



PEGASUS NEWS

SUMMER TERM
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FRIDAY 7 JULY 2017

WE WILL MISS YOU MR. PAVEY...



THERE WILL BE NO CLUBS, PREP OR AFTER SCHOOL CARE.

Sibling cover will only operate from 1530-1600.

All pupils in Nursery—Yr. 2 to be collected by 1530.

All pupils in Yrs. 3-11 to be collected from St. Mary's Church at the end of Speech Day.

EARLY YEARS UPDATE BY MRS HARRIS

Leading the Early Years over the past academic year has really allowed me to finally see the vision I had for Long Close Early Years department come to fruition since I took over the role as Head of Early Years officially at Long Close School, three years ago. My statement to Mr.Pavey in my interview for the job role was:

'Long Close Early Years should embrace a magical time in children's lives. It should feel like a home away from home for children and their families. Our Early Years should always provide children with a safe, loving, engaging, interesting, respectful and nurturing environment in which to grow and develop.'

We have certainly worked as a team to achieve the above, as always there is still room for improvement and growth. As current staff take a well-earned break during the Summer to self-evaluate and reflect on their journey we will meet again and welcome some new very experienced colleagues into our team at the end of August during inset, to inspire us further in the Early Years with new ideas and good practice. I know many of you met Mrs.Paula Reynolds this week our new Nursery Manager, who joins us from Brigidine School in Windsor, Mrs.Reynolds will support me in my role as Head of Early Years. Ms.Rishma Dingakar also had a fabulous day in the nursery this week meeting all the children and many families and is extremely excited to be the Red and Blue Room Leader replacing Mrs.Bailey who moves to teach in the new Reception classroom.



I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming new and current families back in September.

Kind Regards

Mrs.Sarah Harris

EARLY YEARS UPDATE BY MRS HARRIS

YELLOW ROOM GREEN ROOM RED AND BLUE ROOMS

Our Year In Nursery



September - Making handprints



October - Autumn celebration, 'The Little Red Hen'



November - visit to The Curve Library



December - visit from Santa



January - Chinese New Year, performing our dragon dance



February - Kings and Queens day



March - Easter celebrations



April - Exploring minibeasts



May - Kandinsky artwork



June - Father's Day activities



July - Sports day



PREP SCHOOL UPDATE BY MS. FIELD

We have had a fantastic year in the Preparatory School. The pupils have all really matured and succeeded well, as demonstrated through many events, activities and in the end of year examinations. Over the course of the year there have been many activities which the children have embraced wholeheartedly. Some of the highlights included the Curriculum Collapse week, in which the children were taken through several million years with a Pre-History week. They learned about how the world was formed, the movement of the continents and the evolution of life: from early crustaceans, to the dinosaurs and stone-age humans through to the metal ages.

We celebrated Children's National Book Week with a range of activities to encourage the pupils' love of reading and they even dressed up as their favourite book character. We have had a lot of fun at the PTA run discos and Easter Egg Hunt for EYFS and KS1 pupils!

Learning through practical workshops and hands on experience has given an extra dimension to the children's studies. Year 1 wowed us with their Art Exhibition; Year 2 got back to nature with a bush-craft experience at Black Park; Year 3 built an Egyptian pyramid; Year 4 experienced 'history off the page' with a Castles day in which they learned about daily life in Medieval times - they were taught how to make candles, make food, sew and even potions as alchemists; Year 5 explored Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon; and Year 6 put themselves in the shoes of Victorian children at the Black Country Museum - even going down a mine! Year 4 also had a 'Spooks' writing day and went to the Wycombe Swan to watch 'Gangsta Granny' by David Walliams.

The pupils performed in many productions, musical performances and class assemblies. We enjoyed them all! The Young Shakespeare Company also involved Years 5-8 in their performance of 'Twelfth Night'. We also held a Debating Competition for Years 5, 6, 7 & 8 and they impressed us immensely with their arguments and powerful speeches.

Across the year groups the pupils have broadened their education with trips to a variety of places; the British Museum, Black Country Museum, Winchester Science Museum, Windsor Castle, Henley River and Rowing Museum, Hampton Court Palace, Verulamium and the Roald Dahl Museum. We ran two residential trips: Year 4 had an Anglo-Saxon experience at Upton Court, whilst Year 6 went to the PGL centre on the Isle of Wight for an outdoor activity adventure.

