

The Anselmian



S. Anselm's

2015-2016



“Here at Shrewsbury School we have always been delighted to welcome a talented range of pupils from S. Anselm’s. The quality of the academic tuition, the strong sense of community at S. Anselm’s and the ability get involved in a great variety of activities is the ideal preparation for life at Shrewsbury and beyond. We are very keen indeed to recruit high calibre boys and girls, whose sense of individuality and fun seems to prepare them for life as a Salopian; from our perspective S. Anselm’s is the ideal training ground.”

Mark Turner

Headmaster, Shrewsbury School



Full STEAM Ahead!

S Anselm's this last year has once again grown and developed in the most amazing ways. We made school history by having 2 cousins, George and Arthur Ludlam, as joint Head Boys and they worked as a well-oiled team with their joint Head Girls, Hattie Nieper and Francesca Newton. Once again their speeches both entertained and astounded me with their fluency and confidence.

We celebrated Shakespeare's birthday with a storming production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* as a finale to the year. S. Anselm's welcomed children and staff from schools all over Derbyshire and Sheffield to our Football Training in the Michaelmas Term and then again for our inaugural Children's Literature Festival in May 2016.

Seeing the children sharing the stage with famous actors who thrilled us all with their reading of the children's stories is a memory that has certainly stayed with me. We flipped pancakes on Shrove Tuesday watched by the Mayor of Bakewell, bobbed for sweets in flour on St Anselm's Day, the boarders raided each other's dorms regularly and, at the other end of the spectrum the Chapel Choir brought lumps to our throats time and time again: at Hassop Hall, Haddon Hall, Oxford, Salzburg and obviously in our candlelit Carol Service at the end of the long Michaelmas term.

Children in the Nursery and Pre-Prep continually astound me with their energy and enthusiasm for learning in so many different ways. One of the favourite parts of my week is awarding the Pre-Prep Good Work awards; they read to me and we discuss their pictures or writing and their pride in their achievements fills me with joy. Watching them at play is an essential (and joyful) part of my job and underlines the importance of what we all do here.

The staff have once again outdone themselves in what they have managed to achieve over this past year. Our teaching staff work so hard, turning their talents to numerous activities as well as the excellent teaching we all expect and we all enjoy watching them in so many different contexts – what a talented lot they are. The school has invested a huge amount in upgrading our facilities over the past couple of years with interactive whiteboards in every classroom and iPads underpinning the more traditional methods of teaching which have met with so much success over the years here. We have been planning for, and eagerly anticipating, the opening of our new Innovation Centre and children in all years will learn to code and use the 3D printers which surely are the icing on the cake.

Our facilities and catering teams work tirelessly: shifting classrooms around, painting walls; putting up gazebos; taking down tents; providing cakes, canapés and extras in addition to the children's meals. Their work can be easy to ignore with its seamless blend of support and anticipation but we are all thankful to them for the way they enable us all to work so well with the children.

The reason we are all here and working hard is your children. It is a privilege to enable them to do their very best and achieve their own potential. Once again we had outstanding Common Entrance and scholarship results this year and we are sorry to say goodbye to all our Year 8s. We will miss you and please keep in touch, we really do want to know what happens next...

Peter Phillips
Headmaster

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A Year in Pictures

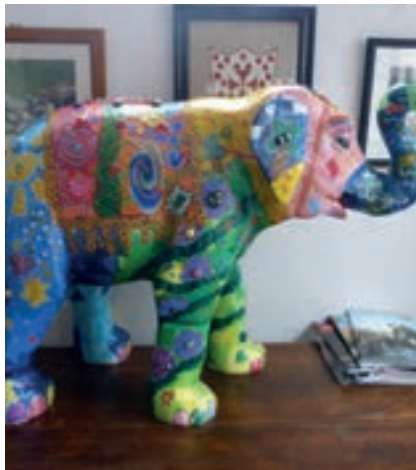




The Year in Pictures

Lent Term







The Year in Pictures

Sports



Location, location, location:
green meadow, glassy river,
those dreaming spires ...
and 'wow' facilities.

TATLER SCHOOLS GUIDE

- 100 acres
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School News And Events



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S. Anselm's Children's Literature Festival

Seventy two pupils from neighbouring schools Monyash, Highfields, Lady Manners, St. Anne's Baslow, Youlgrave and All Saints Matlock visited S. Anselm's on Monday 16th May to take part in our very own literature festival. Pupils from all schools involved, including S. Anselm's, were mixed together in creative writing workshops delivered by writers Chris Wakling and CJ Flood.

The overarching theme of the workshops was 'Truth + Lies = Fiction' and pupils were asked to take a real experience from their lives and then work on it to make it into a work of fiction. Concentration in the workshops was intense and some fine ideas came to the surface. On Tuesday, a further 104 pupils visited us for another series of workshops from the same writers. These pupils were from Pilsley, Walton Holymoorside, Totley Primary, Bakewell Methodist and Arbourthorne schools. All pupils had until Thursday afternoon to complete the final drafts of their stories. They were then entered into our Junior Short Story Competition or our Senior Short Story Competition.

Hargreaves Hall was packed on the Friday night for the presentation of prizes for our short story

competitions, the culmination of our first S. Anselm's Children's Literature Festival. The pupils' stories were judged by a panel of teachers from S. Anselm's, Youlgrave, Totley Primary and Arbourthorne on Thursday evening. The purpose of the event on Friday was to award the prizes and, above all, to celebrate the high quality of the stories submitted.

