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# VINELINES

YOUR WEEKLY VINEHALL NEWSLETTER



Vinehall  
A REPTON SCHOOL





# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Always say 'yes' to new adventures.

What a week it has been, filled with thrilling trips and unforgettable outdoor adventures.

Our children have been immersed in a wealth of experiences that will have sparked their curiosity, ignited their imaginations, created wonderful new friendships and gathered memories to treasure. As we compile this year's Leavers' Booklet, there is no surprise that the memories which our Year 8s have recounted are primarily from the incredible Trips Weeks.

Throughout the week, our dedicated team of staff have been by their side, guiding and supporting them every step of the way. Their enthusiasm and commitment to providing exceptional opportunities for the children is what makes these trips such a resounding success.

As our children have been embracing challenges, working together in teams and surviving away from the comforts of their bedrooms and gadgets, I have no doubt that their personal development will have been substantial.

*Jeff Davis*



Congratulations to Louisa Bennett, whose little baby George Thomas was born at 2.15pm on 27th June. We are delighted for Louisa and her husband, Tom, and look forward to meeting baby George soon.

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK



## MONDAY 3 JULY

WHOLE SCHOOL TRANSITION MORNING  
ASHTON HOUSE CHARITY EVENT  
UNIFORM SALE  
CLOSING DATE FOR LAMDA BOOKINGS

## TUESDAY 4 JULY

SHREK DRESS REHEARSAL TO THE SCHOOL - AM  
DULWICH TRIATHLON  
7.00PM 'SHREK' - YEAR 7 & 8 MUSICAL - DRINKS FROM 6.30PM IN THE FRONT HALL

## WEDNESDAY 5 JULY

PRE-PREP CAMPFIRE BREAKFAST  
HOUSE WINNERS' CELEBRATION  
GIRLS' CRICKET V SKIPPERS HILL  
BOYS' CRICKET V SAINT RONAN'S  
7.00PM 'SHREK' - YEAR 7 & 8 MUSICAL - DRINKS FROM 6.30PM IN THE FRONT HALL

## THURSDAY 6 JULY

3.15PM PRE-PREP END OF TERM

## FRIDAY 7 JULY

LAST DAY OF TERM  
9.30AM REGISTRATION;  
10.00AM PRIZE GIVING - GUEST SPEAKER PHOEBE HORN, ACTOR - ALL WELCOME  
12.00PM DRINKS ON THE LAWN - ALL WELCOME



**Please may we remind you to turn left onto the A21 from both exits.**





# YEAR 8 LEAVERS' PROGRAMME



On the River Rother



Punting in Cambridge





# YEAR 8 LEAVERS' PROGRAMME



Clip and Climb



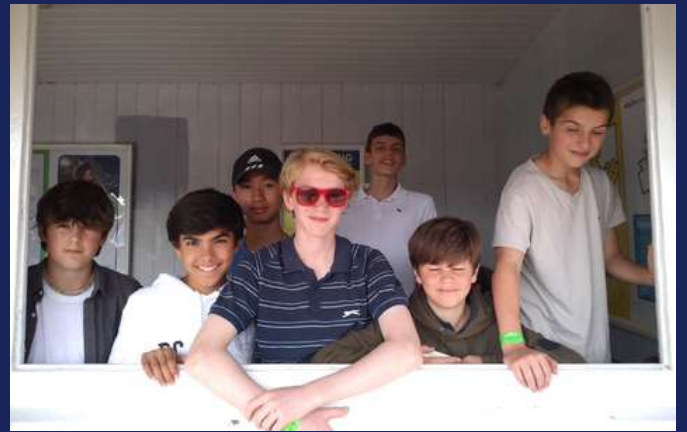
Go Karting



8B Hastings Law Courts



# YEAR 8 LEAVERS' PROGRAMME – LONDON TRIP



Last Friday, Year 8 had a great day out in London, dining out in Covent Garden and then watching “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” at The Globe Theatre on the Southbank.

