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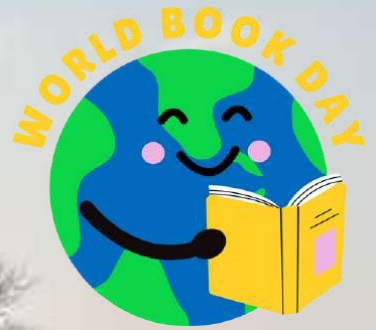
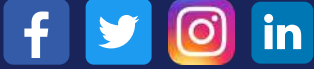
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VINELINES

YOUR WEEKLY VINEHALL NEWSLETTER



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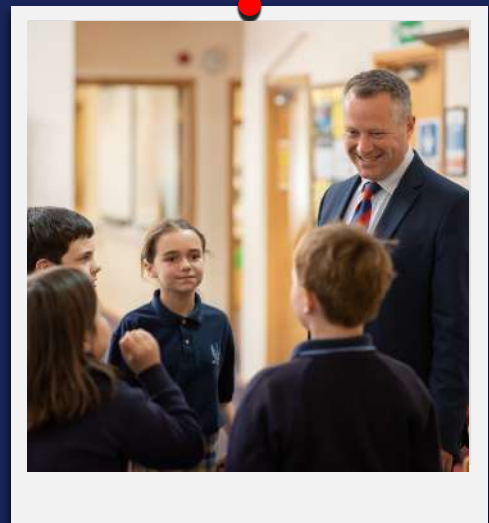
MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Selfless acts of thoughtfulness are abounding as Ally Linney and her helpers continue to support 'Lenten Friends'. Surprise gifts in book lockers, anonymous messages of friendship and spontaneous offers of help are cropping up all over school to the delight of all involved. Daily acts of kindness are the norm at Vinehall, yet the energy going into this delightful tradition is a joy to witness.

Empathy Week has seen our children showing social responsibility by taking action. Saxton's admirable team effort towards their second-hand book sale on World Book Day was given incredible support by the whole school – thank you. We also enjoyed a visit from David Chaplin on Wednesday, when he spoke to our Year 7s about the work Rwanda Action are doing towards ensuring Rwandan children receive a good education. Rather than simply building schools and supplying educational resources, Rwanda Action are focused on training the finest teachers who will provide the very best learning environments. Not only were the children impeccably polite and engaged, but, when David mentioned the W B Yeats quote 'Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire', they utterly impressed us by unpicking the moral with ease.

It has been lovely to see so many of you at the recent parents' evenings, supporting matches, at the Year 7 information evening and in assemblies and I look forward to welcoming more of you to the upcoming events. Please sign up for the Talking Heads Evening on Thursday and ready your wellies for Friday's Great House Run.

Rwanda Action



Joff Powis

CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL BORROWS

Dear Parents,

I am extremely proud to announce that Paul Borrows has, this week, been appointed as the new Head of Hunter Hall School in Cumbria. This is a wonderfully exciting opportunity for Paul, Rachel and the children and a reflection of all that Paul has worked so hard to achieve here at Vinehall.

Paul has been an instrumental part of Vinehall's senior management team since January 2018, driving academic innovations and responsible for many of the exciting initiatives introduced across the school. He has been a valued Deputy for the past two years, supporting me in a myriad of ways and I am hugely grateful to him for his outstanding contributions.

Having completed his National Professional Qualification for Headship with flying colours last year, this move is a natural progression for Paul and a reflection of his ability and career success.

We know that Paul will lead this thriving Prep School with integrity and intelligence and his family will love the move up north. I know the Vinehall community will join me in congratulating Paul and we look forward to celebrating his time here at the end of the summer term.

The recruitment process for a replacement Deputy has already begun, and I have every confidence that someone exceptional will be found to fill Paul's very large shoes.

