

# REVIEW

BLUNDELL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL MAGAZINE

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## Head Master's News



Another fun packed term comes to an end, busier perhaps than any I have known! Year 6 performed splendidly in their Entrance Exams. The children relished the fun and creativity of Art Week and my thanks go to all

the parents who helped out with this. We also enjoyed hosting some interesting visitors during Science Week, and held our own fun French themed day. The term also saw a Tudor Day, various trips to cathedrals and abbeys, a residential to London and a sports tour to Jersey. On top of that every child from Year 2 to Year 6 has represented the School in competitive sport! My thanks must go to the staff and all the children for their commitment and hard work. This super Review shows some of these wonderful learning experiences. I hope you enjoy it.

*N Folland*

**Nick Folland** Head Master



Congratulations go to Kieran Smith, William McIntyre, Max Payne, Vincent Goodwin, Hal Dare and Imogen Usherwood for gaining Academic Awards for Blundell's, and to Kieran Smith and Emily Farmer for gaining Music Awards.

## Prep Merit Badge



Congratulations also go to Imogen Usherwood, Year 6, for becoming the first Blundell's Prep pupil ever to achieve the Prep Merit Badge. This is quite a remarkable achievement, requiring her to gain 500 merits since her time in Year 3 - and she did it with a term and a half to spare. Well done Imogen!



## Maths puzzles

Leanne from *The Happy Puzzle Company* visited the school this term with a variety of games and puzzles. The children had great fun working as a team to solve them. Penguin Pile-Up proved a particular challenge to the children in Kindergarten!

The children in Pre-Prep also held a Maths quiz to mark World Maths Day on Wednesday 2nd March. All the children tried really hard with some tricky questions, although in the end the Blue Team won!

Also on World Maths Day the Nursery children enjoyed visiting different classrooms to explore different elements of maths. They had fun using number in and out of Mrs. Hulse's room, investigated shapes in Mrs. Pym's room, and played with sand and water with Mrs. McDowell. **J.K.P. & D.M.K.**



Some weird and wonderful hair styles and hats appeared in school for Comic Relief this term, the children once more proving very creative! We raised more than £220 for the charity, thank you to everyone who contributed.



## Book Characters



World Book Day fell on Thursday 3rd March and to help mark the occasion, all in the Prep School were invited to enter a competition to draw their favourite book characters. Many great entries were received, but the overall winners were Grace Chapman, Year 3, for her picture of the centipede from Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach*, and Imogen Usherwood, Year 6, for her drawing of Polly Price from Dee Shulman's *My Totally Secret Diary*. Well done to all who entered! **L.M.M.**



## Czech Mates

All at the Prep School enjoyed hearing a selection of traditional and folk songs sung by a visiting choir from the Czech Republic at the end of term.



## Action for Children

Thank you to everyone who has supported Louiza May in raising money for Action for Children in the run up to her participation in the London Marathon this year. We wish her well for this challenge, and will let you know how she got on in the next edition of the Review.

## Sew far, sew good

With Year 6 having completed their contribution to the Blundell's Prep Cross-stitch Shield, responsibility now falls to Year 5 to continue the project. Look out for further updates soon!



## Joke of the Term # 15

**Q.** Which sea animal walks on a red carpet?

**A.** A star fish!

Joke supplied by **Faye Hayward**, Year 6.

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

## OUT OF THE FRYING PAN

All had great fun flipping pancakes in the annual House Pancake Race this term. This once again proved a very close run contest, but in the end Grenville snatched victory in the Junior race, with Raleigh winning the Senior event.



## Bob the Blob and Friends in: Where's Bob?

Can you find six of Bob's friends hiding somewhere in the pages of this Review?







