



From the Headmaster



Focus On...The Environment

Whether it was Sir David Attenborough's memorable piece on plastics in our oceans or Greta Thunberg's recent speeches, the environmental crisis has certainly moved up the agenda for us all. Children have a strong voice in this respect and this is definitely the case at DH.

Last year, you may remember that Year 4 took part in the Plastic Bottle Boat Challenge and this year, the School Council have lobbied the Headmaster and the Bursar with a request for a reduction in the amount of plastic we use at school. Consequently, we are no longer buying plastic bottles of water or cartons of juice with straws. If we need to use disposable cups or dishes on occasions, these are now biodegradable.

Next year, the Senior Management Team will be working on a robust Sustainability and Environmental Policy which will be embedded in our School Development Plan.

There are steps we can all take, of course but, it may well be that the solving of this issue will be in the hands of the next generation.

Love or hate her politics, it was Margaret Thatcher, back in the 1980s, who was the first world leader to identify the problem of global warming stating, "There is a danger that we have unwittingly begun a massive experiment with the system of this planet itself." As a scientist, she identified that the solution lay, not just in changing our habits but in finding alternative ways in which to live our lives.

If you speak to Mr Keane, our Head of Science, you will not fail to be inspired by his passion for his subject - I think many of us wish we had been taught by someone with his infectious enthusiasm. Paul began his career as an industrial chemist with ICI and he encourages all the children at DH to be good scientists.

Children are taught about the global significance of photosynthesis and respiration in maintaining the levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. They also study the impact of burning fossil fuels on the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. They learn about the importance of conserving local habitats and that the resources of the earth are limited and need to be managed. Pupils learn about the importance of oxygen as a reactant in respiration and the



Effects of burning fossil fuels such as global warming, acid rain and carbon particulates and how these can be minimised.

The differences between renewable and non renewable energy and the need to cut down on burning fossil fuels to produce electricity are also looked at and in the lab, pupils can learn more about this through experimentation.

They also look at other chemical pollutants such as DDT and how the concentration builds up in the food chain to affect the top predators and other organisms. They are aware of the need to limit the amount of fertiliser added to soils and how adding too much can affect the habitats.

Carbon footprints are discussed and how these can be reduced through simple things such as insulation in the home, using lights when necessary only, use of LEDs as bulbs, sorting out dripping taps, leaks, calculations of power, minimising water usage in the home, cycling rather than driving.

In Geography, climate change is covered and in Year 6 when children look at the causes of the long term changes in the world's climate; the causes of global warming and the greenhouse effect. They also look at the effects of global warming and how we can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and counter the effects of global warming. In terms of energy, they look at the problems with fossil fuels. And the different types of renewable energy sources, and their advantages and disadvantages.

Whole School

Feast

We were delighted to welcome Father Jeremias back to Dorset House this term. He not only brought a package of letters with him but he was also able to take an assembly. He told the school a little about what life had been like for him, growing up as one of five children in a poor fishing village. Tales of having to walk 8 km to and from school – often without having eaten; of pretending that he was going to eat at a local restaurant at lunch time in order to hide the fact that he was too poor to take food to school with him and of being beaten by his mother for wishing that he had new clothes for his confirmation, really brought home to DH pupils the difference between life for them and the students that we are helping. Father Jeremias was able to tell the whole school how grateful our students are for our continued support.

And what support it has been this term! £171 was raised at a church collection; **Rosie Ormerod** (Year 5) got up early, got on her bike and cycled to school from Midhurst – raising a hefty £322.40 as she did so; Charity Day raised a staggering £2800. Year 6 worked hard and organised a Duck Race on the River Arun (see page 9) and three Year 7 boys are taking part in a sponsored 'FEASTathlon' consisting of a 1.5 km swim, a 40km off road bike ride



and a 10km run. The distances have been taken from the Olympic triathlon – although I am relieved to say that the events will happen over three consecutive days, rather one after another! If you haven't already, please do consider supporting Ben, Jacob and Sean by donating at www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/feastathlon Our next house is secure - as is our sponsor money for next year. Thank you all for your generous and continued support

Laura Hutchings

Pictured are Fr Jeremias and Jane from FEAST with a group of our super fundraisers Rosie (Year 5) arriving at school after her sponsored bike ride, opposite above, the Prep and below, the Pre-Prep ready to walk on the South Downs.



Whole School



Whole School



Running away to join the circus?

The whole school gathered under the red and white striped canvas for an assembly with a difference. Children were called up to have a go at juggling and the Headmaster danced with a uni-cyclist. He later joked that his daughter had asked what qualifications she needed to join the circus. He of course replied, 'The minimum would be a first class degree from Oxford and Cambridge in Astro-Physics - to which she replied, 'I'd better go to Mr Keane's Science Club then!'



