



DORSET HOUSE SCHOOL

SPRING TERM REVIEW 2018



# From the Headmaster

To mark National Careers Week, we were lucky enough to be able to welcome Katie Jones, the Head of Careers at Brighton College and Georgina Stafford, Head of Sixth Form at Ardingly College to our Open Morning. They gave talks on careers and the different sixth form options which senior schools offer. I know, for our children, these considerations may seem a long way off, but **prep** schools not only need to **prepare** children for their senior schools, but also lay the foundations and skills needed for their future roles and life in general.

“We are currently preparing students for jobs that don’t exist yet, using technologies that haven’t been invented, in order to solve problems, we don’t even know are problems yet.”

It is very likely that you are familiar with this quote from ‘Did you know?’ aka ‘Shift Happens’ which started out as a PowerPoint presentation from a US High School in 2006. Since then it has had millions of views and has been updated numerous times. Whatever the veracity of the statistics it contains, one cannot dispute the truism running throughout... that the constantly evolving and changing world in which our children will work and which they will inhabit will be very different from ours.

There has been much in the media recently about occupations which are currently under threat, particularly with the advent of AI, robotics and algorithms. Roles in the workplace have always adjusted to the demands and technology of the time; there are no longer such jobs as

switchboard operators, street lamp lighters or coal stockers. When I was at university, being an app developer, a social media manager or an Uber driver would have been completely alien concepts.

The question is, therefore, how should we prepare children for the future? As with anything, there are as many viewpoints as one would wish to read. The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award recently cited some very interesting research which concludes that soft skills and personality: “personal attributes that enable someone to interact effectively and harmoniously with other people,” are the “top attributes the majority of business leaders look for when hiring.”

One can also be certain that in our performance and social media driven world, the ability to overcome setbacks and navigate ‘bumps in the road’ in terms of coping with disappointment and developing emotional resilience is probably more important than it has ever been.

In partnership with parents, these aspects of development will continue to be a major focus of what we do at DH.

As a footnote, I am often out and about chatting to children; on one occasion at mini-break last week I asked one boy how his day was going and he did not answer. Concerned, I then asked him if he was ok - he then smiled and said, “I’m good, thank you Sir, I was just eating a biscuit and didn’t want to talk to you with my mouth full.” I wish you all a wonderful Easter break... **Matt Thomas**



# Focus On...Reception



What sort of environment would you want a 4-year old to be in when they start their school life?

One that excites them to skip into school; where all their senses are ignited and a real love of learning and 'doing' is established?

This is what we endeavour to create for our 4 and 5 year olds. But how?

Well, through providing a creative curriculum where 'learning' is all joined up, such as our recent topic on 'Dinosaurs'. Facts can be learnt about what they ate of course but we searched for bones! We made dinosaur nests by going out and getting moss and then painting and creating in art. In literacy we made a class poem about our dinosaur; we built dinosaur lands out of mud and slime, linking it to Science experiments with questions such as, 'How can we get a dinosaur out of the ice block?'

Those eager absorbent minds are stimulated and develop wanting to learn. But it's not all about the exciting learning that takes place, it's the child-friendly environment - creating a bright and colourful inside and outside classroom. The knowledge of how children develop in these early years is also vital - as is supporting parents in their child's growth.

We ensure that the children have the foundation tools for learning to read and write, each child is an individual - learning at their own pace as we engage children in our phonics programme of Read, Write Inc., which is a fast-paced fun programme ensuring these early skills are truly embedded. This follows on as they move to Years 1 and 2. The main aim is for all the children in Reception to feel safe and secure and a vital part of the DH family. Here they are cared for as individuals by their teachers who are ready to listen to and support them with an in-depth knowledge of children's early development but also from the whole school community. They can feel relaxed enough to give the Headmaster a hug; they know the Year 8s by name; they grow with a love of the nature and the beautiful surroundings that we have to offer. They really are the 'happy' child that all parents want and they know that 'every child matters'.

**Janet Maultby, Reception Teacher**

*P.S. It is perhaps interesting to note that in our recently published, Good Schools Guide entry, the reviewer remarked, 'It is difficult to imagine happier 4-year olds.'*

# Prep

## 'Recite'

In a departure from tradition this term, *Recite* was held on the penultimate day of term.

We were delighted to welcome one old face – Father David Twinley – and one new – Mariamne Scott Kerr, our new drama activity provider – as judges. We then promptly rewarded them for giving up their morning by asking them to make some very tough decisions indeed!

As always, Year 2 started the proceedings. They performed *The Morning Rush* by John Foster and seemed totally at ease on stage in front of the rest of the school – I'm really looking forward to seeing them in the main competition next year.

