



INTRODUCTION



What a term this has been. We welcomed our pupils back on site in September, together with new families - and within three weeks, we were visited by ISI for an Inspection. These inspections are necessary for schools, with the result of making sure that schools are safe and that all children can progress, by meeting a range of Independent School Standards. Ensuring that four sites - two Senior School sites and two Prep sites - are compliant simultaneously is no mean feat. I thank my colleagues for their hard work leading up to the inspection, which was most successful, as well as during it, sharing best practice. Thank you too, to our pupils and parents, whose views and voices are really key as well, in helping us see what we do well and where we can improve. The role of a Head is always invested in school improvement, and I am pleased that we are in a good place to serve as both surgeons and architects as we build our ECPS community further.

You will have seen last night a wonderful series of Christmas celebrations in the beautiful St Mary's Church, involving the Prep (a play for Years 1 & 2 and series of musical celebrations for Years 3-6) and the Senior School. What a beautiful afternoon and evening, with our

having been blessed with snow, and with a real Christmas spirit throughout the School. Years 1 & 2 impressed with their Christmas journalism coverage in Bethlehem as reporters while Years 3-6 performed a splendid array of songs. I would like to extend grateful thanks to the Music Department and a stunning rendition of 'O Holy Night' sung by our Sixth Former Jasmine, as our pupils entered the church with candles (battery lit of course). The Chapel Choir, an ensemble run by Mrs Edwards at the Senior School, has five of our Prep pupils and it was truly wonderful to hear them perform at both the Prep carol concert and the Senior School. When we involve our older and younger children together in these ways, everyone benefits.

I am most grateful for Mrs Patel's reading competition across the Prep sites. This gives all children the opportunity to succeed, each in their own way, at their own pace. Please do keep encouraging your children to read. Reading, and learning to be comfortable with change and uncertainty, are two of the best gifts we can give our children for a C21st life that is going to be full of exponential change. As you know, I read many books and I have recently read one which has been utterly life-changing: I hope sharing it here will encourage you and your children. 'Four Thousand Weeks' piqued my interest on Amazon and as the book arrived through the letterbox (don't you love that sound?), I thought it was going to be a Carpe Diem 'let's-see-how-many-things-we-can-squeeze-into-our-life' kind of books. It was the antithesis. Once I got over the horror of realising how far I was along on the 4000 weeks (the average life span of a human) I read about how important it was to value a good week, of cutting out the 'stuff' that does not matter,

of not looking for something magical over the horizon where everything is perfectly aligned, and we are happy.

Because it just won't be. It is never perfect and isn't a guarantee. It is about living where your feet are, not where you want them to be. I hope we can help our children to learn to enjoy the 'here and now' while they also simultaneously prepare for their future and create balance in their life from an early age. Both are necessary and healthy. Happiness follows when we feel safe - and valued. Maslow indeed.

Please do keep safe these holidays, whether travelling or changing pace at home, snuggled up with a book, or just spending time with family and friends.

'Wherever you are, be all there.' (Jim Elliott)