Prep

Farewell to Year 8

We say a fond farewell to our Year 8 pupils as they move on to their senior schools:

Katie Athron - Hurstpierpoint - Drama Scholarship and Headmaster's award for English
Alex Bailey - Brighton College - Millennium Scholarship
Emmie Barkes - Hurstpierpoint - Headmaster's Award for French
Monty Burr - Marlborough College (Top 10 CE results)
Ben Chaloner - Lancing College
Archie Cox - Seaford College
Sebastian Darmon - Lancing College (Drama Exhibition)
Bruno Heggie - Bedales
David Morley - Winchester College
William Morley - Winchester College
Cosmo Portman - Lancing College
Annabel Rowell - Marlborough College
Viola Rowell - Marlborough College
Maisie Taylor - Brighton College

Post exams, this group have had a very busy programme which included the traditional trip to Skern Lodge in Devon where they enjoyed orienteering, kayaking, archery, tunnelling, abseiling, surfing, high ropes, an assault course and team challenges.

Back at DH, there were talks from the Police, Samaritans, Amnesty International and ex-pupils with advice on moving up to senior school. Year 8 also went on a beach clearing trip, learnt how to make (and eat pizza), worked with the Pre-Prep children on Science projects - including testing the elasticity of Haribos and visited the theatre in London.

Their entrepreneurial skills were tested with an Apprentice - style challenge and their nautical skills, with a trip to Cobnor with Mr Baldwin.

Good luck all of you - we will miss you. Keep in touch!



Prep



Tudor Times

Year 4 have really immersed themselves in their study of the Tudors.

A trip to the Mary Rose in Portsmouth included workshops and a guided tour of the museum - focussing on looking at artefacts that provide evidence about the Tudor way of life. Sebastian said, "I really enjoyed seeing all the different shapes and sizes of all the cannons" and Ned said, "The gun drill was really exciting".

Fr David Twinley welcomed the children to St Nicholas' Church in Arundel where they learnt about the changes to the church during Tudor times. Harry enjoyed trying on the colourful vestments worn in the reign of Henry VIII and the children spotted marks made by Tudor pilgrims.



Gamelan

Year 4 study Gamelan music, which comes from Indonesia but unfortunately, a school trip to Bali wasn't a possibility. However, the London Symphony Orchestra have Gamelan at their headquarters in Old Street. The Gamelan is a collection of different percussion instruments, both tuned and un-tuned, that are loosely related to xylophones, glockenspiels, gongs and drums. After 4 weeks of the basics in class, the children were ready to play on the real thing and put into practice the tricky pinching technique: as you strike a note you have to pinch the previous one to stop it from resonating – much harder than it sounds!

Prep



Goodbyes

This term we say 'goodbye' to Audrey Moncrieffe who has been Head of Learning Development for the past 4 ½ years. Thank you Audrey for all you have done for the children at DH and we wish you well at St Teresa's Girls School in Effingham.

Congratulations to Matt Twinley, who has been here for his PGCE year and has secured a position at Kingswood House School in Epsom.

We also say a fond farewell to Rita Berry who is leaving DH after a very long stint—which originally began in 1970s. Rita took a bit of a break before returning in 2008 and so has been at the school for a total of 31 years. We reckon she will have helped to prepare over 5,000 lunches! Thank you Rita...we wish you a very happy and well-earned retirement and further success with your bowls.



A Great Idea

Year 6 came up with the idea of holding a duck race in aid of FEAST some months ago and have been meticulous in their planning. They met with the Headmaster and the Bursar and appointed a committee: **Lucy Featherstone** (Chairman), **Brooke Meurer** (Marketing), **Hamish Skinner** (Sales), **Flora Skinner** (Finance) and **Emma Marsh** (Health and Safety).

Assisted by their Form Teacher, Mr Weaver together with Mr White and Mr Richardson, they organised and ran a very slick operation which the whole school enjoyed. The winning ducks belonged to **Harry Pearce Finley Boughton** and **Mariya Petrova** and £422.01 was raised for FEAST.

Thanks to everyone who bought a duck and well done Year 6.



Year 7 girls set up a stall at Sports Day selling hand-painted jars of sweets for FEAST

Prep



Let's do the Fan Dance...

We didn't hang about when we arrived at the Coed Owen Bunkhouse in the Brecon Beacons. After having met the instructors and had lunch, we drove to the Storey Arms, the start of the infamous SAS selection 'Exercise High Walk' - more commonly known as 'The Fan Dance'.

The group were split into two teams, Fireblade and Ninja. Led by the designated leaders, they made their way through wind, driving rain and poor visibility to the summit (886m above sea level) of Pen y Fan in a very respectable walking time of 48 minutes.

Once showered and refreshed back at the bunkhouse, some assumed cooking duties; what better than pasta bolognaise to fend off the Welsh weather! Before bed were some very entertaining group tasks and reflections on the day.

The following day's hike was longer and, as the weather had

cleared slightly, more scenic. Our first objective, at 600m, was the wreckage of a crashed Canadian World War II Wellington Bomber on Garreg Goch. We then retraced our steps back along the ridge towards Crybyn and then undertook a long rocky descent to the disused 'Devil's' railway tunnel where the group walked 1km in pitch black with the aid of bamboo sticks for navigation.