We supported several charities including Sports' Relief and our Harvest Festival donations were given to Age Concern, the Food Bank and SHOC (Slough Homeless).

We have also continued to extend the children's knowledge of the environment with our continued work through the nature club and visits to local places of interest.

There has been a whole range of sporting success across the year groups; both in boys and girls sports. All pupils took part in the KS1 and KS2 Sports' Days. Very well done to you all!

Finally, we are very proud of our Year 6 who have been a super year group. We have watched them grow and develop in their time here, and they have conducted themselves really well in a whole variety of situations. Their academic success is wide ranging including notable 11+ results and once again super end of key stage 2 SATs results in English and Mathematics. Well done Year 6! In Year 6 there is a wonderful mixture of minds and imaginations, and I am sure they will continue to be of great success whether they stay here in Year 7 or move on to pastures new. Good luck Year 6 - we will miss you!

On behalf of the staff in the Prep School we wish you a happy and restful summer holiday!

Ms. Field

Head of Preparatory School

THIS WEEK IN EARLY YEARS

RECEPTION

Our year in Reception



September- our 1st swimming lesson.



October- our trip to the Discovery Centre



November- Elf mischief



December- The sleepy shepherd



January- Rescuing Elsa's frozen friends!



February- we are bucket fillers



March- Investigating mini beasts



March - Easter our visit to the church



April- Exploring art



May- Improving our ICT skills



June- Physical development



July- Ready for Year1

PREP SCHOOL NEWS

KEY STAGE 1

Year 1

Spring Term



The children received signed BBC Weather postcards after creating their own Weather reports!



The P1A Easter Egg Hunt was fantastic!



Our Art Exhibition was a huge success!



We celebrated Holi in style by throwing powder paint at each other



We saw the soldiers at Windsor Castle

PREP SCHOOL NEWS

KEY STAGE 1

Year 1

Summer Term



We became botanists and studied plants



We went hunting for mini beasts at Black Park



We spoke loudly at our assembly!



Jeanette Chippington MBE visited us and rounded off our amazing time in Year 1!



We ran as fast as we could at Sports Day!

PREP SCHOOL NEWS

KEY STAGE 1

Year 1

Autumn Term



Children wrote to Paralympian Jeanette Chippington MBE to congratulate her on her gold medal



Trip to Winchester Science Centre



Harvest Festival was fun!



We dressed up as our favourite book characters



Our Christmas party was full of festive cheer!

PREP SCHOOL NEWS

KEY STAGE 1

Year 2

'A picture speaks a thousand words'.

Please enjoy cherishing the memories below with your children. A snapshot into their last week of Year 2! Mrs Woodcraft and Miss Moss wish you all a lovely summer holiday. Eat lots of ice cream, go on fun days out with your families and create as many happy memories as you can!



PREP SCHOOL NEWS

KEY STAGE 2

Year 3

Where shall we begin?

The year has flown by and it has been wonderful to observe how the children in Year 3 have developed and matured over the 3 terms. Friendships have flourished and the Year 3 teachers have got to know every member of their classes so well. It's sad that the year has come to an end, but we've got fantastic memories to look back on.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip to the Roald Dahl museum and were very excited about their dream magical bottles. It helped to develop their creative writing and we believe it had a major impact on building their skills. The Ancient Egyptian workshop was outstandingly informative! Children were able to experience and learn things first hand and were mesmerised by the pyramid and all the other activities in the hall. The trip to the Verulamium enabled the children to touch and handle genuine artefacts from the Roman era. This helped consolidate all the wonderful Roman facts we've learned in History. Finally, the trip to Chessington Zoo was a well earned reward for all the hard work the children have put in. Great fun was had by all, including the teachers!

The children worked extremely hard to prepare themselves for the exams at the end of the year. The results were fantastic and we hope this will help them to build a foundation for the years ahead. We will sincerely miss the children, they've been awesome! Good luck in Year 4.



