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VINELINES

YOUR WEEKLY VINEHALL NEWSLETTER



Vinehall
A REPTON SCHOOL



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Contribution to the community is our focus for the children over the coming weeks. Not only will we be asking pupils to collaborate over charitable activities within their Houses, but we will invite children from all year groups to find the courage and conviction to put themselves forward for leadership and committee membership roles. In a school where each individual child is known and celebrated, it remains as important as ever to ensure that we are listening closely to their voice. Their opinions, their wishes and their experiences are highly valued, and the children are able to see how their contributions trigger positive action and create exciting change. The School Council, the Academic Committee, the Eco Committee and the Boarding Committee are looking forward to another busy year.

Many congratulations to those in our senior year who have been promoted to positions of responsibility. There will be many more opportunities throughout the year; so, my message to those who haven't yet been chosen is to remain patient and continue to develop their areas of contribution to the community.

Head of School – Elizabeth H

Deputy Head of School – Matilda S

Prefects – India A, Rosie D

New Prefects – Elsie B, Poppy C, Patrick L and Elizabeth O'S

We have also been holding the elections for our House Captains and the buzz of anticipation and expectation was electric in the build-up to the House Meetings. Year 8 candidates from each house were tasked to deliver an election speech to their Houses before each child in the school made their vote – democracy in action!

Ashton – Jimena LFX and Hannah Q

Paxton – Elsie B and Sebastian B

Rushton – Poppy C and Patrick L

Saxton – Jordi DM and Elizabeth H

Finally, a huge thank you for the untiring support and contribution of the Friends of Vinehall. Although the Welcome Event was unable to go ahead last weekend, our Friends are looking forward to bringing the community together at our inaugural Apple Day and at the unmissable Fireworks Night.



Joff Powis

SCHOOL LIFE

Boarding



The boarders had their first full week of classes and are settling into the boarding house very nicely. The weekend of 17th and 18th September was packed full of fun activities; on Sunday the boarders participated in a walk around the grounds as well as rock climbing. All the children managed to climb to up to the top of various walls and even Houseparent Ms Graves almost got to the top. On Monday, the boarders watched Her majesty the Queen's funeral before heading down to the beach for a lovely afternoon walk.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Study Skills Talk for Year 8 Pupils & Parents

Tuesday 27th September, 6.30pm

Author Visit for Year 4-8: Tom Palmer

Thursday 28th September

Year 1 Trip to Bexhill Museum

Year 7 History Trip to Bodiam Castle

Year 5 Star Gazing Trip & Overnight Tipi Camping

Friday 29th September

Open Golf Tournament for Families

Saturday 30th September, 10am-2pm

Please email office@vinehallschool.com to book your timeslot.



FOCUS OF THE WEEK – HUMANITIES

Tony Little, who was previously Head of Eton, said that 'young people learn more from each other than they do from adults and ... they learn more outside the classroom than inside the classroom'. Taking him at his word, the Humanities Department has been busy trying to get the children out of the classroom since the beginning of term. The Year 3s got us started with their trip to RHS Wisley, and last week it was the turn of the Year 6s and the Year 7s.

The theme for the Year 6s for this half term is 'Church and State', and the children are learning about how Christianity is integral to Britain's history, informing and shaping our culture, values and identity (RS lessons this term are also focused on Christianity). Last week's visit to Canterbury Cathedral focused on the feud between Henry II and Thomas Becket, and the untimely demise of the latter at the hands of four over-excitable knights. The children enjoyed a tour of the cathedral dressed as various characters from the story, before making their own pilgrim badges in imitation of the badges that were very popular in the late medieval period.

The Year 7s meanwhile are following the theme of 'Conflict', though they discovered on their trip to Battle Abbey that the site brings both 'Conflict' and 'Church and State' together. After hiding from the rain in the visitor centre, the children enjoyed a tour of the school with 'Brother James' before heading down onto the battlefield to recreate the key moments from the battle of Hastings. The children then learnt that, to atone for killing thousands of Anglo-Saxons, William the Conqueror founded a monastery on the site of the battle. The monastery remained active until Henry VIII broke with Rome and sold off church lands to refill his purse after frittering away his inheritance.

The Humanities Department has many more trips planned for later in the term (the Year 7s are out again later this week in fact), but we are hoping for a little less rain on future outings!

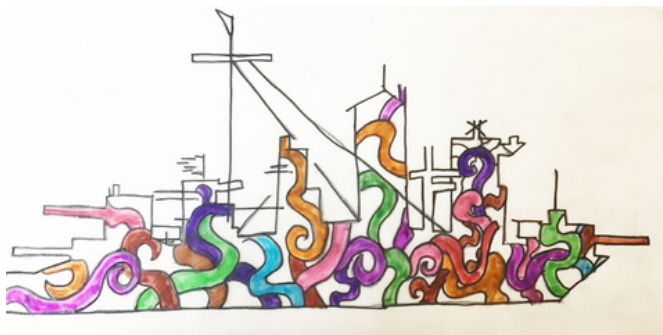
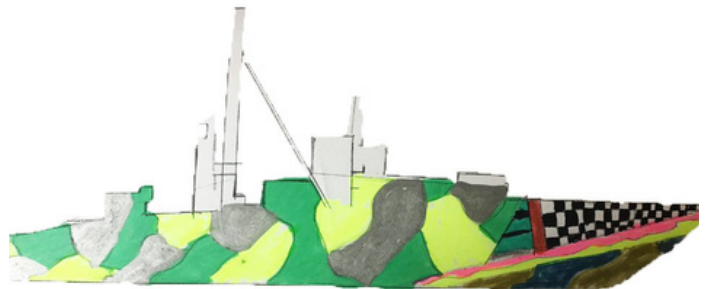
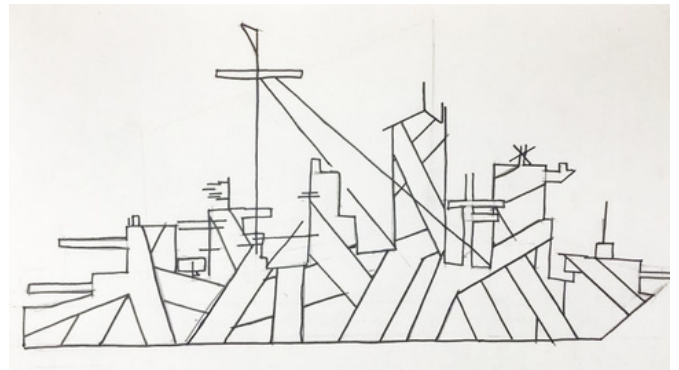