Back at base, pizza, the FA Cup and more group activities rounded off another tiring but excellent day. Staff stayed up to watch the Eurovision Song Contest and no one was allowed to retire until Australia had performed their song; as Graham Norton put it "like musical windscreen wipers".

We managed to get even more team challenges in on the way home: a timed assault and a competitive nature trail!

Many thanks to Mr Marconi, Mr Owens and Miss Jones; and also to Andy and Michelle, our instructors, for making the trip so enjoyable.

Matt Thomas

Prep

And in North Wales...

Last year we climbed mountains in the Brecon Beacons, but this year we challenged ourselves even more and went to Snowdonia. Unfortunately, the weather didn't play fair and so we never got to appreciate the views from the top of the mountain – but, as a group, the poor weather made us work a lot harder, using better teamwork.

It was such a great feeling when we got to the top of Snowdon as we were all tired and wet, but a nice hot chocolate and doughnut at the summit café prepared us for the long walk down.

Later that evening we were told that we had taken the second hardest route up the mountain – it was an exceptional feeling!

From the trip, we learnt a lot about helping each other. I think that we all really bonded and had a great time.

Bria Williamson

Here are some soundbites from other members of Year 7:

'We stood under a magnificent waterfall and the water was splashing down on top of me and I thought that I would get hypothermia – but I enjoyed it a lot.' **Phoebe**

'Lots of people helped me get to the top of Snowdon and I tried to help as many people as I could.' **Zach**

I conquered my fear of heights when we had to walk along a tight path on the way up. I also carried the team shelter.' **Jack**

'I should have taken better waterproof clothes.' **Charlie**

'I worked my way through the waterfalls, even though I fell flat on my face several times.' **Edwyn**

'I managed to spend time with every person in my class when I climbed Snowdon – not just sticking with the same people.'

Molly

I shared out my sweets to everyone – not just my group.'

Jacob

'It was a long way up!' **Ms Hutchings**



Pre-Prep



Reception enjoyed lots of activities about Water this term. They have enjoyed learning the geographical water terms of river, pond and stream; realised how important water is for all living things and carefully investigated lots of properties of water through practical 'science' experiments, asking lots of questions... such as, 'what does dissolve mean?' and 'does it disappear?' Beans and peas grew strong and tall watered by the children and lots of rain! They had a great fun day at Arundel Wetlands too, learning all about water birds. **Janet Maultby**

Year 1's topic for the summer term was Minibeasts. We are so lucky to have extensive grounds to explore here at DH and we spent many afternoons investigating the microhabitats in the woods, grass and walled garden.

We then moved a little further afield with a trip to the wonderful RSPB Nature Reserve at Pulborough Brooks. The weather was perfect and after a morning spent poking under logs and running about with butterfly nets we headed to the pond. Within minutes of starting our dipping, Sam had caught a beautiful newt. The children were amazed at the variety of creatures they found: curly Ram's Horn Snails, Phantom Midge Larvae (a favourite) and the slightly creepy Caddis Fly Larvae. I was very proud as I listened to the Year 1s confidently answering our guides' questions, they have become real experts. As I write this our class caterpillars have just formed their chrysalides and we are hoping that the butterflies will emerge before the term ends.

Karen Bentley



Year 2 have had a busy term which began with a trip to the Winchester Science Centre where they were able to enjoy a wonderful 'hands-on' visit. Back at school, they have been learning about different countries in Africa. They have looked carefully at traditional art and jewellery and recreated them with amazing results. The children have also been working hard on learning about scripts in English and have begun to write their own lines to add to their script '*Oh Gnome!*'. It is clear that we have some very talented script writers and actors in the class!

Sasha Metzger

Pre-Prep

Forest School

‘Give me a child until he is 7, and I’ll show you the man...’

Aristotle ~ C 350 b c

This quote from Aristotle strikes a chord, as today the Year 2s spent their last day in the woods with me running their Forest School sessions. Having met and played with most of these children since Nursery, it is always sad to see a Year group move on.

However, having had the privilege of spending quality time with these intrepid explorers over the last three years, I have watched them, like snails, come out of their shells and gingerly explore the world around them. Their characters have blossomed, their confidence and self-esteem has continued to build, and their keenness for their environment has grown ~ all qualities that Forest School aims to promote.

Skills of fire-lighting, knot tying, respect for their environment, cooking, climbing, balancing, you name it, they have all been mastered and alongside this they have developed skills for life.

If Aristotle’s quote is to be believed, then watch out world for this lot...

architects, artists, Builders, chefs, crafters, gardeners, nature lovers, politicians, teachers, textile fashionistas, tree surgeons, the list is endless...

Kate Bryant - Forest School Leader



Leadership

Year 3 went to Cobnor Activity Centre for our Year 3 and 4 Leadership Day. It was brilliant! We learnt new things, for example, **Francesca** learnt to ride a bike without stabilisers and I got under the limbo stick on my bike without falling over! My favourite activity was orienteering. I liked running around the place and finding the letters. We had a great time!

