

REVIEW

BLUNDELL'S PREPARATORY SCHOOL MAGAZINE

SPRING 2012

Recipe *for Success*

Preparing a Menu fit for the Queen
in her Diamond Jubilee Year



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Head Master's News



Having just left the end of term assembly in the Prep School it is remarkable to consider how much has been achieved by the children over the course of the Spring Term. I attempted to make a list but quickly realised that it was going to take some time to truly represent the volume of success in all aspects of school life. This copy of the Review will provide a far more detailed picture than I ever could.

Perhaps the most striking part of the assembly itself was the range of achievements being recognised and celebrated. A great many of these awards are given to those achieving excellence in fields of particular expertise: the best levels in attainment across the curriculum, the exceptional games players or the gifted musicians. There are also awards for those who have made the most progress, who have made the most effort or who have overcome some considerable challenges to achieve a personal goal. I am always delighted to give awards to those who have had to go that extra mile to reach their target. The sense of satisfaction that can clearly be seen as they come up to collect their badge, certificate or trophy shows just how important these moments are.

When I look back over topics for Prep School assemblies I find that we have looked at a wide variety of themes but there is one word that appears more than most and that is the word challenge. Whether this involves looking at ourselves and the way that we live our lives, or our school motto '*Non Sibi*' and how we treat others, the message remains the same – challenge yourself to be the best that you can be. The Easter Holiday Challenge that came home with all of the children in Years 3 to 6 should keep them thinking about what they can do to help at home, as these values are not the sole property of their time at school, far from it in fact. I wonder how many children will have taken up this challenge?

The Summer Term is beckoning and as anyone who reads my Blog will tell you, this is good news to me! The prospect of more sunshine and warm weather is very welcome indeed and will hopefully herald an action packed term ahead. We look forward to our Year 6 production of 'The Wind in the Willows', to Sports Day, to the Summer Concert and to Speech Day. We also look forward to venturing outside of the classroom to explore the newly revamped Wildlife Area and the beautiful countryside around us. There is certainly a huge amount to be looking forward to and many more challenges to come!

My very best wishes to you all.

Andy Southgate Head Master



REWARDING *Excellence*

Congratulations go to Tristan Cox, William Hall-Tomkin, Oliver Kilbride, Byron Knowles, Marcus Lloyd, Jasmine Mackay and Archie Murray for gaining Academic Awards to the Senior School, to Anna Rose Gabbitass and Greg Kitson for gaining Sporting Awards, and to Tabitha Vause for gaining a Music Award.



House Guests

It was nice to welcome back some old boys and girls in January when Form 7L from School House visited to lead assembly at the Prep School on the theme of 2012 and what the year ahead could hold.



Up in the Air

All at the Prep School had great fun again this year when the annual House Pancake Races took place in February. After some flipping good fun Grenville snatched victory in both Junior and Senior categories.

Not to be outdone, the Busy Bees held their own Pancake Day celebration. They all practised tossing their pancakes in mini frying pans before racing, and afterwards they had pancakes with jam or sugar and lemon to eat. It was great fun and enjoyed enormously by all!





Rocket Science

The theme for this year's Science Week was 'Our World in Motion.' The week got off to an explosive start with rocket challenge workshops run by Andrew Baines from Hands On Science. The children listened intently as Andrew talked to them about energy and demonstrated various kinds of rockets. They then had the opportunity to make their own rocket and see how far it would travel. Andrew Mead, a chemistry teacher from the Senior School, also joined us in the Pre-Prep to show children some exciting, and noisy, chemistry experiments on the theme of transport. The experiment that the children enjoyed the most was when balloons filled with various gases were ignited and then burst with different coloured flames.

For this year's Science Week competition the children in the Prep School were encouraged to design their own multi-terrain renewable-energy powered vehicle – with many innovative and imaginative designs submitted. Children in the Pre-



Prep were challenged to design and make a model of a wheeled vehicle for the Queen to use when celebrating her Diamond Jubilee. We had an absolutely fantastic variety of entries from golden horse-drawn carriages to crown shaped vehicles and even an eco-carriage covered in moss and fir cones. Well done to all who entered! **J.K.P.**

Parent and Toddlers

During the last session of the Spring Term, the children at Parent and Toddler Group really enjoyed themselves making chocolate Easter nests for their tea. However, many were rather tempted and had a quick taste when no one was looking!