## Busy Bees

It has been a busy term for the Busy Bees, and a highlight was Showtime. There was a wide variety of acts and things on show. We had a visit from Michael Jackson who demonstrated his amazing dancing and singing. There was a judo display and a pirate showing off his pirate talk. Everyone remembered to bring something in to show or do and it was a lot of fun for all! **T.N.**



## Parent and Toddlers

Parent and Toddler Group continues to thrive every Wednesday afternoon in the Pre-Prep, with an average of 20 families attending each week. The children enjoy playing outside in the Nursery 1 playground with the climbing frame, ride on toys and the sandpit. They love to take home the art and craft work that they have created, and especially enjoyed the chocolate Easter nests made in the last session! **W.J.N.**



## Otters

Children in Otters Club watched the dance sequence from the film *Singing in the Rain* earlier in the term, and then enjoyed creating their own version of the dance – minus the puddles and rain... **S.F.C.**

# Play Time

## Eddie the Penguin

The children in Nursery 2 put on a wonderful performance at the end of term with their ambitious production, *Eddie the Penguin Saves the World*. It was an environmentally friendly play which involved a group of penguins travelling around the world finding out why the ice is melting. They then taught the different countries how to look after the planet. The children sang beautifully and spoke out clearly. The costumes were super with penguins, polar bears and even a Prime Minister. It was a delight to watch! **T.N.**



## H2O

The children in Year 2 also performed a wonderful play for their friends and families, called *H2O*. It was an informative play describing all the different functions and properties of water; it even covered a description of hydrogen and oxygen atoms! There were snowflakes, sunbeams, stars, ice fairies, winds, fire and even a Jack Frost and a TV weather presenter. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves with their singing, acting and dancing, and they kept their audiences captivated throughout. **T.N.**





## Staff on the Spot

This term: Miss Butt



**1, How long have you worked as an administrator at Blundell's Preparatory School?**

Fourteen years.

**2, What do you have to do in your job?**

Look after the parents and children.

**3, What's your favourite thing about the job?**

The fact that every day is different.

**4, What was your previous job?**

Working at Sony Products selling televisions and hi-fi equipment.

**5, What are your hobbies outside of school?**

Going to the cinema, gardening and playing golf.

**6, Do you have any pets, if so what are they and what are they called?**

No pets, but I do have a stuffed bear called Bob.

**7, What's your favourite food and drink?**

Steak and chips with a glass of Pimms.

**8, What's your favourite movie or T.V. show?**

Friends and Gosford Park.

**9, What was the last book you read?**

Death on the Downs, by Simon Brett.

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

Falling over while out shopping.

**11, What was your favourite subject when you were at school?**

Games.

**12, If you were a super hero what would your powers be?**

Multi-tasking!

Interview devised and conducted by

**Jack Dummett, Ed Pawson** and

**Alexander Thomas**, Year 6

# Tudor Day

On Monday 24th January Year 5 had a visit from King Henry VIII. They had been studying the Tudors in History and all came to school dressed in Tudor costume. First of all King Henry talked

to them about life in Tudor times, and this was followed by a quiz to see who was listening! The children also had the chance to design their own coat of arms, and in the afternoon they had a jousting tournament. Rafe Oliver, Jasmine Mackay and Mrs. Lennox were also put in the stocks!

During the day they learned about lots of things, including punishments for begging in Tudor times. Tristan Cox explained, "The first stage was getting a red hot poker and burning a hole in your ear. The second stage was cutting your left hand clean off! The third and final stage was being whipped with the scourge, which was a whip with hooks in it... You would probably die of blood loss."

Everybody learned a lot and had a great day!

**Tom Morrison**, Year 6





# Science Week

Blundell's invited some special guests to help us celebrate National Science Week this year. Jack Pressman from the Animal Lecture Service brought along a few exotic animal friends to teach pupils about adaptation, habitats and diets. A chinchilla was particularly popular with the children, who all enjoyed stroking his wonderfully soft fur, although Boo the Barn Owl and Boris the Bearded Dragon were also big hits!

Demelza Annison, working on behalf of Resource Futures, also popped in to organise year-based workshops on Composting and Minibeasts. Children enjoyed searching for and identifying a range of micro-organisms. All gained an understanding of just how important these minibeasts are in

our ecosystem, whilst the younger children became different kinds of mini-beasts when Demelza waved her magic wand! **J.M.H. & J.K.P.**



## The Really Wild Show

We had more visitors in January when Neil from *The Really Wild Show* arrived with a menagerie of minibeasts and animals for Kindergarten and Nursery 1 to meet. There were cockroaches called Cedric, Shirley and Charlie and some new arrivals on the day! Actually about twenty-five baby cockroaches had been born that morning while at Blundell's. We also met Ginny the bird eating spider and Norris the skink. Neil is always a favourite in our calendar and we really look forward to seeing him again next year. **T.C.**