Beatrice de Courcy

In the afternoon, we did raft building. We had four logs, four barrels and some rope and we learnt special knots to tie everything together safely and tightly. We carried the rafts down to the water and we climbed on. We each had a paddle and we paddled out into the water and back. It was so fun!

Some people went out again and tried standing on their rafts and then jumped in!

Lottie Laing

Pre-Prep

Sherwood Hoodies

This summer Year 3 and 4 took us on an adventure through Sherwood Forest with Robin Hood and his Merry Men in Tights. Feisty Maid Marion hired a band of freedom fighters for protection against the evil Sheriff of Nottingham but when Robin and his men arrived, she soon

discovered they were not exactly what she'd ordered!

The Merry Men were actually a group of wandering entertainers and had to put on the show of their lives to defeat the dastardly Sheriff, storm Nottingham Castle and overthrow King John – all without laddering their tights! The show was a huge success, full of catchy songs and funny jokes. The children impressed us from the very first rehearsal and showed just how incredibly talented they are.

Sarah Hobrow



Bury Manor Pre-School

This term we have been studying mini-beasts, learning lots of interesting facts and amazing new words such as metamorphosis! The children have made spiders with eight crinkly legs and eight eyes which they have hung from a spiders' web in the nursery, made wibbly wobbly caterpillars munching through leaves and painted beautiful butterflies to decorate the classroom. They have wrapped their craft caterpillars in a cocoon - only to discover a beautiful butterfly miraculously inside. They have watched real caterpillars change from cocoons to butterflies and set them free in the walled garden (one still visits us when we go up to the woods). Peter's mummy visited us to talk to us about her bees, with the children learning lots of new facts including the bees' 'waggle' dance! We finished the visit with a delicious honey sandwich produced by her bees.

We incorporated the topic with our field trip to Pulborough Brooks, where the children hunted for bugs under a rolled log, lay still in a field waiting for butterflies and took part in pond dipping. The trip ended with a picnic in the shade and play in their new playground. We ended the year with a Minibeast themed sports day in the walled garden.

Have a lovely summer everyone.

Tracey Brooks



Sport

Athletics

The athletics season was bump-started with a cross country meeting at Oakwood at the beginning of term. It was a lovely change to race in the country in springtime weather and the testing course gave the runners a warm-up for the forthcoming athletics events. In the U10 boys' event, **Rafferty Finn** ran a spectacular race to finish fourth, with **Finn Alun-Jones**, **Gethin Wood** and **Xander Boyce** hot on his heels. **Flora Skinner** ran a super race to finish second in the U11 girls' event and Dorset House were pleased to finish third overall. The first athletics matches were held at Hurst in separate boys' and girls' events. At the boys' meeting, **Finn Alun-Jones** won the U11 70m hurdles and the high jump, whilst **Seb Anscombe** threw the javelin 18.15m to come second in the U12 event. The girls' meeting was attended by 14 schools across the county which provided fierce competition all round. There were some great performances from the Year 5, 6 and 7 girls, the most notable being:- **Alice Crowley** won the U13 75m hurdles, silver medals were won by **Phoebe Hughes** in the U13 discus, Ella Lawson in the U13 1500m, **Flora Skinner** in the U12 800m and **Molly Ormerod** in the U13 300m. **Matilda Simpson** ran brilliantly to finish third in the U13 200m, **Molly Ormerod** came third in the U13 shot and **Sofia Thompson** also came third in the U11 long jump.



The U13 girls finished off the afternoon with an exciting relay. The team, comprised of **Alice Crowley**, **Phoebe Hughes**, **Molly Ormerod** and **Matilda Simpson**, won their heat only to be pipped into second place by half a second by Roedean, the winners of the second heat.

Dorset House took a team of U9 and U11 girls and boys to the Great Ballard athletics meeting. This was an exciting day as this was the first inter-school athletics event for many of the Year 4 athletes and there was lots to cheer about:- In the U9 events, **Reece Brazier** and **Neve Meurer** won the hurdles, **Sebastian Marsh** and **Olivia Boyce** came first in the 200m and **Rocco Heggie** won the 600m. The boys finished off the afternoon with a superb run in the relay to win the gold medal. In the U11 events, **Lauren Wilkin** won the hurdles and **Flora Skinner** came first in the 800m.

Dorset House hosted their annual U9 track athletics match on a glorious Thursday afternoon. Seven schools came over to join our budding athletes and the standard and enthusiasm was great! **Rocco Heggie** ran a fine 600m race to take the gold in a field of eight competitors and **Sebastian Marsh** won the 200m in spectacular style. The girls' relay team came second, whilst the boys' relay team finished off a fine afternoon by winning by a margin. A brilliant performance from all those involved!