ACADEMIC

Dazzle Ships from Year 7

When is a ship not a ship? When it is a 'Dazzle Ship'.

'Dazzle Ships' were created by the artist Norman Wilkinson to confuse radar signals. Year 7 pupils became camoufleurs by creating their own versions. They experimented with designs which would both confuse and challenge the viewer. Here are some of the dazzling delights.



Humanities

Year 5 have made top trumps cards about Islands. They found out various facts and then played the game. Yuzu M won with Japan!



Maths

Making big numbers!



CO-CURRICULAR

Year 5 Sweetcorn Harvest

Year 5 were out bright and early in the vegetable garden to harvest the sweetcorn that they sowed from seed back in the spring. They all enjoyed tasting the fruits of their labour!



Girls' Hockey

Matches V Marlborough House



Girls' Football Pre-season Training



After witnessing our England Women's team win the Euro 22, our girls are keen to harness their football skills.





EVENTS & TRIPS

Plant Hunters

As an exciting introduction to their Humanities' topic, 'Around the World', Year 3 spent a wonderful day at RHS Wisley. Kyle, a member of the Education Department at Wisley, led the children in a workshop, before guiding us around the huge biome which houses desert and rainforest plants - some very rare, and all beautiful. The children took their own cuttings from Tradescantia plants, Plectranthus plants and Spider plants which they have brought back to look after. With Mrs Borrows leading the way, they explored the vegetable garden, considering which plants they would like to grow back at Vinehall. All of us loved the sensory trail, especially paddling in the water! The children were a delight. Thanks must go to Mr Borrows for driving us. We all loved our first Prep School Outing!



Senior Masterclass at Bede's

Some of our seniors visited Bede's for a S&C session and then a hockey masterclass. They had a fantastic time and worked hard. One of the coaches commented "Vinehall children are the happiest children he meets".



BEDE'S

LITTLE VINES NURSERY

Who Am I?



The Nursery children have been learning about how unique we all are. They looked at photographs of when they were babies and, just like Cassie Cat, learnt to ask questions such as:

"What colour is your hair?" and "Did you grow bigger?"



Encouraging our children to ask questions supports their level of curiosity and engagement.



Kindergarten



There's no place like home!

We have had lots of fun talking about our homes and what we love about them. We studied photographs of our houses closely and created a model using a range of materials. We are so proud of how hard we've worked!



PRE-PREP

Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed the beautiful Autumn sunshine and explored the school grounds with all of their senses. They found the most beautiful Maple tree and noticed the colours that are beginning to show as the season begins to unfold. The children also found time to 'blast into their past' and order pictures of themselves on a timeline, remembering the special memories they have experienced so far in their lives. Well done for working so well this week Year 1!



Year 2

As part of our Learning Journey topic 'Fire Fire', Year 2 have been looking at London landmarks and how to find them. First we went outside to learn about the compass points, then used maps of London to give directions to the different landmarks. We also made a time line of the key events that occurred during the Fire of London.



LITTLE VINES TODDLER GROUPS

The Little Vines Toddler Groups are a great introduction to school, offering a supportive network for parents as well as the opportunity for children to develop their communication skills and learn through exploration.



LITTLE VINES EXPLORERS

Explorers – Monday, 10am - 11am

Grab your wellies and get outside with our wonderful School Horticulturist. Immerse your little ones in the great outdoors, with hands-on activities themed around nature and gardening.

BOOK NOW



LITTLE VINES SPORTS STARS

Sports Stars – Monday, 10am - 10.30am

Join our amazing Director of Sport, for a fun-filled session, giving your little one a chance to run, jump, hop, skip, catch and throw, while developing their sporting skills.

BOOK NOW



LITTLE VINES MESSY MONKEYS

Messy Monkeys – Monday, 8.45am - 10am

Don your messy clothes and experience a variety of interactive, themed-based activities designed to stimulate and entertain your little monkey.

End the session with a cascade of bubbles before enjoying popular songs and rhymes with our Head of Pre-Prep.

BOOK NOW



CELEBRATIONS

Pre-Prep 

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery & Kindergarten

Harry
Jackson

Reception

Ezra
Zephan

Year 1

Henry P
Henry SC

Year 2

Sia
Isabel



VINEHALL BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday

PREP-PREP

BARNABY

PREP

VIVienne L, ARTHUR P & PABLO P