With increasing numbers in the school, choosing finalists was no easy job this year and those who did go through certainly didn't make things any easier for the judges.

A hard-fought Individual section saw the following students highly commended: Bella Boyce (Y3), Paloma Baramidze and Romilly Bladd-Symms (Y5), Bella Rowell and Orla Williamson (Y8). The winners were: Sofia Thompson (Y4), Eliza Hayward (Y6) and Amity Blowey (Y8).

The Class section saw students dressed as pirates and dragons and Little Red Riding Hood and Icarus – not to mention trees and rocks and waves! Winners this year were Year 3, Year 6 and Year 7.

The judges did an outstanding job – explaining their decisions clearly and providing some useful feedback on performances and I would like to thank them for making *Recite 2018* such an enjoyable occasion for all concerned.

Laura Hutchings



# Prep

## Year 5 Challenge

On a dark and cold Monday morning, we welcomed Lizzie Williams to a whole school assembly and she certainly brightened our day and made us think about the challenges we face.

Lizzie was born with osteogenesis imperfecta (better known as Brittle Bone disease) and despite the difficulties this causes her on a daily basis, she is determined to make the most of every day.

She is a keen sportswoman and was preparing to represent Great Britain in the 2012 Olympic Games as a swimmer when it was discovered that she had a fracture in her spine. Having endured a failed operation to repair this, she eventually recovered and embarked on training as a tennis player before switching to wheelchair racing on the suggestion of another athlete.

She found she was rather good at this and is now aiming for the Tokyo games.

It was fascinating to hear the children's questions to Lizzie following her presentation. From Reception to Year 8, the children were captivated by the story and asked everything from how many bones she had broken (70+ at the last count) to where she trains (sometimes in London and sometimes on the seafront in Worthing) and how disabled athletes are categorised (it's complicated and under review!).

*Lizzie needs to raise funds to make her dream of representing Team GB a reality and Ms Hutchings has set Year 5 the challenge to find ways of helping her.*

*Please look out for details next term.*



## Donations

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to send the following donations to charity this term:

- £545 - Christmas Church collection for St John's Church, Bury
- £126.58 - Christingle Service – to the Children's Society
- £292 - Children in Need
- £225.35 - NSPCC Number Day
- £148.78 - Church collection Marie Curie
- £213 - Feast – housebuilding
- £87 - Feast – other

## Ancient Farm and Villa Fun

Year 4 had a super day at Butser Ancient Farm. The children made clay carvings, Celtic jewellery and learned the skill of wattling. The following week there was a very impressive wattled fence in our school woods. Later in the term, the class braved the cold at Bignor Roman villa, without a functioning hypocaust. They dressed as characters from the Roman household, discovered what it was like for slaves to grind the wheat and for children to write their letters on wax tablets. "I liked doing Maths in Roman numerals" said Rowan.

## French News

Eleven pupils from Year 7 & 8 went to Lancing College to take part in a French poetry competition. Five schools entered the competition. The Dorset House pupils first went on a tour around Lancing which was very interesting because it showed us how Lancing worked. We all had to learn one poem and one presentation. Our judges were very good because they told you what you were good at and what you needed to work on. The competition was a lot more relaxed than we had originally thought so none of our group forgot their poems or presentations. This made it a very close competition. Jenna Jackson won her group's competition for Year 8. It was clear why Jenna won her group's competition after her performance. The winners were given the choice to perform in front of everyone. After that we were invited to snacks and drinks in the college. The competition was great fun and helped boost confidence for future performances.

**David Morley**

On Friday 19th January, we watched a French play by *Onatti Productions*. They performed a play called '**Le Château**'. It was very exciting and very amusing!

It is the story of a young English knight called William Babbington. There were two actors, a man, and a woman. The man was English but the woman lived in Belgium and spoke fluent French!

We loved the play and I asked my classmates for their comments:

Ben Chaloner: "It was very funny and amusing and we were learning French along the way."

Cosmo Portman: "It was fascinating; I loved the script."

Katie Athron: "It was entertaining."  
Emmie Barks: "It was exciting."

**Maisie Taylor**

## The Jungle Book

Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a day at Chichester Festival Theatre with a workshop about technical staging, characters and storytelling. The children learned how the actors used a life-size puppet of young Mowgli and practised the dance moves for the final scene. In the afternoon they watched a performance of 'The Jungle Book'.