# French Day



On Friday 28th January everyone came to school dressed in red, white and blue to celebrate French Day! Timetabled lessons were abandoned for the day in favour of a whole range of French activities. These included French aerobics, where we danced to songs sung in French, boules, played on the school fields, and bunting, where we designed flags on red, white and blue card around a French theme. We also had French themed Food Technology, cooking croque monsieur or croissants, and lunch was French themed too, with pain au chocolate, brie and, of course, plenty of frites on the menu! In Art we had the opportunity to paint in the style of various French artists, including Matisse, Rousseau and Seurat, and in the afternoon we all came together to watch a French comedy act performing *Le Bistro de Dan Roro*. Monsieur Roro juggled, span plates, rode a unicycle and tried to cook an omelette. The whole day was *tres bien*!

**Imogen Usherwood**, Year 6





# Capital *returns*



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7:30 PM  
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## Blundell's Prep returned to London for a Year 5 residential stay in March. Stopping at first to experience the relative comfort of the youth hostel Baden Powell House, they soon forged ahead to spend the night on the gun deck of Sir Francis Drake's Golden Hinde...



### Home and Away

Our first stop was at the V & A, which stands for the Victoria and Albert Museum. First we had a tour guide who showed us around, looking at how houses and homes have changed throughout the years. Then we had time to look around the rest of the museum by ourselves. My group looked at the jewellery and costume exhibitions, before we headed off to the museum shop!

**Charlotte Tait**, Year 5

### Horse Play

That evening we went to see War Horse at the New London Theatre. Michael Morpurgo's tragic book about Joey, the foal who was raised as a farm horse before being sold to the army in World War One, had been turned into a stage play. It was absolutely amazing! The girls cried when the show was on, and Greg fell asleep, but if you haven't already seen it, I suggest that you do!

**Rafe Oliver**, Year 5

### Noises Off

The next day we had a backstage tour of the National Theatre. We looked at the Lyttelton and Cottesloe stages, which were very different in the way that they were set out. We also went backstage to see the places where the actors changed and the props were made. Here we saw the puppet for Alice, Joey's mother – which had been made for War Horse but never used. We also heard some scary squeaking noises backstage – these were made by the drum revolve moving scenery up and down, but our guide thought they sounded like ghostly pigs!

**Imogen Hamilton-Green**, Year 5

### Cathedral City

In the afternoon we visited St. Paul's Cathedral. I was amazed at how big it was. We had lunch outside of the cathedral before a man called Steven took us for a tour inside. We had to look out for scallop shells, which were the signs of pilgrimage, and we were allowed to lie down on the floor to look up at the amazing paintings on the ceilings. We also had a workshop in one of the classrooms at the cathedral.

**Jack Olive**, Year 5



### Naval Gazing

That evening we went to look at the Golden Hinde. It was really good fun when we had to get dressed up as Officers, Barber-Surgeons or Gunners, and the girls had to have boys' names. We learned about navigation, scurvy, grog and how to load and fire the cannons at the Spanish. Then we had Tudor stew, which was disgusting, and we all got into our sleeping bags on the gun deck. I was very squashed!

**Charlie Cameron**, Year 5

### Globe Trotting

The Globe Theatre was Shakespeare's theatre. It was the last thing we visited in London. First we looked around an exhibition at Shakespearean props and costumes, then after lunch we had a drama workshop in a rehearsal studio. We acted some scenes from A Midsummer Night's Dream, and then we had a tour around the theatre itself. There was no roof in the middle so if you were standing and it was raining you would get wet!

**Will Spencer**, Year 5







# Out and about

## Spring Walks

Nursery 1 enjoyed their annual Spring Walk and Easter Egg Hunt at Knightshayes in March. The trees were coming into leaf, the daffodils flowering and the wind produced a marvellous ripple effect on the pond. We walked, had a picnic, egg rolled and then discovered mini Easter eggs, possibly left by the Easter Bunny. All thoroughly enjoyed the trip! **D.S.M.**

Nursery 2 also enjoyed a Spring Walk in March. The day was fine, just right for our outing. Everyone was excited and looking forward to seeing lots of signs of early spring – daffodils, primroses, birds nesting, lambs frolicking in the fields and even, perhaps, the odd bear or two! On most counts we were very fortunate and, for the first time ever, saw some lambs in a neighbouring field. However, the bears must have been hiding for we never caught sight of them! We all had a great time looking and listening for evidence that it was really Spring at last and, as usual, finished our walk with a race across the rugby field. A big thank you to all the parents who came with us, without whom the walk would not have been possible. **L.H.**

## Buckfast Abbey

It took an hour to get to Buckfast Abbey on the minibus and then we went to the Education Centre where there were lots of fun things to do like building a bridge, medieval staircase, medieval roof and a patterned floor. We went to see a monk to ask questions and to have a tour around the Abbey. Then we had lunch and went back to have a service that was ten minutes long. We went outside to play. Then we went to the gardens before getting back on the minibus. We all enjoyed the day out!