Loren Macallister
Head of Preparatory School

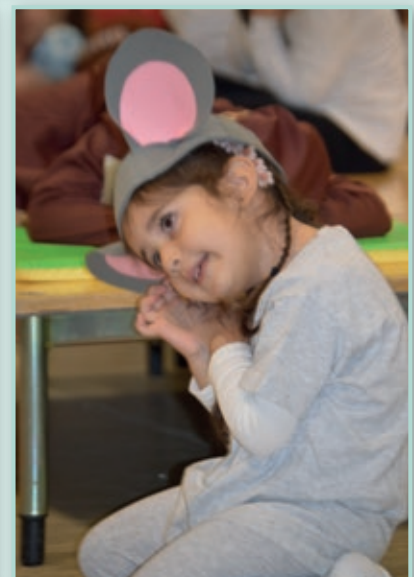


NURSERY NATIVITY

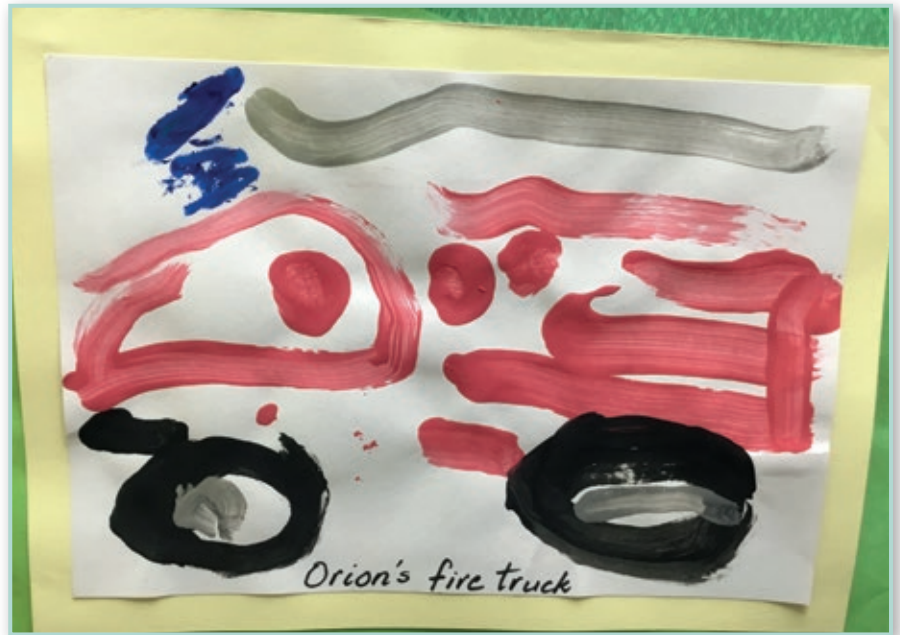
Nursery and Reception have again wowed their parents in their Nativity. This year's nativity was 'The Sleepy Shepherd', where the sheep couldn't stand still to be counted and the Sleepy Shepherd had to wake up to find the baby Jesus.

The children sang beautifully and all those with lines (even though some of us are only three years old) remembered and said them loudly. A wonderful show!

Mrs C Leeds



NURSERY ART



GRANDPARENTS' AFTERNOON TEA

We all enjoyed a special afternoon tea with our grandparents, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The Early Years children read poems and sung and signed their songs, showing what they have learnt since starting school. We had a lovely afternoon tea with lots of cakes and scones and were thrilled to raise over £250 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Mrs C Leeds



YEARS 1 & 2 NATIVITY



TRIP TO BOCKETTS FARM

On Thursday 24th November, Year 3 and Year 4 visited Bocketts Farm. Dressed head to toe in waterproofs and wellies, the children enjoyed all the farm had to offer. Particular highlights were a chicken named Milo and some adorable 1-week-old piglets. As well as meeting many farm animals, the children also enjoyed a very bumpy tractor ride and cheering for their favourite pig in the pig race.

Mrs E Lloyd-Cook



CHRISTMAS CRACKER: A FESTIVE FAMILY FARCE

On Wednesday 23rd November, Years 1 & 2 went to The Polka Theatre in Wimbledon to watch an amazing play. The Cracker family had fallen on hard times and were going to have to sell the family pet shop and home. Could Great Auntie Cath come to the rescue? Could

Joe find the diamonds that his Great Uncle George had hidden during the war? Here are some soundbites:

“The pet rat was my favourite character because every time he ran across the room, Mike got scared and fainted.”

“The rat was super-fast and cheeky. He even went on a zip line when he stole the silver tin from the chimney!”

“I liked it when Mr Dribble, the estate agent was kissed by Granny when she dangled the mistletoe in his face!”

“It was funny when Mr Dribble fell over because he was being nasty to Joe Cracker by calling him a rubbish goalkeeper. The family kept chasing him around the kitchen table and then his trousers fell down!”

“There was a happy ending because Granny had a shiny tin of chocolates in her handbag. They were actually chocolate covered diamonds, so the Cracker family didn’t have to sell the house and pet shop after all.”



Mrs S Fowler

YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the London Science Museum this term. All children left London feeling inspired by the wonderful history of inventions that have helped shape modern day industries today.

Pupils were in awe of the Space Exhibition, where they were able to reflect on the technologies used to send a spaceship to outer space. The Wonderlab was by far the most enjoyed space used by the pupils, where they were able to get hands on with physics when bridge building, create aerodynamic paper figures to test aerodynamics and even watch a live electricity science experiment that used Nikola Tesla's famous coil. Furthermore, pupils saw first-hand the development of aviation and communication technologies and were amazed by the interactive activities and examples on display.