With best wishes

Joff Powis



UPCOMING EVENTS

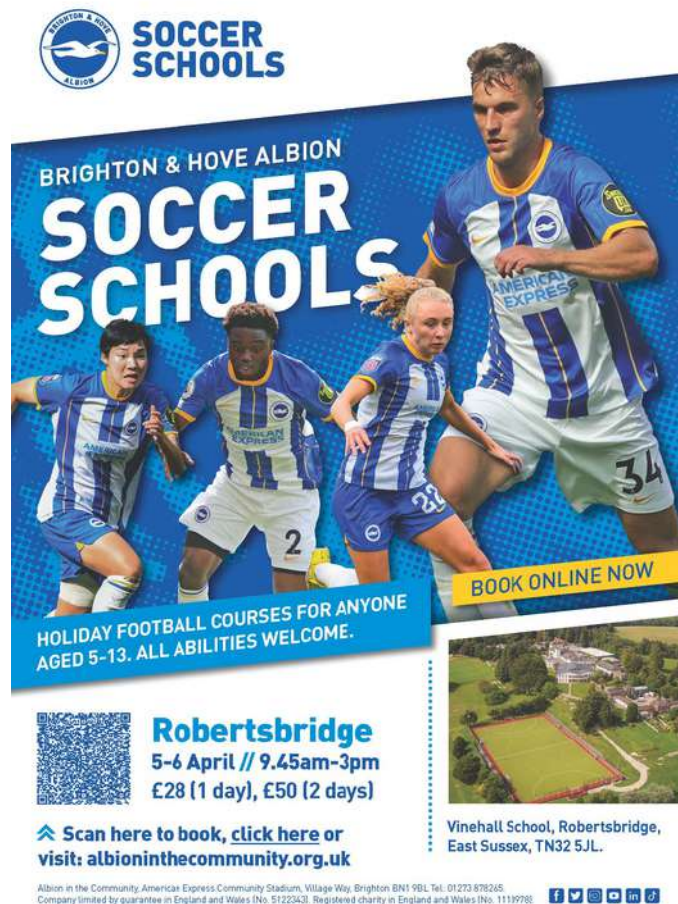
Brighton and Hove Albion Soccer Schools are coming to Vinehall!

Calling all keen footballers out there, hoping to be spotted by a premiership team!

We are delighted to announce that Brighton and Hove Albion Soccer Schools are coming to Vinehall!

They will be running a two-day soccer school at Vinehall on 5th & 6th from 9.45am-3pm. This is open to ALL children from age 5-13.

To book your child's place (and please invite their friends) [click here](#)



The poster features the Brighton & Hove Albion Soccer Schools logo at the top left. Below it, the text 'BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION SOCCER SCHOOLS' is prominently displayed. A group of four young players in the club's blue and white kit are shown in action. A yellow banner at the bottom right says 'BOOK ONLINE NOW'. Below the main title, it states 'HOLIDAY FOOTBALL COURSES FOR ANYONE AGED 5-13. ALL ABILITIES WELCOME.' A QR code is provided for booking. The dates and times are listed as '5-6 April // 9.45am-3pm' with costs of '£28 (1 day), £50 (2 days)'. A small inset photo shows the Vinehall School grounds. At the bottom, the school's address is given: 'Vinehall School, Robertsbridge, East Sussex, TN32 5JL.' Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube are also present.

Robertsbridge
5-6 April // 9.45am-3pm
£28 (1 day), £50 (2 days)

Scan here to book, click here or visit: albioninthecommunity.org.uk

Vinehall School, Robertsbridge, East Sussex, TN32 5JL.




Vinehall Art Exhibition at The blackShed Gallery - Friday 17th March to Thursday 23rd March.

Vinehall Prep pupils are having their own exhibition of Art at **The blackShed Gallery** in Robertsbridge.

All pupils in the Prep School have been given the opportunity to sign up for the exhibition and to create works on the theme of 'Land, Sea and Sky'. Children could depict all three or select one.

The Gallery is holding a Private viewing with canapes and fizz for all families of the artists on Saturday 18th March from 4pm-6pm. Full details of the event will be sent out next week

UPCOMING EVENTS




talking heads...

Thursday 9th March 6.30pm – 7.30pm
In the Chaplin Theatre


Joff Powis, Head of Vinehall School, is delighted to invite all parents and friends of Vinehall, and those in our wider community, to our first Talking Heads Forum at Vinehall School.

This is a Q&A style event and will be a unique opportunity to hear from three distinguished school leaders who will be talking about the immediate educational issues of the day. Topics will include the digital landscape, wellbeing and mental health, equality and diversity, university or apprenticeships, sustainability of school fees and the future of the independent education sector.


Numbers will be limited so to avoid disappointment please book your FREE tickets now. Refreshments will be included. Please note this is not a discussion about future school choices, but a focus more on broader topics in Education. At the end of the Q&A there will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions.




