

# REVIEW

BLUNDELL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL MAGAZINE

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## Little

Nativities, carols, pantomimes, parties, a bazaar, Christmas lunch and Victorian visit: festive fun at Blundell's Prep...



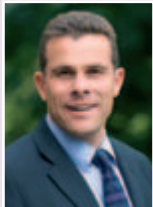
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Pre-Prep Art Day: prints charming  
Book at Bedtime: bags of fun  
Tea Time Concert: going for a song





## Head Master's News



Another lovely term passes. Where does the time go? All pupils have been committed and hard working and

have gained much from the term. They deserve their Christmas break! I thank all the staff for their energy and enthusiasm throughout the term, but especially in the last few weeks, where carol services, bazaars, pantomimes and nativity plays have been enjoyed by so many people. All great fun.

It was with some sadness that I announced my departure from the School at the end of this academic year. I have enjoyed nine very happy years here, but I genuinely feel that now is the right time for me to move to pastures new. The School will benefit from fresh eyes and continue to march on successfully, I have no doubt. This is a splendid School and all support it so well. The children are very lucky and this Review captures the quality and opportunity available here, for all of the children to seize upon and enjoy.

*N Folland*

**Nick Folland** Head Master



## Nest Eggs

The children in **Year 2** have been learning about the life cycles of animals this term. As part of their science curriculum, they have had an incubator in their classroom with six eggs ready for hatching.

# Teddy Timeline



As part of their History curriculum, the children in Year 1 have been finding out about the first Teddy Bears that were ever made and about how bears have changed over the years. They enjoyed bringing in their bears from home and made a timeline with them. The oldest bear was 47 years old! T.N.

## Ancient Egypt: All Wrapped Up

As part of their History project on Ancient Egypt, Year 3 spent a day off timetable studying Ancient Egyptian artefacts and learning about the process of mummification this term!

With the help of Exeter Museum the children became archaeologists for the day, handling original and replica artefacts and learning how to tell the difference. They were also transported back in time to practise the process of mummification, learning all the different steps involved with this important ritual. J.M.H.





# PREFECTS AND COUNCILLORS

New prefects for the year were appointed by the staff, and each was sent a letter by Mr. Folland during the summer inviting them to take up their positions. The prefects were awarded a prefect badge and tie, and meet each Tuesday for lunch with Mr. Folland. Each prefect has a specific area of responsibility: **Georgina Wood** and **Mack Butterfield** – Year 3 Prefects; **Kieran Smith** – Music Prefect; **Grace Belcher** and **Monty Crowe** – Sports Prefects; **Emily Farmer** and **William McIntyre** – Library Prefects; **Flic Charlesworth** – School Council Prefect; **Ben Stevens** and **Imogen Usherwood** – Prefects in charge of the Pupil Board.

School Council Representatives were chosen by their forms with a secret vote. The Council meets every two weeks on a Friday lunch time with Mr. Kerr to discuss pupil matters including menus, privilege time and play equipment. The elected councillors are: **Amelia Richards** (2K), **Eliza Lloyd** (2C), **John Bishop** (3NI), **Grace Chapman** (3HA), **Lily Mackay** (4GA), **George McIntyre** (4HI), **Archie Morris** (5SW), **Tristan Cox** (5KE), **William Spencer** (5MA), **Faye Hayward** (6MI), **Tom Morrison** (6SH) and **Sam Maunder** (6MO). **Flic Charlesworth** also attends meetings as School Council Prefect.



Article by **Imogen Usherwood** and **Tom Morrison**, Year 6







## Fair Trade

A big thank you to all those parents who supported our Fairtrade and Tradecraft stalls on the last day of term. As a school we are trying to gain Fairtrade Schools



Status, and in order to promote Fairtrade products the Year 6 children made cakes during the last week of term – using Fairtrade products as far as possible. These delicious cakes were all

sold during the course of the morning. A big thank you also to Mrs. Hirst and Mrs. Sharland who very kindly gave up their mornings to promote and sell their Tradecraft products, and also to Lola, Tatty and Lucinda who served the Fairtrade teas and coffees. **S.A.S.**



## Children in Need

On Friday 19th November everyone came to school in spots with a pound in their pockets for Children in Need! We all enjoyed the home clothes day, and with our spots we raised lots – £335 to be precise! Thanks to everyone who contributed.

**Imogen Usherwood**, Year 6



## Joke of the Term # 14

**Q.** Why are the police so strong?

**A.** To hold up the traffic!

Joke supplied by **Ed Pawson**, Year 6.

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

# Bonfire Party

On Thursday 4th November the Friends of Blundell's Prep held their annual bonfire party at the school. There was a huge bonfire with a guy on the top, and some impressive fireworks which lit up the sky. There were also refreshments including hotdogs, sweets, tea, coffee and mulled wine for the parents, as well as glow sticks on sale for the children. Everybody had a great time, thank you to the Friends for organising it all!