The following week they continued the theme with joint lessons about the rainforest. For Number Day they calculated perimeters of sections of rainforest to conserve, counted eggs laid by different birds and drew graphs showing different animals. They worked in groups to research creatures from the different layers and wrote poems. They also looked at the art of John Dyer and created paintings in his style as well as prints of lizards and chameleons. Below are some of their pictures and Bibi Matthew's poem:

*Ferns as green as emeralds sit crying on the Rainforest floor,  
Giant trees peer down like giants,  
Wet grey mist spreads across the tree tops,  
Monkeys hang from playground branches.  
Rain splashes on the leaves like the ocean,  
Thunder is a bass drum,  
Snakes hissing at their prey.  
Tiger's stripes as black as coal  
Tiger's coat is citron orange.  
Mane as white as snow.  
Tiger creeps silently behind the ferns to catch his prey,  
Shoulder blades move up and down  
Pounces, strikes with sharp claws like rivers*



## Mathematics Update

Once again the children enjoyed supporting the NSPCC Number Day. This year Mr Nield set the theme of 'Maths Hats' and there were some wonderful examples on display. A huge thank you to all who contributed, we raised £227! For the first time this year the Mathematics department was invited to enter a team of girls in a mixed Year 6 and 7 event at Roedean. The girls were shown a variety of different codes used to communicate since the Tudor era; had the chance to study some algebra using number squares and took part in some amazing paper folding puzzles. Thanks go to **Bria Williamson, Ella Lawson, Maisie Taylor** and **Natalya Smith** for representing the school so well!

**Lee Nield**



## Scholarship Success

I would like to congratulate the following Year 8 pupils who have won awards to their senior schools:

**Amity Blowey**  
Music Exhibition - Worth  
**Sam Green**  
Sport - Hurst  
**Benji Jackson**  
Sport - Hurst  
**Charlie Manger**  
Sport - Hurst  
**Hugo Ormerod**  
Sport - Lord Wandsworth College  
**Tom Saunders**  
Millennium Scholarship - Brighton College

**Matt Thomas**

# Prep

## World Book Day

World Book Day celebrations were postponed for a week this year due to the Beast from the East. This didn't dampen the enthusiasm of pupils and staff with the whole school enjoying a superb parade in the Barn to start the day in style. Everyone had a brilliant time with a book swap at break time and Pre-Prep children re-designing the front cover of their chosen book before finishing off the day listening to the Pre-Prep teachers reading the book that they had come dressed as. This ranged from a bad tempered Ladybird to a Golden Ticket!



# Pre-Prep



## Reception...

have really made the most of this term. They enjoyed a fun half term learning all about Dinosaurs - learning how to tell what they ate. They visited Haslemere Museum for a fossil workshop and made their own dinosaur land. They also carried out lots of 'Science' experiments to get dinosaurs out of ice and water.

Of course, there was a lot of stomping and roaring too! For the Pre-Prep Open Afternoon, the class demonstrated an erupting volcano for the visitors.

During the second half of term, the class moved on to the topic of 'Flight' and visited Brooklands Museum to see all sorts of old aircraft.

For many, the highlight of the term was the Bunny Rabbit Tea Party where the children hosted their parents - turning their classroom into

a tea room and dressing up as bunnies - complete with ears, twitchy noses and fluffy tails.

They performed bunny related poems and a hearty rendition of the 'Bunny Cokey'

(You put your bunny ears in, you put your bunny ears out...) (You get the picture!)

**Janet Maultby**



# Pre-Prep



## Year 1

Year 1 have enjoyed exploring the topic of Journeys and Transport this term with a topic entitled "Let's GO!" We read the story, 'Oi Get Off Our Train' by John Burningham as a starting point and used it to explore the world – finding out about endangered animals and the countries and continents they live on along the way. We investigated the history of transport and learnt how the invention of the steam train transformed people's lives during the Victorian period. We finished the term with a look into our local history when we visited the Amberley Heritage Centre. We enjoyed a journey on the narrow gauge railway and an old Southdown bus, complete with 'clippy'.

Karen Bentley

## Year 2

On a cold but sunny Friday in January, Year 2 headed off to track some animals at Marwell Zoo. We began with the penguins who were enjoying the sunshine and splashing in their pool – including Ralph in his wetsuit. We toured the whole zoo, spotting giraffes, tigers and snow leopards as well as being given a very interesting talk about the lemurs. We finished the day with different experiences of habitats around the world, from the African savannah to the frozen poles and we also met and stroked a friendly stick insect. As part of their Polar topic, the children braved the snow to test out their Inuit snow goggles that they had made to ensure that the bad weather would not lead to snow blindness!