Samantha Price,
Head, Benenden



Liz Worthington,
Acting Head,
King's Canterbury



Colin Swainson,
Deputy Head Pastoral,
Tonbridge School

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Talking Heads Educational Forum

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LITTLE VINES NURSERY INVITES
YOU TO OUR ...

Bear Hunt

Come and explore our beautiful grounds and experience the wonders of going on a Bear Hunt!

When: Wednesday 15 March 2023

Time: 10am until 11.30am

Wellies and suitable outdoor clothing is advised.
Refreshments provided.



An Invitation to the Little Vines Bear Hunt

All Parents of pre-school children are invited to our Bear Hunt on Wednesday 15th March at 10.30am

This is a traditional Bear Hunt for new and prospective families around the woods at Vinehall School. Bring your wellies and your favourite Teddy Bear. Refreshments will be provided. To book your FREE place **[click here](#)**

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK



MONDAY 6TH MARCH

Girls' Football v Dulwich

TUESDAY 7TH MARCH

Boys' and Girls' Swimming v Claremont
3.40–6.40pm Pre-Prep Parents' Evening
Year 8 Parents' Evening

WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH

International Women's Day
8.40am Pre-Prep Talk – Zones of Regulation
Boys' Hockey v St Andrew's
Girls' Football v Bede's
Girls' Football Festival at Radnor House
Girls' Netball v Skippers Hill

THURSDAY 9TH MARCH

Year 2 Outside Classroom
Boys' Hockey v Skippers Hill
Girls' Football v Beechwood and Sacred Heart
Girls' Football v Claremont
6.30pm Talking Heads: Educational Forum

FRIDAY 10TH MARCH

House Cross-Country – spectators welcome

SATURDAY 11 MARCH

Tower of London Trip [here](#)

SUNDAY 12 MARCH

3.00pm Concert Series: Steven Osborne Piano


FOCUS OF THE WEEK – HUMANITIES

The theme for the Year 8s in Humanities this term is Revolution and, as with all of the historical themes, we start somewhere in the Medieval period before journeying forward through time to the present day.

For the theme of Revolution, we begin our journey in 1381 with the Peasants' Revolt. The children study what prompted the peasants to rebel, and were also asked to consider whether or not they would have joined the rebellion had they been alive at the time. It is always interesting to read the children's responses to such a question, as they demonstrate considerable self-awareness when reflecting on how they would have acted. Some are very keen to get involved (and some you can definitely imagine leading the march on London); but many would not want to put themselves or their families in danger.

What role did Native Americans play in the American Revolution?

There were 4 types of Native American groups in the American revolution, the Cherokee, Wyandot, Shawnee and the Lenape







Wyandot
Most of the Wyandot people during the war believed that they could protect their own land and also their own independence by only supporting the British and not the other side. Also lots of the Wyandot men fought against the Revolutionary forces with the frontier from the western side of the United States.

Cherokee
Many of the Cherokee chose to be ally's with the British but the British were unable to provide much military support to the Cherokee.

As there was more fighting between the British and the Revolutionary forces grew after the declaration of independence, both teams thought to ask the Native Americans for help.

Lenape
The Lenape had calls of help from both sides. They feared that aggressive frontier settlers would make them leave their homes. Lots of Lenape looked for Ammunition and weapons and military support from the British. But some of the others wanted to be allies with the United States instead and some even tried to be a Fourteenth state by admitting themselves for it.

Shawnee
The Shawnee wanted to try and keep their independence by keeping the peace. Also during the war many Shawnee took a stand against the United States and some of the others just stayed neutral for the event or went Westward to where the Spanish were.

Minority Groups in The American Revolution

Chloe & Hannah

What is a Minority Group?
A minority group is a group of people or a community that is small, underrepresented, and often oppressed and discriminated against.

What was the American Revolution?
The American Revolution was a war between England and America that started 19 April 1775, and ended 3 September 1783. It was caused by the American feeling less power than England and them wanting to be free, so they waged a war against England.

Woman in the American Revolution-Chloe
During the American Revolution, women took on tasks that their husbands would normally do, such as farming, finances, making house repairs, chopping wood, and hunting. In addition, the women used their own skills to assist the armies by sewing clothing, raising money, producing food, and making military supplies. Some women were forced away from their homes, and some chose to follow a male relative to the army and provided services to the troops like doing laundry or nursing, in exchange for food, pay, and the relative safety of being near a loved one in the military.