The glorious weather in the last few weeks allowed the children to play outside with the sand and water toys, as well as on the trikes and climbing frame.

Our sessions are on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm until 3.30pm. We have enrolled many newcomers this term and you will be most welcome to join us if you have a baby or toddler under school age. Superb indoor and outdoor play facilities are available, as well as painting, play dough and a guided craft activity to take home each week. Our meetings finish with refreshments and a sing-song! We look forward to seeing you. **W.J.N.**



Friends of Blundell's Prep

Our Parents' Association, the Friends of Blundell's Prep, organises events throughout the year for the benefit of our parents and children. These range from a disco for our Prep children to a Fun Day for the whole family to 'Pig Racing' for our parents. These events take much time to coordinate and are always fun, well attended and much appreciated. Although the main aim is to provide fun social occasions, through these events money is also raised. This money is split between buying 'value added' items for the School and donating money to specific charities. From money raised at last year's Ball £500.00 was donated to the Devon Air Ambulance. The Friends have also recently donated 10 pupil cameras to the school, and two high spec cameras for staff to use, which has enabled us to start a Camera Club in the Prep School. **B.J.S.**

Pictured: Chair Mrs. Brenda Fewtrell and Treasurer Mrs. Stella Kemp presenting a cheque for the Devon Air Ambulance.

FOBP Disco

The FOBP disco took place on 24th February in the Prep School hall. Lots of people came in their best party clothes and danced until they were out of breath! Music and lights were provided by DJ Zedline, there were drinks and sweets to buy, and dancing competitions throughout the evening. The Macarena proved the most popular song to dance to, and everybody had a great time! The Friends also organised a jungle-themed Pre-Prep Party in March, in which the children were enthusiastically entertained by staff from Razzamataz. Thank you to the Friends for organising these great events! **Maddie Wright**, Year 6





Speed Watch

On Monday 5th March 6MA were given the opportunity to work in partnership with the local police to monitor traffic speeds on Blundell's Road. The stretch of road outside the school has a 30 mph speed limit, and cars caught driving quicker than this were stopped and asked to pull into the school car park. The drivers were then interviewed by pupils who asked them why they had chosen to put lives at risk by breaking the law. Depending upon the speeds that they were doing some drivers were also given fines, and would receive points on their licence. In two hours eleven cars were stopped; the police will be returning to school to repeat the exercise with the other Year 6 classes next term.

Cara Read, Year 6



On Monday 23rd January **Year 5** came to school dressed in Tudor costume. They had been studying the Tudors in History and Henry VIII came to tell them what life was like in Tudor times. He began by talking about the history of the Tudor monarchy, including Henry and his six wives, and then went on to describe life for the ordinary people. He showed examples of toys, musical instruments and pottery from the times. In the afternoon Henry hosted a jousting tournament, and with the help of Theo Rees and Milly Curtis demonstrated the stocks, in which criminals were put to have rotten fruit thrown at them. Everyone in Year 5 would remember this day in history! **Charlotte Tait** and **Katie Martin**, Year 6



Stories In A Sentence

Her hair blew in the wind, her emerald-green eyes misty with worry – why wasn't her Dad back yet, she'd called his mobile several times, but there was no answer... until, at that very moment, his car drove in, with him there, ready to explain everything.

Sophia Marr, Year 5

When Mr. Smith had locked all the doors and windows and gone to bed, he felt a sudden breath of cold air pass over him, and as he dozed he became aware of a moaning sound coming from the kitchen; he sat bolt upright, then there was a crash, a bang and the house fell silent.

Joshua Cowap, Year 6

WORLD BOOK DAY

The focus on World Book Day in the Pre-Prep was poetry and rhyme this year. The children were fantastic in the way they supported the day. They all came to school dressed up as characters from poems and rhymes.

Many of them had learned poems which they bravely recited in front of their friends and teachers. Many children also entered the Best Decorated Poem competition; there were some wonderful, imaginative and colourful entries. It was also a real treat to be visited by children from the Senior School who recited a super poem too. A few of them could actually remember being in the Pre-Prep themselves!