**William Blowers** and **Harry Perring**, Year 3

## St. Nicholas Priory

On Tuesday 25th January, we went on a trip to St. Nicholas Priory to find out about the Great Fire of London. When we got to Exeter we had to walk to the priory. Then we went to find the man who was going to lead us around the old house. We went up the old stairs and came down the new stairs. The first room we went into was the bedroom. We had to sort out some clothes and say which were from the time of the Great Fire of London and which were from modern times. Then we went into the diary room. In the diary room it was very interesting. One of the things we had to do was to put the events of the fire into the right order. The next room was where we found out about food in the past. We set up the table and looked at some of the food that had already been set up. We went into the old kitchen too. Then we had our picnic lunch. Then we did the portrait room. We had some pictures taken with old clothes on and we were also holding something like a jug or a pewter box. We did some acting about the Fire of London. It was a really fun day and we learned a lot about the Great Fire of London. **Joshua Withey**, Year 1



## Exeter Cathedral

On Tuesday 29th March Year 2 visited Exeter Cathedral as part of their Religious Education curriculum. The children were taken on a guided tour of the cathedral and they saw many interesting features. They were then able to take part in some craft activities in the Chapter House. They made mosaic pictures of candles, crosses or patterns and they also did some brass rubbings using wax crayons. After a delicious packed lunch the children went back into the cathedral to do some sketching of some of the things they had seen. Form 2K particularly enjoyed sketching in St. James Chapel as there were lots of flags and Form 2C enjoyed sitting outside and sketching the gargoyles. Many people commented on how well all the children behaved in the cathedral and in the afternoon Sophie Elstone and Finlay Williams were selected to read the 2 o'clock prayers with the minister. We all had an enjoyable day and it was hugely beneficial for the children to see some of the things such as the font, stained glass windows and the pulpit, which we had studied in the classroom. **D.M.K.**





# MUSICAL NOTES



The Spring Term got off to a quiet start, but as it has progressed towards the end so we have been busier and busier.

During the first half of term we had a Tea-Time concert, shortly followed by our House Music Competition. As usual the whole school was involved and lots of people worked hard practising in preparation for the day. A big thank you to all the staff attached to various Houses who worked so hard to make their House songs memorable, whether it was spending time rehearsing or making props to add colour to the performances. Lots of the children were involved in some of the smaller items too, which meant they were giving up breaks to rehearse. I hope they all feel the effort was worthwhile.

Emily Farmer and Kieran Smith went to audition for music scholarships at Blundell's and both have been awarded scholarships for next year. Well done!

In the second half of term, we had a mad two weeks which started with a wonderful Tea-Time concert which was very varied and contained many of the pieces from House Music. The following Monday sixteen pupils took part in the annual Orchestra Day held at Blundell's to which other local and prep schools are invited. About one hundred children were involved and as usual following a noisy start, by the time we reached the concert in the afternoon much progress had been made. Many thanks to Mr. Barlow for organising this event.

Three days later the choir and some of Mrs. Jeff's speech and



drama pupils were involved in a big concert at St.

Peter's Church in Tiverton. This was a lovely occasion to be part of. Lots of singing, speech and drama and dancing made it an evening to remember. My thanks to our parents who made a big effort to bring the children in and support this event which was raising money for the local hospice.

The following day the choir, orchestra and speech and drama pupils went to St. George's Church to entertain people enjoying one of four Frugal Lunches held during Lent to raise money for Christian Aid. Last year these raised about £700 together and our audience, as usual was most appreciative.

On the final Tuesday of term the Joint Concert was held at Blundell's. This included items from both the prep and the senior school, and some with pupils from both parts of the school performing together which I always find exciting. The evening included a great range of instruments and styles of music from piano duets and trios to string, wind and brass groups and of course choirs and the Big Band. A wonderful evening of music making!

