling policies, play equipment and charity support. The new School Councillors elected were: Rebecca Hamilton (3HA), Jasper Pring (3NI), William Hall-Tomkin (4HI), Jack Klinkenberg (4MA), Flic Charlesworth (5CR), Mayla Lee (5SW), Kieran Smith (5GA), Grace Casely (6MO), Molly Horsey (6SH) and Jenny Prevett (6MI). As School Council Prefect Harriet Nash became Chairman of the Council, and the other Year 6 Councillors also took on their own responsibilities: Grace Casely as Vice Chairman, Molly Horsey as Secretary and Jenny Prevett as Treasurer.

**Harriet Nash and Grace Casely, Year 6**



This year for the first time Councillors were also elected in Year 2: Laura Smith and Alex Curtis.



# NEWS

## Balloons



The school chose to support the Balloons charity through a series of events this Christmas. Balloons - Bereavement And Loss Looking Onwards - seeks to provide support for young people and families affected by bereavement and was the chosen charity of Maxine Mallinson. Proceeds from this year's Christmas Bazaar, retiring collections at the end of the Festival of Carols and School Carol Service, and money raised through holding a *come to school dressed in the colour of your House* day together raised a total of £1684 for the charity.



## J TEAM

Once upon a time in Blundell's Prep there was a group of children who met together each week in the darkest recesses of Room 3. Their mission, and they did choose to accept it, was to learn more about their leader, Jesus. The Christian Union, as some old fogeys have chosen to call them, would generally play a game while waiting for team members to arrive – this term the laser disc gun game has been particularly popular.

Meetings are open to everyone. Each meeting starts with a prayer and then there is usually a short time of singing praise to God. Main training involves study of the basic manual, the Bible. Each session finishes with a rowdy game or some sort of challenge which might involve a massively small prize.

Like all good stories there is always a happy ending and it comes in the shape of the J Team picnic, where squad members eat happily ever after, or so it seems. **E.S.H.**

Children from Pre Prep and Year 3 enjoyed watching The West Midland's Theatre Company perform Wizard William in November.



## Wizard William

## Mummification: It's a wrap!

On Tuesday 10th November Year 3 had great fun learning how to mummify each other when two experts from Exeter Museum came in to talk about the Ancient Egyptians.



They looked at the mummification process for preserving dead bodies, with Joss West being wrapped up in bandages and covered in oil and salt to prevent him from rotting. The tool used by the Egyptians for hooking the brain out through the nose was then looked at – but fortunately for Joss not used! Year 3 also looked at a selection of papyrus drawings, statues of the gods and replica and original artefacts from Ancient Egypt to help their historical understanding come alive!

**Annabel Cox** and **Laurie Dawkins**,  
Year 6



## Joke of the Term # 11

**Q.** Why did the children eat their homework?

**A.** Because it was a piece of cake!

Joke supplied by **Emily Farmer**, Year 5.

Tell your favourite funny to Mr. Moore or any member of Newspaper Club to see your joke published here next time.



## National Poetry Day

Children in Year 1 celebrated National Poetry Day by reading out poems they had written about Autumn and the senses during assembly.

**National Poetry Day** this year fell on Thursday 8th October, and all had the opportunity to share some of their favourite poems in assembly. A poetry writing competition, on the theme of 'Heroes and Heroines', saw many good entries submitted – with prizes being awarded to Sam Willder and Lily Mackay at the Prep School...

### SUPER HEROES

I'd love to be a hero  
And save people when they're scared  
I'd love to be a hero  
And show everyone I cared.

I wish I could wear hero clothes  
And fly about the sky

I wish I could swing  
on a great big  
web  
And help  
people not to  
cry.

**Sam Willder,**  
Year 3

### MY MUM

My Mum is sometimes my hero  
Like when she buys me toys,  
But sometimes she is a villain  
She says I make too much noise.

I love it when she gives me a cuddle  
But hate it when she gets in a muddle,  
I like it when she makes cakes for tea  
But not when she is cross with me.

I think my Mum is really brave  
But she tells me off when I  
misbehave,  
She lets me invite my  
friends to play  
But sends me to bed when  
it feels like the day.

