

# REVIEW

BLUNDELL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL MAGAZINE

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## A Capital

# Adventure

Art, theatre, science, history  
and a night on the Golden Hinde!

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Artists in residence at Beaford  
Science Week goes with a bang  
Good sports tour Jersey



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## Head Master's News



I congratulate Year 6 for the effort and standards they achieved in their Entrance Exams. They performed extremely well and we were delighted with their results. They now all flow on to the senior school of their choice and rightly feel proud of their achievements.

Soon afterwards, Year 6 flew off to enjoy their annual sports tour of Jersey. Year 5 followed them on an extensive trip to London, where they enjoyed, amongst other things, a night at the theatre and a sleepover on the Golden Hinde! Then Year 3 went off to Beaford House and enjoyed a lovely residential art trip. Next term Year 4 go to North Devon for a residential adventure activity trip. On all these occasions the children have behaved in exemplary fashion and each and every opportunity has been thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. Members of the public have commented on how well the children conducted themselves. This makes me feel very proud. The children are very lucky to experience such things and I would like to thank all the staff involved for their extra time and commitment, and all our parents for supporting such adventures.

This Review superbly shows the breadth of education that our children experience.

*Nick Folland*

**Nick Folland** Head Master



*Congratulations go to Charlie Brown, Alexander Davidson, Arianna Folland, Archie Fraser, George Hill, Jonathan Lane and Harriet Nash for gaining Academic Awards for Blundell's, and to Maxwell Berry for gaining a Music Award.*



In January the children in **Year 1** had an exciting day at St. Nicholas Priory in Exeter. They took part in some workshops organized by the Royal Albert Memorial Museum all about The Great Fire of London. They had the opportunity to try on 17th century clothing and found out what can be discovered by looking closely at portraits of the time. They learned about the food and kitchens of the past and heard all about Samuel Pepys and his diary. The day concluded with groups of children acting out the story of the fire. The children returned to school tired but having had a fascinating day. **J.K.P.**



On Monday 22nd March **Year 2** went on a visit to Exeter Cathedral. We had a tour of the cathedral and then we did some activities including making gargoyles from clay and doing some brass rubbings. After lunch we went back into the cathedral to do some sketching. We all learnt a lot and had a great time. **D.M.K.**

As part of our R.E. curriculum, **Year 3** travelled to Buckfast Abbey in March. The education room was the first port of call where the children could 'build' the Abbey, by hoisting 47kg blocks of stone using a pulley, building stained glass windows, arches, spiral staircases, mosaics and beamed roofs. They dressed up as monks and discovered what a day in the life of a monk involved. This may have included playing the organ, tending the beehives, singing and praying. After these excellent 'hands-on' experiences, the children met Brother Nicholas, who showed them around the Abbey and then answered a barrage of questions! In the afternoon, they returned to the Abbey for a 10 minute service, listening to the monks singing, praying and reading from the Bible. The Abbey was then explored further in small groups and finally the boys and girls enjoyed a run around in the gardens. The children were extremely well behaved, respecting the atmosphere of the Abbey and the staff received many complimentary comments from visitors to the Abbey. We were very proud of them! **W.J.N. & G.R.**



## Pancake Races



On Tuesday 9th February the Prep School held its annual pancake races, with much excitement as Raleigh, Drake and Grenville competed in running around the playground course set up by Mr. Hirst, flipping pancakes in coloured hoops along the way. There were two close races, but in the end Grenville won the Junior race and Raleigh took victory in the Senior race.

**Hannah Crookdake**, Year 6



**Nursery 1** enjoyed their annual Spring Walk and Easter Bunny Hunt at Knightshayes in March. We were delighted to find lots of flowers, sticky buds, frogspawn and best of all Easter eggs! **D.S.M.**

On Tudor Day **Year 5** had a visit from King Henry VIII. We had to dress up in Tudor costume for the day and so did Mrs. Lennox. Henry thought Flic was a boy. He would not believe her until she took off her hat, exposing her pony tail!

Henry first told us the history of the Tudors. He showed us some Tudor toys like the yo-yo and some musical instruments. One was called a sackbut but is now called a recorder. Henry played us some music; the big sackbut sounded like a duck crossed with a recorder! After that he told us about illnesses and punishments.

Henry used to take three hours to eat his food and he never wiped his own bottom! The job of royal bottom wiper was said to be the most sought after in the palace because these people had to be very trustworthy.

After lunch Flic and Tom were put in the stocks and, do you know, they used to throw poo at the people in the stocks? Then we had a mini jousting tournament and the girls won!

**Emily Farmer**  
and **Flic Charlesworth**, Year 5



As a school we are trying to gain Fair Trade Schools status. In order to do this, we have to show that we are using and promoting Fair Trade products. We also have to teach about Fair Trade within curriculum subjects. As such, we held a Fair Trade Assembly during Fair Trade Fortnight to introduce it to the school. At present we use Fair Trade orange juice, hot chocolate and four finger KitKats and hope gradually to increase the number of products that we use. To this end we have established a Fair Trade Committee and are planning to organise a Whole School Fair Trade Theme Day soon ... watch this space! **S.A.S.**

## Bear Hunt

Keep an eye out for the new Blundell's Prep Bear, who is making a furtive appearance somewhere in the pages of this Review... can you spot him? If you would like to buy your very own bear, and can offer a loving and caring home for him, he may be purchased from the school office for £10.