The Area Championships at Hurst and K2 Crawley was as competitive as ever and Dorset House athletes did the school proud with their sportsmanship. At Hurst, **Finn Alun-Jones** jumped a fine 1.27 metres to win the high jump and **Xander Boyce** had a great run in the 800m to take the bronze medal. **Seb Marsh** and **Gethin Wood** ran well in their

respective age group heats to make the final of the 200m. At Crawley, Dorset House had some fantastic results:- **Alice Crowley** came second in the hurdles, **Ella Lawson** came third and **Lauren Wilkins** fifth in the 1500m, **Molly Ormerod** came third in the 300m, **Matilda Simpson** came fifth in the 100m, **Phoebe Hughes** came second in the discus and won the triple jump. **Monty Burr** won the shot and discus, **Ben Saunders** came second in the high jump, **Fin Blunden-Hare** came third in the triple jump and **Brooke Meurer** came fifth in the shot. **Ella, Alice, Phoebe** and **Matilda** came second in the relay. As a result, **Alice** will compete in the hurdles and relay, **Phoebe** in the discus and relay, **Ella** and **Matilda** in the relay, and **Monty** in the shot and discus at the IAPS Athletic Championships at Birmingham. All the very best to you all!

A successful term of athletics culminated with the House athletics. For the second year running, Years 3 - 8 enjoyed an atmospheric Saturday with plenty of school records, personal bests and fun.

Rounders

It is quite sad to think that the present U13s will possibly be the last girls to play rounders at Prep School level. However, it is great to know that these girls made sure that Dorset House 'went out with a bang', winning matches against Great Ballard, Pennthorpe, Lancing Prep at Worthing and the Duke of Kent. They also made their mark at the Windlesham tournament with wins against Shoreham Academy, Seaford and Bishops Stortford to reach the semi-final. They played a tough match against Bedford to finish 3rd overall. The girls played spectacularly and **Phoebe Hughes** and **Ella Lawson** made some amazing catches. Special mentions go to **Bria Williamson** for her consistency in bowling, Eliza Hayward for her tenacity as backstop and all the girls for their brilliant batting skills. The U13 Most Improved Player was awarded to **Vicki Rowell** and the U13 Player Award was presented to **Emmie Barks**. The U12 Most Improved Player was awarded to **Eliza Hayward** and the U12 Player Award was presented to **Phoebe Hughes**.



Tennis

Dorset House entered a girls' team for the first time in the Sussex Schools' Tennis Championship. **Olivia** and **Bella Boyce, Anaïs Hafner** and **Eliza Fearon** played extremely well. Dorset House won their group with a 6:0 win over Bede's B team, a draw against Ocklidge school, and a win against Great Wallstead, 5:1. They got through to the semi-finals to face Bede's A team who produced some stiff competition. DH managed three wins, two losses and a draw to win a place in the final. The score in the final was a draw 3:3 but the girls lost on points against Brighton and Hove High School. A special mention to **Eliza Fearon** and **Anaïs Hafner** for playing in their first ever tournament! Well done girls - a great result! The Sussex School Boys' tennis championship were held at Bede's School.

Having won the U9 competition last year, expectations were high, however, there was more competition in the U10 category this year. There were a total of 24 (boys and girls) teams competing for the title. The boys' team made up of **Gethin Wood, Finn Alun-Jones, Xander Boyce** and **George Redgrove** played exceptionally well and won their first six matches. They then went on to win the group round robin and made it through to the semi-finals, where we played Bede's A team and won 4:2 to play Lancing Prep at Hove in the final. The game was exciting but LPH had the edge and took the title. Dorset House came second in the tournament, a great achievement - very well done, boys!

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Cricket

After the success of last summer and winning the County Cup, expectations were high for the class of 2019. The potential was certainly there in the 1st XI team but could they deliver? Having to face Hurst in the first round, however, was not exactly what we wanted. It was a good toss to win and **Maisie Taylor**, our first ever female captain, put the opposition into bat. And what a good decision that proved to be. After 5 overs, Hurst were 21 for 4 and looking in desperate trouble. But then sport is all down to those fine margins. A few dropped catches and the balance suddenly shifted away from DH. Hurst finished with a very generous 110 for us to chase. We lost a few early wickets and fell behind the run rate, only for **Monty Burr** to step in and play some big shots which raised our hopes. In the end we were 17 short and a little deflated. That was back in the first week of term. Following that, the team put in a string of strong performances with wins against Prebendal, Lancing at Worthing and Cottesmore. By this stage **Monty Burr** was really thrilling us all with powerful hits. His score of 43 against Cottesmore included a huge 6 over an oak tree! Throughout the season there has been some great bowling, not least from the skipper



Maisie Taylor but also from **Cosmo Portman, Jacob Fearon** and **Jack Woodage**, all of whom were very economical. There was a strong performance against Christ's Hospital in which **Jack Woodage** and **Zach Alun-Jones** put on an opening stand of 71 in a 46 run victory, followed by a comfortable win against Lancing at Worthing. So in the end, a good season, despite being unable to repeat last years' exploits but the enthusiasm and ability amongst the group of players all grew throughout the summer. **Greg Weaver**

The 2nd team have had some very close games and have grown in confidence. The boys have worked tirelessly on their batting and bowling skills. This has resulted in some respectful batting and bowling performances. **Charlie Ashworth** being the leading wicket

taker in the school with 14 wickets and **Sean Scrase** scoring 50 runs in the final match of the season against a strong Windlesham team.