PREP SCHOOL NEWS

KEY STAGE 2

Year 4

What a wonderful year the Year 4 children have had! Below, are a number of the highlights that we would like to share with you. The Ufton Court trip in the Autumn Term, presented many firsts for a number of children, in the year group: first time away from home, first time to light a fire, first time to attend a banquet, first time to bat watch and the first time to go inside an Anglo-Saxon round house. The weather was kind to us and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning all about history, whilst outdoors. A particular highlight from the residential trip was when everyone had the opportunity to dress up and attend an Anglo-Saxon style banquet. During the banquet, children tasted many delicious foods and tried out a variety of games from the Anglo-Saxon and Viking era. We could not miss the opportunity to visit the Wycombe Swan to see Gangsta Granny, in November. David Walliams has been one of the many authors we have studied in Year 4 and so it was marvellous to have the opportunity to go and watch this performance. The show really grasped their attention and imagination. After the visit, several lessons were based on what we had seen. In group reading, throughout the year, the children have read and explored a number of David Walliams books too. As always, Curriculum Collapse Week, is a lot of fun and huge amounts of learning takes place based around the chosen topic. This year, we were excited to find it was about Pre History and the Stone Age. The children took part in creative writing tasks based around a dinosaur egg, a Stomp dance workshop and a number of art activities involving clay, chalk, pencils and pastels. Everyone was fascinated to find out about Pangea! To begin our Summer Term history topic, Castles, 'History off The Page' came and delivered an introduction to what life was like inside a castle. Creating the leather archer finger guard was the children's favourite activity and they went home with a number of things they had made themselves, as well as an insight into life in the middle ages. In the Summer Term, the children were lucky enough to take part in a Shakespeare workshop, 'Who done it?' where the children had to solve a mystery that involved Shakespeare and a number of his plays. Holly, won the book for her excellent creative writing pieces, as she used the clues and evidence to solve the mystery. The daily mile was a huge success in Year 4, this year. The progress the children have made with their fitness from when we first started it to today, has been fantastic. Many children set personal targets and worked hard to achieve them and even surpassed them! Not only have their fitness levels benefits from this, inside the classroom, we have noticed an improvement on children's concentration levels too. It would be wonderful if the children continued to take every opportunity to be outside walking, throughout the holidays. The children loved the team building activities which they took part in, throughout the year. They showed great team work, cooperation, perseverance and the ability to problem solve to complete different challenges they were presented with. Overall, it has been fantastic getting to know the children this year and watching them progress and flourish. We feel very privileged to have worked with such a super bunch of children. Wishing you all an enjoyable, well deserved summer holiday.



PREP SCHOOL NEWS

KEY STAGE 2

Year 5

What a wonderful Year 5 have had! We started the year with our Tudor topic which gave pupils a fascinating insight into the life of Henry VIII in particular. The children had a fabulous time during our visit to Hampton Court and used I Pads to research and investigate the grounds and buildings. Our personal guide provided us with excellent information about how the court was run with the aristocrats living the life of luxury and being waited on by the court staff. Taking part in our assembly complemented this interesting topic and the children had lots of fun dressing up and performing to a high standard. During the Spring term, we investigated Tudor life in a cross-curricular manner and researched the life of William Shakespeare. In January, the children performed a Year 5 class assembly about Shakespeare's life and work. Our trip to Stratford-upon-Avon was eye opening and everyone loved taking part in a range of Tudor workshops including: Tudor shopping using coins of the time; writing with quill pens; identifying Tudor artefacts and exploring genuine Tudor coins. After half term, we started learning about Ancient Greece and the pupils took off by exploring a range of artefacts and vases from different periods of this era. It was fascinating to see how, throughout the period, the art and techniques changed! These helped us decode the past and better understand how Athens and Sparta differed. The pupils built on what they learnt during their trip to the British Museum by discovering how the gods of ancient Greece were portrayed on Greek vases. After learning about creation myths in the first term, the children explored a range of different religions – one of them being Sikhism. We were very fortunate to be invited to visit the local Gurdwara where our excellent guide, Mr Nirmal, showed us around and taught us many interesting facts about this religion. Not only did we have a fabulous learning experience but we also had a fantastic feast provided for us to try! The year concluded with a range of experiences including a fabulous visit from the Berkshire Fire Service and a volunteer from Amnesty International. The children were able to explore the fire engine and also learnt some very important procedures to follow in the unlikely event of a fire. Arul even dressed in the full fireman's suit with breathing apparatus included! We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching these lovely children and it has been a privilege to watch them grow and develop into mature, confident and creative children. We wish them the best of luck in Year 6!



Mrs Barnes and Mrs Collet





PREP SCHOOL NEWS

KEY STAGE 2

Year 6

GOODBYE LONG CLOSE!

This year has been amazing thanks to all the students and teachers. It wouldn't have been the same without them! From our Oliver play to PGL, it was the people behind the scenes that made it what it was - and we enjoyed all of it too!