Woman in the American revolution -Chloe
Some women, unexpectedly or on purpose, ended up taking part in the war. Deborah Sampson for example, disguised herself as a man to serve in the Army. She was killed in 1782 and is buried in New York's Hudson Valley. She was finally discovered when she became ill in Philadelphia, in recognition of her service, the Army awarded her with an honorable discharge.

The women also helped to fund money to keep supplies for the war effort. Esther Reed raised an extraordinary \$1,000.00 to show her love and devotion to the war effort.





FOCUS OF THE WEEK – HUMANITIES

Journeying forward through time, the children then spent a few lessons examining less violent forms of revolution, learning about Gutenberg's invention of the printing press and the immense impact that this had, particularly on the Renaissance and later the Enlightenment.

We soon returned to more violent forms of bringing about change, with the American Revolution, focusing initially on how this revolution would never have happened without both the printing press (which allowed for the mass distribution of Thomas Paine's 'Common Sense') and the Enlightenment (which inspired the Founding Fathers).

The children then worked collaboratively on a project about the role that minority groups played in the American Revolution, including women, Black Americans and Indigenous Americans. This included the opportunity to visit the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia (one of the positive impacts of the pandemic was that many museums created virtual tours, making it very easy to 'visit' museums around the world.)



Treading an increasingly bloody path, in the last few lessons we have moved on to the French Revolution. One of the reasons for adopting a thematic approach was to help the children understand how historical events are connected and to identify common threads that run throughout history: the peasants who rebelled in France had much the same complaints as the peasants who had rebelled in England over four hundred years earlier; and the more affluent bourgeoisie were undoubtedly inspired by both Enlightenment ideas and the success of the American Revolution in the previous decade.

FOCUS OF THE WEEK – HUMANITIES

Where next? Well, we will finish this term by looking at countries in the world today where inequality still drives protests and potentially rebellion. Another aim of the thematic curriculum has always been to help the children to understand that history is never finished. The Year 8s have also begun thinking about their research projects which they will complete in the Summer Term. To begin, they need to choose a topic and come up with a research question. As ever, they are having some excellent ideas and I very much look forward to seeing their completed projects.



ACADEMIC

YEAR 3

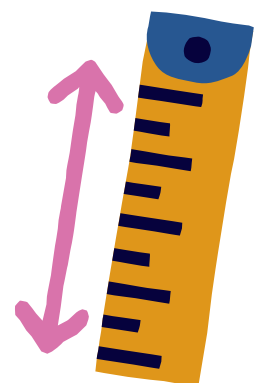
What beliefs did the Ancient Egyptians have?

Year 3 found out about some of the key gods and goddesses in their Humanities lesson this week. They worked well together to complete a puzzle.



Which unit to use

3E worked well together in Maths to measure items of their choice. They had to find three things to measure using the most appropriate unit - millimetres, centimetres or metres.



ACADEMIC

YEAR 3

May the Force be with you!

In Science, 3E planned and conducted an investigation to compare the amount of force needed to move a toy vehicle on different surfaces. They worked collaboratively and some earned Billy Bee stickers and dispositions for their Houses.



YEAR 4

Y4 Science



Phil McCavity visited us last Friday. He was very informative and maybe a little bit scary, but told us how to keep our teeth clean.



ACADEMIC

YEAR 7 AND 8 MATHEMATIC SUCCESS

CONGRATULATIONS

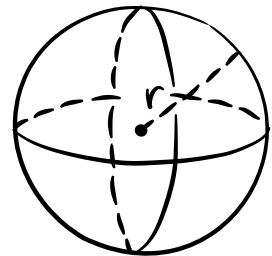
Intermediate Maths Challenge

Congratulations to some of our amazing Year 7 and 8 mathematicians who took up the Intermediate Maths Challenge a few weeks ago. This is designed for Year 11 and below, so all that entered should be especially proud of their achievements. A special congratulations to Isla M and Ethan E (both still only Year 7) and Flo S for gaining Bronze, to Alfie C and Patrick L for gaining Silver and a special congratulation to Ella F for her amazing achievement of a Gold certificate. She now qualifies for the Grey Kangaroo round later this month.

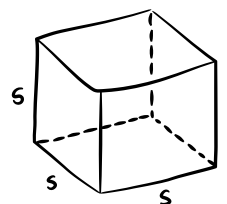


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$$V = \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$$



$$V = s^3$$

BOARDING HOUSE



What a week to be a boarder!