## Australian Exchange



This term we welcomed Gill Ryan to Blundell's Prep - all the way from Adelaide, Australia. Mrs. Ryan arrived on a teacher exchange programme to take charge of 3HA, Miss Harrison's class, for two terms. At the same time we said farewell to Miss Harrison as she travelled to Australia to teach at Fulham North Primary School, Adelaide. This is an exciting opportunity for pupils and staff at both schools to learn about life across the other side of the world and we hope that Blundell's Prep and Fulham North will have continued association long after this exchange.



The Friends of Blundell's Prep held their Prep School disco on 5th February. Former pupil Oliver Tobey ran the disco with his company DJ Zedline, and refreshments including yummy sweets and hotdogs were enjoyed by all. Everyone had a great time, especially Year 6 at their last disco, and we were all particularly impressed with the dance moves of Milo Godwin-Coombs and Mr. Cross – who both won medals for their dancing! Arianna Folland, Year 6

## Disco Fever!



### Joke of the Term # 12

**Q.** Why did the teacher go cross-eyed?

**A.** Because she couldn't control her pupils!

Joke supplied by **Grace Casely**, Year 6.

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

## Art at Beaford

Year 3 enjoyed a rather wet but busy residential trip to Beaford Arts Centre, Broomhill Sculpture Park and Saunton Sands in the last week of term.

On the first day, the children painted Greek mythological creatures with the help of the resident artist at Beaford. They also had fun painting Easter craft. In spite of the rain, the children let off steam in the afternoon at the nearby playing fields, getting rather muddy in the process! A welcoming hot shower, delicious evening meal, games and a DVD completed the first day before the children retired to their dormitories. On day two, we packed up and headed for Broomhill Sculpture Park. It was very wet there, but we spent an hour and a half viewing the fascinating sculptures. At Saunton Sands, it finally stopped raining and we were able to spend a couple of hours on the beach, making sand sculptures, visiting the shop and playing cricket.

All the staff thoroughly enjoyed the trip too and would like to thank the children for their excellent behaviour. **W.J.N.**



## Abstract Art



Earlier in the term Harriet Nash, Tabitha Pring and Olivia Jolliffe spent two days at Beaford Arts Centre attending a Gifted and Talented art course...

We were working with Sara Downham, an abstract artist who likes to craft collages in layers. We worked with Sara to make our own collages, first of all sketching parts of objects outside, then repeating them in patterns, arranging them on a large sheet, cutting them into strips and finally rearranging them on a larger sheet to create different layers.

**Olivia Jolliffe**, Year 6

# Lodgers



## Butchers' Master Class at Blundell's Prep Café

David Carter and Robin Beer from Lloyd Maunder Butchers presented a master class in cutting and serving meat to parents at the school on Saturday 6th February. Parents were treated to a variety of Lloyd Maunder sausages, including venison, sweet chilli, cracked black pepper and pork and leek, whilst the expert butchers demonstrated cutting and deboning a West Country lamb to make a series of steaks and joints from the leg, shoulder and breast. Rack of lamb, crown roast and loin chops were all prepared, as well as speciality products including cushion of lamb stuffed with plum and ginger, continental roast stuffed with apricot and almond, and lamb fillets wrapped in leek. The demonstration was followed by a question and answer session over refreshments, and parents were also offered individual tuition in tying a butcher's knot, before all of the joints prepared were auctioned to raise money for a Haiti appeal.



Café events at the school, which in the past have included presentations on Internet Security and Friendship and Anti-bullying, continue to provide parents with informal opportunities to come together and discuss a diverse range of topics over coffee and a cake – look out for our next Café Event, planned for the Summer Term, on using the potter's wheel in art! **L.P.M.**

## Fun Running



On Saturday 23rd January Blundell's Prep hosted a Fun Run in aid of Action for Children. The event raised well over £500 for the charity. The aerobic warm up by Jennifer Bricknell was a great start and warm up to the run and put everyone, runners and spectators, in the mood. Mr. Spencer and Mrs. Cameron were the first parents over the line and it was great to see Mr. White in his Santa costume, along with Gracie Belcher and Emily Farmer as a champagne bottle. Thank you to everyone who ran and supported the event! **L.M.M.**

## Staff on the Spot

This term: **Mrs. Moys**



- 1, How long have you worked at Blundell's as a cook?** Eight years.
- 2, What is your favourite thing to cook?** Cakes – especially decorating them.
- 3, Have you ever spilt lots of food on the kitchen floor and then had to make it again?** Yes, once. Going over to the Senior School, I spilt rice pudding.
- 4, Have you ever found a bug or a strand of hair in the food?** No!
- 5, Who has been the most important person you have had to cook for, in or out of school?**  
The Mayor of Tiverton.
- 6, If you could change something on the school menu, what would it be?**  
The menus are great. We change them every term.
- 7, Have you ever wanted to sneak a bit of pudding when you serve them out?** Yes!
- 8, Have you ever had any casualties in the kitchen?** Yes, Tina stuck her finger in the blender once and cut the top of her finger off.
- 9, What is your favourite thing about the school?** The children and staff.
- 10, After a day of cooking in school, do you cook at home?** Yes.
- 11, Who is your favourite celebrity chef?** Jamie Oliver and Delia Smith.
- 12, What has been your most embarrassing moment?**  
At school doing the fashion show!
- 13, What are your hobbies outside of school?**  
Swimming, sewing and bodyboarding.
- 14, What would you be if you weren't a cook?** A gymnast.