This term Year 6 have been very busy. To start with we had SATS examinations, which was a bit of a struggle, but the culmination of our hard work this year in English and maths. We also enjoyed a range of topics across the subjects. From gas masks in history to experiments in Science, we were pushed hard but learned a lot on the way. PGL was not only AMAZING – but also the highlight!

We are excited at the thought of the next step in our journeys, but it is also mixed with sadness. Especially having to say goodbye to our friends; some we have not known for long and others we have known, for what seems, forever!

Some children have been at Long Close all the way through from Nursery to Year 6! We will all take many memories with us and I know we will sorely miss the Long Close family.

We would like to say thank you to all the Long Close community, and the PTA for our Lazer Quest party.

It's goodbye from us, hope to see you soon!

By Poppy Collyer and Jack Ettridge.

Head Girl and Head Boy on behalf of Year 6

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Enrichment Week for the Senior School—some of the highlights included:

Houses of Parliament

The Year 8 students went to the Houses of Parliament with Mr. Dunford and Mr. McCarthy. They visited the education centre, the House of Lords, the central lobby, the Prince's Chamber, the members' lobby, and the oldest part of the building, Westminster Hall. The students visited the education centre where they learnt about the history of democracy and Parliament. After the guided tour, the students went to a workshop, where they had to come up with their own manifestos and then vote for the best one. The highlight was when the newly elected MP for Slough came into our workshop to speak to the students about his experience as an MP in Parliament. He then took a question and answer session. Thank you to Mr. Dunford for organising the trip.



24 hour Survival Course

A group of senior students went for a day and a half to the LLS Activity Centre. The course was set up to help students to learn the virtues of creative thinking & risk taking. It was also set up to:

- Help them to appreciate the importance of preparation
- Encourage them to overcome adversity
- Foster leadership & morale
- Help them to embrace change
- Encourage an appreciation of the environment and natural resources
- Give them the courage to be themselves and – just as important – the children will learn how to have a great time!



Thank you to Mr. Sargeant, Mr. Powell and Mrs. Bingham for organising the trip and accompanying the students.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

The Woman in Black

A group of students went to the Lyceum theatre in London for a workshop of the *The Woman in Black*. The workshop concentrated on the understanding of drama and what acting means on the stage and behind the TV screens. For two hours the pupils were involved in:

- How to stage a production
- Directing
- Exam revision workshops
- Audition preparation

After the workshop they then saw the production of *The Woman in Black*. The play is about a lawyer obsessed with a curse that he believes has been cast over him and his family by the spectre of a Woman in Black. He engaged a sceptical young actor to help him tell his story and exorcise the fear that grips his soul. It all begins innocently enough but the, as they reach further into his darkest memories, they find themselves caught up in a world of eerie marshes and moaning winds. I would like to thank Mrs.Amod, Mr.Brazier, Mr.Larcombe and Mr.Dunford for organising and accompanying the senior students.



Bray Lake

The Year 7 students went to Bray Lake. The area is set up to introduce young people to the thrill and excitement of watersports. Here the students experienced the thrills and challenges of windsurfing, sailing, paddling under expert tuition. It was a great fun and healthy day out for everyone. I would like to thank Mrs.Sargaent and Mr. Jones for organising and accompanying the senior students.



Mr. McCarthy
Deputy Headteacher & Head of Senior School



STUDENT REFLECTIONS

Reflections for Year 8

I have been at Long Close School for a year now and it has brought up so many opportunities and great experiences that I would never had without the help from my teachers. We have been to the Houses of Parliament (where we met our local Slough MP Tan Dhesi) with Mr.Dunford and Mr.McCarthy, Strawberry Hills Castle with Mrs.Amod and Mr.McCarthy for the introduction in English to Gothic Literature, a Spanish lecture with activities and videos organised by Mrs.McCauley and an Elite Survival course organised by Mr.Sargeant, Mrs.Bingham and Mr.Powell. I am also really looking forward to the three day trip to Iceland next September, it should be a real adventure! We are so lucky to be able to do these things. We were also rewarded to trips to the cinema and paintballing/laser tag. In school life we are able to do fun games and run events, like the Carol Service, Summer Fayre, and Christmas Stalls etc. Year 8 life has been fun and very enjoyable. We are looking forward to Year 9 and all the exciting years to come.