We had a busy weekend in Vinehall Boarding, starting off strong with the school triathlon, which turned out to be a tough course set on the steep hills of the school's golf course. Everyone pushed through and absolutely smashed it! There was definitely a well-deserved sense of pride and achievement from those that took part after crossing the finish line. We had our marshals placed around the course cheering the children on, fixing bike chains and motivating them for that final push!

We then had a movie afternoon to recover as the weather turned miserable, so we watched some all-time classics.

That evening we had a 20-minute talent show whereby everyone had to come up with a short performance in 20 minutes and then perform in the common room (even the staff!) It brought out some fantastic talents and performances with Tymofii and Gonzalo taking the win with a song and dance rendition of 'Old Town Road'. Summer got a special mention award for really stepping out of her comfort zone and wowing us with her dance skills! Mr Masnick and Mr Peters also brought their A game with Mr M on the saxophone and Mr P singing & dancing with a strong comical element.

On Sunday, (after our full-English breakfast of course!), we headed to the library to do prep. After lunch we went to Hastings where we played some mini golf. The sun finally decided to make an appearance and everyone had a brilliant time. Juan came out as mini golf champion with a score of 49, followed by Gonzalo in second place and Maria in a close third. Once we were back at school, we all made our own ice cream sundaes with three different flavours of ice cream, sprinkles, whipped cream, flake, two different flavoured sauces, strawberries and bananas! There were some fantastic creations, and they all looked rather delicious. We then gave the option of going to the sports hall to let off all the ice-cream energy or to watch a movie up in the common room.

All in all, we had a really lovely weekend here in boarding, full to the brim with wonderfully varied and enjoyable activities.

BOARDING HOUSE

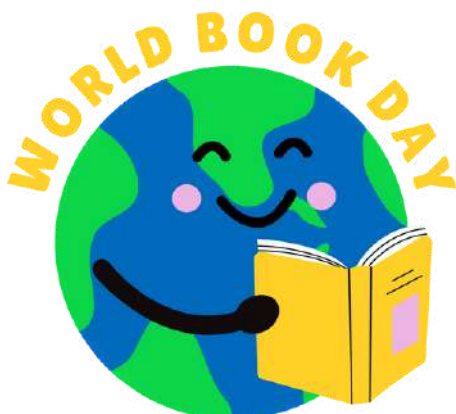
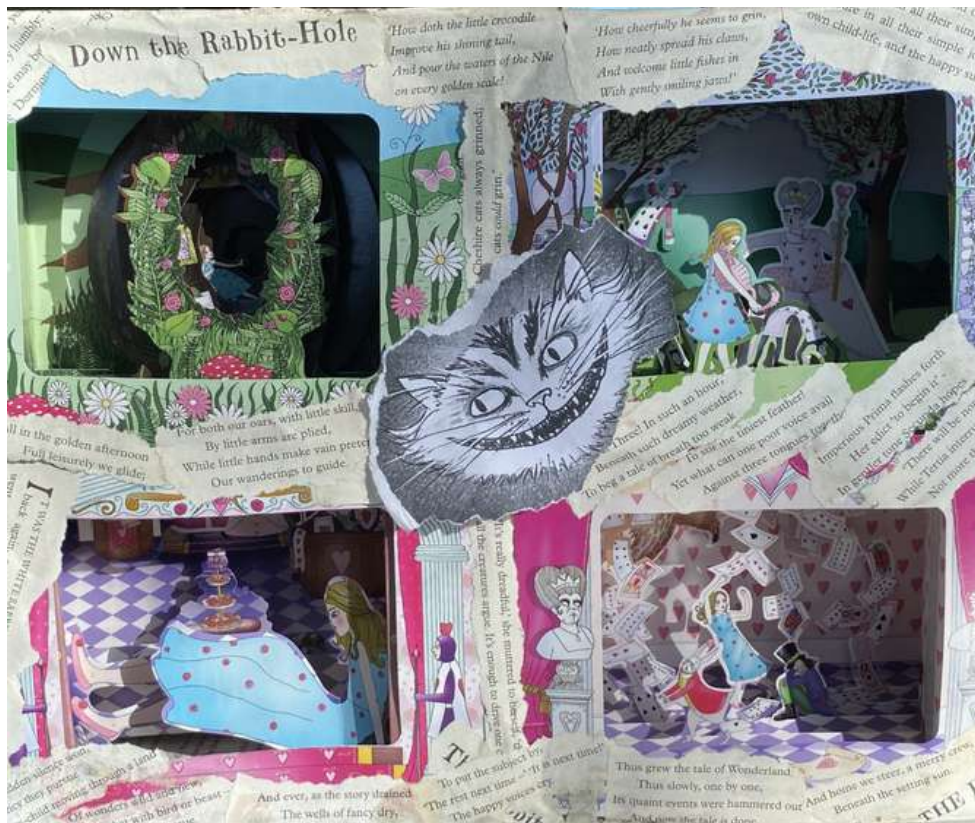