**Ed Pawson**, Year 6





The Blundell's Prep Cross-stitch Shield is a project begun by Mrs. Nicholls this term. She got the idea from a hand-stitched Christmas card from Harvey Wilder, and as he was the inspiration for the project Harvey was invited to sew the first stitch. This is to be followed by the rest of Year 6, and then the rest of the school. The shield is 50cm tall and 40cm wide and, at the rate of two people sewing 25 stitches each week, it is expected to take more than four years and 9,250 stitches to complete! When eventually finished, the shield will be displayed in the foyer for all to see.

Imogen Usherwood, Year 6



## Cross-stitch Shield

Whilst the heavier falls waited until the holidays, there was a smattering of snow to put everyone in the festive mood at the end of term...



## Cold Play



## Blundell's Prep Cafe Behaviour Management and The Blundell's Way

The latest Cafe Event at the Prep School saw a visit from educational consultant Margaret Goldthorpe in October. Margaret spoke to parents and staff on behaviour management, emphasising the importance of showing young people that they have a choice of responses when things don't go their own way, and sharing some invaluable tips for encouraging them to make the right choices!

Margaret also ran some INSET training for staff on the subject, and the school was subsequently pleased to be able to take on some of her ideas in initiating a privilege time for children on a Friday afternoon – with minutes being lost for making the wrong behaviour decision following a warning. To help all to understand the behaviour decisions expected at the School, the School's motto, Non Sibi – not for oneself – has been distilled into a simple series of value statements under the heading of The Blundell's Way...

### The Blundell's Way

- We always try to treat others as we ourselves would want to be treated
- We share
- We forgive
- We listen respectfully
- We are honest
- We are kind and helpful
- We do all that we can to be our best selves!



## Home

Dog barking  
Sheep baaing  
Chickens clucking  
Turkeys gobbling  
That's my home

Mummy cooking  
Daddy mowing  
Children playing  
Friends visiting  
That's my home

Warm and cosy  
Loud and noisy  
Funny and happy  
Busy! Busy! Busy!  
That's my home

**Kiera White**, Year 5

## Home: My Bedroom

My cosy bed  
My cuddly ted  
My favourite toys  
Some blue for boys  
My baskets of books  
My blazer on a hook  
Big jigsaw puzzles  
With pieces in muddles  
Trainers waiting by the door  
Messy toys on the floor  
This room is my favourite  
Better than any other  
So everyone keep out  
ESPECIALLY MY BROTHER!

**Sam Willder**, Year 4

## My Home

My home is my palace  
A palace for me  
Full of my treasures  
For my friends to see

My home within a home  
Belongs to me  
A great miniature home  
No need for a key

My home has a garden  
A garden with a magic  
magnolia tree  
Full of secret paths  
Where you can't find me

But my home wouldn't be my home  
Without my family!

**Clara Greenfield**, Year 6



National Poetry Day this year fell on Thursday 7th October, and all at the Prep School celebrated by sharing some of their favourite poems in assembly. A poetry writing competition on the theme of 'Home' saw many good entries submitted – but in the end prizes were awarded to Sam Willder, Kiera White and Clara Greenfield...



## Book Week



The children in **Kindergarten** and **Year 1** enjoyed finding out about what the local library has to offer during their visit to Tiverton Library in September. All in the **Pre-Prep** also had the opportunity to come to school dressed as book characters. We had Harry Potters, Cats in the Hat, pirates, princesses, fairies, soldiers, cats, dragons and even a Where's Wally? The children loved the fun of coming to school in costume, before a quick change into pyjamas to finish off the week with the ever popular Book at Bedtime. Candles added to the atmosphere, and after hot chocolate and cookies, all settled down clutching teddies in sleeping bags to listen to some bedtime favourites... **T.N.**



## Year 2 Write On



The children in **Year 2** were each presented with a certificate in assembly because they have taken part in a riddle writing competition. They have all written riddles that will be published in a riddle book to be made available for purchase. They were very proud of their achievements.

**T.N.**



## Booking an Author: Rebecca Lisle

Rebecca came to Blundell's for an author visit on Thursday 30th September. She talked to the children about her books and her life as an author, showing some examples of her early, unpublished work – handwritten and littered with spelling mistakes – as well as her accomplished artwork, and most recent fiction for children. All were clearly inspired to read and write for themselves, and many attended her book signing at the end of the day...

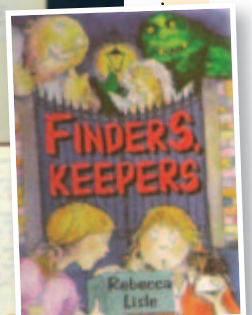
Rebecca has had more than 20 children's books published, including the modern fairy tales *The Toad Prince* and *The Practical Princess* for younger readers, the horror stories *The Bear Pit* and *The Empty Grave* for developing readers, and the fantasy adventures *Copper* and *Amethyst* for more confident readers; her latest book, *Crystal*, completes the *Frozen World* trilogy.

