

REVIEW

BLUNDELL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL MAGAZINE

SUMMER 2011

Social Climbing

Summit to be proud of: the ups and downs of the Year 6 Dartmoor residential

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Heading Off

Mr. Folland bids farewell

These Reviews are a splendid insight into life at our School and I will take this idea and format into my new environment, as I have never seen better. I wish all at the School the best of luck in the future and I will always look back on my time at Blundell's Prep with great affection. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Nick Folland'.

Nick Folland

An Inspector Calls...

"The overall quality of the pupils' achievements, their learning, attitudes and basic skills are excellent, reflecting the school's aims to achieve high levels of academic success whilst offering a breadth of opportunity for each individual."

**Independent Schools Inspectorate,
Interim Inspection June 2011**

In the latest ISI inspection Blundell's Preparatory School was delighted to be recognised as providing an outstanding education. The overall quality of pupils' achievements, their learning attitudes and basic skills were seen as excellent, with pupils enjoying a rich educational experience, displaying an articulate and confident approach to their learning. The pupils' personal development was also seen as excellent, with outstanding pastoral arrangements and children behaving in a friendly and respectful way with a strong mutual trust between staff and pupils. They were also encouraged to lead healthy lifestyles and the children appreciated this. Leadership and management were also recognised as excellent, as was links with the parent body.

Across Early Years, which was inspected at the same time, Blundell's Preparatory School was recognised as outstanding across the board. This was recognised across overall effectiveness and quality of provision, outcomes and leadership and management.

Naturally the school is thrilled and this report is testament to the hard work of all the children, the staff and the support given by the parent body. The full report is available to read on the school website.

Mr. Folland with prize winners at Speech Day.

Photo courtesy of Twyford Photography.





Life Skills

On Thursday 23rd June **Year 6** joined other local schools in attending a Life Skills course at Tiverton Youth Centre. Many different community organisations were there, including the police and fire services, as well as St. John's Ambulance and the coast guard, and there were talks, activities and interactive quizzes on all aspects of health and safety, from accidents in the home to staying safe on the internet and how to give first aid in an emergency.



Speed Watch

On Wednesday 6th July police traffic officers came to work with **Year 6** in monitoring and enforcing the speed limit on Blundell's Road. Children worked in groups with the officers in using police speed cameras to measure the speed of vehicles passing the school. Unfortunately, a number of drivers were found to be exceeding the speed limit, and these were ushered into the school car park by the police and questioned by the children on their reasons for speeding. Many of these drivers were clearly upset by the whole experience and expressed remorse at their actions; a number of speeding tickets were issued by the police, but it was hoped that the greatest benefit of the exercise was in encouraging drivers to slow down outside of the school gates.

Dance Away

This year's ballet show was based on the story of Peter and the Wolf. Children of all ages performed from the youngest children in the **Pre-Prep** up to the girls in **Year Six**. They all danced and acted very well together and provided great entertainment for the audience who watched.



Newspaper Club

Your reporters for the Review this year have been: **Tom Morrison, Georgina Pitts, Flic Charlesworth, Imogen Usherwood, Jack Dummett, Alexander Thomas** and **Ed Pawson**, Year 6.

Children's Hospice South West



Blundell's Preparatory School was delighted to hand over a cheque for £2,237.30 to Children's Hospice South West this term. Paula Hullett, the regional fundraising representative from Children's Hospice, spoke to the School about the marvellous work and support this charity provides for children and families in need. Money had been raised by our community from carol services and the popular Christmas Bazaar, which were supported wholeheartedly by our parents and wider community.



Joke of the Term # 16

Teacher: Why are you working on the floor?

Pupil: Because you said to work out this Maths problem without tables!

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.

Staff on the Spot

Mrs. Charlesworth



1, What was your job before you came to Blundell's?

I was a teacher in Bradninch.

2, How long have you been working here?

Seven years.

3, Describe your role at the school.

I am a Kindergarten teacher, the school SENCO, and I co-ordinate Art in the Pre-Prep.

4, What do you most enjoy about your job?

The variety that comes from working with children of different ages from across the school.

5, What was your favourite subject when you were at school, and what is your favourite subject to teach now?

I really enjoyed art, drama and P.E. when I was at school, and my favourite subject as a teacher is still art.

6, What are your hobbies and interests outside of school?

Riding, water skiing and cooking.

7, Do you have any pets?