Sasha Place



*For 'Number Day' this year Reception and Year 2 got together to complete maths activities and play maths games. They were all wearing their number hats that they had made during the week and enjoyed a parade in the Barn during the Maths Assembly that morning.*

# Pre-Prep



## Chocolate Journey

Year 3 visited 'Le Salon du Chocolat' in Chichester. We learnt about the history of chocolate and had a chance to make our own! Inspired by this, we went on a journey with 'Captain Cocoa' to find out where chocolate comes from. We all hopped into our magical tour bus and stopped off at different destinations to learn about the stages of chocolate production from bean to bar. At each stop on the tour, we opened an envelope containing pictures to help us find out more. We were very excited to find a big bar of Galaxy in the last envelope!

Having learnt all about cocoa pods and beans, we discovered that cacao is the favourite food of Oompa Loompas! Oompa Loompas come from Loompland but they didn't get to eat much cacao when they lived there. Year 3 used their imaginations to create various aspects of Loompland in shoeboxes. One pair made the Loompland jungle, another made an Oompa Loompa tree house and then we had the horrible lairs of the Hornswogglers, Snozzangers and those terribly wicked Whangdoodles!  
**Sarah Hobrow**



# House News

There has been fierce competition between the Houses this term with House Music, a pancake race and a quiz to name but a few events. These events include every child in the school from Reception to Year 8 and it is great to see those about to leave DH engaging with those who have recently joined the school.

## Flipping good fun!

Despite the House Pancake Race taking place a week earlier due to Shrove Tuesday falling during half-term, the event was still full of its usual high spirits, with a fantastic array of hats on display and members of staff competing for the first time with their Houses. In a very tight race it was Munro that crossed the line first, with Hutchinson following closely behind.

## Quiz:

### Question 1: Who took part?

Answer: Everyone in Year 3 to Year 8. One event for Year 3 and 4 and another for Year 5 to 8.

### Question 2: How does it work?

Answer: Each House puts together a team of 4 for the specialist subjects.

### Question 3: What are the specialist subjects?

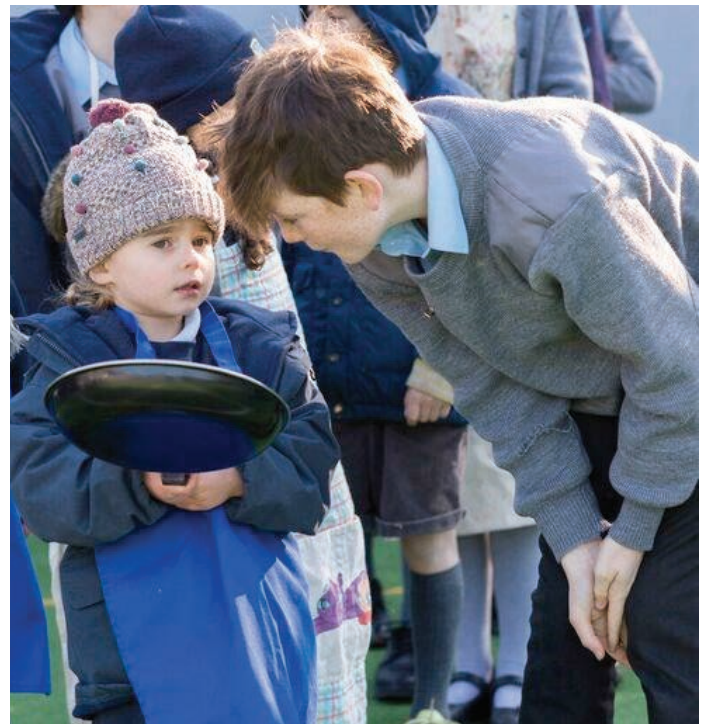
Answer: Art and Literature, History and Geography, Sport and Entertainment, Maths and Science, Current Affairs.

### Question 4: How many questions were there altogether?

Answer: There were 5 questions for each House in each category. There were a total of 100 questions for each quiz.

### Question 5: So who won?

Answer: Munro won the Year 3 and 4 quiz, whilst Wilkinson won the Year 5 to 8 quiz. Putting all the results together, the overall winner of the House Quiz 2018 was Munro.



# Sport

## Swimming

Year 5 and 6 swimmers travelled to Handcross Park to compete in a swimming match. There were eight in a team, comprising both boys and girls. The competition was tough, especially since Handcross pupils swim regularly at this time of the year. Outstanding performances came from **Phoebe Hughes** who won the butterfly and came second in the freestyle race. **Ella Lawson** and **Romilly Bladd-Symms** also swam well.