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You can find out more about Rebecca by visiting her website: [www.rebeccalisle.com](http://www.rebeccalisle.com).

**L.P.M.**





## BLUNDELL'S PREP

# Out and about

### Beside the Sea



On Thursday 16th September **Year 2** set off bright and early to Budleigh Salterton. The children looked at many of the local features including the beach huts, the promenade, Edwardian houses and the estuary. The children really enjoyed throwing the pebbles into the sea too! We were also lucky enough to meet a friendly fisherman who kindly showed us all the different fish he had caught. We then dodged a few showers as we walked towards the River Otter where we saw a heron and some swans. The weather brightened up for a picnic lunch before we moved onto Exmouth. At Exmouth we had a delicious ice cream and played on the sand. Some of us were even brave enough to go for a paddle. We noticed lots of interesting things in both seaside towns and the children were able to remember lots of things for our Geography, History and Science lessons this term. **D.M.K.**

### Victorian Christmas

**Year 1** were in for a Christmas treat when they visited Killerton House to experience a Victorian Christmas at the end of term. They were shown around the house by Lady Jill and Lady Marianne. They learned about Victorian toys and were shocked to find out that Victorian children did not receive presents at Christmas – it was only the grown-ups who opened presents on Christmas Day. They enjoyed seeing the decorations and splendid Christmas trees around the house; they learnt that it was the job of one of the servants to stand by the Christmas tree all



evening to prevent the candles from causing a fire! How times have changed! They loved playing the Victorian party games and listening to the carols and stories that were part of the entertainment at the end. In return for such a lovely afternoon the children then sang carols that they had prepared for the ladies of the house. It was a great start to the Christmas season. **T.N.**

### Knightshayes Court

**Year 3** toured some of the local historical buildings, industries and geographical features of Tiverton in October as part of our Geography topic on local settlements. We particularly enjoyed visiting Knightshayes Court, which we learned was where John Heathcoat lived – and from the garden of which he could keep an eye on the factory to ensure it was working to its full potential! **J.M.H.**







## Salmon Release

As part of their Geography topic last year on rivers, **Year 5** looked after some salmon eggs. This involved learning about the life cycle of salmon and monitoring their tank every day to make sure that the temperature was just right for them. These eggs have now grown into salmon and the children in Year 5 walked down to the River Lowman and took it in turns to release them into the river this term. They worked with John Hickey, from the Rivers Trust, who was able to tell them all about the journey that these salmon would be taking. **B.L.C.**

## River Lowman

**Year 4** also visited the River Lowman in October as part of their Geography topic on rivers. They learned about where the river starts and ends, and sketched the river showing places of erosion and deposition.

**Jack Dummett**, Year 6



## Halberton Farm

The children in **Year 5** visited the farm in Halberton as part of their Geography topic on farming this term. They toured the farm on the back of two very bumpy tractors and learnt about all the different crops that were growing. **B.L.C.**



## A Walk in the Park: *Putting Art into Perspective*

**In September Year 6 visited People's Park in Tiverton. We were gathering ideas for landscape work in Art, and sketched trees, buildings and benches, concentrating on showing perspective through foregrounds, middle grounds and backgrounds.**

**Georgina Pitts**, Year 6



Kindergarten: The Grumpy Sheep



Nursery: The Star Who Couldn't Twinkle



Year 1: The Raggedy King



# Starring

With a selection of nativities and pantomimes across the school, all enjoyed play time this Christmas...

Year 2: A Christmas Alphabet



Main Picture Year 5: Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs







Year 3: Angels on the Loose



**"Everyone at the Prep School enjoyed preparing for the pantomimes – we missed lessons for a couple of days to build our own props and scenery, learn the lines and practise singing. Mrs. Jeffs chose the parts by pulling names out of a hat!"**