Since the trip, Year 5 have been challenged to perform a short presentation to their form group on a particular topic they have been inspired by since the trip. The presentations have ranged from information on morse code, friction, electricity, and, of course, the range of activities on show in the Wonderlab! Year 5 staff and science teaching staff commend them on their amazing efforts, behaviour and engagement on the trip. It was certainly one to remember.

Mr T Short



NATIONAL POETRY DAY

National Poetry Day was on the 6th October and the theme this year was 'The Environment'. During our weekly assembly, a school-wide poetry competition was launched. Children were asked to submit a poem in any style, linked to the theme of 'The Environment'. I was very pleased to receive many entries from all year groups with subjects such as plastic pollution, climate change and deforestation as well some poems detailing the beauty of nature.

The children all tried very hard, and the quality of the writing was excellent. It was exceedingly difficult to choose winners and runners-up. The Pre-Prep winning entry was by Zachary in 1T, entitled 'Help the Planet'. The Year 3 and Year 4 winner was Elhanan in 4LC with his poem 'The Environment' and the Year 5 and Year 6 winning entry was 'Our Environment' by Immy K in 6Y. They each received a book of poems to read and enjoy. A number of runners up were also chosen, and they each received a notebook and pen set to record their fantastic ideas!

Well done to all those who took part, it was a joy to read your wonderful work.

Mrs L Patel



THE WINNING POEMS:

HELP THE PLANET

by Zachary 1T

If I was an orangutan, I would be sad my smile is now a frown,
I am losing my home because people are cutting trees down,
If I was a polar bear, homeless I would be,
All the ice has melted into the sea,
We need to save the planet,
We need to all do our bit,
Clean the sea and use less plastic,
That would be fantastic.

'THE ENVIRONMENT'

by Elhanan 4LC

Do not pollute, water and air
Do not throw garbage everywhere
Never use plastics ever again
Do Not Cut Trees here and there
Search a solution, stop pollution
We should stop hunting and stop extinction
Make our environment healthy and green
We should stop pollution for a better future
Let us save our earth together!

'OUR ENVIRONMENT'

by Immy K 6Y

Plastic has infested the Big Blue,
'Caused by people like me and you.
This is our environment.

Fossil fuels hang about in the air,
Whilst the animals are left in despair.
This is our environment.

Oil gets released into the sea,
All the creatures have to flee.
This is our environment.

The Arctic is swiftly melting,
We need to start helping.
This is our environment.

Trees are being chopped down by the minute,
The earth is losing its wondrous spirit.
This is our environment.

We have to act fast. Can't you see!
There is no Planet B!
Let's change our environment NOW!

AIM HIGH WRITING

On Monday 14th November, a selected group of Year 5 and Year 6 children were invited to a special writing workshop. The A.I.M. High Writing Day supported and guided the children to develop their writing and English skills and to Achieve, Inspire and Master. The workshop was run by published author, Jenny Valentine. She focused on creative writing,

spoken word games and instant poetry as well as dialogue, character and plot, and editing. The children found it very inspirational to spend time and learn with a real author! One of the children who attended, Aurelia (5B) has written an account of the day.

Mrs L Patel

This was one of my favourite school days ever!