Most of the time she's my  
hero  
And there's nothing she  
can't do,  
And the best of it is –  
you won't believe this –  
She says I'm her  
hero too!

**Lily Mackay,** Year 3



### Busy Bees

The Busy Bees children had fun making their own sandwiches for tea. There was a wide range of fillings to choose from and some strange combinations of flavours chosen! Jam with ham seemed surprisingly popular!



### Driving Ambition

Mr. Cross drove a Sinclair C5 into assembly in September. He had borrowed it from the Blundell's DT department, and used it to tell us a little bit about its inventor, Sir Clive Sinclair. Sir Clive was already famous for inventing computers when he launched the C5 electric car in 1985 – in many ways ahead of its time. The car originally sold for £399 plus £29 for delivery, it had a top speed of 15 mph – and could be driven on the road without a driving licence. However, only around a thousand cars were ever sold, and the C5 soon became an object of ridicule – partly because it had a range of only 10 miles before it needed to be recharged. Sir Clive lost a lot of money on the C5, but didn't give up and has continued to design and build many new inventions – his latest being the A Bike, a folding pedal bike which fits into a small bag. Mr. Cross urged everybody not to be afraid of failure – but to have the drive to learn from our mistakes.

**Laurie Dawkins** and **Annabel Cox,** Year 6



## Ballooning the books



Young, up and coming author and illustrator, and old Blundellian, **James Ballance**, came in to school in December to share some of his original artwork and to read from his story *The Prince King to Year 3* – who were spellbound!



*The Prince King to Year 3* – who were spellbound!





Each child in the Pre-Prep had the opportunity to write an animal story which was on display in the hall. We were very fortunate that visiting author Shoo Rayner could judge them. It was a tough decision and he was impressed by all the children's efforts but managed to select a winner from each class. During the week children also had the opportunity to dress up as characters from their favourite books, before enjoying the much looked forward to Book at Bedtime.

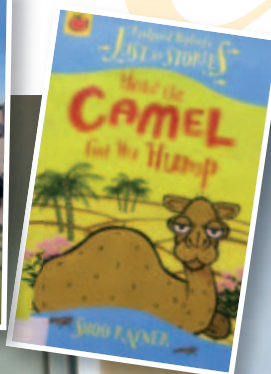
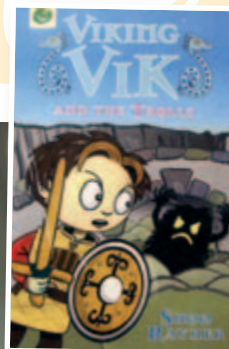
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## If the Shoo fits...

Author and illustrator **Shoo Rayner** visited the school to run some inspirational workshops on story writing in October. Shoo has illustrated books for authors including Michael Morpurgo, Rose Impey and Michael Rosen, adapted Rudyard Kipling's Just So stories and written over one hundred books of his own, featuring such characters as Viking Vik, Ricky Rocket, Dark Claw and Monster Boy. He told us a little about his life (including how he got that name!) and talked about different approaches to the writing process, as well as reading some of his stories and drawing some of his characters. He also involved the children in some creative writing of their own, before staying for a book signing session after school.

Find out more about Shoo at:  
[www.shoorayner.com!](http://www.shoorayner.com!)

**Alexander Davidson**, Year 6



## BLUNDELL'S PREP

# Out and about

### Shakespeare 4 Kidz: MacBeth



In October David and Tommy from the Shakespeare 4 Kidz theatre company came to run a drama workshop on Macbeth with Years 5 and 6. We had already read the play in English and watched an animated film version, but getting to act out the play for ourselves helped everyone to get a better understanding of Shakespeare's tragedy. Everybody got involved with the acting and got to wear some costumes – and although each workshop lasted for two hours, everyone wished it could go on for longer! In November Years 5 and 6 then went up to Barnstaple to see the Shakespeare 4 Kidz production of MacBeth at the Queen's Theatre. We joined lots of other schools in the audience, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed seeing the play performed by the professionals – although, even adapted for children, it was a bit gruesome in places!