Two children, Flic and Harry, and one horse, Boris.

8, What was the last book you read?

Girl on the Run, by Jane Costello.

9, What is your favourite music?

Anything by Simple Minds, U2 or Genesis.

10, What has been your most embarrassing moment?

Trying to get into the wrong car in a Tesco car park!

11, If you won the lottery what would you spend the money on?

I would set up my own school.

12, Have you still got any ambitions that you want to achieve?

My ambitions are to stay happy and healthy.

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

Sponsored Trike Ride



On Thursday 12th May Nursery 2 took part in their annual trike ride to raise money for Shelter Box.

The children were all excited about taking part and everyone managed to complete their 10 laps. They also took part in a variety of physical activities including running in and out of cones and balancing on the stepping stones. Thank you to all of the parents who came to support us on the day and to those who raised money to support this very worthwhile cause. L.H.



PAINTING & DECORATING

Children in the Pre-Prep enjoyed another Art Day in June. Work from all of the Pre-Prep Art Days held throughout the year and the Prep School Art Week held last term went on display for parents to view in a colourful end of year Art Exhibition.



London Marathon

I really believed that this year I would find it so much easier and achieve a sub 5 hours time. How naive to think it would be easy!

As I woke on the morning of the big day and saw glorious sunshine, I knew that the heat would be an issue and it was. I started strong, but as the temperature rose I started to melt and by 20 miles it was hard going. I remember running (not very fast!) with tears in my eyes. However all that hurt and exhaustion somehow disappears when you see the finish line and yes, it is definitely all worth it! The cheers from the crowd were the most inspirational aspect of the London Marathon and seeing all those faces made the most astonishing difference. I would love to try it again and would encourage anyone and everyone to go for it. A massive thank you again for all your support, not only for me but for the charity, it's only with your help that I again reached my target of £1,500 for Action for Children. L.M.M.

Clubbing *together*



Parent and Toddlers: Farewells and New Beginnings

At our last session of the Summer Term we said goodbye to eleven children who will go to school full time in September. Many of these started Toddler Group as babies and we have enjoyed watching them grow. We wish them all good luck at Blundell's Pre-Prep and other local schools. Although children are leaving, we have also welcomed several new-born babies and toddlers to our group this term and our numbers continue to grow. If you have a child below school age, do join us on Wednesday afternoons.

W.J.N.

Busy Bees: Something to Crow About

Ruth from Party Pieces treated the Busy Bees to a wonderful night this term when she dressed up as a story telling scarecrow called Peggy. She told the story of how she had become friends with the crows and how they had had to trick the farmer into thinking that she was actually scaring them away, when in fact she was telling them stories. The Busy Bees then had to help Peggy to find the baby crows. Everyone agreed that this was the best Busy Bees of the year! T.N.