Imogen Usherwood, Year 6

Year 4: Dick Whittington and his Cat



# Roles

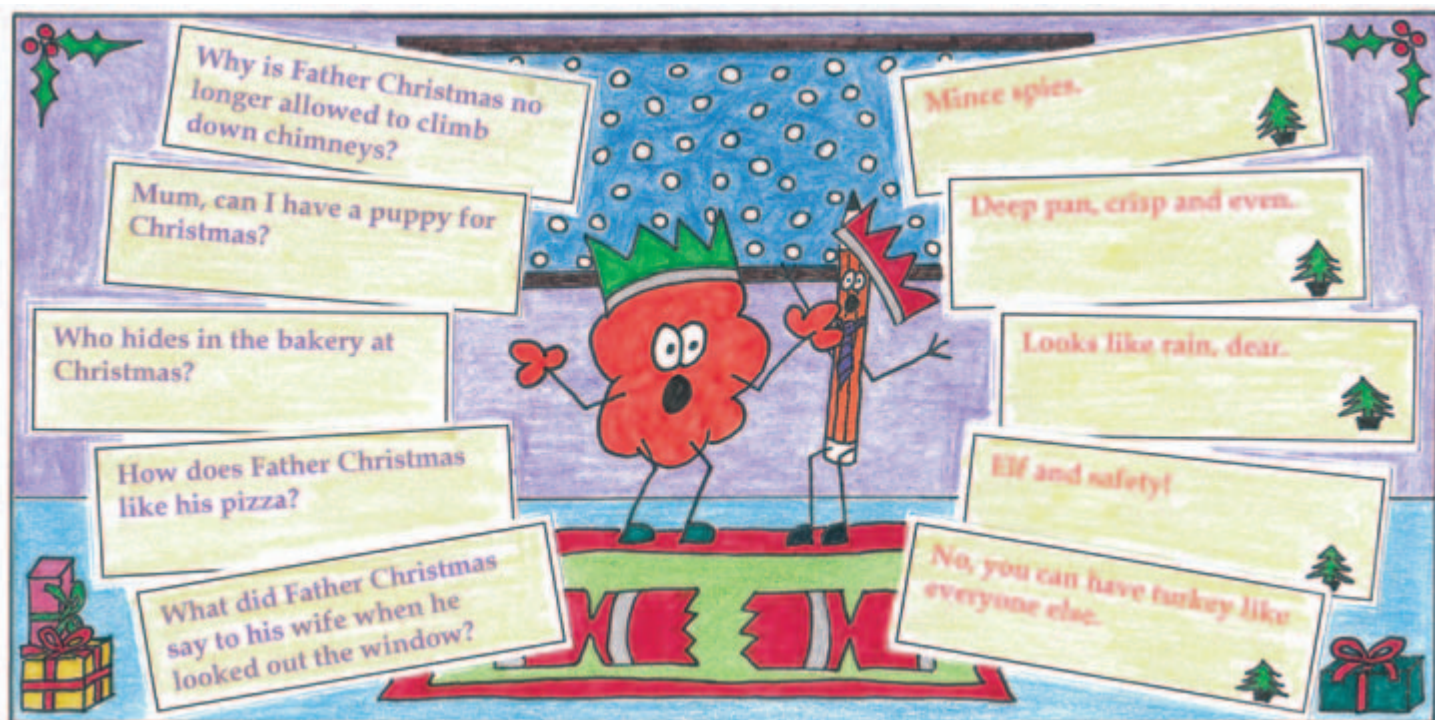


Year 6: Puss in Boots



# Bob The Blob and Stencil The Pencil in: Crackers for Cheese!

Bob and Stencil have got into a muddle down at the Christmas Cracker Joke Factory. Can you help them match the jokes to their punchlines?



Original characters created by Frances Auger and Kristiane Wheeler.

## Busy Bees



This has been a very exciting term for the Busy Bees. Some of the highlights have included parachute games, junk modelling, a sights walk and sandwich making. Showtime was particularly entertaining, with a great variety of acts. There were children showing off their physical skills with ankle skips, balls and bouncers. There was some fantastic singing and dancing. Some children brought in items from home that they had made to show. There was also a visit from a very chirpy duck! A great deal of fun was had by all!

D.M.K. & T.N.



## J TEAM



The J Team have completed another unbeaten season and this success is firmly based around the support we have had from the parent and staff prayer group. Many thanks go to Claire Curtis and her loyal band of prayer warriors. We have tried to be topical in our training this year with banger making around November 5th, remembrance and The Last Supper around November 11th and a budget nativity play at Christmas. Many thanks go to Mrs. Jeffs for running the J Team picnic (above) and a big thank you to Mrs. Dean for playing her guitar. Mrs. Naylor and Wallace were again popular guests and we always enjoy their visits to our practice sessions. The Blundell's Prep School Christian Union resumes training at the beginning of next term and old and new members are most welcome. See you, same time, same place, next term for J Team. E.S.H.



# Acting Up

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

In English **Years 5 and 6** read Shakespeare's comedy A Midsummer Night's Dream this term, and then in October we had a drama workshop on the play from the Shakespeare 4 Kidz Theatre Company. Two actors from the company came into school and helped us to act out the play in groups, which was really funny but also exhausting. Most importantly this helped us to get a much better understanding of the story before we went to watch the play being performed by Shakespeare 4 Kidz at the Queen's Theatre in Barnstaple. This was amazingly funny, especially the part of Bottom!

**Jack Dummett** and **Tom Morrison**, Year 6

## Arabian Adventures

This year the West Midlands Theatre Company performed a play called Arabian Adventures. Children from the **Pre-Prep** and **Year 3** were very excited to be able to watch this hilarious play in November, which had both children and staff in stitches. Some children were especially pleased to have been chosen to help the cast put on the play and they were cheered on enthusiastically by their class mates. **T.N.**



## Staff on the Spot

**This term:**  
**Mr. Kerr**



### 1, What is your full name?

James Christian Kerr.