In the Prep School the focus was on fiction, with volunteers from every class sharing some of their favourite books in assembly. In a Prep School vote, Michael Morpurgo was the most popular author with the children, closely followed by J.K. Rowling, Jeff Kinney and Roald Dahl. It was pleasing to see so many choose to enter the challenging competition to write a Story in a Sentence; congratulations to Sophia Marr and Joshua Cowap for their winning entries. **T.N. & L.P.M.**



Really Wild Show

There was great excitement amongst the Kindergarten children when Neil Vaughan visited school to present his Really Wild Show in January. Speculation about what creatures he might bring ranged from rattle snakes to lions! In reality the ones that he brought were just as fascinating but rather smaller and safer! The hissing giant cockroaches from Madagascar were very popular and many of the children enjoyed having one crawl up their arm. The children were fascinated to see the bird eating spider from South America and several children were brave enough to hold her. The final creature was a dragon lizard from the desert of Australia. The children enjoyed stroking the lizard and discovering what the scaly skin felt like. The children not only had a fun morning but learned plenty of interesting facts about animals as well. J.K.P.



Bob the Blob presents *Olympic Facts: Did You Know...?*



According to legend the Olympic Games were founded by Heracles, Greek god and son of Zeus. There is evidence that the Ancient Olympics ran every four years from 776 BC until 393 AD, when they were abolished by the Romans.

The Modern Olympics saw the contests begin again in 1896 AD.

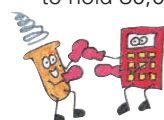


The Olympic Motto is Citius, Altius, Fortius, which means Faster, Higher, Stronger.

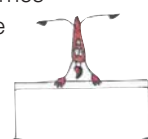
Before London 2012 the last Summer Olympics were held in Beijing in 2008, and the next will be held in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.



The London 2012 Olympic Stadium took three years to build, and will be able to hold 80,000 spectators during the Games.



London 2012 Olympic Mascot, Wenlock, is named after the Shropshire town of Much Wenlock, whose athletic games helped inspire Baron Pierre de Coubertin to call for the establishment of the Modern Olympic Games. The Paralympic Mascot, Mandeville, is named after the Buckinghamshire town of Stoke Mandeville, where the Paralympic Movement was founded.



26 Sports will be contested at the London Olympics this year, including archery, sailing, taekwondo and wrestling, as well as track and field athletics.

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



Magic Mirror

The Year 2 play this year had a healthy theme and was called The Magic Mirror of Health. It told the humorous story of a rather large King who had his offer of marriage to a beautiful princess turned down because of his unhealthy lifestyle! The plot was further complicated by the fact that the princess was already betrothed to a mean and nasty pie and cake seller who liked selling his pies and cakes to the King! It was a very funny and entertaining story which had the audience in stitches. Fortunately, the King learned the error of his ways and became thinner and healthier looking, while the pie and cake seller came to have his just deserts - leaving the beautiful princess free to marry the King. Everyone had a big surprise at the end when they had to stand up and take part in some healthy exercises to the rhythm of the final song. The children gave us a fantastic performance with their confident singing, dancing and acting. T.N.



Sew and Tell

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

Art, Music & Drama

The Prep School came off timetable for a wonderful week in February, and enjoyed a curriculum tailor made to promote creativity across the arts...

Creative





Fine Arts

From paper making to lino printing and from sticky net banners to brilliant split cane birds via pompom sheep, pottery, pen and ink drawings and colourful Jester Sticks ... Creative Arts Week was action-packed from first thing on Monday morning to last thing on Friday afternoon.

The theme for Creative Arts Week 2012 was 'Our School Environment' and all the children enjoyed spending time observing and sketching the beautiful countryside that surrounds the school.

Year 3 enjoyed scooping paper pulp to create their own pieces of paper as well as painting flowery silk dreamcatchers.

The **Year 4** pirates made beautiful fishy money boxes to keep all their pirate treasure safe, and looked at artwork by Jan Pienkowski before creating marbled pirate silhouette pictures.

Year 5 worked with visiting artist Louise Baker to produce amazing lino prints inspired by winter trees. They also made some colourful batik landscapes.