One of Shakespeare’s most famous comedies, the play follows the fortunes of four lovers as they venture into the woods on the magical eve before midsummer, and contains a play within a play. The cast gave a riotously energetic performance, which entertained our pupils enormously.

We all had an excellent view of the stage and the actors in their fantastic costumes.

Year 8 are now feeling fired up about their own performance of Shrek next week!





# YEAR 8 LEAVERS' PROGRAMME – LONDON TRIP

## Rothsay Tennis Championships, Eastbourne



As part of activities week, the Year 8 pupils created their own mini mosaic based on nature. Each pupil focused on creating their small work of art on a hexagon. This was inspired by the beehive and the idea of a small part making up a whole community.





# YEAR 8 LEAVERS' PROGRAMME



## Year 8 visit to Hastings County Court – Wednesday 28th June

'Send him down!' This was the verdict given on the case of a certain member of 8G (Charlie P) who stood accused of 'stealing' the Court Officer's lunch. The hapless defendant was cross-examined by two venerable judges; Judge V and Judge A who stepped out of their traditional roles to play two opposing barristers in the case. After a fairly severe grilling, sentence was passed, with the accused being ordered to supply one bar of Toblerone chocolate and an apology to the traumatised victim.

On Wednesday, eleven members of 8G descended on the County Court in Hastings where they were treated to a fascinating glimpse of life inside this rather impressive building. Having been frisked on entry (where several items such as yo-yos and conkers were confiscated), the children were escorted down to the prison cells. Here, after handcuffing Patrick L, the prison officer allowed the group to inspect the cells and 'facilities'. They were also given permission to set off the alarm system. Unfortunately, this then became jammed and there were several tense minutes while the security officers struggled to switch it off before a full-scale evacuation of the entire courthouse was called; fortunately the 'off' switch was found just in time.

The next hour was spent sitting in various court rooms, participating in some very realistic role-play activities and finally being allowed to witness a Magistrate's court that was actually in session. Hearing the formal language used, observing the protocol of courtroom procedures and seeing the level of intensity afforded to every detail of a hearing was compelling. The children behaved impeccably throughout and luckily all made it back to Vinehall in one piece without anyone being detained!

I would like to extend huge thanks to Judge Venn and the team at Hastings County Court for giving up so much of their time to accommodate our pupils, giving them a lively, memorable and valuable insight into a completely different world.

Debbie Gearey





# YEAR 5 CAMP



Year 5 had a wonderful time camping in the grounds; they set up base near the woods, played games, built fires, sang songs, toasted marshmallows and even got a little sleep.



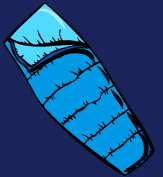


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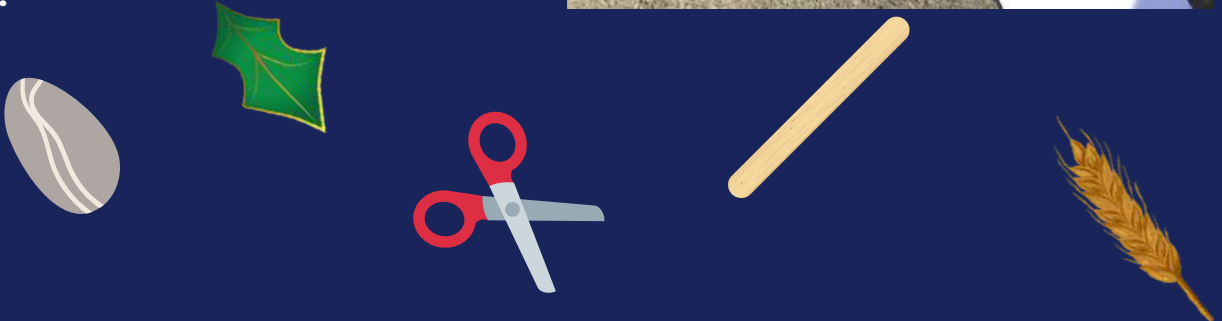


# YEAR 5 CYANOTYPES

As part of activities week, the Year 5 pupils harnessed the power of the sun by creating Cyanotypes.