## Cross Country

Dorset House staged another annual Years 5 and 6 inter-school cross country relay. Despite wet weather leading up to the event, on the day the conditions were favourable. The course was run over a loop of 3/4 mile, lapping the playing fields and taking in the spectacular views of Amberley castle and the River Arun. Over 100 children were involved and Geoff Wightman added to the occasion with his professional commentary. Each team comprised of four runners and the boys' event was won by Windlesham School with Dorset House second and Westbourne House third. The girls' event was won by Dorset House, the team comprising **Ella Lawson**, **Flora Skinner**, **Molly Ormerod** and **Alice Crowley**, in a new record of 30 mins 22 secs. Penntorpe came second and Westbourne House third. Guest of honour was Jake Wightman, who contested the World Indoor Championship 1500m for Great Britain the previous week and presented the prizes.



At the end of the term, Dorset House took teams to the Great Ballard cross country meeting. The U9 and U11 girls and boys produced some outstanding results. In the U9 boys' event, **Finn Alun-Jones** came second, **Rafferty Finn** third and **Gethin Wood** fourth. In the U9 girls category, **Sofia Thompson** came fourth, **Rosie Ormerod** seventh and **Isabella Thomas** ninth. In the U11 boys' event, **Felix Nield** came fourth, **Zach Alun-Jones** seventh and **Sean Scrase** thirteenth. In the U11 Girls category, **Ella Lawson** finished a fabulous second, **Flora Skinner** fourth and **Alice Crowley** fifth. A great result!

## Netball

It is great to see that the standard of play at DH is improving throughout all Year groups. Even though we are a small school, we are beginning to hold our own against the bigger schools. The U9s have worked hard throughout the season - developing their ball-handling skills and working on team tactics. They have played some tough matches but have progressed throughout. They had an exciting game against Prebendal, where the score was never more than two goals difference and DH edged ahead to win 11 – 9. Most Improved U8 Player was awarded to **Neve Meurer** and Player of the Season to **Olivia Boyce**.

Most Improved U9 Player was awarded to **Bibi Matthews** and Player of the Season to **Sofia Thompson**.

The U10 girls have had mixed results but made notable improvements throughout the term. They defeated Prebendal at the start of the season and have had some close matches. They have had the opportunity to compete in a Versatility Tournament at Handcross Park, playing against numerous schools and rotating court positions within the squad. The girls very much enjoyed that format. The girls finished their season on a high by beating Duke of Kent 13 – 1. A special mention goes to **Flora Skinner** who on occasions, has stepped-up to play in U11 squad. Most Improved Player was awarded to **Emma Marsh** and Player of the Season to **Flora Skinner**.

The U11s have had an outstanding season and have won most of their matches. They have produced some great results in tournaments. They played their first netball tournament of the term at Windlesham on 31<sup>st</sup> January. The girls won their matches against Cottesmore and Oakwood, drew against Hurst and lost against Hoebridge. On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the U11 girls took part in the Oakwood Netball Tournament. They played some fabulous netball and beat Seaford (4-0), Ryde (7-2), Westbourne House (3-1) and Conifers (9-0) in their group. The girls were excited to reach the final and continued to deliver some great passes, intercept their ball and score some great goals to beat Churchers (6-2) and win the tournament. A fantastic result! On Monday 5 March, the U11s competed in the Year 7 Netball Tournament at Angmering School. They won four out of six of their matches. They finished fourth overall which was a great result. A special mention goes to **Molly Ormerod**, **Bria Williamson** and **Emilie Manger** who on occasions, have stepped-up to play in the U13 squad. Most Improved Player was awarded to **Mia Finn** and Player of the Season to **Eliza Hayward**.

The U13s have had mixed results this term. However, they have thoroughly enjoyed their last term of netball at Dorset House and worked hard as a team. They had a successful tournament at Prebendal in the first half of the term, where they beat Westhill, Great Ballard and Prebendal. **Amity Blowey** has been an effective captain and has put her talent into practice on many occasions. Dorset House have had to work incredibly hard against the bigger schools but the girls have developed their tactics and techniques and enjoyed the experience. The U13 As were delighted to win one of their last matches of their season and beat Great Ballard 25 – 5. The U12 Most Improved Player was awarded to **Viola Rowell** and Player of the Season to **Emmie Barkes**. The U13 Most Improved Player was awarded to **Coco Heggie** and Player of the Season to **Amity Blowey**.



# Sport

## Rugby

The 1st team built on its success of the Autumn term with good victories against Cottesmore, Pennthorpe and Prebendal. Despite having an unusual amount of injuries with **Seb Darmon**, **Hugo Ormerod**, and **Charlie Manger** all injured at various times, the team persevered.