Year 6 worked with artist Rory Nugent and created a stunning tree full of owls. They also visited the Senior School and enjoyed a morning of exciting art activities including printing, embossing and photography.

J.A.A.



Pre-Prep Art Day

As part of Creative Arts Week, all the children in the Pre-Prep enjoyed taking part in a full day of art activities. The overall theme was the environment and each year group looked at a particular aspect of this.

Year 2 took inspiration from the local landscape,

Year 1 from a variety of buildings linked to their History topic, and Kindergarten looked at plants. Beautiful woven landscapes, painted and printed sheep, colourful wax batik, and wintry street scenes were some of the exciting projects undertaken...





Drama on the High Seas

What a day the 8th February was as two mutinous pirates Elizabeth and Cat arrived at Blundell's Prep from the Pocket Watch Theatre Company, Exeter, to help create a Pirate Play in a Day. During the morning our new found friends lead the Year 4 pirates in many games and activities experiencing life as a pirate. We learned how to walk the plank and played a very exciting game called 'Splat!' We found to walk like a pirate was a very important skill and

took a lot of practice!

The children also learned how to make a Sound Scape by being allocated parts as the Scrubbers who made a scrubbing sound on the deck, Birds who cawed, Riggers who stomped, the Wind which whistled, or Boards which creaked - and altogether created what can only be described as a very realistic representation of a ship at sea. 'The Blundellian' was now equipped to set sail with well-prepared pirates heading out on to the seven seas.

We learned some sea shanties to help us on our journey to discover and find the Sea Monster with a silver mouth. Amongst all the action the pirates finally befriended the monster as he confessed to being 'rather lonely' and like all good stories it had to have a happy ending. To do a 'Play in a Day' was a challenge but Year 4 performed their play with great enthusiasm to a very receptive audience.

T.M.C.



Musical Interlude: Wood Be Musicians

As part of Creative Arts week all the children took part in a music workshop in the woods. Mervyn Bedford spent the morning with the children, using his love of music to inspire the children to use the wood and surrounding environment to create music.

Woodpeckers were placed in the trees and the children sang in unison, taking it in turns to keep the beat with the woodpeckers. Other activities included exploring pitch using buckets and strings and searching for 'instruments' to accompany the singing. Instruments included sticks, large leaves, stones and even an old chair and tyre! It was a completely different form of music making for the children. Fun was had by all and we even had a few budding popstars singing solo with the microphone!

A more traditional music focus during Creative Arts Week was the House Music Competition, which again proved to be a very passionate and closely contested competition. All the children were involved and all the staff worked hard helping them to rehearse, choreograph and make props to make their House Songs as memorable as possible. Besides the House Songs, small groups also performed, including wind bands, guitar ensembles, recorder groups, string groups, piano trios and small singing groups. Judging was very difficult but in the end Drake were announced the overall winners. Thank you very much to Mrs. Filmer-Bennett and Mrs. Edge for judging the competition. B.L.C.





Food for thought

Junior Masterchef

On Tuesday 28th February Year 2 welcomed children from four local primary schools to join them in a Junior Masterchef competition. Everyone was really excited and could not wait to cook. Bread rolls were made and all sorts of interesting shapes were produced including plaits, snowmen and hedgehogs! All the children from Blundell's, St. John's, Bickleigh, Burlescombe and Tidcombe worked really hard and had lots of fun cooking, tasting different sorts of bread, and looking at bread from around the world. Mrs. Edge and Mrs. Watson worked hard with the children in the kitchen, and were ably assisted by our Year 6 Pupils who were most helpful towards the younger children at this event. Our visiting judge, Monsieur Le Grand, Head Chef from Woods restaurant in Dulverton, thought that all of the children worked extremely hard and he found it very difficult to select the winners. Each school did have a winning Masterchef though, and Elizabeth Honey won the Blundell's Junior Masterchef apron. **D.M.K.**



Royal Tea

This term Year 6 have entered the 'Cook for the Queen' competition as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. We had to design a menu fit for the Queen, using local produce in canapé form. We tried and tested different ideas throughout the term, and the children's enthusiasm came across clearly in their wonderful cooking. Our entry is now on its way to Clarence House for judging, and we all have our fingers crossed! **J.H.E. & S.N.W.**



Staff on the Spot

This term:
Mrs. Kimber



1, What is your full name?
Mrs. Diane Margaret Kimber

2, What job did you do before you worked at Blundell's?