Interview devised and conducted by  
**Nicole Charles** and **Eva Lloyd**, Year 6



# Science Week

## Science Friction

Science Week started with a bang when Mr. Guy, a chemistry teacher at the senior school, visited our assembly. He demonstrated a variety of exciting experiments involving coloured flames, foaming liquids and some very loud noises!

During the week all at the Prep School carried out an investigation into air resistance, with everybody designing, building and testing either a paper spinner or a paper parachute. Children in the Pre-Prep made a kite at home which could be entered into the category of either best decorated or best flying kite. The children made a fantastic variety of kites and we had over a hundred on display around the school. Luckily we had sunny weather and wind on the day of the kite flying final!

The week ended with a wonderful science show put on by Mad Science. Radioactive Rose showed the children a selection of experiments involving air pressure and friction. She also demonstrated how a hovercraft works and volunteers had the opportunity to ride on it. The show finished with a dry ice shower for the audience! The children sat enthralled for nearly an hour and loved every minute of it. **J.K.P. & S.G.S.**



## Transformers

As part of their science topic about changing materials Form 2K were lucky enough to make some sultana buns. Mrs. Watson helped the children, with Mrs. Kimber, and the children really enjoyed using the Food Technology room. The children noticed that all their ingredients, apart from the sultanas, had changed after being mixed together and cooked. The buns were very tasty too. Not only did the children enjoy the cooking but also the washing up!

**D.M.K.**



**High Flyers:** congratulations to Toby Butler, Shea Clark, Estelle Tucker and Ellie Salisbury, winners of the Pre-Prep best decorated kite competition.



# World Maths Day

On Wednesday 3rd March we became part of World Maths Day and took part in a worldwide challenge to answer as many mental arithmetic questions as possible in 48 hours. (It was in 48 hours because it included pupils in New Zealand at one extreme of the 3rd March and in Hawaii at the other).

The day kicked off with an assembly looking at different maths puzzles, some involving numbers, another based on logic and the last on human instinct. Maths is fun!

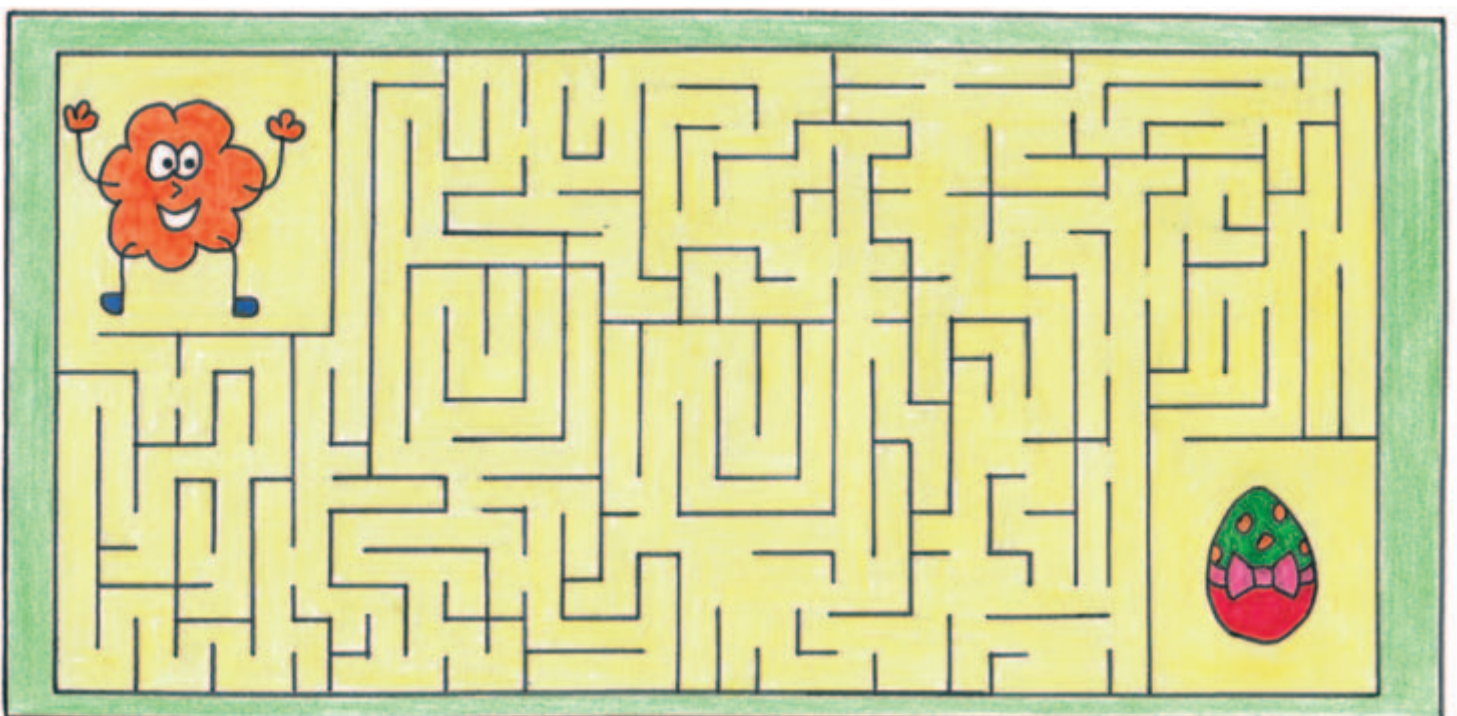
After this each year group spent their maths lesson that day on the World Maths Day Challenge. Pupils had individual accounts on the Internet based 'Mathletics' web site where they competed against pupils from other schools and countries to see how many questions they could answer in one minute. Our top mathematician on the day was Oliver Tribe who – on his best round – answered 49 questions correctly in one minute. Well done Oliver! All pupils received certificates for competing and the best in each maths set received a prize.