**Arianna Folland, Hannah Carthew, Theo Belcher and Max Berry, Year 6**

### Nursery Farm Visit

Children from the Nursery enjoyed their annual visit to Watton Farm in Halberton. They had fun roaming the farm, meeting all the animals and looking at the farm machinery, before having refreshments and returning to school on the minibus – which was almost as exciting as the trip itself!



### Beside the Seaside

**Year 2** had a super trip to Budleigh Salterton and Exmouth on Thursday 17th September. The sun shone and the children learnt many interesting things about both the seaside towns, as part of their work on seashores for their geography, history and science lessons. At Budleigh Salterton we looked at the pebbles, cliffs, beach huts, Edwardian houses and the river estuary. At Exmouth we noticed lots of amusements, how soft the sand was and how it stuck to us, especially after we had been paddling! The ice creams were very tasty and we all had lots of fun too. **D.M.K.**



## Ready to ramble: Year 6 going round the bend at the Grand Western Canal in November...



### Route Canal Work

**On Friday 20th November Year 6** enjoyed a ramble along the Grand Western Canal as part of a science topic on food webs. A Canal Ranger talked to us about Devon hedgerows and the wildlife that can be found living on the banks of the canal. We also had the opportunity to make sketches of the different habitats to be found, and came together to create a giant food web to illustrate the interdependence of the different species living there. Fortunately it was a sunny day and we all had great fun splashing through the mud on a Fungus Scavenger Hunt before it was time to go back to school.

**Alexander Davidson** and **William Klinkenberg**, Year 6

### Bickleigh Castle

**Year 3 took a geographical and historical trip around the Tiverton area to learn about different types of settlement. This included a visit to Bickleigh Castle where they were kindly hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Hay, who had organised a wonderful history trail for the students to follow.**



### Halberton Farm

The children in Year 5 visited a farm in Halberton as part of their geography work on farming. They toured the farm on the back of a very bumpy tractor and were shown all the different crops that were growing.



Kindergarten: Fishing for Stars



Year 5:  
Little Red  
Riding Hood



Nursery: Whoops-a-Daisy Angel



# CHRISTMAS SCENES

Year 4: Jack and the Beanstalk



Year 6: Snow White  
and the Seven Dwarfs



*Year 1: The Bossy Fairy*



*Drama Club Play: The Night Before Christmas*

*Year 2: Born In A Barn*



All at the School enjoyed preparing and performing the end of year Christmas productions, from traditional nativities to Roald Dahl pantomimes. It was a busy time of learning lines, singing songs, dressing up, painting props and building backdrops – before finally taking to the stage to share the festive fun with peers and parents.

*Year 3: Come on Curruthers*

# Festive THEMES



## Toddler Christmas Party

**Parent and Toddler Group** finished a busy and fun term with a Christmas party. The children made Father Christmas hats and then enjoyed a party tea, while parents and carers chatted over coffee and mince pies. Father Christmas himself made a special appearance and delighted most of the children, although a few hid behind their Mums! **W.J.N.**