Layla Patel 8D

Year 11 Highlights of the Year

From September 2016, all the way to July 2017 the school year has been a wild ride; from fresh-faced new students arriving in Year 7, all the way to the hard working Year 11 students saying goodbye. We were coming to the end of our Long Close journey. It certainly has been eventful. The year kicked off with the Years 9-11 going to Barcelona. Here we visited museums, beaches, took a boat ride along the Barcelona bay and the visited a volcano. After this the academic year got into full swing. For us Year 11 students, this year was encapsulated in one word: EXAMS. These began with our mocks, which we spent the first part of the year tirelessly revising for while finishing off our GCSE controlled assessments. After this was over we set our sights on the biggest part of our lives so far, our GCSEs. These weeks flew by rapidly and without break, as we sped from exam to exam. Before we knew it, it was all over! This year absolutely flew by for all of us, it was something we did not anticipate. We would all like to say our goodbyes to Long Close School and on behalf of all the students in year 11 I would like to thank all the people who made this journey possible. It with sadness that we all leave, but we are now all ready for our next adventure.

Connor McGinn 11P



STUDENT REFLECTIONS

My first year in the senior school has been the best! I met so many new people and did so many new things that I never thought I would have tried. Here is how the year went.

In the first week we had our first trip. It was the Jubilee River walk. It was a geography trip but it was mainly meant for us to bond with each other. It was hot and we had to walk a long way but we got to know each other a lot more!

As the term went on we entered our first competition as being part of the senior school. We had to wait till March to find out our results.

As our first term in the senior school ended we had our first reward trip. It was to the cinema to watch either Moana or Fantastic Beasts. It was an amazing day to end the term.

The second term of year 7 the shortest but the busiest. The choir went to the O2 to participate in the Young Voices concert, the senior girls went to watch Thriller Live in the Lyric theatre, in Maths we taught years 3 and 4 the things we learnt that term, the girls went to dance in East Berkshire's dance studio and the choir went to Wellington College.

As the term ended we had another reward trip. This time it was to Skirmish. At Skirmish we did paintballing and Laser Tag. We worked together as a team to have fun and it was such a fun day!

After the Easter holidays we came back to our last term as year 7. In the first half term an English company called Spooks came to extend our creative writing skills. They came for the day and it was so interesting. Our English skills extended hugely.

After the half term we had to concentrate and study hard as it was our end of year exams. It was a long, hard week of stress! It was so good to finish our last exam as we had no more stress!

A couple weeks later the senior girls went to Slough And Eton to meet Moe Sbihi. He is an olympic rower who won bronze at the London 2012 olympics and won gold at the Rio 2016 Olympics! It was so cool to meet an olympian!

We have now approached our last week in year 7 which is enrichment week! In enrichment week you get to go on cool trips! We are going to Bray Lake to play watersports and we are also going to watch the Woman In Black in the theatre!

It's exciting to finish year 7 but it's also quite sad. It's been an amazing year and I'm so excited to start year 8. Have a great summer!

By Dunya Sodhi, year 7.



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Speech Day Summer 2017: Key Stage 3: Yrs 7-9

ENGLISH PRIZE: *Avneet Bains*

MATHEMATICS: *Saina Sadhwani*

SCIENCE PRIZE: *Saina Sadhwani*

SPANISH PRIZE: *Esha Kumar*

GEOGRAPHY PRIZE: *Zain Rafiq*

HISTORY PRIZE: *Saina Sadhwani*

RELIGIOUS STUDIES PRIZE: *Saina Sadhwani*



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

ICT PRIZE: *Avneet Bains*

ART PRIZE: *Anisa Akram*

DT PRIZE: *Gurnek Pangali*

SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR: *Sunpreet Multani*

MUSIC PRIZE: *Esha Kumar*

OVERALL ACADEMIC PRIZE: *Saina Sadhwani*

THE ENDEAVOR PRIZE: *Zain Rafiq*



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

Speech Day: Key Stage 4: Yrs 10-11

ENGLISH LANGUAGE: *Yara Kakel*

ENGLISH LITERATURE: *Eoin Brennan*

MATHEMATICS SHIELD: *Eoin Brennan*

SCIENCE: *Yara Kakel*

SPANISH PRIZE: *Alina Chaudry*

GEOGRAPHY PRIZE: *Varshni Devi*



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

HISTORY PRIZE: *Connor McGinn*

RELIGIOUS STUDIES PRIZE: *Connor McGinn*

ICT PRIZE: *Zackery Hodge*

ART PRIZE: *Ria Dhallá*

SPORTSPERSON ON THE YEAR: *Jeevan Saini*

ENDEAVOR PRIZE: *Yara Kakel*

OVERALL ACADEMIC PRIZE: *Eoin Brennan*

PRIZE FOR INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT PLAN: *Ria Dhallá*



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

HEAD BOY PRIZE: *Connor McGinn*

HEAD GIRL PRIZE: *Ria Dhallia*

ANNOUNCEMENT: award them with new badges.