### 2, What job did you have before you joined Blundell's?

I was Head of Boarding at Cottesmore School in West Sussex.

### 3, Why did you decide to move to Tiverton?

To work at Blundell's Prep.

### 4, What are your first impressions of Blundell's?

Very friendly, with a lot of talented people.

### 5, Do you have any children?

I have three children and a cat called Burger.

### 6, If you were in a fairy tale, which character would you be?

Shrek!

### 7, What do you do in your spare time?

I go bear hunting with my sons.

### 8, What has been your most embarrassing moment?

Listening to my wife emptying Jersey Rugby Club with her karaoke singing!

### 9, What is the best lesson you have ever taught?

Teaching Pythagoras by calculating the area of the front of the school was a good one!

### 10, If you were stranded on a desert island, what three things would you like to have with you?

My family, some matches and a jar of Branston pickle.

### 11, What's the most daring thing you've ever done?

Free-falling in New Zealand.

### 12, The last two Deputy Heads went on to become Headmasters when they left the school. Do you plan on doing that?

Possibly!

Interview devised and conducted by **Imogen Usherwood** and **Tom Morrison**, Year 6



## Art Day: Print Finish

Pre-Prep had their first Art Day of the year on 1st November, with two more booked for the Spring and Summer terms. All years from Nursery 1 to Year 2 participated in a day of printing, which was the main focus this time. There were many different activities to try, including the opportunity to create repeating patterns by printing with a selection of painted objects, designing and constructing models using recyclable materials, producing mono prints using printing inks, and designing and creating firework themed printing tiles. There was also the opportunity to experiment with computer software art programs. The day was a huge success, thanks to the hard work and enthusiasm of the children and staff involved, and we are very excited to announce our next Art Day, which will be in March when drawing will be our main focus. The results of all the children's hard work will be on display at our Summer Term Exhibition in June.T.C.



## The Big Draw

This term we held an art competition as part of The Big Draw, an international campaign to encourage people to draw. People in over 20 countries took part in drawing events during the whole of October. The competition simply asked children to draw something special. It could be a special person, a special animal, a special place... anything that they felt was special to them! After much deliberation, winners were chosen, and prizes awarded to Grace Labdon, for her drawing of her cat, Grace Francis for her drawing of some special memories, Olivia Rhodes for her drawings of her friends and Flic Charlesworth for her self-portrait. Well done to all who entered, and keep drawing! J.A.A.