I was a Nursery Teacher at Wellingborough School.

3, How long have you worked at Blundell's?

Fifteen years.

4, What is your favourite lesson to teach?

Maths.

5, What has been your favourite school trip?

To Budleigh Salterton.

6, What is your favourite school lunch?

The salad bar.

7, What are your hobbies outside of school?

Reading, walking, gym and zumba classes.

8, If you didn't live in this country, where would you like to live, and why?

In Canada, because I had a brilliant holiday there.

9, Do you have any pets?

I have a Scottie dog called Angus.

10, What is your favourite book?

Pride and Prejudice, by Jane Austen.

11, If you were in the Olympics what event would you take part in?

The 800m race.

12, What has been your most embarrassing moment?

Clapping too many times in a Nursery birthday assembly!

Interview devised and conducted by

Issy Fraser and **Kitty Harvey-Brade**, Year 6

Joke of the Term # 18

Q: What is the baby fruit tree's favourite fairy tale?

A: Goldilocks and the three bears!

Joke supplied by **Olivia Rhodes**, Year 5.

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

Out and about



Knightshayes Court

Nursery 1 children and parents had a glorious spring walk at Knightshayes on the last day of term. When asked what we might see there, ideas of sharks, sheep and Easter eggs were all mentioned! There was a dearth of sharks, but an abundance of daffodils and a perfect slope for egg rolling/hurling. Picnic snacks always taste good especially when they consist of Arthur's chocolate cakes and to discover that the Easter Bunny had chosen to visit was an added bonus! **D.McD.**

Gymnastics at the O2 Arena

Some of the **Year 6** girls from our senior gym club travelled to the O2 Arena in January to watch part of the rhythmic gymnastics competition that was taking place as part of the 'London Prepares' Series. Gymnasts from all over the world competed individually, performing a routine using a ribbon and another one using two clubs. Following this there was a group competition in which five gymnasts performed a longer routine in which three ribbons and two hoops were used. It was absolutely amazing to see how five gymnasts could all work together to throw, catch, spin and roll these pieces of equipment in time to their music. We even saw hoops being bounced off one gymnast and caught by another. It was a fantastic competition, with Spain winning the group event. We were so lucky to see some extremely talented rhythmic gymnasts as well as some very sparkly leotards! **B.L.C.**



Buckfast Abbey

On Friday 9th March **Year 3** visited Buckfast Abbey as part of their RE curriculum...



We arrived at Buckfast Abbey by minibus and as soon as we got there we unpacked our snack and ate it. Then we went to the Education Centre where we did lots of fun activities, before going on to a tour of the abbey with Brother Nicholas. We all asked lots of questions, and after that we were all very hungry so we had lunch. Then we went to a prayer service where all the monks started singing. We got a sheet with lots of questions for us to answer, and when we packed up Mrs. Willder bought some honey for us to try in our lessons back at school. We all had a happy day at the abbey. **Anna Maunder, Year 3**





St. Nicholas Priory

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to St. Nicholas Priory in Exeter where they attended a series of workshops that helped to build up their understanding of The Great Fire of London. They had already been introduced to the story of the 1666 fire during their History lessons and the workshops helped to consolidate what they had learned. They met Thomas Black, a man from that period, who told them about life in London in 1666. They learned about clothing and food; they were able to visit the parlour, kitchen and bedroom of a wealthy Tudor gentleman. The loo and the lack of proper plumbing was of great interest and entertainment! The kitchen was fascinating, with the dry and wet fires, herbs hanging above the fire, chickens in an indoor cage, and a dead hare hanging from the wall just a few of the points of interest. There was a great deal for us to notice about how life has changed so much. The day ended with the children acting out the story of the Great Fire. They had a thoroughly interesting day and a lot of fun too! **T.N.**

Exeter Cathedral

On Monday 26th March **Year 2** set off on a lovely sunny morning to visit Exeter Cathedral as part of their studies in RE. The children were taken on a tour of the cathedral and they asked many interesting questions, which pleased our guide! The children were also able to do some brass rubbings, using wax crayons, in the cathedral. After eating their picnic lunch outside in the warm spring sunshine, the children went back into the cathedral to do some sketching of some of the things they had seen. The children were fascinated by the size of the organ pipes and they also enjoyed sketching the many flags they had seen. 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

Following the excitement of the Music Workshop and House Music Competition in Creative Arts Week, the second half of term began with a Tea Time Concert that saw over one hundred of our children taking part. The programme was very varied and contained many of the pieces from House Music.