*All enjoyed the end of term Christmas feast*

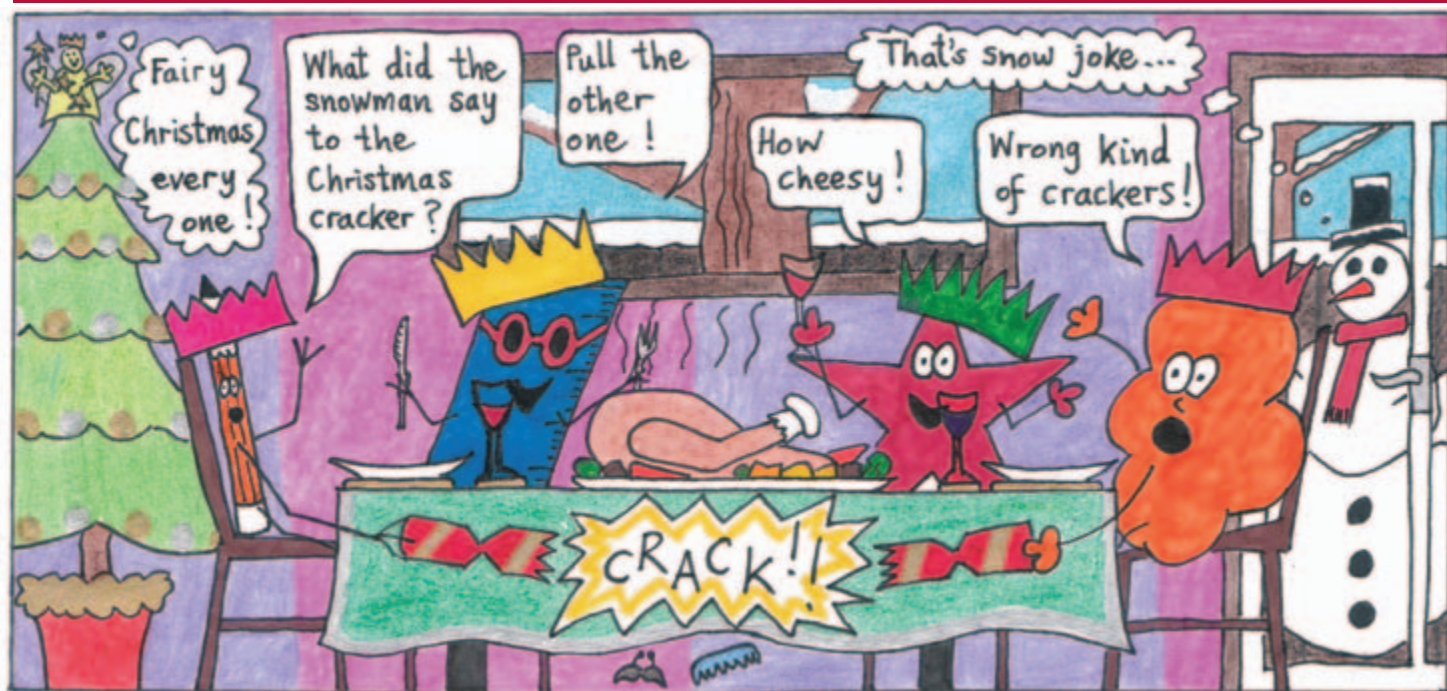
## VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

**Year 1** went to Killerton House on 14th December. We went to see the Christmas tree, and then Mrs. Nash put on some Victorian masks. Then we looked at the food for Christmas and we played some games. Lady Jane told us a story by the fire and then we sang two Victorian songs. Then we went home. We found out what Christmas was like in the Victorian times.

**Anna Maunder**, Year 1



## Stencil the Pencil and Bob the Blob in: 'All the Trimmings!'



Original characters created by Frances Auger and Kristiane Wheeler.

# MUSICAL NOTES

As the term draws to a close, what an exciting time we seem to have had in the last few weeks! We always have a quiet first half of the Autumn Term, which lets us get the hang of a new routine. Some of our regular rehearsals have changed – for example Choir now meets at 8:30 on a Tuesday, and we now have over fifty members, which is wonderful to see and hear. Orchestra now meets on a Monday lunchtime – which means that those who belong have to remember to bring their instruments back in following the weekend...

Christmas has been the main focus of events this term, and as early as our Tea-Time Concert on 5th November we were treated to some delightful carols being played in piano duets and trios on the flute and trombone. We had barely reached December when the Choir went in to Tiverton to sing on the occasion of the switching on of the Christmas lights. I was thrilled with their singing on the evening, especially in the face of some dreadful weather. The following week we hosted our annual Festival of Carols in the chapel, with three other local schools joining us – Two Moors Primary School, Tidcombe Primary School and Uplowman Primary School. The sound of so many children singing together was magical!

This brings us to the final, busy three days of term, with our own Carol Service and the end of term pantomimes. The Carol Service, I hope you will agree, was both celebratory with our singing, and thought provoking with its readings reminding us of that first Christmas. The pantomimes were full of fun with the Roald Dahl rhymes as their base and great accompanying music, and a busy morning was enjoyed by all, whether watching, taking part or helping behind the scenes with hundreds of home-made props!