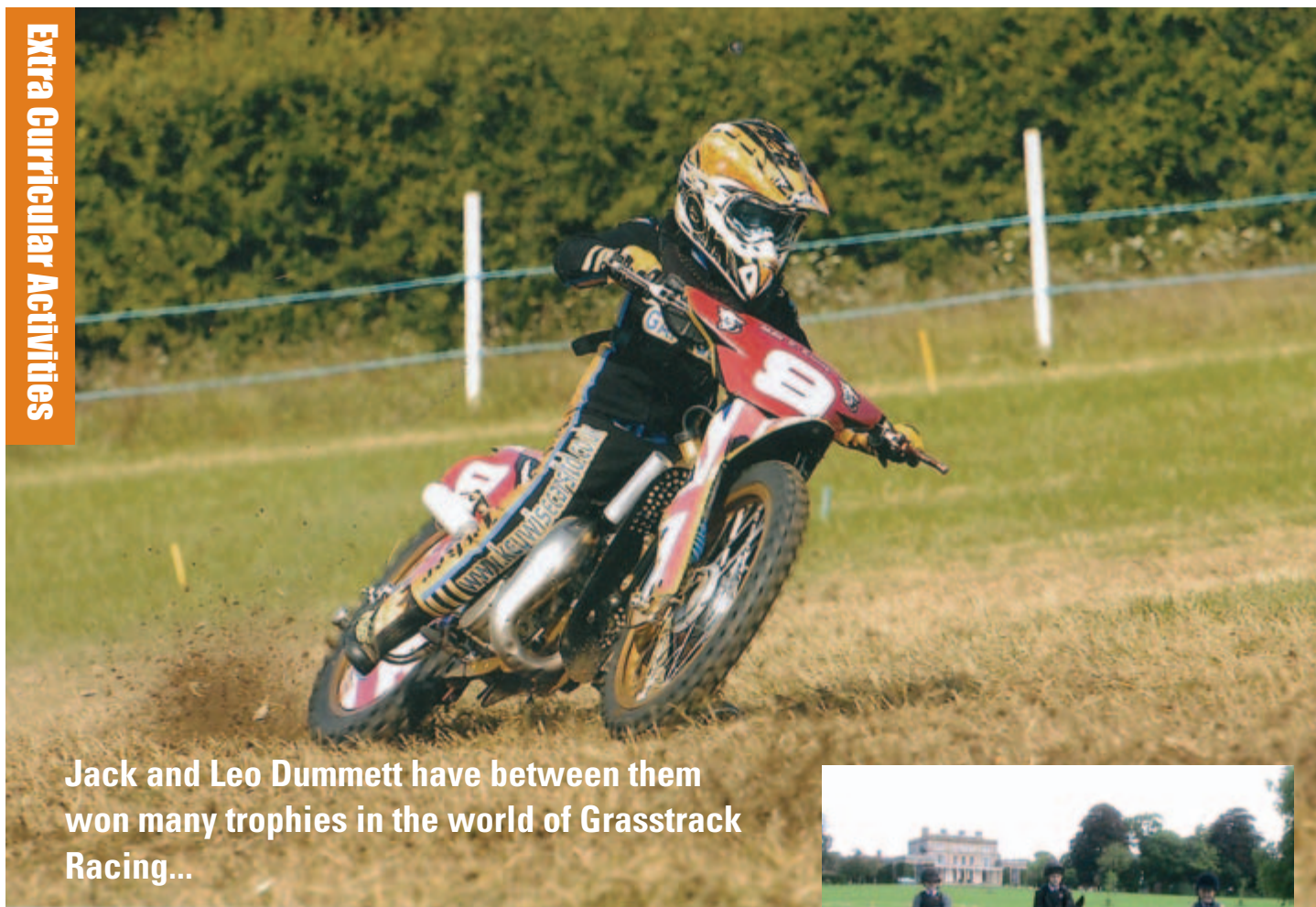
## MUSICAL NOTES

After a quiet few weeks as we settled into the routine of the new term, the business of the department has increased steadily, reaching a climax with the Christmas celebrations at the end of term. Adding some exciting new options to musical activities this term, Mrs. Rivett has been in regularly to teach violin to Year 4, and what fun that has been – with the children giving a mini-concert to parents to show what they had learned just before half term. Mr. Taylor has also taught Brass to the Year 2 classes in a similar way, and these lessons have also been much enjoyed. Other music activities have included our regular Tea-Time concerts, although our second concert had to be cancelled due to the weather – a great pity because so much hard work had gone into preparing for it. Once we had passed half term we were all hard at work preparing for Christmas. In November the Choir sang in Market Walk Precinct to make a great start to the Christmas season, and then followed this up by singing at the School Bazaar. In December the Festival of Carols was another special occasion as our Choir was joined by three other choirs from local schools at the chapel. An important part of this evening is the tea that follows, laid on by the kitchen staff in the marquee at Blundell's – many thanks to them, as it is very much enjoyed by everyone. Our own Carol Service in the chapel followed, and I was thrilled by all the singing and

the energy with which all the children took part. Our Parent Choir, The Mamas and the Papas, also sang really well –adding another first, and another dimension to the service. At the end of a busy term twelve children are also awaiting Associated Board Exam results, and we wish them lots of luck with this. **R.J.B.**







**Jack and Leo Dummett have between them won many trophies in the world of Grasstrack Racing...**

"There are lots of different classes – Leo races in the Auto Cadets with his 50cc KTM bike, and I race in the Junior category with my 85cc KTM bike. We travel to a lot of different race meetings and Leo recently won the Swindon Championship. I have also won competitions, including the Somerton and Cornwall Championships. It is a lot of fun!"

**Jack Dummett**, Year 6



If you have been up to anything exciting outside of school, and you would like to tell us about it, please speak to Mr. Moore or any member of Newspaper Club and your story could be printed here next time...



## Show Jumping

**In September Georgina Wood, Archie Hare and Flic Charlesworth went to King's Hall for a show jumping competition with their ponies...**

"We did some practice fences before the competition began, and although we did pick up some faults we all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. A team from Exeter Prep were overall winners and we finished in 8th place in the end, but we all had a fabulous time!"

**Flic Charlesworth**, Year 6





## Girls' Hockey

It has been another promising, yet long and chilly term, packed with many matches and tournaments. All the girls have demonstrated hard work and commitment to teams and most importantly improved 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!

A special mention must go to our **U10 Team** who won the Exeter Junior School Hockey tournament in October. Mrs. Garcia was full of praise for the hungry and competitive side who stood out from the field and played outstandingly. A great achievement! **Team:** Anna Rose Gabbitass, Tabitha Vause, Grace Francis, Imogen Hamilton-Green, Jasmine Mackay, Kitty Harvey-Brade & Cara Read.

The **U9 Blundell's Prep Hockey Tournament** took place on Thursday 25th November, despite the extremely cold weather, with 14 schools turning up to play, all with smiles on their faces! It was a massive competition and thanks must be given to Mrs. Nicky Klinkenberg, from the senior school, who

kindly gave up her time to help umpire the Blundell's Prep A Team, and to Mrs. Cracknell who looked after the B's – also to Miss Harrison and Mrs. Nicholls for keeping the scores in order. The **U9 A Team**, who competed in Pool 2, had tough matches against St. Peter's, Mount House and St. Michael's. It was great to see them play with maturity and guts, but unfortunately things did not go their way on the day and they narrowly missed out on getting through to the next round. The B's did well and enjoyed the experience of playing in a large tournament. Both teams scored some convincing goals and learnt a lot from the afternoon. Well done to all the girls in Year 4. **L.M.M.**

## Squads

**U11 A:** Grace Belcher, Georgina Pitts, Georgina Wood, Flic Charlesworth, Anna Rose Gabbitass, Grace Francis, Tabitha Vause, Imogen Hamilton-Green.