An illustration of three children in costumes. On the left is a child in a purple monster costume with large eyes and a jagged mouth. In the center is a child in a witch costume with a large purple hat and a broom. On the right is a child in a fairy costume with pink wings and a red dress.

We celebrated World Book Day in style this week, with Pre-Prep and Prep pupils fully embracing the dress up day and producing fantastic story boxes. Debbie Gearey and I visited Pre-Prep to judge the Pre-Prep story boxes (a rather daunting task, as they were all superb!)

Pupils from Years 5-8 also went across to the Pre-Prep and to the de Beer to spend some story time reading together

Saxton pupils marked the day with a charity book sale raising money for their Charity Cancer Research UK.



WORLD BOOK DAY



BOOK FAIR (WRITTEN BY YEAR 8 PUPILS)

In preparation for the Saxton Book Fair, we had requested that the people would bring a few books that they are not using anymore.

We also requested that on the day of the book fair, everyone should bring in 50p-£2 to buy one or more books. The money would then go towards the Saxton charity, Cancer Research UK.

Before the Book Fair we sent an email out to the Bursar informing him about the Book Fair and its requirements for the tables to be laid out in a specific way.

At Wednesday's House Meeting we distributed jobs amongst the Saxton children; some created signs to tell people how much a book would be sold for, and some collected books from their Form rooms.

On Thursday morning, we laid out the books and put them on the tables, but we needed more tables because we had so many books.

We borrowed some pots to collect the money.

The Book Fair was a big success and lots of people left with books and the total amount of money will soon be confirmed.

By Elizabeth H, Summer L and Charlie P



BOOK FAIR



Vinehall School continues to receive recognition for its ongoing commitment to the environmental education of its pupils, having recently earned both bronze and silver awards from the RSPB and the Woodland Trust.

The RSPB's Wild Challenge for schools has involved children from across the school taking part in activities such as the Big Schools Birdwatch, building and putting up nest boxes, and creating more habitats for wildlife through the building of bug hotels and planting pollinator-friendly flowering plants.

The Woodland Trust's Green Tree School award has seen the school plant more trees, some of which were provided for free by the Woodland Trust, and spend more time appreciating the fantastic woods we have on site through creative writing and artistic projects.

We look forward to now working towards our gold awards in both schemes!



EVENTS AND TRIPS

EAL and Boarders' trip

Last Thursday, Katherine Kirkwood and Annabel Newcomb took all the EAL and full Boarders on a trip to Hastings to see The Smugglers' Adventure in St Clement's Caves. The children enjoyed the interactive activities but weirdly their favourite thing was being put in The Stocks!

Despite being bitterly cold, the children ended the afternoon eating ice cream and playing by the beach.



EVENTS AND TRIPS



Year 7 Trip to Big Cat Sanctuary

It's not often that it takes longer to read a risk assessment than to travel to the actual venue, but for the Year 7 trip to the Big Cat Sanctuary in Smarden, this was indeed the case. However, given that the Sanctuary is home to a terrifyingly large number of potential killers, it's easy to understand why!

Once inside the compound, the pupils were treated to a fascinating workshop session led by the Sanctuary's Education Officer, who effortlessly kept the group engaged for 90 minutes, with tales of the animals on site as well as some chilling facts about the struggles many of the world's Big Cats face in the wild.

After looking closely at a variety of artefacts from the collection, the full effect of the damage done by illegal trading in furs, skins and ivory was brought home to the children who asked many insightful and complex questions as a result. Many rather depressing conservation issues were covered, yet each saddening statistic was balanced by details of the work that the Sanctuary supports worldwide and the positive influence their outreach programmes are having.