A big thank you to all the staff who have helped in the department – may all enjoy a well deserved Christmas break! **R.J.B.**



## Staff on the Spot

**This term:**  
**Miss Stone**



**1, What did you do before you became a secretary?**

I worked as a nanny.

**2, How long have you been working at the school?**

Six years.

**3, What do you like best about the school?**

The children.

**4, What do you like best about your job?**

Never knowing what is going to happen next!

**5, What do you like doing when you are not in school?**

Reading, walking and going to the movies.

**6, What has been your most embarrassing moment?**

That was when it was icy and I slipped on the ice!

**7, What is your favourite television programme now, and what was your favourite television programme when you were our age?**

Now it is Grand Designs, then it was Blue Peter.

**8, If you won the lottery what would you do with the money?**

I would pay off the mortgage, have a great holiday and put the rest into savings.

**9, What car do you drive?**

A Renault Scenic.

**10, What is your favourite...**

**Sport?** Athletics.

**Shop?** John Lewis.

**Colour?** Blue.

**Artist?** Salvador Dali.

Interview devised and conducted by  
**Hannah Allison** and **Hannah Crookdake**,  
Year 6

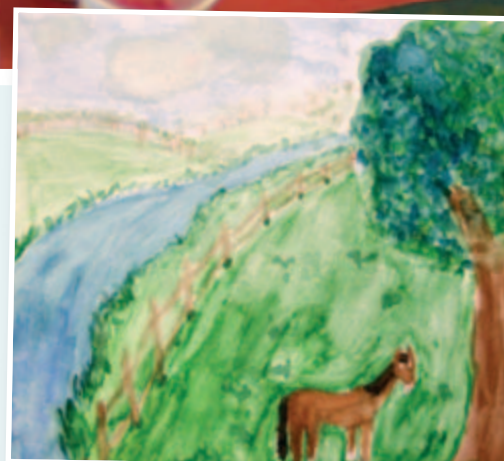


Colour mixing in the Pre Prep using powder paints: the children were encouraged to make their own colours by mixing powder paint to make Autumn colours. They then painted their own leaves.

### Sketchers

In September Mrs. Shelbourne and Miss Bennett took Year 6 to People's Park in Tiverton for a sketching trip. Everyone had bought in folding chairs to sit on, and they took their sketching books to collect ideas for landscape work in art. People sketched and shaded trees, rocks, paths, railings, bins and buildings in different scales and from different perspectives, and later used their sketches to help with watercolour landscapes painted back at school.

**Ella Davenport**, Year 6



# Happy Potters

Year 5 enjoyed throwing pots as part of their topic on containers. They worked with Marian Beresford from Cheriton Ceramics.





The school enjoyed a lesson away from the classroom when they watched the Tour of Britain cyclists pass by on Friday 18th September. The excitement started when the police motorcycle outriders stopped traffic on Blundell's Road to allow the race to pass. Then came the riders, travelling at some speed with much flag waving and cheering to help them on their way. Stage 7 of the Tour saw the riders racing from Hatherleigh to Yeovil, and the race was eventually won by Edvald Boasson Hagen, riding for Team Columbia – HTC.

**William Klinkenberg**, Year 6

# Pedal Power



## Cycle Sunday

Following the Head South John O'Groats to Land's End cycle ride by Ian Davenport, Nick Folland and Richard Cross in the summer, raising money for Devon Air Ambulance and the Blundell's Foundation, Cycle Sunday, set for Sunday 20th September, was an opportunity for the children to get on their bikes and get involved with the fundraising too! A route was marked out around the Blundell's grounds half a mile long, and 125 children joined in the ride during the day, between them clocking up a total of more than 600 miles! Max Berry and Tommy Burner were awarded Head South tee-shirts for cycling the furthest in the day, but thanks must go to all who joined in and helped support the cause.

**Max Berry and Theo Belcher**, Year 6

## Head South: the blog

In July 2009 Ian Davenport (Head Master of Blundell's School), Nick Folland (Head Master of Blundell's Preparatory School) and Richard Cross (Deputy Head of Blundell's Preparatory School) cycled the 1,045 miles from John O'Groats to Lands End. They raised over £12,000 for the Devon Air Ambulance Trust and the Blundell's Foundation.