**U11 B:** Isabel Wright, Emily Farmer, Imogen Usherwood, Francesca Hartley, Mayla Lee, Faye Hayward, Sybil Jones, Clara Greenfield.

**U10 A:** Maddie Wright, Issy Fraser, Jodie White, Kitty Harvey-Brade, Cara Read, Charlotte Tait, Jasmine Mackay.

**U10 B:** Emily Mettam, Kiera White, Victoria Davies, Scarlett Fawcett, Katie Martin.

**U9 A:** Rebecca Hamilton, Milly Curtis, Sophie Clough, Sparkle Menzies, Kata Lee, Grace Labdon, Zoe Labdon.

**U9 B:** Amber Sharp, Luli Mountbatten, Serena Hay, Frances Hunt, Eve Hayward, Lily Mackay, Olivia Charteris, Olivia Rhodes, Electra Goodwin.

**U8:** Mia Butterfield, Laura Smith, Holly Nugent, Elizabeth Curgenven, Emma Edwards, Ellie Salisbury, Grace Chapman, Alex Pawson, Alice Lilley, Imogen Davy.

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
<b>U11 A</b>	19	7	7	5
<b>U11 B</b>	8	1	6	1
<b>U10 A</b>	11	5	3	3
<b>U10 B</b>	4	0	4	0
<b>U9 A</b>	8	3	3	2
<b>U9 B</b>	8	4	4	0
<b>U8</b>	2	0	2	0



# SPORT REPORT

## Under 11 A Team

The season got off to a flying start with a tournament win at Port Regis! Facing some of the largest and most effective rugby playing Prep Schools in the South West, Blundell's Prep comfortably beat them all!

The team's quick running 7's-style honed at Port Regis paid dividends throughout the season. With some mighty wins the team has grown in confidence and skill. From prop to full back the defence has been sound. The opposition did not have the ball that often because of the fantastic ball retention in contact situations. As the season progressed new moves and a more expansive kicking game were introduced, which saw the team gain territory quickly.

Next term sees the start of 7's Rugby and the national qualifiers. I hope all of the players will retain their enthusiasm, which they showed in abundance this term.

Well done to all those involved and many thanks to the band of faithful supporters who have seen some scintillating rugby!

**S.G.S.**

**U11 A Squad:** Ralph Morris, Ben Stevens, Mack Butterfield, Addie Chai, Harvey Wilder, Harry Olive, Gus Gresswell, Sam Maunder, Greg Kitson, Monty Crowe, Alexander Gibson, Oliver Clough, Henry Olsen, Jack Klinkenberg, Archie Murray, Vincent Goodwin & Jay Lodge.

## Under 11 B Team

This has been an immensely enjoyable season for the B Team, which has been led very well by Jack Watt and Harvey Wilder and ably supported by all of the boys.

Throughout the season we have endeavoured to involve every player in the squad during our matches, so that on occasion we have even substituted three-quarters of the team at half time.

The season started superbly with a convincing away win at Kelly College. We then travelled to St. Peter's where the result was reversed against a strong and more committed side. This proved to be a blip however, as three days later we enjoyed an excellent victory over the Downs School, before beating Kelly College again in an extra fixture. We started the second half of term with a superb win over Millfield, before going on to beat St. Michael's by 68 points to nil. Freezing weather conditions have shortened the season slightly but the boys have had an excellent term and should be congratulated on the improvements that they have made throughout.

**J.C.K.**







## Under 9 A Team

When a very inexperienced squad of boys started their season campaign in warm, sunny conditions against St. Michael's in a very early season encounter, a problem we faced for almost the entire season immediately came to light: a lack of pace or speed with the ball. What the boys lacked in pace or speed, however, they more than made up for in the most important areas: tackling, guts and spirit. Festivals at St. Peter's, King's Hall and Mount House saw us lose matches by only a try and win matches by sheer grit and determination. A good away win at Kelly College and an excellent home win against Tiverton RFU saw us begin to mould into a winning team with fighting qualities. Nothing highlighted this more than our own tournament at the end of the season, when faced with a strong Wellington side in the semi-finals of the plate competition we scored a try in extra time by sheer commitment and a will to win the game.

**S.J.M.**

**U9 A Squad:** Jasper Pring, Joseph Horsey, George McIntyre, Theo Rees, Dominic Vause, Ben Gresswell, Harry Charlesworth, Henry Dyke, Henry Richards, Charlie Hutchinson, Rocco Hartley, Thomas Russell & Alex Venner.