Thursday of the final week saw nine children taking Associated Board exams and we look forward to hearing the results during the holidays.

This finally brings us to the last day of term which saw Year 4 performing to the school, showing what they had learned in their music lessons with Mrs. Rivett and their 'Wider Options' violin lessons. Thirty two children performed together and the audience was astounded by the ensemble playing and enthusiasm shown by the children.

A big thank you to all the children and staff who have made this term's events so successful. **R.J.B.**





# United Artists



Willow weaving, lino printing, felt making... all were immersed in creativity during Art Week at Blundell's Prep School, which ran from 28th February to 4th March. With all of the activities taking place, you would be forgiven for thinking that you were entering the Tate!

Year 3 enjoyed making paper with artist Louise Baker, silk painting with Mrs. Greenfield and many other flowery art activities. Year 4 created a fantastic willow den and various sea creatures with willow artist Katy Styles as well as a variety of dreamtime works of art. Year 5 experimented with lino cutting to produce some prints of strange creatures and made colourful pieces of felt as well as beautiful jester sticks. Year 6 made amazing silhouette dioramas with Mrs. Wakem-Barrett, produced rainforest birds with Mrs. Pring and enjoyed working with the senior school art department on a variety of exciting projects. There was even an opportunity for some to attend a residential arts course at Beaford.

Special thanks must go to all the parents who so generously gave up their time to help. An exhibition of the work produced during Art Week is to be held in the Summer Term. **J.A.A.**

## Artists in Residence

For two days and one night in Art Week Imogen Usherwood, Clara Greenfield and Emily Farmer went to Beaford Arts Centre to pursue a project on Kandinsky and abstract art. We created original ideas for our compositions in the studio using fine liner pens, before developing our ideas using charcoals. Finally we used acrylics to paint our compositions on canvas, before setting up an exhibition for our parents to see. What a great trip!

**Imogen Usherwood**, Year 6

Pre-Prep also had great fun joining in with their second of three Art Days in March.





# SPORT REPORT

## Netball

We started off slowly in Netball this season, and then proved ourselves towards the end. Our teams have performed admirably in matches and tournaments and I have had some lovely comments from parents and staff from other schools as to the way in which the girls played with understanding, skill and team spirit. It was the first time we participated in the IAPS U11 Tournament at Stonar and despite the tough competition I was pleased with our result of finishing 4th in the pool, having won 4 matches, drawn 1 and lost 3. Our best results came with the U10 team, though, who were runners up at the Queen's Tournament and winners of the Exeter Junior School event. Well done also to the U9 girls who won

over 50% of their games through the term. It has been a busy term with over 87 matches and that's not including the friendly festivals we have hosted and attended. A huge thank you to all our supporters!



U10 Netball Team

All girls have represented the school at a competitive level this term in Netball. **L.M.M.**

### Exeter School U10 Netball Tournament – Sat 26th March

The girls were very much looking forward to this tournament to consolidate everything that they had learnt and practised over the term, this was their chance to demonstrate that they were at the top of their game for U10. They had to play six matches of ten minutes and there was no stopping them, the shooters had their eye in, the defence was strong and the centre court players were fantastic! As the tournament progressed, the goals added up and the team were victorious. We scored a massive 50 goals and only conceded 9. I was so proud of the team effort and the mature attitude and approach the girls displayed, very well done to all. Participating teams: Exeter Junior School, The Maynard, Plymouth College, West Buckland, Queens College & Millfield Prep.

### MATCH STATS (including Tournament Matches)

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
U11	34	12	21	1
U10	22	12	7	3
U9/U8	29	16	9	4
U7	2	1	0	1

## Pre-Prep Fixtures

### Year 1 Tag Rugby

Year 1 were very excited to be competing in our first Mid Devon Tag Rugby Festival in March. Six local primary schools took part and it was wonderful to see so many children, parents and teachers descend

on the school. The children played really well against each other and were great sportsmen and women. Superintendent Paul Davies from the Devon and Cornwall Police presented all schools with a certificate for taking part and an added highlight at the end of the games was a special tea provided by the kitchen staff. Everyone enjoyed the matches and hopefully it will become an annual event.