Head South - the blog is the story of this 'epic' journey during which the cyclists are joined by imaginary friends, learn to play the bagpipes, find roads closed and survive the dreaded 'chicken tikka molten lava'.

More in the tradition of 'Top Gear' than 'Wish You Were Here' Head South - the blog is a humorous and uplifting account of the enduring power of friendship and man's ability to triumph over adversity and panniers.

Copies available for £6.99 from the School Office. All profits will go to the Devon Air Ambulance Trust and the Blundell's Foundation.

# SPORT REPORT

## Girls' Hockey

It has been a promising, yet long term, packed with many matches and tournaments. All the girls have worked hard and shown improvement on the hockey pitch. Teams have performed well and experienced convincing wins and unfortunate defeats. Regardless of the result, it is always pleasing to see players demonstrating excellent sporting manners and attitude. Every girl from Year 3 to Year 6 has represented Blundell's Prep and enjoyed the opportunity. Well done to all!

The **U11's** competed at Queens, Taunton, on Saturday 10th October in glorious sunshine and enjoyed all their pool matches. They finished third in their competition, narrowly missing out on a place in the semi's, with the decision going to goal difference. It was a similar story at the Exeter Junior School tournament on Friday 6th November when once again they finished third in their pool. The team performed well and scored convincing goals and played with passion, well done!

The **U10** squad consisted of a mixture of Year 4 & 5 girls who despite having not been able to train together played and performed very well this season. They participated in the Exeter Junior School tournament on Saturday 3rd October and finished third overall, a very pleasing performance with convincing attacking play and defence. The team travelled to Millfield to play in the Prep Schools tournament on Saturday 7th November, which they were very excited about after having played Millfield and drawn a few weeks before. Their confidence was up and they played with grit and determination. It was unfortunate that they didn't make the semi's, but a great time was had and some super hockey played.

The **U9** Blundell's Prep Hockey Tournament took place on Thursday 26th November, despite some horrendous wet weather, with all twelve schools turning up to play with smiles on their faces! It was a massive competition and thanks must be given to the catering staff who prepared packed teas for all the children and tea for the spectators, also a huge thank you to all the girls in Year 6 who helped with the running of the tournament and assisted the visiting schools. Thanks also to Miss Sue Norman from the senior school, who kindly gave up her time to help umpire, and to Miss Harrison for keeping the scores in order, with help from Hatty Nash and Arianna Folland. The U9 A Team competed in

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
<b>U11 A</b>	14	4	8	2
<b>U11 B</b>	10	4	3	3
<b>U10 A</b>	16	6	9	1
<b>U10 B</b>	4	0	4	0
<b>U9</b>	12	9	1	2
<b>U8</b>	2	0	2	0



some tough matches before reaching the semi's. It was great to see them play with maturity and guts, especially Grace Labdon in goal and Rebecca Hamilton as Centre Forward. After winning most of their games the girls faced Millfield in the semi finals. It was an exciting match and Blundell's Prep scored two great goals to secure their place in the final against Queens, Taunton. The final was a match to remember as Queens went one goal up, shortly followed by Anna Rose Gabbitass equalising to take the game into extra time. However, after 20 minutes it was decided to share the victory and declare Blundell's Prep joint winners with Queens. **L.M.M.**



## Squads

**U11 A:** Alix Mountbatten, Laurie Dawkins, Tabitha Pring, Arianna Folland, Annabel Cox, Nicole Charles, Harriet Nash, Grace Casely, Zara Cameron, Molly Horsey.

**U11 B:** Ella Davenport, Bethany Mettam, Eva Lloyd, Summer Law, Emily Curtis, Hannah Crookdake, Hannah Carthew, Hannah Allison, Georgia White, Olivia Jolliffe, Jenny Prevett.

**U10 A:** Georgina Pitts, Georgina Wood, Georgia Carpenter, Gracie Belcher, Flic Charlesworth, Mayla Lee, Clara Greenfield.