In the World Maths Day Challenge this year, 235 countries were represented, 56,082 schools participated with 1,133,246 students answering 479,732,613 questions correctly. There is no doubt that it was great fun and mental arithmetic skills in school improved too! **R.P.C.**

In the Pre-Prep we linked World Maths Day to Science Week, the theme being air. The children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 were set a challenge to see how many bubbles they could blow in one minute, using a bubble solution. Heats were held in form groups before the grand final on Wednesday. There were prizes for the children in each year group who could blow the most bubbles! The children in Nursery 1 guessed how many bubbles Mrs. McDowell could blow in one go and in Nursery 2 the children guessed how many bubbles their teachers could blow before they counted to twenty. Well done to all the winners and to everyone for taking part – a lot of fun was had by all! **D.M.K.**



## Bob the Blob in: Shell Shocker! Can you guide Bob through the maze to the Easter Egg?



Based on original characters created by Kristiane Wheeler.



# LONDON

Year 5 set off for their residential stay in London on 17th March. Their base was the youth hostel Baden Powell House – before relocating to the Golden Hinde...





# Calling



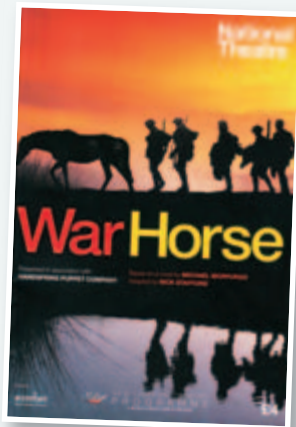
## Natural History Museum

When we got to the Natural History Museum we looked at the giant dinosaur in the main hall, and then went into the dinosaur section to see lots of different dinosaur fossils – and we could push levers to see how they ran. In the mammals section we saw millions of stuffed animals, including a giant blue whale hanging from the ceiling, and in the human biology section we looked at human bones and how they move. We also went into the earthquake section where the ground moved beneath our feet, as well as getting the chance to see many precious gems in the vault.

**Gus Gresswell & Harry Olive**

## War Horse

War Horse was performed at the New London Theatre. It was a good interpretation of Michael Morpurgo's novel. I liked the way that the horses moved with two people controlling their legs and one moving their heads. The play was very sad in places, especially the part when Tophorn died, and some of the girls were crying, but it was also funny in places, like the part when the goose was trying to go inside and Albert's mother slammed the door and he hit his head. The play was also very dramatic, with a huge piece of ripped paper across the back of the stage with pictures projected on to it, a revolving stage and very loud gunshots which made us jump!



**Ben Stevens & Isabel Wright**

## Science Museum

The Science Museum was great! I really liked the rockets and there was a room full of gadgets from the future to the past. There was also a model of the first Apple computer which Mr. Cross really liked! As well as that there was an F1 car dangling from the ceiling, and an Energy section with lots of interactive activities including a touch screen game where you had to match different fuels to machines, and there was also one where you had to design the most eco-friendly tee-shirt. The shop at the museum was amazing because you could get flying foam boomerangs and squidgy aliens.

**Georgina Pitts & Tom Morrison**

## Tate Modern

Miroslaw Balka's black hole was the highlight of the Tate Modern art gallery – it was a massive box that you walked into, and inside it was pitch black. It was hard to see where you were going inside, and I crashed into the wall! There were lots of other works of art to see in the Tate, including paintings by Picasso, Matisse and Monet, although my favourite was a VW camper van with sledges falling out of the back by Joseph Beuys. Mrs. Aldridge had set us the task of finding several pictures, and once we had found them we could play on the interactive art games or go in the shop!

**Tom Morrison & Gracie Belcher**

## The Golden Hinde

The Golden Hinde was Sir Francis Drake's ship. When we got there we had to get dressed in Tudor costumes, and we were split into three groups – the Officers, the Barber-Surgeons and the Gunners. Three actors met us on board and taught us how to find north by using the stars, how to chop off the arms or legs of injured sailors, and how to load and fire the cannons at the Spanish. Then we had some rice and bread for supper before we had to get into our sleeping bags and sleep on the gun deck for the night (although it was very cold and I didn't get much sleep!) The Golden Hinde was my favourite part of the London trip!