The Colts A team had a mixed season in terms of results. However the progress they all made was astonishing. The boys made an excellent start to the season with a convincing win over Shoreham College, with **Isaac Blowey** and **Hamish Skinner** the pick of the bowlers taking 3 and 4 wickets respectively.

continued their excellent form with a thrilling tied runs against Cottesmore, both **Hamish Skinner** and **Isaac Blowey** carrying their bat for 43 and 38 Not out. The most exciting match was the Westbourne fixture, whereby the boys executed a brilliant all round display, winning by 7 wickets. Notable performances throughout the season, **Fin Blunden-Hare** who was outstanding behind the stumps as wicketkeeper in his debut season, **Finn Alun-Jones** opening the bowling and

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Xander Boyce maturely opening the batting. The Colts B have had a difficult season with some games cancelled by rain and, sadly, no victories. Nonetheless, the boys have all played a fantastic part in giving creditable performances in all of their matches and I would like to thank **William Smith, Arya Rafatnia, Elliott Byrne, Daniel Simpson, Zac Borthwick, Rowan Byrne, George Game, Oliver Godfrey, Jack Laing, George Redgrove and Samuel Waddell** for their wonderful enthusiasm and friendly warmth in all our matches this season. Better luck next year, hopefully!

Lee Nield



The U9A and B teams worked extremely hard at their bowling and batting skills this term. **Sebastian Marsh and Rocco Heggie** dominated with the bat and ball and there was some excellent bowling from **Henry Godfrey**. Results did not go their way but there is great promise for next season



Girls' Cricket

It has been an exciting start to girls' cricket. The girls have thoroughly enjoyed learning this new sport and have put their skills to good use. The U11's beat Pennthorpe, Lancing Prep at Worthing, Brighton College and Farlington. A special mention goes to Isabella Thomas and Bibianna Matthews for their fielding performances. The U11 Most Improved Player was awarded to Emma Marsh and the U11 Player Award was presented to **Brooke Meurer**. The U10 Most Improved Player was awarded to **Isabella Thomas** and the U10 Player Award was presented to **Bibi Matthews**. The U8's and U9's have mastered bowling and batting techniques and have produced some fine performances at matches. A mixed team beat Lancing Prep at Hove by 24 runs. The U8's also beat Pennthorpe by four runs and Prebendal by a remarkable 37 runs! The U9 Most Improved Player was awarded to **Coco Gray** and the U9 Player Award was presented to **Neve Meurer**. The U8 Most Improved Player was awarded to **Francesca Morris-Warburton** and the U8 Player Award was presented to **Harriet Howgate**.

Music

This term was really all about one song...

The search for the whole-school song was not difficult to narrow down to a shortlist. It had to be a Queen song! Many of the children had recently seen the movie 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and were inspired by what they heard, but which song from an impressive catalogue? Really there is only ONE Queen song - we all know that. And so it was, we were going to take on the biggest pop song of them all, consistently voted the greatest ever written (despite Mr Berkley and others saying we were crazy to attempt it!) and one that even the band themselves rarely attempted live in its entirety – check out videos; the middle section of most of them have a light-show and the recording playing!

It was fascinating to introduce Bohemian Rhapsody to some of the younger children who had never heard it before. The reactions and looks of amazement and wonder on their faces was priceless as the song moved through the various phases.

It is hard to describe the arrangement on paper, but we were organised into five different groups for the middle section with the 'Galilleos' and 'Bismillas' which was complex to rehearse and practice but when we finally got together the pieces of the jigsaw came together beautifully.

Special mention must go to **Bruno Heggie, Maisie Taylor, Katie Athron, Phoebe Hughes, Bria Williamson, Molly Ormerod,**



Eliza Hayward and Charlie Ashworth for some wonderful four-part harmonies in the 'a cappella' introduction and to Mr Lake with his Brian May solos!

The cherry on the top was a light show to work with the music, which was programmed and executed by Archie Cox and which really made the music come alive.

Well done to all the children on a magical concert – **you are all stars!**
Jason Marconi



Music



Musical Memories

Music brings happiness to my life! At DH I have always found it an escape from academic work. I started in Year 3 playing the piano with my inspiring teacher Mrs Duddy. We had lots of fun and she was very patient with me even though I wasn't very good at it! She suggested I try the oboe. It is a rare instrument and very few people play it. It describes my character very well - quirky and fun!

I was so excited to be invited to join the orchestra and ultimately to be Head of Orchestra in Year 7. It was such an honour and I really enjoyed the challenge.