**U10 B:** Bunny Masters, Maddi Parsons, Imogen Usherwood, Francesca Hartley, Sophie Al-Hussaini, Lucie Hawkes, Emily Farmer.

**U9:** Anna Rose Gabbitass, Tabitha Vause, Gracie Francis, Maddie Wright, Issy Fraser, Victoria Davies, Kiera White, Emily Mettam, Cara Read, Jasmine Mackay.

**U8:** Rebecca Hamilton, Grace Labdon, Zoe Labdon, Francis Hunt, Sparkle Menzies, Molly Cross, Olivia Charteris, Olivia Rhodes, Luli Mountbatten, Serena Hay, Lily Mackay, Amber Sharp, Sophie Clough.

# SPORT REPORT

## Under 9 A Team

A squad of just 11 boys played a total of 21 games this season in a term that started in hot summer and finished in something not far short of monsoon conditions. The boys adjusted quickly to the rigours of three hard training sessions a week and very quickly established themselves on the circuit as a hard term to beat. They worked hard at improving their tackling skills and at times looked more comfortable when the opposition had the ball – closing teams down and forcing errors. Unfortunately we sometimes lacked the vision to pass the ball in attack and often displayed a very one-dimensional approach with the ball in hand. However, results were good and the boys often showed grit and determination to come back from the jaws of defeat and win games. We lost two close semi-finals at Mount House and in our own tournament at Blundell's, but were unlucky not to field a full strength squad in either of these tournaments. Well done to all those boys who played in the A squad, and for their enthusiastic approach to training in ALL weathers and conditions. **S.J.M.**



### STATS

Played 21  
Won 16  
Lost 4  
Drawn 1

**U9 A Squad:** Jack Klinkenberg, William Hall-Tomkin, Ralph Morris, Archie Hare, Archie Murray, Barney Titchener, Miles Lawler, Sam West, Joss West, Jasper Pring & Christopher Robertson.

## Under 9 B Team

The priority this term was to play all the Year 4 boys, so that all could enjoy representing the school on a reasonably frequent basis. This was a keen group of players and at their level they excelled. Very strong running from Will Spencer, Alastair Johnson-Ferguson, Charlie Cameron and Oliver Tribe meant we were dangerous when we had the ball. Jack Olive also showed plenty of skill and bravery at times. Huge individual improvements were made by Tristan Cox, Rory Bateman, Rafe Oliver, Edward Olsen and Marcus Lloyd. It was also great to see Robert Wakem scoring a try in the home match against St. Michaels. Many lads, I am sure, can go on to play at A team level and will do. Confidence in contact and desire to tackle is the key and although the step up in physicality is a big one, there are many here with the potential to achieve it.

A really enjoyable term, with a keen and talented bunch of players. Well done to all!  
**N.A.F.**

**U9 B Squad:** Rory Bateman, Charlie Cameron, Alastair Johnson-Ferguson, James Lewis-Paroussi, Jack Olive, Will Spencer, Oliver Tribe, Tristan Cox, Marcus Lloyd, Archie Morris, Rafe Oliver, Edward Olsen, Hugo Truran & Robert Wakem.



## Under 10 Rugby

With both the U10A's and the U10B's being the only undefeated teams in the school the success of both teams this term is an encouraging sign for the future. The U10A's were undoubtedly the team of the season with confident wins against Wellington, Queen's, Millfield and Exeter. Their attacking play was at times ruthless, with both the forwards and backs showing



### STATS

U10A  
Played 5  
Won 4  
Lost 0  
Drawn 1

U10B  
Played 2  
Won 2  
Lost 0  
Drawn 0

impressive handling skills. In defence they defended like giants, with Ben Stevens working tirelessly – a ball winner with significant potential and a real asset to any team. Just 10 boys made up the squad and they were superbly led by Sam Maunder who showed great

maturity at scrum-half. Six of the boys also played in the U11A team which strengthened that squad significantly. My congratulations go to both the U10 sides and I look forward with interest to see their progress as they move through both schools in the next few years. **S.J.M.**

**U10 A Squad:** Charlie Hawkes, Ben Stevens, Addie Chai, Sam Maunder, Monty Crowe, Mack Butterfield, Oliver Clough, Alexander Gibson, William McIntyre & Henry Olsen.