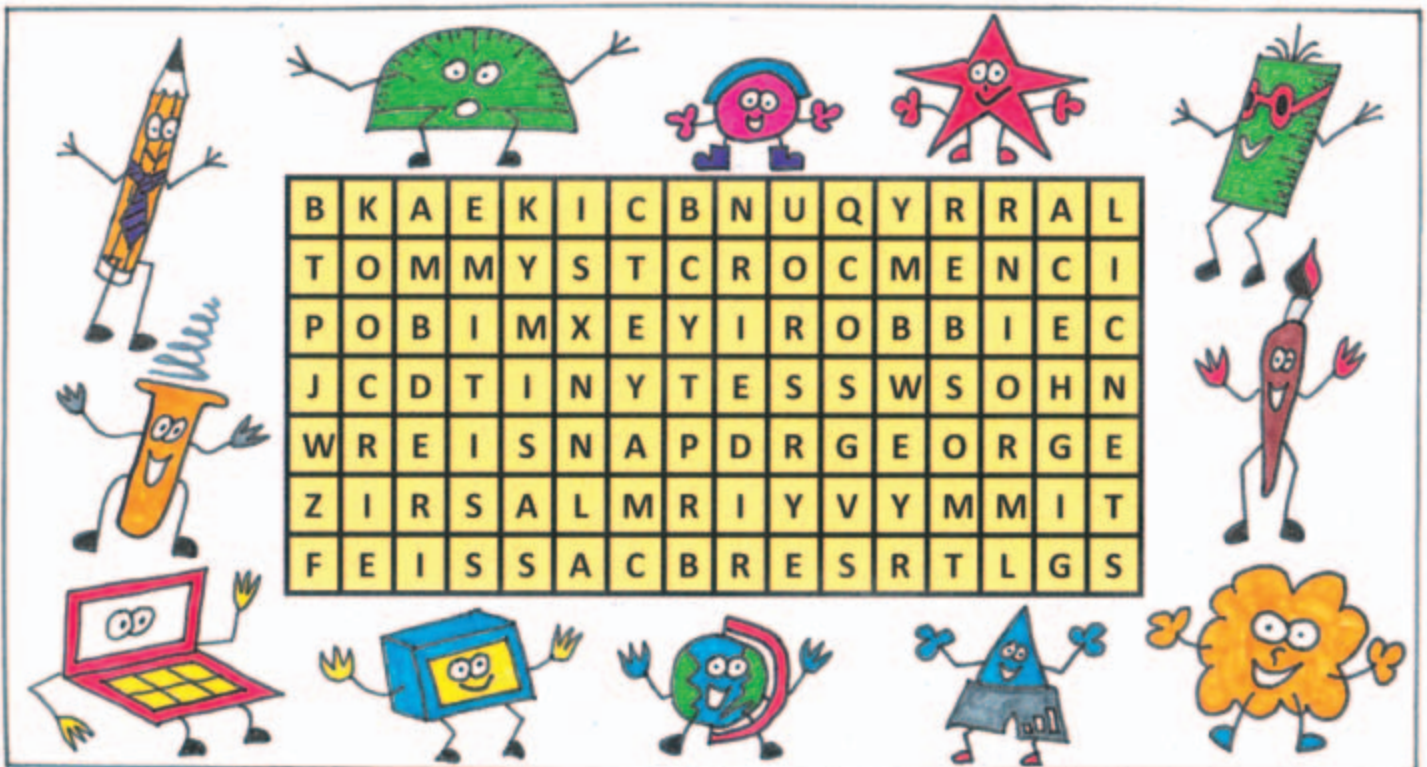
J-Team: Pennies from Heaven

This has been another very busy and exciting term for the Blundell's Prep School Christian Union. It has been good to welcome some new members to the team and to welcome back old members. Mrs. Dean has faithfully played her guitar each week and we finished the term with another very filling picnic. We generally look at some stories from the Bible, and we sing and pray. Another popular activity this term was Tug-of-War, and yes, the girls did win, and we have also played parachute games and held a paper aeroplane distance competition. We also held a Record Breakers special, in which we managed to stack 39 pennies on top of each other! If you want to join Jesus's Team, we meet each week for training on Tuesdays at 1:30pm. Everyone welcome!

E.S.H.

Bob the Blob and Friends in: That's Not My Name!

Can you find the names of Bob and his friends hidden in the letter grid?



Original characters created by Frances Auger, Kristiane Wheeler and Emily Nash



Blundell's Chapel

As part of their R.E. curriculum, **Year 1** visited Blundell's Chapel in May. The School Chaplain, The Reverend Tim Hunt, talked to the children about different aspects and features of the Chapel. For many it was their first visit and they were fascinated by its size and beauty. **T.N.**

Ring Tones

Year 4 visited churches in Sampford Peverell as part of their R.E. curriculum in June.



Escot Country Park

The children in **Kindergarten** had a wonderful day at Escot Country Park, near Ottery St. Mary in June. Maddie, from Escot Education, led the children in a variety of fun activities. The day started with making name badges before they went to the maze. Luckily nobody got completely lost! They then went for a walk through the park, stopping to feed wild boar, before having a great time in the adventure play area. After lunch they toasted marshmallows over an open fire. The highlight for the children who chose to do it was the barefoot swamp walk. There were shrieks of delight as they waded through the pond water up to their knees. The children returned to school rather damp but very happy!

J.K.P.



Tiverton Museum

Year 1 had an interesting time at Tiverton Museum in May, learning about what life was like for children during the Victorian era. They experienced a Victorian washday which seemed to be a great deal of hard work. They played with Victorian toys; it was interesting to find out that most children played outside during the day. There was a very strict teacher who told them what school was like; they were very relieved that school has changed considerably since then! They also heard all about bath time and life in the kitchen. They had the opportunity to wear Victorian clothes and by the end of the day had a very good understanding of how children lived over one hundred and fifty years ago. **T.N.**



Babbacombe Model Village

Year 1 had a very exciting end to the year when they visited Torquay for the day in the last week of term...