They selected and placed a variety of found objects onto photo-sensitive paper to create an interesting composition. The initial compositions were created on regular paper as a practice run. Once the paper was exposed to the sun, the objects would block the light and activate the developer. The pupils had to judge their exposure times and had to rinse their creations promptly to stop them developing.

Working outside means reading the weather and ironically the sun went in on the first attempt. Luckily we tried again and it worked!





# JUNIORS CAROUSEL



**What a busy and happy week for our Juniors!**



**Yoga down by the copse. We also enjoyed some forest bathing!**



**The children made their own icecream (with varying degrees of success!)**





## YEAR 3



Thank you so much to Denise Lomas for a most enjoyable Bike-ability session. Everyone did very well.



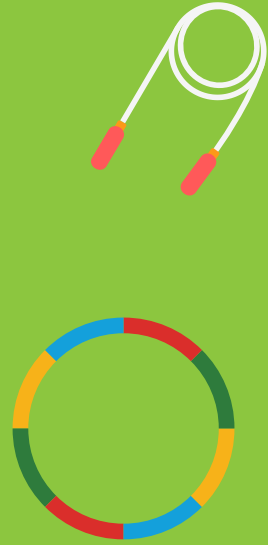
Year 3 have worked hard at their Science this term and this week was no exception. They looked closely at the arrangement of seeds in different fruits and did well to produce some detailed observational drawings, using pastel colours and pencil crayons.

They also dug up a lot of potatoes on Friday last week, which they had planted earlier this year with Mrs Borrows. Delicious!





# PRE-PREP SPORTS DAY





# LITTLE VINES SUMMER CONCERT



## Lights, Camera , Action!

One of our summer term highlights is our Little Vines summer concert. This year's production was the story of 'The Little Gingerbread Man', and the songs and words have been ringing out through the whole of Pre-Prep for weeks!

Being involved in these productions supports children's self-expression, communication and language, as well as social development as they work together just like our Pre-Prep Pal, Billy Bee.

We were so so proud of every single child, as their self-confidence and enjoyment shone through. A very big well done to our Little Vines children!





# PRE-PREP ACTIVITIES WEEK

The Pre-Prep have enjoyed a fun-filled week taking part in a range of activities. The children played team games, got rather wet in a water fight, blew giant bubbles, made nature crowns, had an indoor picnic, built mini fairy houses and used clay to create woodland faces.

Everyone has had a brilliant time and it's been lovely to see all the children working so well together just like Billy Bee!





# PRE-PREP ACTIVITIES WEEK



Well done  
Reception,  
Year 1 &  
Year 2 for  
trying so  
many new  
things.  
You're  
amazing!

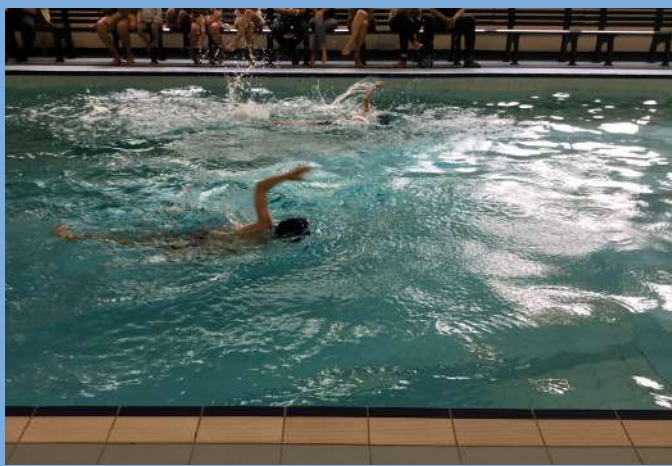






## YEAR 2 - SWIMMING GALA

Year 2 took part in an exciting Swimming Gala this week. The children were split into two teams and had races in the front crawl, the backstroke and the breaststroke, as well as showing off their dives and treading water. Mrs Walker was very proud of them all for the progress they have made this year. A special well done to the Conger Eels, who were the overall winners of the gala.