The team were greatly indebted to a few key players with **Tom Saunders'** superb tackling and **Hugo Ormerod**, **Monty Burr** and **Benji Jackson** all making great runs which were usually initiated and set up by the excellent play making of **Charlie Manger** at fly half. It was a great shame that both the Windlesham and Oundle Tournaments were cancelled.

The U11As were the team of the year, managing to get through the whole season losing on only one occasion, excluding tournaments. They played very direct rugby, with strong running, primarily coming from **Ben Saunders** and **Sean Scrase**. They supported each other well at the break down and recycled the ball well from the ruck. They finished third at the Boundary Oak Tournament and only lost narrowly in the final to Aldro at the Churchers Tournament.

The U10s, who had been unbeaten before Christmas, were hit with injuries this term but there were some encouraging performances from the likes of **Sebastian Anscombe**, **Isaac Blowey** and **Fin Blunden-Hare**. The U9A and B teams played some wonderful attacking rugby. **Jake French** showed great potential with his great running lines and **Finn Alun-Jones** and **Jay Christiansen** led the way with their strong tackling. The U8s had a good run of tag rugby matches which they all enjoyed with **Rocco Heggie** showing some wonderful defensive work.



# Sport

## Hockey

This has been one of the most successful hockey seasons we have had, with our teams all performing well and producing some very encouraging results.

The 1<sup>st</sup> team contained two players who were at their very best – **Sam Green** and **Benji Jackson**. Sam pulled all the strings in the middle, showing great stick work and strength, whilst Benji produced some of the finest goalkeeping you will see in hockey at this level. Even without a full-strength side, the team still managed to beat Lancing at Hove, Prebendal and Cottesmore and gain a draw with Westbourne House, and pull off a remarkable win against Handcross Park, in what must go down as the game of the season. Due to the number of injuries suffered by 1<sup>st</sup> team players, several 2nds players had to step up a level and whilst they performed very well, it did mean that the 2<sup>nd</sup> team was left a little depleted. Despite this, the boys all tried their best and gained valuable match experience.

The Colts A only lost a couple of games and when everything clicked together, played some wonderful attacking hockey. **Zach Alun-Jones** showed great stick skills and was supported well in attack by **Felix Nield** and **Jack Woodage**. The Colts B was quite a strong side and contained a core of Year 5 boys with great potential such as **Seb Ancombe**, **Hamish Skinner** and **Isaac Blowey**. The U9s and U8s worked very hard on their hockey in games lessons and are making fine progress. The U9A team won all their matches and once more, outlined their overall ability in sport as a group with **Finn Alun-Jones** and **Xander Boyce** showing great skills.

Sports photographs courtesy of Ali Kittermaster, Blush Photography



# Music

## Inter-House Competition

On 9<sup>th</sup> February, Dorset House pupils competed in the inter-House music competition of 2018. With an independent judge, Douglas McIlwraith (the Director of Music at Bedales), we competed to see who the 2018 winners would be.

There were 8 junior finalists: **Isaac Blowey**, **Izzy Hodgson** and **Romilly Bladd-Symms** were commended for their performances, with the winner being **Paloma Baramidze** on the trombone playing 'Strollin', by Stowell.

Everyone who performed for the title of the Junior Winner is to be very much congratulated.

As for the seniors, there were 11 finalists and **Orla Williamson**, **Bruno Heggie** and **Tom Ellis** were all commended with the winner being **Ella Lawson** on the flute playing 'Tambourin,' by Gossec.

The judge was highly pleased by the clarity of this piece and high standard of all performances. Again, everyone who performed in the senior final should be very proud.

To end the programme, each House performed a song from the 60s: highly enjoyable!

Sims sang first with the classic *Surfin' USA*, by The Beach Boys, accompanied by **Sean Scrase** and **Seb Darmon**; Munro went second singing *Twist 'n' Shout*, made famous by The Beatles, accompanied by **Alice Crowley** and **Benji Jackson**; third were Hutchinson performing *Here Comes The Sun*, by The Beatles, accompanied by **Zach Alun-Jones** and **Monty Burr** and finally came Wilkinson singing *Happy Together*, by The Turtles, accompanied by **Ben Saunders** and **Maisie Taylor**.



Hutchinson won this section, which led to winning the whole inter-House Music Competition 2018. Altogether it was a very fun afternoon filled with lots of exciting performances. We hope you all enjoyed as much as the pupils did. A very big thank you to all the staff involved and to the judge, Douglas McIlwraith.  
**Amity Blowey**





# Music

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# Art and DT

The Art and DT rooms have been a hive of activity this term.