My class went to Babbacombe Model Village and Kent's Cavern caves. We went to Babbacombe Model Village first; it took us a whole hour to get there. It was really long. We were so bored we kept asking Mrs. Nash if we were nearly there, but she kept saying no. Then we were there and had a picnic in the car park, and after that we had to wait until Mrs. Nash had finished talking to the lady. The lady gave the teachers a leaflet that you had to find Letter Land characters. We found nearly all of them but some were really hard to spot. My partner was Elizabeth, she was sometimes funny. Then we went to Kent's Cavern caves and that was so, so, cool!

Lucie Spencer, Year 1

Morwellham Quay

Year 2 visited Morwellham Quay in July...

It was fun. We had a snack when we got there. Then we went on a train to the mine. A few wet drops fell on our heads. After that we had a very tasty lunch. Then we went on the ship, and after that we looked at a rich cottage and a poor one. It was interesting. Then we went to a Victorian school. That was cool. Then we made rope, had an ice lolly and went back to school. We had a lovely day.

Anna Maunder and **Eve Nugent**, Year 2



Pick Your Own

Nursery 1 visited Halberton Farm in June...

Picking strawberries and buying ingredients to make our lunch was good, the strawberries were very big and the ice cream delicious!



Tiverton Castle

On Tuesday 10th May **Year 2** travelled in the school minibuses to visit Tiverton Castle. We were met there by Mrs. Gordon and she kindly gave us a tour. We looked at

many interesting features which we had talked about in the classroom. The children particularly enjoyed finding out the origin of the word 'wardrobe', which comes from the French word 'guardrobe' and learning how keeping clothes above ancient lavatories helped

preserve them from moths! The children also liked trying on the helmets and looking at the armour. We all got to hold a cannon ball too. It was a very enjoyable trip and the children learnt many things about Tiverton Castle.

D.M.K.



Overnight *Sensations*

Year 6 had a fantastic week at the Kelly College Activity Centre facing a wide variety of challenges on Dartmoor in May.

Challenger



Watery Challenges

Watery Challenges included canoeing, kayaking and building our own raft and attempting to sail it down the river without it falling apart! But my favourite watery challenge was crawling through a dark, damp tunnel in the river... when we emerged we had to jump straight into the freezing cold water, and allow our life jackets to bob us back up again!

High-Up Challenges

High-Up Challenges included tree climbing and tree abseiling, before we went to Sheepstor on Dartmoor for some climbing and abseiling on some very high cliffs! The High Ropes course was also very high, and led on to the Trapeze, in which we had to jump into mid air, grab a bar, hang upside down from it and tell a joke! That was not funny!

Problem Solving Challenges

We faced lots of Problem Solving Challenges, including the Spider's Web, in which all members of the group had to pass through a rope web without touching the sides, and the Toxic Barrels, in which we had to pass across an area without touching the ground, using only barrels, planks and a rope. Murder-mystery, orienteering and flagpole building challenges also tested our problem solving skills!

We all came together as a team and enjoyed singing songs around the campfire on the last night of our stay – and were glad to have the half term break ahead of us to recover!

Imogen Usherwood, Year 6



Beam House

Year 4 visited Beam House in June for three days of adventure and activities including abseiling, shooting, climbing and surfing. They worked in their future Year 5 form groups as teambuilding was one of the main aims of the trip. The others included having fun, stepping out of the comfort zone and trying everything. The children relished the challenges, and all enjoyed the final night's disco, with many asking if they could stay longer! Many thanks to the PGL instructors, and to Mr. Hirst and Mrs. Shelbourne for their time and support. S.G.S.



In May **Year 3** set off for a residential trip to Beaford Arts Centre, near Torrington. On arrival, they settled themselves into their dormitories and were then introduced to the resident artist. She showed them how to design mono-prints based on observational sketches of the local landscape. Other work at the Centre involved the children designing and printing their own art aprons. These would be used for their Art lessons when returning to school. After a delicious evening meal, the children went for a long, pretty walk along the winding river valley. This was followed by a cup of hot chocolate and bed.

In the morning, after breakfast, they packed up and headed off to Broomhill Sculpture Park, where they observed hundreds of varied and interesting sculptures. Armed with ideas, the next stop was at Saunton Sands to create their own sand sculptures on the beach. They played the obligatory game of cricket and paid a visit to the beach shop before heading back to school, happy but very tired!
W.J.N.