Since I was very little I have always loved singing and took up lessons with the fantastic Mrs Jellard. She taught me to be confident in my ability. I found Maths and English very difficult because I'm dyslexic but singing made me happy. I started making up little songs to help me revise for exams. I can still remember them now. Mrs Jellard helped me all the way to Grade 5 and I am grateful for that. I was even brave enough to sing 'Naughty' from Matilda in the Summer concert this week, and walk into the audience. I really loved it!

My singing at DH has also given me the confidence to get a Drama Scholarship to Hurstpierpoint. For me, acting and singing go together.

During my time at DH I have loved music lessons and being in the choir with Mr Marconi. He has taught me so much about different styles of music and is such an amazing teacher. I remember being so nervous in my first informal concert. Not any more! He has made music such an important part of my life and without it now I wouldn't be **Katie Athron!**

*Katie wouldn't say this but we can...
With hard work and determination,
she passed her CE to Hurst with a great
set of grades including an A* for
English and she was awarded the
Headmaster's prize for this subject.
Well done Katie - we're going to miss
you!*

Art and DT

Every year, we wonder how the Art and DT Department will improve on the exhibition from the year before but somehow, they always do!

This year, the set-up was more professional, with display boards produced in-house by Mr White, Mr Lamb and Mr Richardson. Work by children from Bury Manor Pre-School was shown alongside Dorset House children's work and from Reception to Year 8, it is clear that we have some very talented young artists.

One of the highlights was Year 8's ceramic project - based on the work of potter, John Maltby. The children executed their own interpretations and as ever, these followed a theme but were not slavish copies.

Work from **Bruno Heggie's** portfolio showed the depth of work which can be achieved with commitment and the time spent by many pupils at Mrs Harrison's ever-popular Art Club, has clearly been well spent as could be seen by the quality of the work on show.



Art and DT

What a special place Dorset House is, nestled at the foot of the South Downs, a tranquil, picture perfect scene, behind which sits a bustling hive of learning, activity and achievement. After seven years I am sad to be leaving but now want to devote more time to my own ceramic work and organise our move to Cornwall.

As the Design and Technology teacher, it has been a pleasure to watch children develop their design and practical skills and produce work they are proud of. However, ceramics has always been my passion and I have appreciated the encouragement from the school and parents to bring it into the DT and Art curriculum. I have enjoyed my close working relationship with Mrs. Harrison who has ably supported and collaborated with me on many ceramics projects. I have always based the projects on ceramic artists' work and the children have always risen to the challenge of producing work in that style but making it their own. It has been important to both of us to develop creativity in the children through projects that are accessible to all, ensuring that each child can achieve. Design Technology and ceramics will continue at Dorset House with Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Sitwell, helped by the imminent arrival of a new kiln.

My last project has been the whole school mural to be sited in the new entrance to Champs. Every child has now made a tile and we hope that every member of staff will also make one. I hope that everyone will feel proud of their contribution to this piece of Dorset House collaborative art work.

Wendy Farley



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Chess

Lucas Spellman-Welsh, Anna Tustin and **James Ratcliffe** (Year 2) all took part in the Sussex Closed U7 Chess Championship this term. They are all still novices as this is only their second tournament but they are trying hard! As there were three of them they became a Dorset House team and managed to win the third place schools' trophy. They were very excited!

Meanwhile, **Ned Hafner** (Year 4) came 3rd in the U9 Sussex Junior Chess Grand Prix. The team travelled to Nottingham to play in the final where Sussex came 3rd overall in the Audio Chess Grand Prix which was a great result.

Ned has also qualified for the Delancy Schools Chess Giga final. Well done, Ned!

Gymnastics

Ella Lawson (Year 7) competed in the Chichester 4 piece Invitational Gymnastics Competition which included gymnasts from 9 clubs from Sussex, Kent and Hampshire. She had a great day, winning Gold medals on the Vault, Uneven Parallel Bars and the Floor, along with a silver medal on the Beam. She was also the highest scoring gymnast of the day with her floor routine.



PRFC

Many Dorset House pupils play rugby at Pulborough and so we were delighted to sponsor the U12 kit for their tour to Bath and the West Country in May. The squad were able to watch Bath train at Farleigh House and have a training session with Bath

coaches, and then the following day they were inspired to win all 4 of their games against local sides without conceding a try. It was all capped off by watching Bath's last minute win against Wasps on the Sunday afternoon at the Rec.

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Football

Reece Brazier and Tom Hodgson (Year 4) were part of the the U9 Storrington Vipers Football Team that won the Horsham & District Football League Plate in May.

Equestrian Update

This year has been another highly successful one for the DH Equestrian Team. We have achieved success from both the youngest and most experienced members of the squad. 2019 will be the 3rd year on the trot that Dorset House will have a team representing the school at the NSEA National Championships which for such a small school is incredible.

These are the significant highlights....