**T.N.**



### Year 2 Netball & Football

There was also great excitement for Year 2 in March as they met with children from Kelly College Pre-Prep for their first match experience. The girls played several netball matches and showed excellent team work as well as scoring three good goals. The boys competed in a number of football games in which there was plenty of action and effort on the part of all players. Goals were scored by both sides and the friendliness

and good sportsmanship shown throughout the afternoon resulted in a thoroughly enjoyable and successful time for all concerned. **S.F.C.**







## Hockey

With use of the two fantastic astro courts at the senior school, Boys' Hockey has exploded onto the fixtures calendar this term. New skills and tactics have been learnt and although results in games didn't always go our way, everybody developed some aspect of their game which will stand them in good stead for next season. I have been impressed with the commitment of all the boys as they never gave up and were always looking to attack and test the opposition. With the advent of the 'self pass' from a free hit, the games flowed very nicely and each person contributed well to the team. Oliver Clough and Harvey Wilder have been awarded their hockey colours for excellent play, teamwork and commitment. Many thanks to all of the supporters who have encouraged the teams this season. **S.G.S.**

## Gymnastics

The girls in Gym Club enjoyed working towards taking part in their first gym competition this term – and subsequently went on to compete in the South West finals at Sherborne. The girls worked in pairs, performing a two and a half minute routine to music which incorporated balances, agility and choreography. They all performed with confidence, in front of a large audience, and demonstrated the new skills that they have learnt in Gym Club over the last two terms. They later performed their routines for the rest of the school. Well done girls! **B.L.C.**



# SPORT REPORT

## Football

### U11 & U10 Football

Every boy has represented the school in competitive matches against other prep schools this season, and during every match each person has played their part in giving the team positive momentum. There have been some unfortunate mistakes by strikers missing the goal or defences getting in a muddle, but each team has gone on to perform well, with the high point seeing the U11



*U11 A Team*

A Team finish runners up at the Exeter Junior School 6-a-side tournament in March. Oliver Clough and Alexander Gibson have been awarded their football colours for excellent play, teamwork and commitment.

Many thanks to all of the supporters who have encouraged the teams this season.

**S.G.S.**

### U9 & U8 Football

It was also great to see all of the boys involved in Under 9 football this term, with competitive matches played by the As, Bs, Cs and Ds...

The early season matches for the U9 A Team at Exeter Prep, St. John's and St. Michael's suggested that we might be in for a very long haul this term. However, we rallied and a win just before the half term against Mount House suggested that we might be getting the hang of just how to organise our defence and more



*U9 A Team*

importantly score goals. Henry Dyke at centre mesmerised many defences with his dribbling and shooting. Henry Richards as captain commanded the mid field and made some intelligent telling passes which often opened up defences. Our three wingers in Jasper Pring, Joe Horsey and George McIntyre played the long ball with surprising accuracy and Dominic Vause and Theo Rees played with steady heads at the back, tackling sensibly and clearing the ball decisively. Our goalkeeper, Harry Charlesworth, kept us in the game and on many occasions made some outstanding saves, contributing hugely to the team's three wins at the end of the season. Well done lads, a great effort. A special mention should also go to our loyal parents who followed the team come what may this season. **S.J.M.**







## Cross Country

As the results clearly show, Blundell's Prep cross country teams continue to set high standards – our U9 Boys and U11 Boys both remaining unbeaten in all trophy events. Four competitions this term saw us win a total of six 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 reversing last season's result to retake the trophy, with the girls placing a very competitive fourth against the 12 other teams competing. **Stover** saw us build on the season's success with the U9 and U11 Boys both winning and the two girls' teams placing fourth.

Grenville once again won our own **House Run** with Raleigh in second and Drake third. **S.J.M.**

### RESULTS

#### St. Michael's

Boys: 1st out of 12 teams

Girls: 4th out of 12 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: 4th out of 8 teams

2nd in the Overall Team Award

#### Larkman Trophy

U9 Boys: 1st out of 9 teams

U9 Girls: 4th out of 10 teams

U11 Boys: 1st out of 9 teams

U11 Girls: 2nd out of 10 teams

#### House Run

1st Grenville 2nd Raleigh 3rd Drake



## Rugby

### Rugby 7's

Only two tournaments were available this season for the 7's team. The first was at Plymouth for the Southwest 7's. The squad were confident as running rugby was the name of the game during the rugby season in the Autumn Term. With more space on the field we played well, winning most games by 40 points plus! There were only three tries scored against us in the whole competition. The final was against West Buckland who were entering for the first time and it turned into a one sided affair with Blundell's Prep keeping the ball and scoring often. The result was an emphatic win to be crowned Southwest 7's Champions.