The second part of the day was spent outside in the compound itself, looking at each of the beautiful big cats who now call Smarden their home. There were ex-circus lions, leopards whose albino markings had made them unable to survive in their natural habitats, snow leopards brought in for breeding purposes and the sanctuary's very own 'diva' lynx who had overstepped the mark on a Hollywood film set and was unceremoniously 'let go' by management as a result of her indiscretion! Each animal's enclosure was tailored especially to its needs and all the staff working on the site clearly loved their work and the Big Cats under their care and protection.

This was a wonderful trip to a very special place which is currently one of Kent's best-kept secrets.





EVENTS AND TRIPS



SPORTS

It was another very busy week on the sporting front. The 1st Team Netball girls travelled to Roedean School to take part in the annual SISNA Netball tournament. Always a tough but enjoyable day of competition, Laura Percy-White was very pleased with the effort and support the girls showed each other throughout the day.

The 2nds and 3rds girls took on Beechwood in their first football matches of the term. Their efforts in training leading up to the fixture definitely paid off, with two very competitive performances from the group.

The U11 girls travelled to Beechwood and played their first football matches of the term. A bit too much bunching at times meant that possession of the ball was hard to maintain but, with time and more confidence, Louise Barrett feels they will improve quickly.

The U10 girls concluded their netball season with a good win at Somerhill, working well as a team and finishing off what has been a successful season.



SPORTS

On Wednesday the senior and middle boys took on Holmewood House at Hockey. Always tough opposition they stuck to the task and performed brilliantly.

On Thursday an excited bunch of Year 3 & 4 girls departed for their first football fixtures against Bede's, with the boys hosting St Andrew's at hockey at home. Both groups enjoyed a fun afternoon of sport, and it is always fantastic to see their enthusiasm for matches on a Thursday afternoon.

By the time you read this message the U11 Boys will have just returned from their trip to Wellington College for the IAPS qualifying round. Fingers crossed the can get into the top two places, which gains them entry into the finals at Repton College later this term.

Vinehall triathlon

On Saturday 25th March, 34 brave souls took part in the very first Vinehall triathlon at school. In a test of courage and resilience, the pupils swam, cycled and ran with guts and determination over a rather soft and hilly course, a course even the most hardened triathletes in the land would have found difficult.

Those that completed the course all received a certificate in assembly on Monday to acknowledge their wonderful effort. Special mention must go to the top three in each age category, with some of the positions determined by mere seconds.

1st- Henry C; 1st - Charlie C; 1st - Harry M
2nd - India A; 2nd- Tymofii L; 2nd - Albert P
3rd - Patrick L; 3rd - Rosie A; 3rd - Indira H

A huge thank you to all the staff for your help marshalling on the day and to the parents for your support.



SPORTS

ISGA 4 Piece National Gymnastics Competition

At the weekend the U11 & U13 teams travelled to Tormead School in Guildford to compete in the ISGA 4 Piece National Gymnastics Championships.

The U11 team of Isla B, Issy D-D, Honor H, Isobel S-M & Indira H produced exciting vaults and performed some very confident floor routines. Indira, competing two years above her normal U9 age group, came top of the Vinehall team on voluntary floor, set vault & voluntary vault. Issy achieved the top score for the team on set floor.

The U13 gymnasts of India A, Rosie D, Elizabeth H & Alessandra K gave outstanding performances on all four disciplines. The team were delighted to be presented with medals for 3rd place overall in the team event. In the individual competition medals were also awarded to Elizabeth in 2nd place and Rosie in 5th.

Absolutely brilliant, very well done to all the gymnasts!



Friday 10th March- Great House Run- 3.30pm start

Parents, you are warmly invited to what we hope will be an exciting afternoon of running. Soup will be served at 3pm outside the pavilion, before the event, with tea and coffee on the terrace afterwards. I look forward to seeing as many of you at the event as possible.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF PRE-PREP

World Book Day is one of the highlights of our year and we love the annual celebration of authors, books and the joy of reading. Getting into costume sets the scene, and Pre-Prep had a truly wonderful time on Thursday as the children came into school dressed as a variety of their favourite characters. I had the pleasure of meeting Tin Tin and Asterix (Toto G and Florence B), and quite a few Very Hungry Caterpillars! (George F, Ella H and our own Mary-Jane Meekham!)