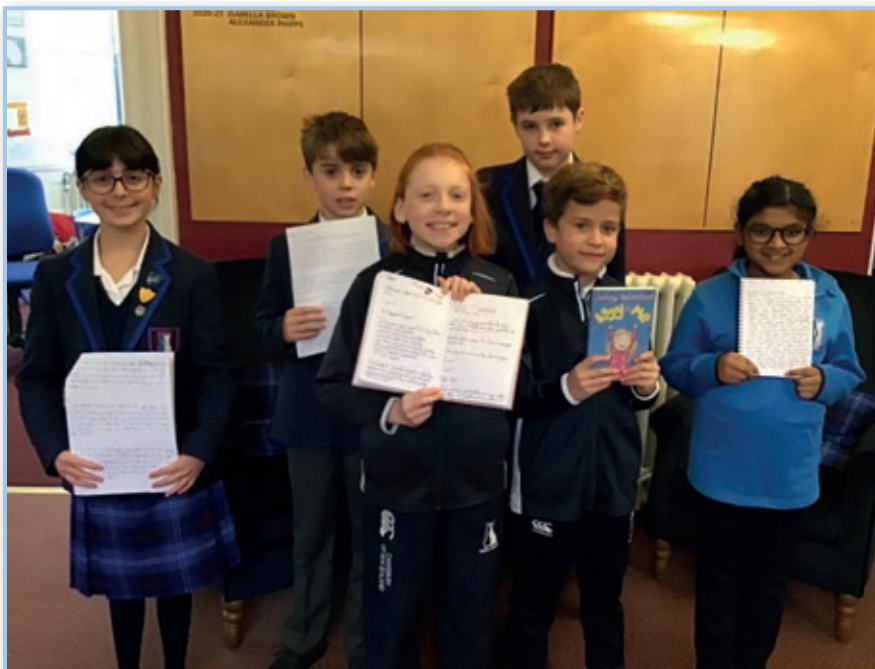
First, we sat on a table with children from our school. To begin with we did free writing. We were given a word like 'friend' or 'stranger' and we had to think of as many things as possible. There was a time limit to write the ideas down.

Then we had to think of a character. The character we thought up would become a main character in a story we wrote later. We started planning the story and writing down made-up facts about the character. Jenny Valentine gave us tips on what to do as she came round table by table. My peers and I had an awesome time writing and showing our stories to the children from the other schools.

This experience has left me wanting to do a whole day of English again. I never imagined it would be as fun as this!

I think it was amazing for our school to have this opportunity. If I could do it again I'd say yes!

Aurelia Hydes, Year 5



YEAR 3 - HOBGOBLIN THEATRE VISIT



HARVEST FESTIVAL



EWELL'S GOT TALENT

In the Autumn term, a group of us decided to hold a House competition called *Ewell's Got Talent*. Our intention was to have a mix between *Strictly Come Dancing* and *Britain's Got Talent* and we used score panels when judging the performances to make it fair. We held an assembly on our idea, and everyone seemed to love it! As a result of the assembly, in only one hour we had so many people signing up.

There were many varieties of talents in the competition, ranging from singing and dancing to magic tricks and Rubix cubes. Everyone had a lot of fun. The winners were decided by first, second, third and fourth place.

We had some incredible performances that blew our minds! One of the performances was so good that they got a perfect score of forty. This was a lovely competition and thanks to Mr Young for supervising us, Mr Short for making it happen and to all the pupils for taking part and having fun. We appreciate all your help and we as judges were so glad to judge your amazing talents.

Eimear Edmonds, Year 6

REMEMBRANCE DAY



AUTUMN HOLIDAY CLUB OCTOBER 2022

Our Autumn Holiday Club ran during the first week of the October half term, with 10-11 children attending each day.

The children enjoyed playing with the Hamma Beads, which developed their fine motor skills as well as their creativity. The children also had the opportunity to paint pictures, starting off with painting rainbows and then incorporating their own ideas. They enjoyed making delicious goodies with Mrs Way that they took home to eat. The children also enjoyed making Spooky Spiders and Leafy Owl magnets. Throughout the day, the children also were able to play with a variety of toys and there were colouring and cutting/sticking activities for them to complete.

During morning and lunch breaks, the bikes, trikes and scooters were very popular – the children loved racing round the playground on them. The trim trail was also in demand, with everyone enjoying climbing and balancing on it.

We will be running a Holiday Club during the Easter Half Term from 3rd-6th April. Book your child's space by 31/01/23 by emailing prepschool@ewellcastle.co.uk.

Miss C Leadbeter



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STUDENT COUNCIL

At Ewell Castle we strive to help our children develop personal skills that will become essential as they move through the School and beyond. Activities such as our Prep Student Council led by Mr Short, empowers the children to take ownership and responsibility for solving a problem as a team and deliver tangible results to their peers. It was wonderful to see the children so animated in their discussions.



FOREST SCHOOL UPDATE

In the back garden of Glyn House, we are incredibly fortunate to be able to offer pupils the freedom to make their own explorations and discoveries in our mature garden setting. Our aim at Ewell Castle Forest School is to engender a lifelong love of nature and the outdoors; benefitting pupils' health and wellbeing as well as developing a social responsibility for our environment.