Year 8 have been busy making their desk lamps, a visiting parent on Open Day was very taken by them and described them as 'very on trend'!

Year 7 are working on flat pack animals and Lino block prints,

Year 6 have started using clay for a Paul Klee ceramics project as well as doing self portraits.

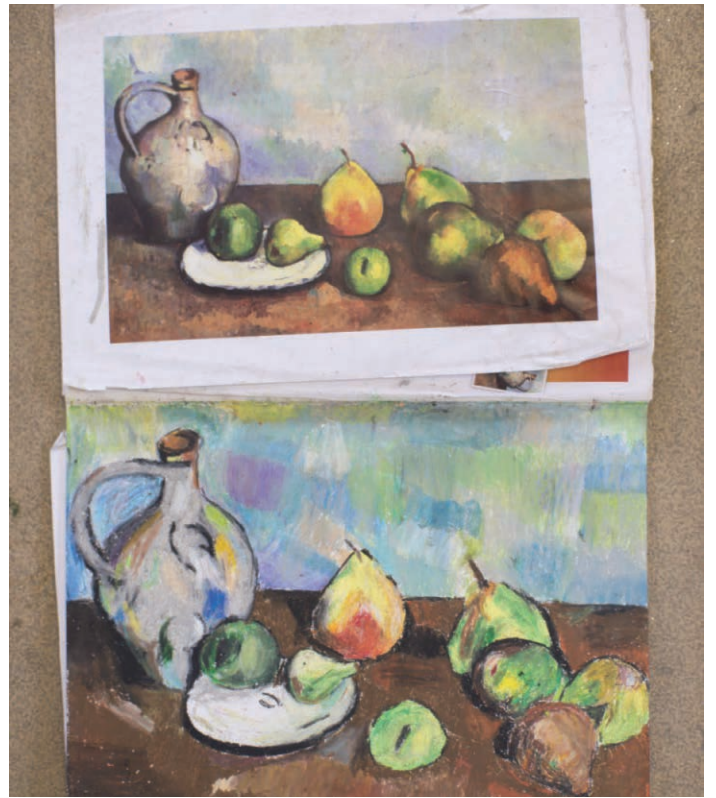
Year 5 have been busy making acrylic key-fobs and exotic bird paintings.

Year 4 have been making their own theatre sets in DT and beautiful tissue paper collages in art.

Carly Harrison and Wendy Farley



# Art and DT



# Other News



## Show Jumping Update

The Spring Term is quieter on the competition front due to the weather and short days, however, we did field show jumping teams on Saturday 3rd February at Sands Farm. The DH teams surpassed themselves that day with a team win in both the 70 and 80cm classes. In the 80cm our combined team score was 27 seconds faster than the 2nd placed Cranleigh Gold team and in the 70cm the combined score was 19 seconds faster than the same 2nd placed Cranleigh Gold team! This is even more amazing considering we only had a team of 3 in each class so had no score to drop like the other teams.

**Harry and Lauren Wilkins** rode very quick double clears giving them respectively individual 2nd and 3rd in the 80cm and Lauren a 4th in the 70cm. This competition was also a step up for **Sean Scrase** who rode his first 80cm class and **Neve Meurer** who stepped up from Grass Roots at only 7 years old so we were all delighted when they both went clear too.

Sadly the weather was against us for the Eventers Challenge we had teams organised for on 17th September but we do have a full team of **Alice Crowley, Lauren Wilkins, Sean Scrase** and **Neve Meurer** heading to the County Championships at Bury Farm, Buckinghamshire for an 2 day away show in late April which they are all very excited about.

*Please look out for the 'DH' stand at the Point to Point meeting at Parham on 28th April - there may be cake on offer!*



Our Experimental Photography activity has proved very popular and one of the group's favourite projects has involved playing with scale as seen here.

# Boarding



This term at boarding we have been very busy playing dodgeball for Wednesday night boarders and as movie night has now finished, we are looking forward to the summer term with going out on the pitches and doing lots of fun activities outside. As well as this, we have been doing arts and crafts on Wednesday night, which has included making photo frames for a group picture. Then for the later part of this term we have been playing on the AstroTurf on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Also this term we had our first snow day for many years. When the week started we were all looking anxiously at the weather forecast as it was changing all the time for the week ahead. Then as the boarders woke up at 7 o'clock on Friday, Miss Bellamy came into the boys' dormitories and told us school was called off for the day. Cheers erupted around the boarding house!

Then we put all our warm clothes on and headed out into the snow and had many snowball fights and snowboarded on the pitches.