**Clara Greenfield & Addie Chai**

## Globe Theatre

The Globe Theatre was round with an open roof just like it would have been in Shakespeare's day – this was really cool, but it must have been annoying when it rained and birds flew in and out. There were different places to sit and stand – the poor people would stand in the centre, and the richer people could sit on benches or in the balcony. We were split into two groups at the theatre. First we had a tour around the building, and then we had a drama workshop and acted out a scene from Twelfth Night – the girls had to be boys, and the boys had to be girls, which was really funny! We also had a look around the theatre museum and the shop before it was time to leave.

**Isabel Wright, Mayla Lee & Maddi Parsons**





# ROCK ME AMADEUS



In March the **Year 2** children performed a delightful play about the story of the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. They dressed up in period costume and coped amazingly well with the challenging songs and words.

# Playtime

## George's Marvellous Medicine

Earlier in the term **Year 1** enjoyed a trip to The Princess Theatre in Torquay...

Yesterday we went to the theatre. We went on a coach and my friend Anna was playing with a magnet and I was trying to get to sleep. I felt very sick on the coach. When we got there we went to the loos then we took our seats. We watched a play of George's Marvellous Medicine. It was really really funny. It stopped halfway through then we had a snack. Then we watched the rest of the show. My favourite bit was all the chicken parts and when Grandma was waving her arms and clapping them. When the show was over we had a packed lunch at the coffee shop. Then we got back on the coach and all the way back I was looking out of the window and trying to go to sleep. It was a really fun day.

**Jessica Payne**, Year 1



# Clubs and Activities

## 'ShowTime' for the Busy Bees

was a time of some considerable excitement! We were entertained by such a variety of things: some children were proud to show models they had made, some brought in holiday photographs to share and there were dancers, joke tellers, a saxophonist and even Batman paid us a visit!



## Art Club

Art Club meets after school on Fridays and gives children in the Pre-Prep and Prep School the chance to get creative in an extensive range of mediums...



## Parent & Toddler Group

Our Parent and Toddler Group meets every Wednesday from 2:00pm. Activities this term have included bubble wrap printing, marble painting, making kites, cat masks and delicious Easter nests...



## Fiddle Fun

Pre-Prep violinists showed some of their friends and teachers what they have been learning at the 'Fiddle Frolics' this term.



# MUSICAL NOTES

As another Spring Term comes to an end I am left wondering where the last ten weeks have gone. We had our first Tea-Time concert of the term in February, and this was shortly followed by our House Music Competition which saw the whole of the Prep School involved either in singing for their Houses or in playing for any of a variety of ensembles. Mrs. Rhodes and Mrs. Taylor very kindly judged the competition and, although it was very close, Grenville were finally announced as winners. The visiting music teachers do a wonderful job of finding and teaching the material, but I love to see the children taking the initiative to organise their own rehearsals as the day approaches.

Just after half term we had a week which contained three different concerts in three different places. On Friday 26th February a group of thirty-two children entertained at the local Frugal Lunch held in St. George's Church. We received a very warm welcome and I know from lots of people who spoke to me afterwards how much our varied programme was enjoyed. We took House singing groups and wind groups, a sprinkling of soloists and three Speech and Drama pupils. Our three soloists, Molly Horsey, Harriet Nash and Max Berry had all recently had scholarship auditions, and we are all very pleased that Max has been offered a music award for Blundell's for next year.

The following Tuesday found us at Blundell's Big School for our annual Joint Concert, where the programme included performers from the Prep School right through to Year 13 at the

Senior School. I felt that this was one of the best ever. Our children performed very well and it was great to see items which included children from both schools, such as The Mettettes, The Nash Ensemble and the Chamber Choir – despite some difficulties in rehearsing. We were also dazzled by some of the performances from the older pupils, including a brilliant piano duet, an ensemble performing the theme music from Pirates of the Caribbean and of course the Blundell's Big Band. Two days later we had our second Tea-Time Concert, which was a good opportunity for parents to hear some of the items from the House Music Competition.

On 15th March members of our orchestra spent the day at Blundell's where Mr. Barlow had organised an Orchestra Day for primary school aged pupils from the locality. There were over one hundred and fifty children involved and it is always interesting to hear the progress from the first rehearsal together, through the sectional rehearsals to the performance in the afternoon. Many thanks to Mr. Barlow for undertaking the organising of this great event each year.