Sometimes a session will shine a spotlight on a particular topic, e.g. nesting birds, hibernating creatures, the season, types of weather or an environmental concern. Inspiration for these sessions might come from news items or awareness days. In keeping with the ethos of Forest School, after an initial discussion, sessions are child-led.

Children may choose to pursue activities such as establishing a mud-kitchen restaurant, building dens, bug hunting, climbing trees, rolling in leaves or splashing in puddles! Through this kind of activity, children develop physically, mentally, socially, and emotionally. Just using our hands to touch mud or tree bark helps develop our tactile senses, whilst spinning on the tyre swing helps the development of balance in the vestibular system. The children will plan, debate, and



negotiate as they work with their peers to construct or design. They build resilience whilst attempting an obstacle course or a particular craft, and challenge themselves physically and mentally in whatever their chosen play.

Here's a taster of what your children have been up to this term!

"This term we have been making Forest School crowns, searching for minibeasts, looking for 'dinosaur bones', lighting our own mini fires using the fire steels, and of course toasting marshmallows over a campfire! We love being outdoors, whatever the weather!"

"We can tell you facts about mud and why humans really can't survive without it!"

"We are developing our fine motor skills and learning to tie our own knots."

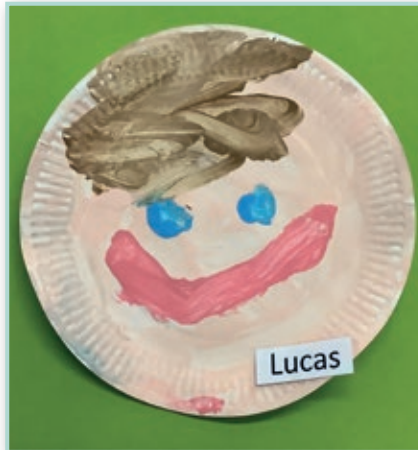
"We can use tools such as hammers to create natural artwork like Japanese Hapa-Zome; 'leaf-dye'."

"We can establish our own restaurant and theatre; manage a busy kitchen and serve you food whilst you watch our show!"

"We used our design and engineering skills to create a swing that the whole school can now use during Forest School sessions."

PREP SCHOOL ART

Reception - All About Me



Reception - The Colour Monster



PREP SCHOOL ART

Year 1

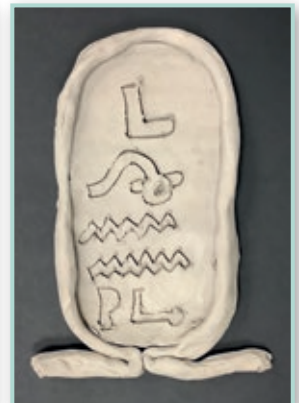
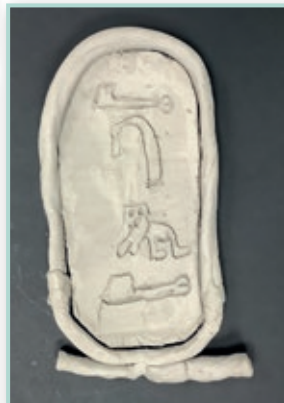


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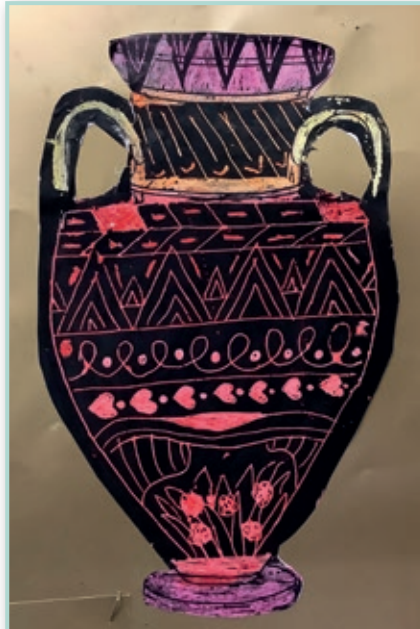
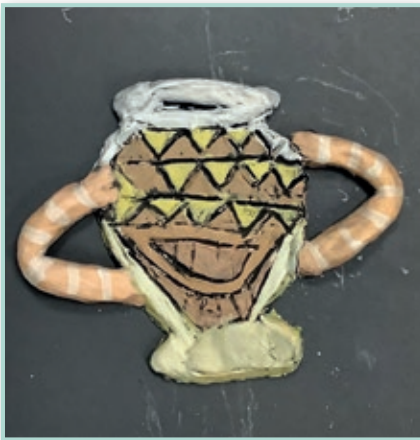
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Year 3 - Ancient Egypt