September - Dorset House also won the 80-85cm Hurst Showjumping

Competition at Hickstead at which schools from all over the South East compete - that team was **Brooke Meurer, Sean Scrase, Alice Crowley** and **Lauren Wilkins**

October - We qualified a team of 3 riders (**Sean Scrase, Alice Crowley** and **Lauren Wilkins**) for the National Championships back in October 2018 at 80-85cm Showjumping. In addition both **Alice** and **Lauren** had individual qualifications to the Championships. They went on to come 5th out of 45 schools from all over the country.

Lauren won the JwS Championship (Arena Eventing) and became individual National Champion and was then asked to join the Nations Cup team for England and they also won!

Alice rode a blinding round to become National Champion in the 70-75cm SJ Championship as well! There were certainly some raised eyebrows at the Nationals at just who were these rather small trio of 11yr olds who were beating teenagers from all over the country!

November - **Lauren** and **Alice** then became County Champions at 70cm and 80cm respectively which qualified them for the National County Championships in April. **Lauren** attended these and had a 7th placing out of 80 children in one of the classes but sadly a couple of poles scuppered her championship class.

March - a team of **Lauren, Brooke**



and **Sean** came 2nd at a NSEA Championships Qualifier 80-85cm which has earned them a place at the 2019 Championships, **Lauren** also qualified as an individual in both 70 & 80cm classes.

June - Grass roots 40cm Team of **Gus & Coco Gray, Mills and Thomas Sirrett** won their class to qualify for the Regional Grass Roots Championships in November.

June - **Lauren** won the 70-75cm JwS (Arena Eventing) Qualifier and has earned an individual qualification for the Nationals so she can defend her title this October!!!

The children absolutely love representing their school in this sport and they are fully branded with Dorset House saddle cloths, jackets and show rugs making sure everyone knows where they are from! There is a big commitment from their parents with early mornings, long days and lots of pony washing involved but results like these make it totally worth it and there is a great camaraderie amongst the growing squad.

Boarding



This summer in boarding we have finally been able to come back onto the fields and enjoy the lovely evening weather. We have been spending our nights running around on the pitches, playing cricket, rounders, croquet, badminton, frisbee or even having a disco, followed by jumping into the pool for a free swim and a refreshing game of water polo. It is sad to say that, unfortunately, it's time for me and the other Year 8's to leave our DH boarding family and move onto our next schools. During our time at Dorset House we've made some unforgettable memories like Archie giving us a light show in his luminous pyjamas and the rest of us threatening to throw his teddy out of the window if he annoys us too much. The girls have told me that apparently the Year 8 girls suffer from Vicky's 'night screams' which can

keep them up till midnight! I'm glad I'm not in that dorm! One of my favourite activities and memories of boarding at DH was when in the winter we played spotlight and had to crawl through the woods to try to get to the staff who had spotlights and had to catch us. There was the big snow ball fight a few years ago too.

I'm going to miss boarding and I will appreciate the memories that I have made, as I'm sure many of the other Year 8's will too. I'm sure the Autumn term will be just as much fun as this one for those we leave behind, and I hope all the new boarders will feel as just at home here as I did.

David Morley (Head of Boarding)

P.A. News

What an amazing year it has been for the Dorset House PA. The whole PA and extended team have worked tirelessly to put on some cracking events for the parents and kids over the last 12 months. Whether it was the Headmaster's Drinks, our LOVE DH day, Kids' Golf Day, Jazz in the Barn, Fireworks evening, Neon Disco, Quiz Night and of course, Circus Summer Ball. Parents who are on the committee and those who support us, have given up hours of their time to bring the school together and raise money for DH as well as our chosen charity Snow Drop Trust. My sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone involved.

So what did we get up to this term? Firstly, Mark Richardson led the organising team for the inaugural Dad's Camping which nearly 30 dads and kids attended: a lot of fun was had by all. The kids loved playing football against the Dads, snacking on food from the BBQ, toasting marshmallows and camping on Pastures Field. It was a great success and we will absolutely be doing it again next year.

Most recently, we had the highlight of this year's events calendar – the Circus Spectacular Ball which drew in nearly 200 parents and friends of Dorset House for a night of frivolity. Greeted by a stilt walker, guests were dressed to impress and sipped champagne on the lawn before heading into the Barn for a beautiful meal. Bobby Boyce led a game of heads or tails followed by the auction which raised an amazing amount of money.



We all made our way to the big top where we danced the night away with a live band and DJ. The whole event was an overwhelming success. I would like to give special thanks to Emma Wood and the ball organising committee for their creativity and generosity, especially the extraordinary amount of their time they gave to deliver an amazing evening we won't forget.

Finally a special mention to Fiona Boyce (Treasurer) and Beth Borthwick (Secretary) for their amazing support all year and for keeping the wheels on whilst we all live busy lives and do our very best for the school.

Drum roll.....the PA are thrilled to announce that we have raised just over £25,000 this year of which 10% is going to Snowdrop Trust. I think you will agree this is an amazing amount for a school of our size. Bring on 2020!

Sarah Meurer, PA Chair





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