After this we headed inside and to warm ourselves up we had some hot chocolate and our parents picked us up at 10 o'clock.

Overall it has been a good term here at boarding at DH.

**Charlie Woodage** - Head Boarder

We have been delighted to welcome three new members of the Boarding Team. **Claire Davies** is our Night Matron whilst **Liam McClaren** and **Kelsea Bellamy** are our new GAP students. They have settled in brilliantly and we thank them for their positive approach to all areas of school life - despite a pretty chilly start in the UK!



# Activities

## LAMDA

I am delighted to report that LAMDA is thriving at Dorset House!

My students took exams on Saturday March 3rd and I am eagerly awaiting their results. This session was particularly exciting as it was the first to take place at Dorset House (previously my students travelled to Seaford College for their exams) as DH has been awarded Exam Centre status!

The children worked so hard preparing for this event and I am incredibly proud of all who were involved.

Next term I would like to organise a showcase of my students' work which would allow you to witness for yourselves the progress that these young talented actors have made over the past few months.

**Elaine Hawken, LAMDA teacher**

*(We are waiting for the results of the recent exams and will let you know as soon as they arrive.)*

## Chess

Dave Graham, our Chess teacher, will be arranging taster sessions for this popular activity which runs on Thursdays during the lunch break. Please contact Sarah Posnett for details.



*Isabella Wilmore (Year 1) was one of the ballet pupils to be awarded a Distinction in her recent exam.*

## Ballet

The children entered for their ballet exams in November 2017 all did brilliantly! They all passed with either Merit or Distinction: Primary, Standard 1, Grade 2 and Grade 5.

It is a massive achievement, for all of them. Primary and Standard 1 candidates go into their exam with me supporting them. But even with this support, this a big hurdle in terms of the discipline involved. They always come out having a huge sense of achievement and enhanced self-esteem. It is very rewarding for me too, as the teacher, to see the shift in their learning experience having experienced the discipline of taking an exam. When they start taking Graded examinations they go in to the exam without me. Scary for them! But the examiners are always so encouraging. And this is another huge hurdle.

They have to remember sequences without me being there to prompt. But all of them, from Primary upwards, are asked to execute their knowledge of technique, musicality, and perform and show artistry and joy of dancing. They might not achieve technically very well but if they show they love dancing, can still come out with a great result!

I am planning a presentation of their work in June, an informal performance. I will let the office know the date as soon as possible. I would also like to add that the pressure of exams requires the teacher to deliver a high standard of teaching and not to become complacent. Always a challenge but with multiple rewards for all involved!

I teach the Cecchetti Ballet method. Phoebe Hughes – Grade 5 – is a Cecchetti Associate. Well done, Phoebe!

**Miranda Labuschagne**

# Bury Manor Pre-School

This term the children have been exploring our wonderful surroundings and looking at the beautiful landscape from the amphitheatre where the children created an amazing frieze decorated with flowers that now adorns the Nursery Walls. To contrast with our landscape, the older children have made portraits of themselves which are hanging in our gallery. We used a small version of their drawing to decorate a cup in which the children have grown cress seeds as their hair!

During our walks we have searched for signs of spring, which has been a little challenging this year and because of this the children have all made delicious lard bird feeders to take home to hang in their gardens. The advantage of this cold snap has resulted in great snowball fights followed by hot chocolate to warm us up!

The children continue to enjoy Diddi Dance and Whirly and Wiggles who visit us regularly for fun and dancing in the Barn and for those children who are now attending our extended hours, a delicious breakfast to start their day.



For the end of term, the children of Bury Manor Pre-School and Cootham Pre-School joined together under a clear blue sky for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, Crafts and Raffle.

**Tracey Brooks**

*To find out more about Bury Manor 'Outstanding' Pre-School, please call 07813141705*



## Parents' Association

This term has been slightly less busy for the PA as the Quiz Night was unfortunately cancelled. It was a real shame and the decision was not taken lightly at all. But it has given us renewed vigour for the Summer Party which will now host the Quiz. So we truly hope that just as many, if not more, of you will be able to attend. The PA itself is going through some exciting changes.

As a fundraising body we're constantly looking for ways to ensure that we can add as much value and raise as much money as possible for the school. So stay tuned for further announcements regarding your new look PA. And we all look forward to seeing as many of you as possible battling it out for the wooden spoons at Quiz Night on the 16th of June.

**Cherry Menlove, PA Chair**

**P.S.**

We are thrilled to share the news of the safe arrival of Jason and Katka Marconi's son, Mickey.

Mickey joins his big sister Mia and Mylo the black Labrador at the heart of the Manor and we all look forward to meeting him soon.



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