The week started joyously when we all met Philip Ardagh on Monday morning. His brilliant stories and hilarious acting had all the children enthralled and we were soon all chanting the story of "Bunnies on the Bus." Philip modelled to the children how an idea grows and Isabel VG, Florence B, Persie L, Max P, William C and Rose D did a fantastic job of acting this out, as everyone roared with laughter to Philip's slow-motion voice over.

The story boxes the children have made are truly brilliant and have provided lots of fun as we tried to guess the stories portrayed. Judging was an impossible task and Emily Platt and Debbie Gearey from the Prep school took a long time deliberating over the winner for each year group.

Our worthy winners were Annabelle G in Nursery for "Whatever Next"; George F in Kindergarten for "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"; Oscar B in Reception for "10 Little Superheroes"; Florence R in Year 1 for "The Tale of Peter Rabbit"; and William C in Year 2 for "The Jungle Book." The judges gave the overall winner to Tashfeen K, for his amazing representation of "The Snail and the Whale."

Thank you for supporting children's autonomy in book choice and for helping to embed a habit of reading for pleasure that will bring a lifetime of benefits. Happy World Book Day 2023!



Nicky Whittaker



LITTLE VINES NURSERY



World Book day is one of our favourite events at Little Vines Nursery. Our children have the opportunity to express themselves and dress up as a character from their favourite book; they all looked amazing! This special day offers so many opportunities for learning across our Early Years Curriculum, which includes, promoting language skills, creativity, imagination and promoting the love of stories and books.

Thank you also for spending time with your child to create their very imaginative story boxes which they enjoyed sharing with their friends.



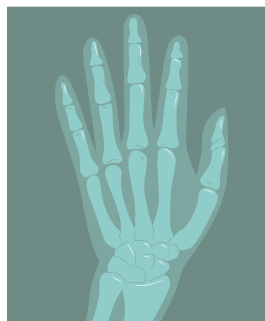
LITTLE VINES NURSERY



Kindergarten

This week the children have been delighted to welcome three special guest into Kindergarten - Anna's Daddy who is a GP, Ariadne's Mummy who is a psychologist and Catherine Garlick's Brother-in-law who is a radiographer.

The children have been curious, just like Cassie Cat, and have asked some fantastic questions to our visitors. The visits have ignited their imaginations and have led to some brilliant leaning opportunities.



RECEPTION



Reception had a wonderful trip on Tuesday to Sissinghurst Castle.

Although the weather was a little chilly, the children had a brilliant time exploring the grounds and creating stories.

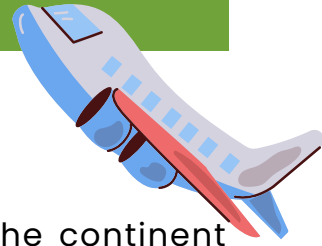
We started our day at the moat and used it as inspiration for our story-telling. The children thought of creatures that could live in the moat and what could happen to them.

We then made our way up the tower to look down on the castle grounds from above. We used this as our next setting for story-telling. As we made our way around the castle we spoke about the lady that lived there called Vita Sackville-West who was an author and poet.

Just before lunch in the orchard, we stopped by the art exhibition and the children enjoyed looking at the old printing press that resides in the barn. After lunch we met one of the groundsmen called Brook; he spoke to us about the different trees and creatures that lives around the castle and grounds.



YEAR ONE



Year 1 boarded a plane and headed 'down under' to Australia...

The children explored some of the animals that are found on the continent and role-played them. (Their favourite was a 'wombat with a backwards pouch' digging in its hole!) We worked in small groups to design posters teaching everyone about the different classifications of animals and what makes them unique. Well done Year 1 on working so collaboratively this week just like Billy Bee!



YEAR TWO

We were lucky that older children visited from the Prep School to read with us on Thursday as part of our World Book Day activities; we also enjoyed visiting the Saxon charity book sale, where the children could buy pre-loved books. Everyone looked great all dressed up and I've been so impressed with all the story boxes they have made.

In Maths we have been measuring in centimetres and metres this week. We drew and measured lines on the patio using chalk and worked as a team to measure the width of the classroom and the hall.

We also learned about Palm Sunday and acted out the story. The children always love role play and they were all very keen to be the donkey carrying Jesus!



Pre-Prep

STARS OF THE WEEK

Nursery

Blake

Asa

Kindergarten

Freja

Jackson

Reception

Elizabeth Rose

Year 1

Aayat

Florence

Year 2

Florence

Teddie