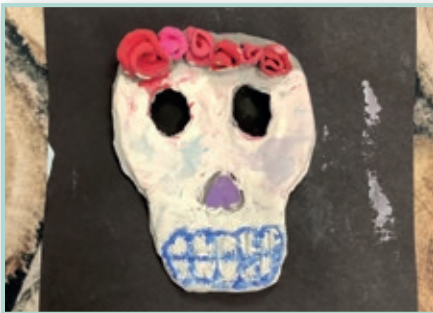
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Year 4 - Greek Pots



PREP SCHOOL ART

Year 6 - Day of the Dead



Year 6 - Tin Art



U9 & U11 MIXED FOOTBALL FESTIVALS

On the 23rd and 24th of November, the weather relented enough for pupils in Year 6 and Year 4 to take part in the inaugural Ewell Castle School Mixed Football Festivals. These were the first of their kind on the local Prep School circuit and were a chance for boys and girls to participate together in a team sport and showcase their skills in a friendly environment. Results were not recorded and instead, the emphasis was on inclusion, encouragement and enjoyment.

The festivals were a roaring success, and they were very well received from the children and the staff. Parents on the side lines cheered on the teams and enjoyed the splendid array of canapes produced by Accent. Despite the best efforts of the weather, the Church Meadow grounds looked splendid and a big thank you to our Site Team for their works in preparing the fields.



I spoke to a couple of our pupils at the conclusion, and I was struck by the honesty and thoughtfulness of their comments. In one such exchange, I discovered that the girls felt that the boys did not pass enough to which the boys responded that the girls did not call for the ball - there are lessons to be learnt here on both sides.

All the children really enjoyed the experience, and it paves the way

for similar events to be held in the future. A mixed hockey festival is planned for next term, and we hope to incorporate more mixing into the Games lessons in due course. Skills learnt on the sports field are important life lessons and it is important to remember that learning not only takes place in the classroom but in all areas of School life.

Mr N Andrade

TABLE TENNIS SINGLES HOUSE TOURNAMENT

I came up with the Table Tennis Tournament idea, where the winner would receive House points and a little trophy. To make it fairer and give more incentive to participate, we decided the main winner would receive 50 House points and a little award trophy. Second place would receive 30 House points, third place gets 20 House points, and fourth place would receive 10

House points.

In total, 36 people joined the tournament and there were 5 rounds: 1st round, 2nd round, quarterfinals, semi-finals, and finals. During the first and second rounds, we played first to reach 5-point wins, with a golden point (this means that if the score is 4-4 then next point wins). In the quarter and semi-finals, we

played first to reach 7 points wins, with a golden point and in the final, we played first to reach 11 points wins with deuce (this means that if the score is 10-10 then you must win by 2 points, this continues until someone wins by 2 points).

Everyone had great fun.

Finnian Brown, Year 6

GIRLS' GAMES - AUTUMN 2022

This term has been full of fixtures and firsts. The first half of the term was busy with netball training, fixtures, and tournaments. Delightfully several girls' teams received medals for doing well at tournaments. During the second half of the term, the girls have experienced football training, taken part in inter-House football games, fixtures and mixed festivals. It's been an experience for all with most girls loving the change to our curriculum. We definitely have lots of little Lionesses in training! There have been less fixtures overall to cater for both sports, so that enough time could be devoted to training, we hope that next year, we will be able take part in more football fixtures.

UNDER 8 NETBALL

The Under 8 teams have come such a long way since September. Most of the girls had never experienced a full game and now they are playing it. They have experienced playing both full 7-side netball, High 5s and Bee Netball. High 5s and Bee Netball are very similar, the players get more time on the ball, some players can move in a larger area and the players get to experience several playing positions. Within training and from match experience, they have learnt how to send and receive within a game, they are beginning to apply pressure to the opponent, their shooting is improving, and they are starting to use the space. They are also showing knowledge and understanding of the rules and positions. The girls are so enthusiastic; it is so lovely to see them grow as players.