## Under 9 B Team

A great deal of fun was had by all in the B Team! Many had the opportunity to play and the team was jiggled around consistently from game to game. Although this doesn't help with continuity, it allows many to enjoy the game and represent the school, and all played their hearts out. The Year 4 boys took the lead and it was lovely to see the likes of Edward Jolliffe come to the fore, Luca Kemp running so well and growing in confidence, and Alex Venner consistently showing his skill and speed. These boys were ably supported by George Cochrane, Jack Swain, Tom Greenfield, William Sawyer and Sam Willder and it was good to see them playing.

The Year 3 boys boosted the team and we have a strong crew of rugby players developing well in this year. William Blowers, Ben and Jon Robinson, Rocco Hartley, Alex Curtis and Oliver Wright all played their part and they are committed players. All want to tackle and all want to take the opposition on when we have the ball. Tom Reynolds is also starting to look the part and can go on to do well. There is still much to do, but the passing and positional sense will come and all can see that the future of Blundell's Prep rugby is in good hands. Well done to all! **N.A.F.**

## Under 10 Rugby

The U10 squad have played some great rugby this season. With a rushed defence many other teams found they were going backwards in attack, and the U10 offensive resulted in many tries. This was due to the quick hands of the first two receivers and their angles of running.

The culmination of the season came at the Queen's Tournament where the squad were unbeaten in their pool and went on to the final where they lost but not without giving the opposition a good game. **S.G.S.**

**U10 Squad:** Ralph Morris, Archie Morris, Barney Titchener, Archie Hare, Byron Knowles, William Hall-Tomkin, Greg Kitson, Jack Klinkenberg, Archie Murray, Miles Lawler, William Spencer, Oliver Tribe, Alastair Johnson-Ferguson & Charlie Cameron.



## Prep School Barbarians Trials

The annual Prep School Barbarians Trials, hosted by Blundell's Senior School, saw four boys from Blundell's Prep School compete against the best in the South West. Ben Stevens, Sam Maunder, Monty Crowe & Mack Butterfield were invited to attend on the day. There were team building skills before a series of matches watched by selectors. At the match tea afterwards Mr. Saunders, Director of Blundell's Sport, and Mr. Holman, Head of School House Sport, praised all of the boys for their fantastic efforts. Some great rugby was seen by all and Sam Maunder (scrum half) and Ben Stevens (hooker) were selected to play for the South West Barbarians team in a match against the South East to decide who goes on to play in the South versus North match. This game will see some of the children selected to play for the National Barbarians. A progress report will be made in the next Review and updates are always posted on the school website. Good luck boys! **S.G.S.**

## Natal Sharks

We were lucky enough to have Etienne Fynn from the Natal Sharks in South Africa come to run some coaching sessions for the children this term. Etienne played international rugby for South Africa as well as representing the Natal Sharks in his playing career. His enthusiasm and love for the game of rugby was evident for all to see during his exciting sessions. He joined in with the Pre-Prep for some tag rugby, before coaching at the Prep School and School House. Before leaving he said that he felt English rugby was in safe hands – and with the cold weather and soft ground here he could see why English rugby players play rugby like they do! Thanks must go to the Sweet Chariot Tour Company for arranging for Etienne to come down to Blundell's. **S.G.S.**





# Festive Finale

With appearances at Pre-Prep and Toddler parties, as well as the Christmas Bazaar, Father Christmas was very much in demand at the end of term; high spirits also featured on the menu at the cracker of a Christmas Lunch...



## Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar fell on Saturday 27th November and was a great hit! There were many different stalls at the Prep School, an art and craft room for making Christmas cards, face painting, children's tattoos and a Guess the Name of the Teddy competition; Year 6 ran a raffle – with much excitement over the chance to win rugby goods signed by Etienne Fynn – and everyone enjoyed seeing two real reindeer, accompanying Santa in his grotto! Refreshments were available, including fairy cakes made by the children, and the choir kept the crowds entertained singing Christmas carols. It was a busy morning, and more than £1,400 was raised for Children's Hospice South West. Many thanks to everybody who helped out on the day!

**Imogen Usherwood, Ed Pawson and Tom Morrison,** Year 6



## Pre-Prep Party

We were so lucky that Father Christmas had time to fit a visit to the Pre-Prep into his busy schedule this Christmas. He joined in our Christmas Party celebrations and brought a huge sack filled with presents for all the children and staff. We all had a lovely time playing games, singing, dancing and eating the delicious party food! **T.N.**

## Toddler Time

Blundell's Parent and Toddler Group has enjoyed another successful term. We meet informally every Wednesday afternoon from 2.00 to 3.30 in the Pre-Prep School where children can play both inside and outside. There is a craft activity each week, as well as painting and playdough. Each session finishes with a drink and a sing song. At our last meeting this term we held a Christmas party. The children made shiny star hats and wore them to show Father Christmas, who arrived with presents for everyone! **W.J.N.**

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