**U10 B Squad:** Harvey Wilder, Jack Watt, Edward Sarra, Kieran Smith, Jay Lodge, Jack Dummett, Tom Morrison, Luke Beach, Alexander Thomas & Gus Gresswell.

## Under 11 A Team

The team has played with great skill and passion, and nowhere was this shown more than in the last game against Taunton –

where the team refused to allow the opposition into their half at all. The whole squad (which has seen many people play for the team throughout the season) have tried to play a rucking game which has enabled us to keep the ball alive in attack. The squad's defence got better through the season with some inspiring tackles being made by various members in each game, particularly by James Tierney-Jones. The kicking duties were left to Thomas Mortiboys who performed almost faultlessly. The team was led by Jack Lockwood who showed good leadership and demonstrated to the team the way to go when things got tough! **S.G.S.**

A special mention must also go to Ben Clarke, Jack Lockwood and Tobias Francis who competed in the South West Barbarians Trials this term. All played well and Tobias qualified to represent the South West Barbarians against the South East as hooker.

**U11 A Squad:** Charlie Hawkes, Ben Stevens, Tobias Francis, James Tierney-Jones, Jack Lockwood, Sam Maunder, Ben Clarke, Monty Crowe, William Klinkenberg, Thomas Mortiboys, Edward Blackmore, Mack Butterfield, Archie Fraser, George Hill, Ed O'Brien, Nathan Green, Oliver Clough, Charlie Brown, Alexander Davidson, Theo Belcher, Tom Adams, Jonathan Lane & William McIntyre.



### STATS

Played 15  
Won 8  
Lost 6  
Drawn 1

## Under 11 B Team

This was a full and fun term, with the team and individuals progressing well. A settled side was not the aim and selection jumbled players and positions throughout. At times some Under 10 players played and at other times, just Year 6. All had a good chance to show what they could do and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy the opportunity. The side ran well when we had the ball, but too often missed tackles and gave the ball to the opposition in contact. This did improve, however, and confidence developed as the term went on. Of the Year 6 boys, Nathan Green, Alexander Davidson and Charlie Brown, three fringe A team players, stood out when they played and Tom Adams improved beyond all recognition. He tackled his heart out. We also lost Archie Fraser and Theo Belcher to the A team at times, as they had improved so much. Christian Cabburn also tried very hard and it was lovely to see Tommy Burner and Max Berry enjoying their rugby. This was a mixed season in terms of results, with some wins and some losses, but perhaps the best game of all was the narrow defeat against Taunton in the last match.

### STATS

Played 10  
Won 4  
Lost 6  
Drawn 0

This was a super group of lads and all tried hard and showed great pride in playing for their school. Well done to all. **N.A.F.**

**U11 B Squad:** Max Berry, Alexander Knight-Benjafeld, Christian Cabburn, Tommy Burner, Harry Olive, William Curtis, Vincent Goodwin, Max Payne, Tom Brent & Ed Pawson.



# Club Sandwich

From creative arts to martial arts, music, dance and drama, to gardening, games and sports, there are a wealth of lunchtime clubs and after school activities to choose from at Blundell's Prep and Pre-Prep. Club Sandwich takes a look at some of those activities on offer either side of lessons...

**Golf** takes place every Thursday afternoon from 4:30 with Mr. Folland at Tiverton Driving Range. Children can hit the ball a fair way – and if they remember to bring some money can buy sweets too!

**Lego Mindstorms** is a club that meets with Mr. Cross on a Friday after school in the ICT Room. Groups work to construct and programme all sorts of Lego robots. Excitement is currently building as the Year 4 pupils get closer to completing a machine that sorts M&Ms into different colours ...

**Ballet** takes place after school in the Pre Prep Hall each Thursday with Mrs. Wightmore. It is a very popular club and the children love performing!

**Bethany Mettam, Nicole Charles & Molly Horsey**, Year 6



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