# BOARDING



After a terrific sports day in the sun, the boarders were exhausted and most of them found a comfortable spot in the common room to watch a movie. However, there were some children with an inexplicable level of energy that were not quite exhausted enough, so we went to the pool and played 'Marco Polo' and swam some races until dinner. After a delicious lasagne everybody just relaxed for the evening.

On Sunday morning we found our way to Eastbourne to go bowling. It was extremely competitive, with a great many hustlers in the group. In the end it was Tymofii who triumphed, with Albert a close second and then Ella coming third. Ines A made a hilarious but terrifying delivery by letting go of the ball too early and it went backwards; after that we all gave her lots of space.



A quick trip to Sainsbury's to buy some sausages and burgers and we then went to Sister Kate's house for a BBQ lunch and a swim. It was a lovely lazy afternoon; the boarders played in the swimming pool, lay in the sun and just had a wonderful relaxing day. We were very sad to leave. Many thanks to sister Kate for inviting us.

It was then time to pack up all the Year 6 & 7s for their trips on Monday and get an early night in expectation of a busy activities week.





# SPORTS DAY

Who would have thought that two months ago the athletics track had yet to be marked in, the pitches were still a bog and the majority of our early athletics sessions had to take place on the astro or indoors because of the poor weather. Fast forward to last Saturday and what a difference a few weeks of sunny weather make.

With the track looking fabulous, courtesy of Keith and Craig's hard work, and with picnics at the ready, the four houses battled it out in what must be one of the closest contests in years. With no house able to force a considerable lead throughout the day, the scores ebbed and flowed until the very end when Paxton struck the decisive blow, winning a couple of relays.

Huge congratulations must go to all the competitors, who ran, threw and jumped for their houses. Special mention must go to Teddy H who broke the Junior boys' 75m record and of course Paxton for winning the overall house event.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Laura Percy-White for all her efforts in putting the programme together and Jon Newman for his energy and passion for everything athletics.



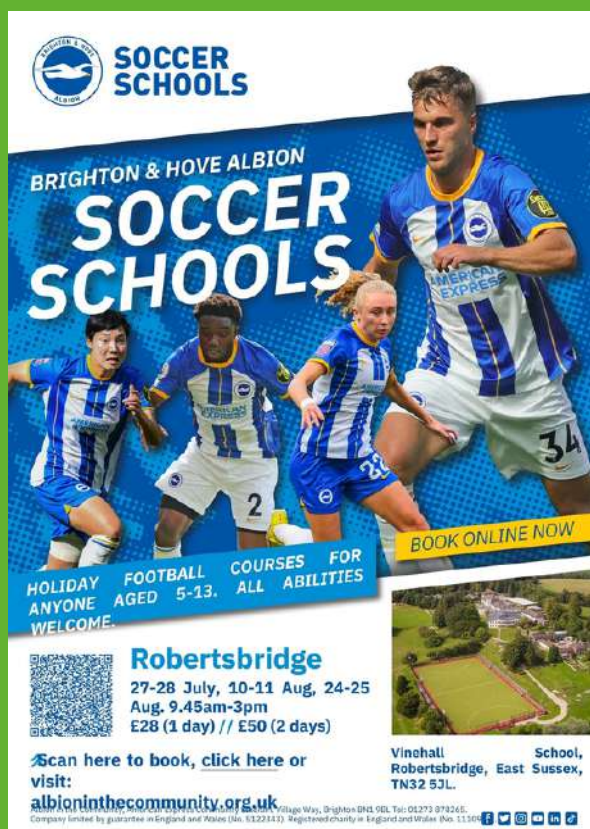


# SPORTS DAY





# FORTHCOMING EVENTS



**SOCCER SCHOOLS**

**BRIGHTON & HOVE ALBION**

**SOCCER SCHOOLS**

HOLIDAY FOOTBALL COURSES FOR ANYONE AGED 5-13. ALL ABILITIES WELCOME.