Beaford Arts



MUSICAL NOTES



As we reach the end of term it seems as if our feet have not touched the ground in the music department since half term.

During the first half of term our main focus was on the final Tea Time concert of the year. Until a few days before I thought it was going to be mainly a piano concert but on the evening it contained a good mix of instrumental items and began well with Sparkle Menzies and Frances Hunt singing The Unbirthday Song. I always enjoy reflecting on the progress so many of the pupils have made throughout the year. Well done to Grace Labdon and Tabby Vause who played Lay All Your Love on Me, with Tabby accompanying Grace.

During the later part of the term we have been practising for the Summer Concert in the marquee, but the day before the event saw Year 5 going off to Plymouth Pavilions for a very exciting concert given by the BBC Concert Orchestra. The concert featured music from Brahms through to film and T.V. themes such as Dr. Who and The Incredibles, and was greatly enjoyed by all who went. On the same morning eight children took their Associated Board Music Exams and we look forward to hearing their results.

The day of the Summer Concert saw the marquee very busy as various groups had their final rehearsals. The varied programme contained music which included most of our instrumentalists and it was lovely to see children from the Pre-Prep joining in with the older children. Some played violins and some joined in playing their brass instruments with the wind band. Our Year 4 Wider Options violinists proved to be quite a logistical feat to organise, but their performance was worth the effort, and our Year 6 pianists did extremely well to play two piano sextets. I did enjoy Fiddle Frolics and Milestones Maestros and as usual Mrs. Wickham and her saxophones and clarinets were a highlight. Mr. Cottam gave me a very nice surprise with the especially composed Peter Blundell Pavan, played by his guitar pupils. We had lots of singing in the programme from the children (with Year 2, the Choir, Chamber Choir and Years 3 and 4 all singing) as well as from the Staff and The Mamas and Papas. I really enjoyed rehearsing and performing Where Do We Go From Here? and Banaha which saw everyone in the marquee (I hope) joining together to sing this Congolese round.

Many thanks to all those visiting teachers who worked so hard to rehearse music for what I think was a highlight of the musical year. **R.J.B.**

FIDDLE FROLICS



Fiddle Frolics Club entertained Pre-Prep in assembly before the Summer Concert

PLAY TIME

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

The very youngest pupils in the school took to the stage in May when **Nursery 1** performed *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. It was very entertaining; they sang songs and held up the food for the caterpillar to eat. There were lovely garden flowers growing, and the story involved a character called Arabella Miller, who was frightened of the caterpillar until it turned into a beautiful butterfly. Audience participation was requested for the singing, and everyone had a great deal of fun! **T.N.**



Billy No Buzz

The **Kindergarten** children enchanted their audiences in May with their play *Billy No Buzz*. It was a story about a bee that was different: he had no buzz. The other bees did not want to be his friend because he was different. By the end of the play, the worker bees had realised that Billy was special though, and that his lack of buzz did not matter. The whole year group was on stage throughout the play and they sang songs and spoke out their lines with enthusiasm! **T.N.**



The Three Little Pigs

The children in **Year 1** performed a wonderful play called *The Three Little Pigs* in June. They all took part with great enthusiasm and spoke and sang out clearly. The costumes were super and the play provided great entertainment for friends and families at the end of term! **T.N.**



LAMDA RESULTS

Congratulations to the following for their achievements in the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art examinations:

Introductory Grade

Merit Charlie Berry

Speaking Verse and Prose Entry Grade

Pass Sophie Clough
Merit Tom Greenfield, Jack Swain, William Sawyer, Dominic Vause, Sam Willder
Distinction Serena Hay, Harry Charlesworth

Speaking Verse and Prose Grade One

Merit Rory Bateman, Charles Cameron, Victoria Davies, Alastair Johnson-Ferguson, Archie Morris, Rafe Oliver, Jodie White, Joseph White
Distinction Tristan Cox, Anna-Rose Gabbitass, William Hall-Tomkin, Miles Lawler, Thomas Morrison, William Spencer

Speaking Verse and Prose Grade Two

Pass Alexander Thomas, Georgina Pitts
Merit Monty Crowe, Luke Beach, Flic Charlesworth, Gus Gresswell, Francesca Hartley, Georgina Wood, Isabel Wright
Distinction William Curtis, William McIntyre, Imogen Usherwood