NEW HEAD BOY: *Arun Ramtale*

NEW HEAD GIRL: *Varshni Devi*



SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

For entire year: Certificates

Year 7 1. Effort 2. Attainment 3. Leadership	 Dunya Sodhi Aya Kakel Jagdeish Bhamra
Year 8 1. Effort 2. Attainment 3. Leadership	 Surabhi Purohit Avneet Bains Noor Raja
Year 9 1. Effort 2. Attainment 3. Leadership	 Zain Rafiq Saina Sadhwani Esha Kumar
Year 10 1. Effort 2. Attainment 3. Leadership	 Liam Dunne Arun Ramtala Nidhi Gohil
Year 11 1. Effort 2. Attainment 3. Leadership	 Yara Kakel Eoin Brennan Ris Dhalla

MUSIC UPDATE BY MRS BINGHAM

What a very very busy musical year for everyone at Long Close School! We got straight to work in September preparing for our two Harvest Festival Celebrations; children bringing in many beautiful boxes full of food to donate to people in the local community. Every single child in the Prep and Nursery parts of the school took part, and the school hall was full to overflowing with parents and pupils on both occasions! After half term we had the Remembrance Assembly; ably led by Year 4 pupils reprising some of their amazing assembly about WWI and selected senior pupils reading poetry and prayers.

The preparations then started in earnest for the various Christmas celebrations held throughout the school community. Events kicked off with 'The Sleepy Shepherd' nativity story; performed by 75 Early Years children. The two reception classes proved that the show must go on when chicken pox spread through the classes the week before and half the children were off school! (Mrs Bingham will admit to panicking slightly at this point!) However they pulled through; learnt their lines, sang their songs and did a wonderful job!

The KS1 Nativity 'Gabriel's Big Break' followed, with Ammiel and Zachary bravely performing solo songs in front of all the mummies and daddies in a sell out performance! The Year 2 children learnt all their lines off by heart and spoke with wonderful confidence and assurance. Year 1 were fabulous in their supporting roles and I look forward to them taking the lead in next year's nativity performance.

The grand finale of the Christmas term was the Carol Service! This was a triumph and the children performed wonderfully. The children worked so incredibly hard to put on the performance, with hours of rehearsal and preparation time behind the scenes. Special mention must go to the Year 11 Soloists - Eoin Brennan and Ria Dhalla, for whom it is their last Carol Service, who both performed solos with great assurance. There was a mix of secular and sacred music; from the trumpets and brass playing the descant verses of the Carols and filling the Church to the Orchestra playing Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and Year 3 singing Jingle Bells. Many thanks must go to our visiting musicians who came to support us; including our new piano teacher Mr Darrah, singing teacher Mrs Janusz and guitar teacher Mr Chandler.



MUSIC UPDATE BY MRS BINGHAM

The Spring Term started off with a bang; with 36 of our Year 5 – 11 pupils heading to the O2 to sing in Young Voices - with over 9,000 children taking part, singing to a sold out O2, it was a truly fabulous experience. Singing music from Folk Songs to Adele, the children learnt nearly two hours worth of music with actions and dance routines to go with them and had a fantastic day. Before half term we also had the Body Percussion Workshop during curriculum collapse week, which saw pupils from the prep part of the school learning routines and creating body percussion compositions, which tied neatly in with the 'pre-history' theme for Curriculum Collapse week. After half term, Choir Members from Years 5 - 7 took part in the Wellington College Prep Singing Day, with pupils from 8 other schools; culminating in a performance to parents at the end of the day. 5 hours of singing made for some very tired children, but the sausages and chips helped boost their energy levels for the performance! We then went straight into the Prep and Senior Instrumental Evenings - with pupils performing solos from Year 2 right up to Year 11. These were such a success that I think next year the Prep one will have to be divided into two performance dates, as it really was standing room only! The Early Years Mother's Day performance was next, followed by the Year 3 and 4 Production of Go for Gold, and the pupils in both cases did a fantastic job. Go for Gold had fantastic acting performances for Year 4, and it's wonderful to see how much they're grown in confidence since last year's production of Porridge. The Year 3s did a great job as supporting singers and chorus (as well as some wild animals of course!) and I look forward to seeing them take centre stage next year for their production.