**Robertsbridge**  
27-28 July, 10-11 Aug, 24-25  
Aug. 9.45am-3pm  
£28 (1 day) // £50 (2 days)

BOOK ONLINE NOW

Scan here to book, click here or visit:  
[albioninthecommunity.org.uk](http://albioninthecommunity.org.uk)

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

The Soccer School is open to all children aged 5-13. Places are limited and early booking is advised.



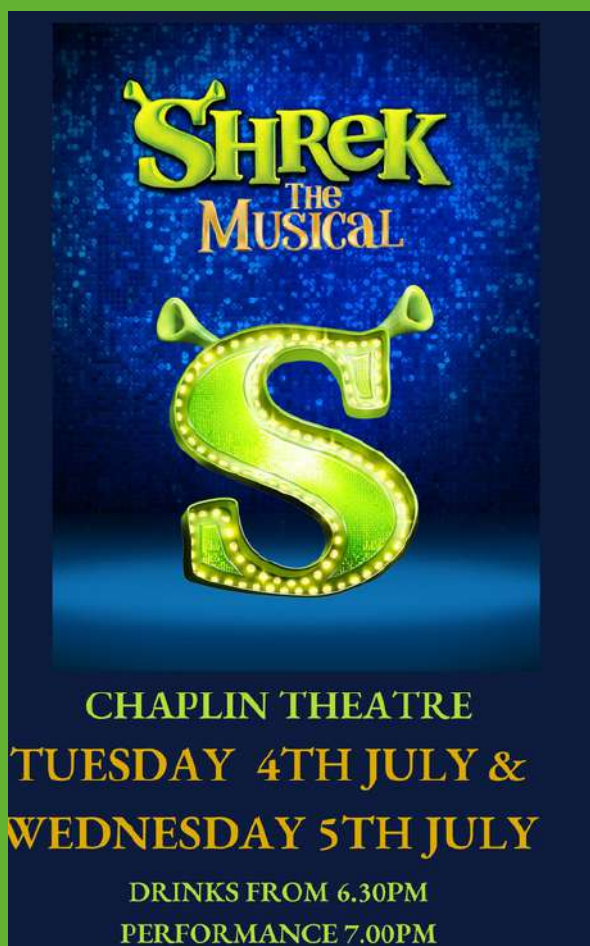
Everyone is very welcome at this year's Prize Giving at 10.00am on Friday. We have Ian Charleson Awards best Newcomer Nominee, Phoebe Horn, as our Guest Speaker who will talk to the children about achieving her dreams. There will be drinks on the lawn afterwards.



Everyone is very welcome! Please contact the office if you would like to book seats for either performance of 'Shrek'.

Year 7 and 8 are very busy rehearsing and would love the support of the entire school community. It is a fun show full of wonderful songs, great characters and hilarious dialogue.

We hope to see you there!

**SHREK**  
THE MUSICAL

**CHAPLIN THEATRE**  
**TUESDAY 4TH JULY &**  
**WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY**

DRINKS FROM 6.30PM  
PERFORMANCE 7.00PM



## CELEBRATIONS

# Happy Birthday

Eva H - Nursery

Arlo K - Year 7

Tristan S - Year 6

MP T - Year 6

Zara SW - Year 6



Pre-Prep 

## STARS OF THE WEEK

### Nursery

All of Nursery

### Kindergarten

All of Kindergarten

### Reception

Toto  
Aayat

### Year 1

Louise  
Oscar

### Year 2

Evie