In the last week of term a small group of children took Associated Board music examinations, and we look forward to hearing the results of their hard work. At the end of a busy term I would like to thank all the children who have worked so hard turning up to rehearsals every week for choirs, orchestra and other ensembles. Without their commitment we would never have a concert! **R.J.B.**



*Blundell's Prep musicians performing at the Joint Concert (above) and at the House Music Competition. Ed O'Brien and Ella Davenport receive the winners cup for Grenville (below).*





# WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 4th March marked World Book Day 2010, and the theme this year was story starts. Congratulations to Tommy Burner for winning the Prep School Story Start Quiz by identifying the most children's books from their opening lines, and to Sparkle Menzies, George McIntyre, Archie Morris, Tristan Cox, Bunny Masters, Ben Stevens, William McIntyre, Christian Cabburn, Olivia Jolliffe and Archie Fraser for winning the Story Start Writing Competition by writing the most compelling opening to a story in each English set. Competition was fierce, and it was a very difficult decision to make, but Olivia Jolliffe was finally pronounced overall winner... **L.P.M.**

I began to open the door that led down into the basement, only a crack, then I paused. Terrible thoughts swirled around my head. I had never been down there before but had read about basements being dreadfully spooky places. *What's the worst that could happen?* I asked myself. I felt very nervous but all I had to do was find the tool box. My head was buzzing with awful words, like eerie and creepy, but I took a deep breath and clasped my hand around the rusty door handle. It rattled as the door creaked open...

**Olivia Jolliffe**, Year 6



## Young Writers

Congratulations to children in Year Two who succeeded in winning a writing competition and will have their winning riddles published in a special poetry book. Well done to them all.

## BOOK QUIZ

Can you work out the book title and author from the initials given?

The first one has been done for you.

**1, TLTWATW/ CSL:** *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*/ C.S.Lewis

**2, FOATI/ EB:** .....

**3, TAVIMB/ JS:** .....

**4, TIM/ JW:** .....

**5, TSP/ DKS:** .....

**6, CATCF/ RD:** .....

**7, HPATPS/ JKR:** .....

**8, TSG/ FHB:** .....

**9, IWAR/ PP:** .....

**10, TATH/ BGB:** .....

**11, ES/ AH:** .....

**12, WTWC/ MM:** .....

## Year 2 Fixtures

In March **Year 2** set off to Kelly College for their first matches. The boys played football and the girls played netball. Everyone had a lot of fun and Kelly College were excellent hosts. Lots of parents came to support us and the children are looking forward to playing more matches in the future.

**D.M.K.**





# SPORT REPORT

## Netball

It has been an exciting and frantic term of Netball with all the girls working so hard to refine and develop their skills and match play. I have been very impressed with all of the teams, their attitude towards fixtures and how well they have represented the school.

### Bryanston Netball Tournament – Wed 20 Jan

The U11 A team travelled to Bryanston with the Blundell's U13 team. It was a great experience to be involved in such a large tournament and the team played against lots of other schools. All the girls worked very hard in their pool matches and finished the day playing in the final of the plate competition. It was a promising start to the season and both Mrs. Klinkenberg and Mrs. Menhenneott were impressed with the skills and attitude of the U11 girls.

### Exeter School U9 Netball Tournament – Thurs 11 Mar

It was an exciting afternoon at Exeter Junior School, with lots of matches and competitive play. All the Year 4 girls enjoyed the experience and had two well deserved victories over Stover and Exeter Cathedral School. The team finished in 4th position, after narrowly losing to Plymouth College in their final match.

### Queens College U9 Netball Tournament – Sat 13 Mar

This was a round robin competition with lots of games to play. The team started well against Wellington and managed a draw in the final seconds. Games came fast and furious and the team had to work hard to stay on top of their game. They had convincing wins against Exeter Junior School, Leweston, Mount House and Queens A & B. They finished a well-deserved second place in the tournament having lost to the Downs school. Well done all!

### U11 Millfield Netball

#### Tournament – Wed 17 Mar

The girls worked extremely hard to turn the ball around and get on the attack. It was not a great day for our shooters, who unfortunately weren't getting the goals in. Our team effort was not reflected in the final scores and we finished fourth in the pool. The team played with confidence and a great attitude. It was also a valuable experience to play different schools, like Leweston and Norman Court. **L.M.M.**



Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
<b>U11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>U9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>U7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

## Team Bath Netball



On Monday 22nd March a group of **Year 6** girls travelled up to Bath University to watch some super league netball. It was an exciting fixture between Team Bath and Mavericks (Hereford). Blundell's Prep in front row seats were able to see all the action up close. Jo Binns (England), whom some of the girls have been coached by, played C for Bath and was truly inspiring to watch. It was a fantastic evening and one we hope to make an annual event. Thank you to Mrs. Cross for accompanying us.

**L.M.M.**

## Squads

**U11 A Squad:** Jenny Prevett, Harriet Nash, Arianna Folland, Nicole Charles, Laurie Dawkins, Summer Law, Ella Davenport, Tabitha Pring & Alix Mountbatten.

**U11 B Squad:** Hannah Allison, Bethany Mettam, Grace Casely, Zara Cameron, Eva Lloyd, Annabel Cox, Molly Horsey, Hannah Carthew, Georgia White, Emily Curtis, Hannah Crookdake & Olivia Jolliffe.

**U10 A Squad:** Mayla Lee, Georgia Carpenter, Georgina Wood, Flic Charlesworth, Gracie Belcher, Isabel Wright, Georgina Pitts & Imogen Usherwood.

**U10 B Squad:** Bunny Masters, Clara Greenfield, Sofia Al-Hussaini, Francesca Hartley, Emily Farmer, Mimi Hadley-Piggin & Maddi Parsons.