Miming Solo Grade Two

Distinction Emily Farmer

Devising Drama Solo Grade One

Merit Rafe Oliver, Archie Morris, Isabel Wright
Distinction Tristan Cox

Devising Drama Solo Grade Two

Distinction Emily Farmer

Devising Drama Duologue Grade Two

Merit Clara Greenfield, Mayla Lee, Ben Stevens, Jack Watt

Acting Solo Entry Grade

Distinction William Hall-Tomkin

Acting Solo Grade One

Pass Alexander Thomas, Joseph White, Isabel Wright
Merit Anna-Rose Gabbitass

Acting Duologue Entry Grade

Merit Harry Charlesworth, Tom Greenfield

Acting Duologue Grade One

Merit Francesca Hartley, Georgina Wood

Acting Duologue Grade Two

Merit Clara Greenfield, Mayla Lee, Ben Stevens, Jack Watt

Acting Combined Grade One

Pass Luke Beach
Merit Rory Bateman, Thomas Morrison, William Spencer

Acting Combined Grade Two

Distinction Flic Charlesworth, Gus Gresswell, William McIntyre, Imogen Usherwood

S.K.J.

"The special effects gave the finishing touches to the play, the smoke and the loud bangs were really effective in the battle scenes."

Georgina Pitts, Nelly Mould

"Before the play had begun the nerves had really started to kick in. But it turns out that it wasn't half as bad as I thought it was going to be!"

Gus Gresswell, Captain Blackford

POWDER *Monkeys*

Directed by Mrs. Jeffs, written by David Scott and Jeremy James Taylor, with music by David Nield, *The Powder Monkeys* was performed by Year 6 at Ondaatje Hall for two nights in July. It told the powerful and tragic tale of children press ganged to serve in Nelson's navy...

"It's the first night, I've just looked in the mirror and assured myself that I look beautiful in my make-up and frilly silk dress. I'm behind the big black curtains ready to sing - but I'm absolutely petrified!"

Clara Greenfield, Fanny Blackford

"I had a big speech, which was really hard to learn, and I felt really nervous before my solo, but I really enjoyed the play!"

Monty Crowe, Gunner Williams



Sport *Report*

Rounders

Senior Rounders

It has been another busy season for the girls, with matches on most Wednesdays. The girls have worked hard in lessons and practised tactics in preparation for games. The teams have developed and improved their fielding skills and should continue to perform well in the future. The Year 6 girls are already looking forward to the Old Girls match – let's hope rain doesn't stop play! The U10 A team played a tournament at Millfield, which was a great opportunity to play different schools; it was a long but successful afternoon in the sunshine finishing 4th overall.



Junior Rounders

The junior sides have been slightly unlucky with the weather this year; however it has not dampened their enthusiasm for the game. It has been great to see the Year 4 girls playing with greater confidence and at times exceptional ability. The Year 3 team enjoyed their match against West Buckland and it was pleasing to see them enjoying themselves and demonstrating a good knowledge of the game. **L.M.M.**



Cricket

Senior Cricket

This season has seen some sun, some rain but lots of cricket, with all of the boys in Years 5 and 6 representing the school nearly every week.

The U10's have had many pairs cricket matches, in which batsmen and bowlers have four overs to refine their actions without fear of being taken off or given out. This format of cricket has given a great deal of confidence to everybody, whatever the final result of the match.

The U11's have played the fast action packed '20/20' version of cricket. This has suited our style of making quick runs and not being too choosy with batting shot selection. The bowling attack has been excellent with everybody turning their arm over during each match. Fielding has again been highly positive, with lots of boundaries stopped.

Many thanks to the numerous spectators who have watched some entertaining cricket this term. **S.G.S.**

Junior Cricket

It has been a fun season with the children enjoying soft ball cricket, with a hard ball game for the U9's at the end of the season against Exeter School. The boys lost in this game, but it was very close and a good experience for all to play. The A team was led by Jasper Pring, but he was well supported by George McIntyre who bowls with good accuracy and Alex Venner who is a good all round player and fields exceptionally well. Joe Hancock also added good presence to the team and I am sure he will go on to be a good strong leading player in the future. The boys were keen and enthusiastic all season, but naive at times with running between the wickets, so important at this age. Bowling improved considerably as the season developed and this was very pleasing indeed. At times the boys defended some low scores, as our batting across pairs was inconsistent. The team were a pleasure to teach as the boys have tried hard and built on their ability.