The Summer Term has been dominated by preparations for the Year 5 and 6 Production of Oliver, which was a great success! The Year 6s learnt their lines and did a fabulous job, and thanks must go out to the Year 5 and 6 staff and Abi and Ash for their help in putting this performance together. The Junior and Senior Choir also performed a great pop set, opening the PTA Summer Fayre, and children from Reception to Year 11 participated in the two Speech Day Events which took place in the last week of term; performing a variety of music with great confidence.

Many thanks as always go to the Peripatetic staff, who come in each week and teach the children. We've had lots of children take their ABRSM Music exams this year, and these require a great deal of preparation and hard work from their teachers. If you would like your children to learn an instrument next year, please contact the school office to get the appropriate form.



SPORTS UPDATE

KS2 started off the school year building on their hockey skills from last year. The girls played fixtures nearly every week and even managed to field 3 teams in one age group. All the teams were undefeated and enjoyed seeing the progress they had made. Yr. 3 soon began to catch up with the enthusiasm of this sport pushing year 4 girls for their places in the teams.

In the Spring Term the focus was on Netball and having two girls who play at local clubs certainly helped lift the standard of the U11 team, who were undefeated. One of the stand out moments was in an U9 match against Brigidine. When seeing the height of the net, Holly Hunter (yr. 4) thought it would be impossible to score. How wrong she was. With encouragement from her fellow players she gave it a go andwhoosh..... in the ball went; not once, but twice! The smile on her face and the rest of the team lit up the sky.

The summer term brought the good weather and put the girls in the mood for rounders. The continued throwing, catching and hitting practice paid dividends as each team had a successful season, again it was the U11 team who beat all their opposition –well done!

The school year was rounded off with a fantastic Sports Day supported wonderfully by the parents who joined in and cheered the children on throughout the afternoon. Thank you. Unicorn were the Sports Day winners and thoroughly deserved their victory.

Mrs O'Connell.



SCHOOL NOTICES

**WELL
DONE TO
HOLLY
HUNTER
(4R) WHO
GAINED A
RED BELT
IN JUDO.**



**PUPILS FROM YRS. 1 & 2 BEFORE
THEIR BALLET EXAM—GOOD LUCK!**



ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY

Mrs Madumere' is doing a fund raising walk for Alzheimer's society to raise money for the charity. The event will take place on 1st October 2017 in Reading at 10am. To raise awareness for this particular type of Alzheimer's as social services and even the charities themselves do not have enough knowledge or resources to help those who suffer with this disease and their carers and family. The link to sponsor her page and for more information about the event and the opportunity for people to join and donate please visit:

<https://goo.gl/u1JA6A>

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Yours sincerely
Karla Madumere



**ENJOY THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.
FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM - MONDAY 4 SEPT 2017.**

PTA NEWS

PTA News Friday 7th July 2017

As we all wind down ready for the summer holidays we like to reflect back on the year and once again say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported us this year. Help comes in various guises but all of this makes a difference no matter how big or small your contribution has been.



We would also like to wish those pupils from year 6 and year 11 who are moving on **GOOD LUCK** with your next steps, we look forward to hearing all about your future successes!

Year 6 Leaving Event

Last week we treated the year 6 students to an evening of laser quest and food, rather than we tell you how great it was we have left it to them to do this!

Have a great summer break and we look forward to seeing you all in September!

PTA 'LEAVING YEAR 6' LAZER QUEST PARTY

On Friday the 30th of June Year 6 went to the Sector 7 Laser Quest in Maidenhead. We all thoroughly enjoyed our experience. Here is what we got up to ...

First we had a 5 minute play in the arcade. Then we walked up to the room where the guide explained the rules of the game. We had a small safety briefing about the game.

We sorted ourselves into our teams (Boys v Girls) and got into our kit. We also received huge laser guns which we could use during the 'battle of the lasers'! We all were very competitive during the match. Although there were a few injuries due to how competitive some people were, we also had an amazing time!

Thank you PTA for organising this for us - we appreciate it very much!

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