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

**U8 A Squad:** Grace Labdon, Rebecca Hamilton, Lily Mackay, Molly Cross, Olivia Charteris, Sophie Clough & Zoe Labdon.

**U8 B Squad:** Amber Sharp, Luli Mountbatten, Sparkle Menzies, Olivia Rhodes, Frances Hunt & Serena Hay.



# SPORT REPORT

## Football

### U11 Teams

This season has seen everybody play for the school at some time, and with the depth and breadth built up the matches went very well. The main coaching point given at the start and again at half time was 'be first to the ball'. This enabled the A Team to dictate the play and the opposition were always left chasing the game. Some games didn't go our way but lessons were learnt and put into place for the following fixtures. All played very well in the House matches.

I am not convinced the B Team are the most natural group of footballers, but there is no doubt all who have been involved have thoroughly enjoyed playing. The highlight was winning a tournament against West Buckland in which the opposition dominated in every way, until Nathan Green popped up to score an amazing goal from 30 yards which gave us a 1-0 win. He has not stopped talking about it! All the boys in Years 5 and 6 have played and whilst the swapping of teams does little for our footballing rhythm, it is good to see all involved. I have enjoyed the stubborn defence of Addie Chai, Joe Norris and Tommy Burner, the "Ronaldo" turns from Nathan Green and Christian Cabburn, the speed and commitment of Ed O'Brien up front and the speedy development of Tom Adams, who has a very good left foot. Football is a tough game to play well and children need to play it constantly from a young age to build up skills. Our boys play more like rugby players, but all had a lot of fun and enjoyed a successful season.

**S.G.S. & N.F.**

**Squad:** All Year 5 and 6 boys played U11 football for the school.

### U9 Teams

The squads played a total of sixteen matches between them, losing only five and winning a total of ten. The B's lost two matches and played with a large squad rotated regularly. Four different goalkeepers were used in total with arguably the best being James Lewis Paroussi, who kept a clean sheet at Kelly College – unlike a not-to-be-mentioned goalkeeper who was unlucky enough to face a very strong Millfield side, which beat us 17-0. The A's had a very good season, they were slow to get going but when the awesome threesome – in the guise of Murray, Klinkenberg and Hall-Tomkin – were in tune, they were triumphant with good wins at Stover, Millfield, Plymouth College and St. Michael's. The end of season tournament at Exeter Prep saw us once again start tentatively but we finished well and ran out close winners on goal difference to St. Peter's, thanks to another hat trick from Captain William Hall-Tomkin, who finished the season with three hat tricks in total! Well done Will. **S.J.M.**

**U9 A Squad:** Jack Klinkenberg, Archie Murray, William Hall-Tomkin, Oliver Tribe, Archie Hare, Ralph Morris, Barney Titchener & Alastair Johnson-Ferguson.

**U9 B Squad:** Ben Gresswell, Joseph Horsey, Henry Dyke, George McIntyre, Jasper Pring, Dominic Vause, Alex Venner, Charlie Cameron, Miles Lawler, James Lewis Paroussi, Jack Olive, William Spencer, Tristan Cox, Archie Morris, Rafe Oliver & Edward Olsen.

### STATS

**U11A**  
Played 9  
Won 3  
Lost 6  
Drawn 0



## Hockey

The development of Hockey at the Prep School continues at a pace and with the new astro coming on line this year Hockey has become established as a major sport at senior level with a near full fixture list. Our U11As proved this season that we can compete with the very best in the area despite only having two training sessions of Hockey per week. The highlight of the season came very early on in a tournament at Sherbourne where the U11's beat several well known and established hockey sides to reach the semi-final of this competition, only to be beaten by a very strong side from Dean Close. Our U10's looked like a side with some potential, a number of the boys played at the U11 tournament at Sherbourne and all battled hard in their own age group throughout the season, developing some good skills along the way. **S.J.M.**

### STATS

**U11A**  
Played 12  
Won 3  
Lost 5  
Drawn 4

**U11B**  
Played 3  
Won 0  
Lost 3  
Drawn 0

**U10**  
Played 6  
Won 2  
Lost 2  
Drawn 2

**U11 Squad:** William Klinkenberg, Thomas Mortiboys, Jack Lockwood, Charlie Brown, Ben Clarke\*, George Hill, Edward Blackmore, Nathan Green, Ed O'Brien, Joseph Norris, Tom Adams, Christian Cabburn, James Tierney-Jones & Archie Fraser.

*\* colours awarded*

**U10 Squad:** Sam Maunder, Monty Crowe, Harvey Wilder, Mack Butterfield, Oliver Clough, Jay Lodge, Henry Olsen, Kieran Smith, Alex Gibson, Jack Watt, Addie Chai, Ben Stevens, Vincent Goodwin, Gus Gresswell & Harry Olive.