The small U8 team have improved their game play throughout their fixtures. Earlier on in the term they lost games against Chinthurst and Banstead however during their first ever tournament away at Aberdour, the team did incredibly well winning three of their six games. Special mention to Hannah for her excellent shooting skills.



UNDER 9 NETBALL

The U9 teams are really starting to secure their knowledge of the game. Their physical ability is improving with lots of fast feet, good shooting, defending and pass and move skills. Their sportsmanship especially towards each other has certainly improved and they are growing into very good little netball players.

The season started off with a bang at home against Weston Green with a 3-1 win. The girls then played in games away against Chinthurst and Banstead Prep with not as much success. Learning from these games, the girls fought back to end the season on a high, gaining worthy medals at the Aberdour Tournament and winning five of their six games. All girls played in several games, and all came away with huge smiles on their faces.

U10 NETBALL

The U10 girls are going from strength to strength. Their marking and defensive skills are improving, so is their ability to get free to receive the ball. Their decision making and communication skills are developing nicely.

The season started off with a triangular against Aberdour and Chinthurst, these were tough games, but it was a good learning curve, and the girls improved their play from fixture to fixture. They then played Oakwood, unfortunately losing 0-2. Nevertheless, the girls upped the game and both teams came home with bronze medals from the Aberdour Tournaments, playing against a strong school. A special mention to Elise for her much-improved shooting skills, Adhira for her defensive skills and to Lolly and Ellie for their excellent game play



U11 NETBALL

The U11 team shows such enthusiasm and drive for the game. They have improved greatly over the season and have won a number of their fixtures; they've displayed great teamwork and the accuracy of the shooters has been very good. The girls have also experienced versatility in games this term, giving everyone the chance at playing in different positions within the game.

The U11s also took part in the triangular against Aberdour and Chinthurst, with both teams winning one and losing one. This was a good warm game to take us into a tougher game at the end of September against Oakwood at home, losing 0-3.

In mid-October, the two teams played in the Aberdour Versatility tournament. Both teams improved as the games went on, learning from game to game. There was very good interceptions and defensive skills from Nour, super shooting from Bonnie and Sophia and excellent use of space and great interceptions from Emilia. Plus, Immy and Bella displayed excellent coaching and leadership skills. Both teams won matches with the A-team taking home third place medals.

The end of the netball season finished with the Seaton House Gladman Tournament. This was a fantastic tournament involving ten schools. In our pool we played 4 other schools - winning 2 and losing 2 games, narrowly missing out on going through to the next round. Special mention to our player of the season Emilia.



GIRLS' FOOTBALL

It has been lovely this term to see so many U10/11s girls taking part in our Wednesday football club. The increased enthusiasm and passion for the game has definitely changed since the Lionesses won the Euros. The numbers of girls attending Thursdays U8/9 football club is lower but hopefully this will pick up now the girls have had a taster in Games lessons. Well done to Esme!

We've had girls playing in some boys' fixtures this term and we've hosted our two very successful Mixed U11 and U9 football festivals. Football has really taken off!

The U10/11 girls had a treat football

fixture against Aberdour to end of the term. The two teams had lots of fun playing in the cold and fog against their U11 sides, drawing one game and losing one. Special mentions to Abby who was very skilful on the ball.

A big thank you to all our sports teachers and well done to all the girls for a successful and enjoyable term of netball and football. I look forward to seeing lots of the girls at netball and football clubs next term and for some hockey action in Games lessons from January.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year!

Mrs C Cope



BOYS FOOTBALL UPDATE

U8S

The U8s enjoyed a stellar season in which they remained unbeaten throughout in regular fixtures. The boys trained with such enthusiasm; I'd go as far to say they were football mad!

The team started off with a convincing 4-1 victory against Micklefield with a hat-trick from William and a goal from Max P. In the other game, a goal from Max D was the difference between the two sides. The boys then headed to the Surbiton Football Tournament and ended up finishing 2nd in the Plate, narrowly losing to Twickenham Prep in the final.

After a convincing 3-1 victory against Aberdour, the boys followed this up with a 5-2 win against Chinthurst with William scoring another hat-trick!

In the final game of the season, Ewell secured a well-deserved 6-3 win against Banstead Prep with a hat-trick from Max P, two goals from Osa and Mahela's first goal for the School.