Year 5 then travelled to Plymouth for a concert given by the BBC Concert Orchestra. The concert was designed as an introduction to the orchestra and featured music from Stravinsky and Prokofiev through to The Simpsons, Dr. Who and Jessie J. The children all participated in the concert by singing Stevie Wonder's 'Sir Duke' accompanied by the fantastic orchestra. It was a wonderful concert and had us all dancing in the aisles by the end of it!



Twenty-one of our pupils took part in the annual Orchestra Day held at Blundell's. They rehearsed with other children from local schools and joined together in the afternoon to perform a programme including 'Don't Stop Believing', 'Make Me Feel', 'I Dreamed a Dream' and 'Pomp and Circumstance'. Many thanks to Mr. Barlow for organising this event.

A few days later the chamber choir and some of our instrumentalists went to St. George's Church to entertain people enjoying a Frugal Lunch held to raise money for Christian Aid. Tabby Vause performed a clarinet piece, Laura Smith a violin duet with her mum and Rebecca Hamilton a cello solo.

On the final Tuesday of term the Joint Concert was held at Blundell's. This provided the opportunity for children from the Prep and the Senior School to come together to make music. The evening included a great range of music including string, wind and brass groups, piano duets and trios, choirs and the Big Band. It was a super evening and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We have also had children taking Associated Board exams this term and the choir, orchestra and wind band have all performed in assembly. We had three children audition for music scholarships at Blundell's and Tabby Vause has been awarded a scholarship for next year. Well done Tabby.

A big thank you to all the children and staff who have made this term's music so successful. **B.L.C.**

Sport *Report*



IAPS U11 National Finals at Roedean, Brighton

To qualify for the nationals is an achievement in itself but to go on to compete against the best in the country with confidence and conviction at the national finals is the next step up. The girls who made up the Blundell's Prep U11 squad certainly gave it their all at Roedean, winning 7 of the 8 section matches and scoring 73 goals - the most scored by all of the 68 schools competing from U11 -

U13. It was a great feeling to have won the section and make it through to the quarter-finals. Our quarter-final match

against Twyford was end to end and to be leading by 1 goal at half time was promising, but unfortunately we could not hold on and Twyford took the lead in the final minutes of the match to win 12 - 10. We went to Brighton and put Blundell's Prep firmly on the map! It was a great experience for the players and I hope they feel proud of what they achieved along the way. **L.M.M.**



Netball

Blundell's Prep has really excelled at Netball this term and achieved some fantastic results on the court. It has been a tricky season for me personally, and I am sorry that for half of the term I was absent, however the girls have done themselves proud and I have been overwhelmed by the fantastic netball that has been played from Year 2 to Year 6. I was fortunate to watch many of the games and still have some input, even if it wasn't shouting – maybe that is the secret to our success? All of the teams have competed in matches, festivals and tournaments and have had a lot of fun along the way, playing with maturity regardless of the result. There have been tears of joy and tears of 'we nearly did it' – but that's sport for you and it leaves you wanting more! Our A-Teams have been very successful in both local and national competitions and it has certainly been an exciting term. A huge thank you must go to Miss Harrison for all her hard work with the U9 teams and well done to all of them for winning the Exeter Junior School Tournament. Thank you also to Mrs. Garcia and Mrs. Cracknell for their input with the U10 & U11 teams, to Mrs. Little, Mrs. Cooke, Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Gabbitass for umpiring, to Mr. Southgate for driving the team bus to Brighton and back and of course to all the parents and families who travelled around the South West and beyond to support the girls. Well done to all of the girls for this term and thank you for all your hard work, I am very excited about next year and already thinking about winning strategies. Good luck to all of the U11 girls who will be moving on at the end of the year – keep up your netball!