## Cross Country

As the results clearly show, Blundell's Prep cross country teams continue to set high standards – our U9 Boys remained unbeaten in all three trophy events, and the U11 Boys were unlucky not to achieve similar standards, winning two team events and coming second in the third. Four competitions this term saw us win a total of ten trophies and a large number of individual medals. The highlight of the season was once again our own **Larkman Cup**, which saw us win four out of the six trophies on offer with some excellent individual successes. The **St. Michael's Relays** saw the boys just missing out on retaining the trophy they had held for the last four years, and the girls placing a very competitive third against the seventeen other teams competing. **Stover** saw us build on the success achieved a couple of weeks before at St. Petroc's and there was plenty of individual success with notable wins from the Klinkenberg brothers – who proved quite a handful throughout the entire season with their front running 'up and at them' approach. Grenville House once again won our own **House Run** held as always on the last Monday of term... don't worry Raleigh, I have a cunning plan to win this one next year, although it does involve some early morning runs! **S.J.M.**



### RESULTS

#### St. Michael's

Boys: 2nd out of 16 teams

Girls: 3rd out of 17 teams

#### St. Petroc's

U9 Boys: 1st out of 23 teams

U9 Girls: 3rd out of 23 teams

U11 Boys: 1st out of 23 teams

U11 Girls: 3rd out of 23 teams

#### Stover

U9 Boys: 1st out of 8 teams

U9 Girls: 4th out of 8 teams

U11 Boys: 1st out of 8 teams

U11 Girls: 1st out of 8 teams

1st in the Overall Team Award

#### Larkman Trophy

U9 Boys: 1st out of 10 teams

U9 Girls: 2nd out of 12 teams

U11 Boys: 2nd out of 11 teams

U11 Girls: 1st out of 10 teams

#### House Run

1st Grenville 2nd Raleigh 3rd Drake

**Squad:** Jack Klinkenberg, Archie Murray, William Spencer, Archie Hare, Anna Rose Gabbitass, Gracie Francis, Tabitha Vause, Rebecca Hamilton, Jasmine Mackay, Georgia Carpenter, Tabitha Pring\*, Zara Cameron, Georgina Pitts, Laurie Dawkins\*, Thomas Mortiboys, Monty Crowe, Ben Clarke\* & William Klinkenberg\*. \* colours awarded



## Rugby

The U11 7's season had only two tournaments – the Southwest Prep School's Tournament at Plymouth College and the Downs School Tournament. In the first tournament, won by Blundell's last year, the team played very well to win their pool games. In fact they only conceded one try. The quarter finals were against Taunton School and at half time we were two tries down. With three fresher players coming on in the second half the team seemed to click and played some outstanding rugby, scoring four unanswered tries to take us into the semi finals against Millfield. A hard fought game came down to the last two minutes when we scored and also got the important conversion which booked our place in the final. This was against Wycliffe Prep. After a close first half the score was one try each, but unfortunately Wycliffe scored again with only a minute to go and time ran out, leaving us worthy runners-up. The second tournament featured the best of the Bristol based schools. The team won the first two of its pool matches convincingly and then lost to the Downs. This put the team into the main competition and after two more games we were placed fourth over all. **S.G.S.**



**Squad:** Jack Lockwood, Tobias Francis, Ben Stevens, Edward Blackmore, Charlie Brown, James Tierney-Jones, Mack Butterfield, Sam Maunder, Ben Clarke, William Klinkenberg, George Hill, Archie Fraser, Jonathan Lane & Thomas Mortiboys.



# Jersey Tour

Good games, good food, good friends and good fun are the ingredients for a successful tour, and this tour had each in large quantities! All the tourists had a match shirt given to them by Mr. Trevor of Mendip Media Group and Mr. Lockwood of Stags. My thanks go to both our sponsors who provided an excellent memory for those who went on tour. **S.G.S.**



On Saturday 13th February at about 3 o'clock in the morning **Year 6** struggled out of their beds to meet at Exeter Airport for a flying start to the Jersey Tour! Ash from Sweet Chariot met us at Jersey Airport and took us to our accommodation: Hotel La Place. We had satellite TV in our rooms! We quickly got changed into our sports kit and headed off for our first matches. The girls, in A and B Teams, entered a netball tournament against Jersey A and B Teams – with Blundell's A coming off best overall! We finished with a yummy match tea! Meanwhile the boys were playing rugby against the Jersey U11 Team, and, captained by Jack Lockwood they won! Tobias Francis was named man of the match! We

The boys visited the Maritime Museum and met an actor who played Captain Jack Sparrow, and led them



in sword fighting! We all met at Pizza Hut for lunch, before playing on the beach and going to the cinema to see *Astro Boy*. The next day we visited Aqua Splash and went to the Gerald Durrell Zoo where we fed the meerkats and had a tour of



later went bowling at Jersey Bowl before retiring to the hotel for the night. In the morning after breakfast the girls set off to play hockey against the Jersey Quackers Team – after drawing our match we were given a duck, which was their mascot! The boys went off to play rugby against Jersey Rugby Club, and were once again victorious! Charlie Brown was named man of the match, and along with

Tobias and Jack received a signed Jersey rugby ball. More bowling followed, and then Quasar before it was back to the hotel once more. On Monday the girls went to the Jersey Pearl, where we could pick a pearl or buy jewellery.

the zoo. That evening we had an end of tour disco with a crazy hair theme before bed. Wednesday was our last day and after a room inspection we went shopping in St. Helier. After lunch at a fish and chip shop there was just time for a quick play on the beach before we had to collect our bags from the hotel and head off to the airport. We arrived back in Exeter at 6:45 pm. It had been a most enjoyable and entertaining experience, even though we were all very tired when we got back!



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