The A Team has seen many players from Year 4 play for the school. The remaining players have represented the school at B Team level. This team has seen equally large quantities of enthusiasm during practices and matches alike. **N.A.F.**



Athletics

Quad Athletics

A team of seven senior boys and girls competed at Kelly College for the second year in this exciting event which consisted of each individual competing in a multidisciplinary event comprising of the 80m, 900m, Cricket Ball Throw and Long Jump. During a two hour period Blundell's competed against Kelly Prep and Plymouth College; all the athletes performed superbly and found being involved in all four events an exciting challenge. Blundell's swept the board with wins in both the team event and the individual awards.

National Championships

Arguably the two toughest events at the IAPS Nationals in Birmingham are the 100m and 200m. Anna Rose and Greg had both been selected for these events based on their wins at Kelly and bearing in mind both these athletes are a year young for their age group this was an outstanding achievement. Greg produced some excellent results on the day and although he didn't make either of the two finals he did gain an enormous amount of experience from the day's events. Anna Rose was on top form and although she also failed to make the final of the 200m, she did place 3rd in her 100m heat and went on to finish an excellent 6th in the final with PB's in both her events. I'm quite sure that both of these athletes will be back again next year, a year older, a year wiser and a year faster.

South West Championships

We also competed in the South West Championships at Kelly College, which is a selection meeting for the National Championships in Birmingham. We took a small squad of eight boys and girls who competed against nine other schools. There

were sprint wins for Anna Rose Gabbitass and Greg Kitson, Jack Klinkenberg in the High Jump and Georgina Pitts in the Shot Put. There were a number of other excellent podium places, and in fact medals on the day totalled 17. Both the boys and girls placed a fantastic 2nd

place in the team event which was a superb achievement for such a small team. This event rounded off an excellent season for our athletes, with both Anna Rose Gabbitass and Greg Kitson being selected for the Nationals. **S.J.M.**

Squad: Anna Rose Gabbitass, Georgina Pitts, Jasmine Mackay, Grace Francis, Jack Klinkenberg, Greg Kitson, Archie Murray & Jack Olive.



Prep Sports Day

'Inclusive, competitive and all for each house'. This was the aim for the new style sports day. Quad Athletics enables everybody to compete at their level to the best of their ability to gain points

for both themselves and their house. Each person takes part in a distance run, a sprint, a long jump and a throwing event. During the afternoon Years 3 & 4 went first, moving around the field competing for 15 minutes at each event. They were assisted by Year 6 helpers, who had their chance to compete with Year 5 next. There were 96 medals presented to first, second and third places by Mrs. Connolly and Mrs. Jeffs. Everybody competed, winning points for their House, and at the end of the afternoon Grenville were pronounced overall winners. A special mention should also go to Monty Crowe, Year 6, and Rocco Hartley, Year 3, who both broke their age group school records in the cricket ball throw. Many thanks to all the staff for running and recording the quad events, and thank you to the parents for supporting and creating a vibrant atmosphere all afternoon. **S.G.S.**

Pre-Prep Sports Day

We were determined to go ahead with the Pre-Prep Sports day despite the weather; the forecast was dreadful so we decided to do the races in the Senior School Sports Hall. The children coped so well and the parents cheered them all on. They all joined in with a sprint race and then took part in different novelty races and skills races. To finish the afternoon, the Year 2 children entertained everyone with a 'Dress the Scarecrow' team race and the Year 1 children became very competitive in a team 'Water Race'. There was a skipping race for the dads and an egg and spoon race for the mums. The children were thrilled to see their parents take part. Afterwards, there was a super tea provided by the kitchen staff for the parents to enjoy. It was a fun afternoon. **T.N.**





Royal Wedding



We celebrated the Royal Wedding in great style in April. The children (and some staff!) came to school dressed up in their royal finery: there were kings, queens, princesses, princes, knights, bridesmaids, brides, bride grooms; we even had a Malaysian Prince who came as a wedding guest! At twelve o'clock, the whole school came together for a street party picnic on the

playground. Luckily the sun was shining! The tables were decorated with Union Jack table cloths, plates, flags and cups. There was a delicious spread of party food provided by our wonderful kitchen staff, who had even made a beautiful wedding cake, which was cut by the youngest pupil in the school. We all sang the National Anthem and had a right royal knees-up! **T.N.**



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