All girls have represented the school at a competitive level this term.

Here are some of Blundell's Prep School Netball achievements:

U11 Millfield School Tournament: Runners Up

U11 IAPS Regional Round Tournament at Stonar:

Runners up on goal average, qualifying for the National Finals

U11 IAPS National Finals Tournament at Roedean, Brighton:

Section A Winners, qualifying for the Quarter-Finals.

Final result: 5th Independent School's Team in the Country

U10 Millfield School Tournament: Winners

U9 Exeter Junior School Tournament: Winners

Pre-Prep Fixtures



Tag Rugby Festival

The Tag Rugby Festival, which involved all the children in Years 1 and 2, was even better this year because of the wonderful weather that we experienced on the day. Despite the fact that it was held in March, the sun was shining and the temperature was warm. The children were very excited about the inter-schools event and they were not disappointed. I overheard one boy say, "This is the funnest day in my whole life!" The opportunity to play matches against other schools was fantastic. The children played in different heats for almost an hour and a half before Inspector Holmes from the local police force and Mr. Southgate presented certificates, and all went off to enjoy a delicious picnic tea. Thank you very much to Mr. Swain for organising this very popular event. **T.N.**

U7 Netball & Football

Also in March Year 2 enjoyed the excitement of away matches at Kelly College...

The girls played netball. We had one match, it was 2-2. I was centre and Millie scored both our goals. At half time we had a drink, and after the match we had a match tea. I had a cupcake and a drink of water. Then we got on the minibus to come back to Blundell's. We had really good fun playing the match and eating the match tea.

Lucie Spencer, Year 2

We went to play Kelly College at football and we won 4-0. I scored three goals and Taylor scored the last goal. At half time we had a drink of water and at the end of the match we had a match tea. It was very fun!

Joshua Withey, Year 2



Sport *Report*



Football

U11 Football

The football season has seen some great successes at U11 level, culminating in winning the Exeter Junior School football tournament. This win came from a season of building on personal skills and teamwork. Football is one of the ultimate team games, and with some great midfield players feeding good strikers, and backed up by a sound defence, the team has gelled well.

U10 Football

This exciting side has a wealth of skill and stamina. There are some good leaders and many good players willing to give their all for the team. A highlight was going to Millfield and in spite of some 50/50 decisions going against them, taking them to the final second of the match. A great display of attacking football was seen all season, as well as good goal keeping – this is clearly a rising team.

U9 Football

Early season form suggested we were in for a long haul – with losses at Exeter Prep, St. Peter's and West Buckland, but the boys battled on and never gave anything other than 100%. Our first win came in a tournament at Exeter. Our goalkeeper, Charlie Hutchinson, often kept us in the game and on many occasions made some quite outstanding saves, contributing hugely to the team's improving performances towards the end of the season.

U8 Football

The U8 team gave everything they had for every minute of every match. They tried to cover every blade of grass on the pitch at the same time. This is where other teams took advantage, catching the team out of position and moving in on goal. With more positional discipline the squad could be very successful - but if enjoying a match and working flat out counted as winning, the team has been victorious all season.

S.G.S. & S.J.M.



Cross Country



I guess if there's one thing that tends to focus the mind more than any other when it comes to Cross Country it's the weather. Temperatures were typically Arctic at the start of the term, whilst at the end resembled something close to Tropical. Our very best runners travelled the length and breadth of two counties to pit themselves against the very best in the South West and the competition was stronger than ever. The highlight of the term came in our first race at



St. Petroc's which saw a purple wave descend on Bude, with a first ever clean sweep of trophies and all 16 team members in the very front of the field in their respective races. Runs at the **Larkman Cup** and **Stover** saw us facing very strong competition and due to illness and injury we weren't quite at our best. Despite this we still managed to place runners in the top half of the field and placed well in the team events. The last week of term, in unseasonably balmy conditions, saw the **School Run** won once again by Grenville. **S.J.M.**

RESULTS

St. Petroc's

U9 Boys: 1st out of 23 teams
U9 Girls: 1st out of 23 teams
U11 Boys: 1st out of 23 teams
U11 Girls: 1st out of 23 teams

Stover

U9 Boys: 2nd out of 8 teams
U9 Girls: 4th out of 8 teams
U11 Boys: 2nd out of 8 teams
U11 Girls: 4th out of 8 teams

Larkman Trophy

U9 Boys: 2nd out of 10 teams
U9 Girls: 2nd out of 10 teams
U11 Boys: 2nd out of 10 teams
U11 Girls: 2nd out of 10 teams

House Run

1st Grenville 2nd Drake 3rd Raleigh

Teams:

U9 Boys: Charlie Hutchinson, Alex Curtis, Duncan Johnson-Ferguson & Tom Reynolds.