The second 7's tournament was at the Down's School. As the A Team were away at the National Rugby Tournament (see below) the second string team represented the school. A tough morning was had but the team pulled together and played some good rugby. Unfortunately the other schools proved too strong but the team should feel proud of their efforts.

### National Rugby Tournament

The National Prep School's Rugby Tournament was held at Epsom College in Surrey. The squad had travelled up the night before and stayed in a very nice hotel where the boys were treated to a three course dinner, swimming pool with hot tub and all you can eat breakfast. This set them up feeling like they were professionals and this is how they took to the tournament! From an exciting pool stage the



team went into the main competition. First there was a match against St. George's Prep, which we won by two tries to nil. Then came a semi-final against Warwick Prep School, where Mr. Kerr gave his now famous rallying speech: "I have never ever lost a semi-final, we are not leaving after this!" Spurred on, we won the match one nil and marched on to the final, against Donhead School. This was a tight game but we succeeded in pushing their attacks back with some great defence – until late in the second half when they scored from a quick ruck with some good strong running. The final whistle came soon after that and the squad went up to collect their runners up medals with their heads held high. They had given their best and finished 2nd in the country. Many thanks to all of the travelling supporters for the encouragement they gave the team. **S.G.S.**

**Squad: U9 Boys:** George McIntyre, Alexander Venner, Jasper Pring, Henry Richards, Joseph Horsey, Jack Swain, Harry Charlesworth & Henry Dyke. **U11 Boys:** Archie Murray, Will Spencer, Greg Kitson, Jack Klinkenberg, Luke Beach, Will McIntyre, Sam Maunder, Ben Stevens & Monty Crowe.

**U9 Girls:** Imogen Davy, Mia Butterfield, Milly Curtis, Electra Goodwin, Rebecca Hamilton, Kata Lee, Lily Mackay, Sophie Clough & Sparkle Menzies. **U11 Girls:** Grace Francis, Tabitha Vause, Anna Rose Gabbitass, Jasmine Mackay, Grace Belcher, Flic Charlesworth & Georgina Wood.





This year saw the Jersey tour take to the air with many excellent sports players and a confidence that they would do well. This turned out to be true with some excellent play in the matches against the local Jersey opposition. Many thanks to Mr. Kerr, Mr. Folland and Mrs. May for their support. Also a big thank you to Mr. Beach from Beach Brothers Ltd for sponsoring each player with a tour shirt. **S.G.S.**



The Jersey tour began in Exeter Airport at 5 a.m. on Saturday 19th February. Mr. Swain, Mr. Kerr and Mrs. May were waiting. The plane flew via Guernsey, but we finally reached Jersey and caught the coach to our hotel. When we had dropped off our luggage the boys raced off to their first rugby match. The girls were supposed to visit the maritime museum, but as it was closed they went shopping instead! They then went on to play their first hockey match

whilst the boys went down to the beach. There was also time for a visit to the bowling alley before heading back to the hotel for the night. The boys spent Sunday morning at Jersey Rugby Club while the girls went to visit the Jersey Pearl jewellery shop. Everyone met up to go down to the beach after lunch, before a bowling rematch and Quasar. While the girls played netball at a Jersey prep school, the boys went to Aqua



Splash on Monday morning, before meeting up at Pizza Hut for the all-you-can-eat buffet. Tom Brent beat the record with fifteen slices! After this we visited the German bunkers. On Tuesday we returned to Aqua Splash, before going to the Gerald Durrell Zoo where we had to make food parcels for the gorillas out of bamboo, nuts, oats and leaves; we watched the keepers feed these to the gorillas – who loved them! We then went to see *Tangled* at the cinema, which had some amazing 3D effects, before heading back to the hotel for a final night disco. Wednesday was our last day, and after breakfast we packed and set off to look around the harbour and shops. We had a final chance to play on the sand before heading off to the airport. Our flight was delayed by fog and at first we thought we would be stranded on Jersey for another night, but finally we boarded our plane and made it back to Exeter. Everybody was exhausted, but we had all had a great time!

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