Wonderful efforts from all concerned with special mentions for their contributions going to William and Max P for their goalscoring heroics and to Max D for his super goalkeeping. A very well done to all.



U9S

The U9s enjoyed a mixed season with some great results interspersed with some challenging games against some strong opposition. The team kept their enthusiasm throughout and continued to make improvements on the training field as the season progressed.

In their first game, the 'A' team secured a 0-0 draw with Micklefield and then followed this up with a convincing 6-2 win against Weston Green. The boys secured an entertaining 4-4 draw with Aberdour before they came up against a strong Chinthurst team losing 6-0. In their final game of the season, a topsy-turvy game ended up with Banstead Prep securing a 2-0 victory that did not reflect the

closeness of the game.

The 'B' team narrowly went down to Micklefield and Weston Green before they secured a well-deserved 1-0 win against Aberdour with a goal from Theo. A 2-0 defeat followed by Chinthurst and the boys finished the season with an exciting goalless draw with Banstead when they just couldn't get the ball into the net!

Special mentions this season go to Minjae for his tough tackling defending, Alex for his goalkeeping and Theo for his great progress and the season went on. Well done to all.

U11S

The U11 'A' team certainly rivalled the U8s for the team of the season. Like the U8s, they remained undefeated throughout their regular fixtures putting in some tremendous performances.

They started off the season with a terrific 7-4 win against a strong Micklefield side and then went onto the Surbiton Tournament held on Saturday 17th September. They beat Surbiton and Freeman's in the group stages and only narrowly lost to Cranmore 1-0 in a game that could have gone either way. Progressing into the cup, they beat



Tower House in the quarterfinals before going on to beat Surbiton in the semis 1-0 with a goal from Josh. In the final, they again came up against Cranmore and put up a brave fight before eventually going down 3-1. The boys can be tremendously proud of their runners up medals in what was a strong tournament.

In their next fixture, the team beat Oakwood 5-1 and followed this up with a disappointing 1-1 draw against Aberdour. A 4-1 win against Chinthurst restored some confidence with goals by Daniel, Thomas (2) and Josh. Banstead followed, and Ewell ran out 3-1 winners before the team headed off to attempt to qualify for the IAPS nationals at the qualifier held at Lambrook School.

The boys came up against challenging opposition and more than held their own in draws with Twyford School and The Hawthorns. They narrowly lost their final group game against Lambrook going down 2-1 after taking the lead. Ewell entered the Plate competition and beat Farleigh 4-1 before being knocked out by Aldwickbury School on the dreaded penalties after the score remained 0-0 after extra time. The boys were disappointed but can hold their heads up high with tremendous effort throughout.



In their final game of the season, the boys travelled to Oakwood School for a Tournament involving 8 schools. Ewell Castle were grouped with Atwood School, Oakwood and Trinity Croydon. They got off to a super start with a 2-0 victory against Atwood. The boys followed this up with a 2-0 win against Trinity and concluded the group stages with a convincing 4-0 win against Oakwood therefore progressing as group winners to the semi-finals.

In the semi-final, the boys contested a closely fought game with another team from Oakwood and at full time the game ended 0-0 meaning a penalty shootout. Harshan made some super saves in goal and Daniel slotted the winning penalty to take Ewell Castle through to the final where

they would play Royal Russell.

In the final, it was nip and tuck throughout. Thomas P-E had the best chance of the game, but the keeper pulled off a tremendous save. So, after full time the score was 0-0 - another penalty shootout. Finlay converted the opening penalty and Harshan followed this up tipping the ball onto the bar. Thomas C converted penalty number 2 with Royal Russell also slotting home. Joshua scored penalty number 3 with Harshan then pulling off a fabulous diving save to deny Royal Russell. Daniel stepped up and converted the winning penalty 4-1 to Ewell! The boys were deserved champions and can be very proud of their achievements. Daniel was named player of the tournament by the visiting coaches.

The 'B' team were unlucky at times but put in some good performances to beat Surbiton and Banstead. Special mention goes to Sam C and Rhett for their super partnership at the back. The 'C' and 'D' teams were successful in many of their games and provided opportunities for all to take part in competitive fixtures and to foster a love for football.

A very well done to all.

Mr N Andrade