U11 Boys: Archie Murray, William Spencer, Greg Kitson & Jack Klinkenberg.

U9 Girls: Imogen Davy, Mia Butterfield, Holly Nugent & Zoe Dare.

U11 Girls: Grace Francis, Tabitha Vause, Anna Rose Gabbitass & Jasmine MacKay.



Rugby

National Rugby Finals

The whole squad travelled up to Surrey the day before the National Finals at Epsom College. They stayed in a wonderful hotel with a swimming pool, Jacuzzi and some great food. Therefore the team felt rested and ready for the tournament – which they needed to be, as it soon started to rain and grew very cold indeed. The team put everything they had into some of the toughest rugby they had ever played in some of the toughest conditions, and braved it out to the semi-final of the plate competition. The shelter of the mini bus and a good sing-along to some of the latest songs helped to warm everyone back up on the long journey home afterwards. Thank you to Mr. Kerr and Mr. Morris for braving the cold and wet to support the team – and for buying round after round of hot soup!

Rugby 7's

Rugby 7's is all about handling, speed and teamwork. The Prep School team had all of these in spades and at the Southwest 7's Tournament held at Plymouth College the team were crowned champions after a dazzling performance saw them beating some teams, including Plymouth, by 50 points or more. At the Millfield 7's Tournament there were a few members of the conquering Southwest team absent as they were taking part in the National Barbarian trials, but the team was bolstered with a few new players to 7's who acquitted themselves very well. The squad reached the final of the plate competition, beating The Downs School in the semi-final. Sport is won and lost sometimes on very small margins of error and this was the case in the final against Millfield. Many thanks to all of the travelling supporters. **S.G.S.**





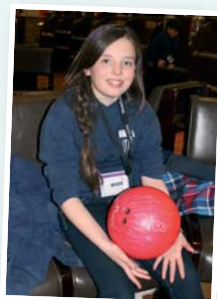
It is said that Jersey is the sunniest place in the British Isles and there was wall to wall sunshine and a very warm welcome wherever we went. The children were kept busy on tour, and were competitive on the sports field, but in everything they did they were thoughtful, well mannered and happy representatives of the school... **S.G.S.**



We met at Exeter Airport at five o'clock in the morning on Saturday 11th February and hopped on a plane to Guernsey, then on to Jersey. We collected our luggage and found our rooms at the hotel. The boys went off to play rugby while the girls played netball against a Jersey team. Later the boys played tag rugby against the Jersey Rugby Club, and the girls played in a tournament against the Jersey Quackers. There were some mixed results

against tough opposition, but both boys and girls won matches with their A Teams.

There were lots of other fun things to do on tour as well as the sport. We went to the cinema to see Big Miracle, which was rather good and we all recommend it! We also went to visit the Jersey Bunkers, Gorey Castle and the Gerald Durrell Zoo, where we got to make food for the bears!



We played Aqua Splash and on the last night at the hotel we dressed up for a Crazy Hair Disco, where we had an all you can eat buffet, and some people sprayed their hair awesome colours; all the teachers joined in with the dancing, and Mrs. May demonstrated some particularly interesting moves!



On the last day of the tour we visited the Maritime Museum, where we had a quiz on the Titanic, and then a lady dressed up as a passenger from the Titanic told the story of what it was like on board the night the ship hit the iceberg. Everybody was fascinated. After the museum we had time for fish and chips and a play on the beach before we had to go back to the airport and catch our flight back to Exeter.

Everybody had a wonderful time in Jersey, and we would like to thank Mr. Swain, Mrs. May and Mr. Kerr for giving up their time in half-term to take us!



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