A jazz trio from The Royal Northern School of Music entertained pupils and parents in the school library before the main event began in Hargreave's Hall. After a description of the week's events, Robert Collins, who has chaired events at various literary festivals, introduced the winners in the junior category. His generous comments to the young writers must have convinced them of their promise. Listening to some of the stories read with brio by actors Samantha Morton and John Schwab



certainly convinced the audience. Congratulations to Delilah Harrop from Youlgrave School, who won the prize with her story 'The Bradford Dam' and also to our own Verity Scroggs whose story 'The Crystal Ball' was runner up. The story 'The Magic Piglet' by Maddy Mycock from Monyash School was also read. It did not scoop a big prize but it charmed all who heard it.

Local author Hilary MacKay then amused us by talking about award ceremonies before continuing our own by announcing the winners in the senior section. Alice Smith from Lady Manners was our 'runner up' in the senior section of the competition. John Schwab's reading of the story really brought it to life. The winning story was 'The Clan's Witch' by our very own Tom Hayward-Stott and, as read by Samantha Morton, it moved all who heard it. The evening ended with a book signing by Hilary MacKay and another chance to raid the book stall provided by Rhyme and Reason.

Our first festival was well attended and enjoyed by everyone. We look forward to building on this success in the future. 📖





LAMDA

Congratulations to all pupils who passed their Lamda examinations in September. The London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art began offering speech & drama examinations in the 1880s seeking to improve standards in communication and foster an appreciation of literature. Pupils continue to enjoy a 100% pass rate with all candidates receiving a merit or distinction. Junior Forms learn poems & practise saying these with excellent diction & clear modulation. Senior forms study poetry and, from Grade two

onwards, prose, in small groups. They are encouraged to look closely at the mood of their pieces and bring this across in examinations using facial & vocal play. All candidates look closely at interpretation, technique and knowledge and put these together to bring energy and understanding to the pieces they learn. 🎭

To enrol in Lamda or find out more about speaking of verse & prose graded examinations please email Mrs Hettie Beetham helen@learningthroughdrama.co.uk.

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Library 2016

The S. Anselm's Reading Award scheme has proved to be incredibly popular this year with lots of children in Year 4 and above earning their bronze, silver and gold certificates. The recently refurbished Library House Cup was awarded at the end of term to Nelson - quite clearly the House with the most prolific readers - although there was stiff competition from runners-up Pitts.

The library has held several competitions over the course of the year including designing a new National Book Token, designing a new S. Anselm's book mark, regular library hunt quizzes and voting for book of the term. Nicola Stansfield's winning book mark design was printed and presented inside prizes at the end of year Speech Day.

The library has rapidly become a showcase for school art work as well as the focal point for displaying childrens' extreme reading from the Easter holidays and monthly updated information on the author of the month. It has been a pleasure to host a steadily growing parents' book club in the library too.

We held a book fayre and book swap to celebrate World Book Day in March and a party to celebrate William Shakespeare's 400th birthday in April. With the addition of many new books, more newspapers and periodicals and the recruitment of more prefects to help manage the day to day running of the library, the library continues to be a lively and stimulating place for the children to be. 📖



Bonfire Night Charity Stalls

For the third consecutive year, the pupils in each house used their creative skills to run a variety of stalls to raise money for their chosen charities.

During lunch break the children excitedly set up their stalls with a variety of home-made items, competitions and games. New ideas for this year included face-painting, freshly cooked popcorn and a chocolate fountain! After the first steeple chase had been completed, the stalls opened which led to a frenzy of shoppers visiting the different stalls and generously donating money.

The children worked well together and thought carefully about pricing and advertising. It was a delight to see so many enthusiastic pupils running the stalls and there are clearly some budding entrepreneurs amongst us. Lord Sugar would be impressed! 🍷

Money Raised

PITTS 🍷

£174.00 for Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice

WELLIES 🍷

£126.59 for Sheffield Children's Hospital

NELSONS 🍷

£170.14 for Red Cross

CHURCHILLS 🍷

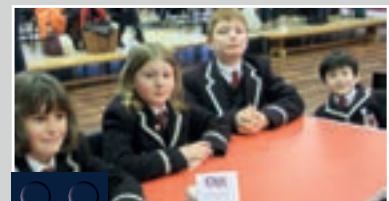
£77.67 local charity still to be decided

Thank you to all the children, parents and teachers who helped make the afternoon so enjoyable! LRF



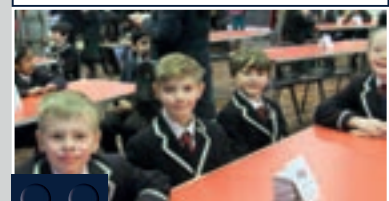
Quiz Club

Once again we sent two teams of four children from Years 3-6 to the area heat of the National General Knowledge Quiz Championship, held at Ashdell School in Sheffield. Quick thinkers with nerves of steel, our team members performed extremely well, coping with demanding questions and stiff opposition. All eight children much enjoyed the experience and look forward to more quizzes in the future. Many thanks indeed to the teams and also to their parents who encouraged and supported them! 🍷



Team 1

Nicola S
William H
Grace C-C
James S



Team 2

Hector M
Libby C
Charlie B
Freddie H



S. Anselm's First Fun Pet and Dog Show

On Thursday 7th July S. Anselm's School in Bakewell welcomed pupils' dogs and pets for its first ever fun dog and pet show.

It was a great fun event to round off an amazing year for the school.



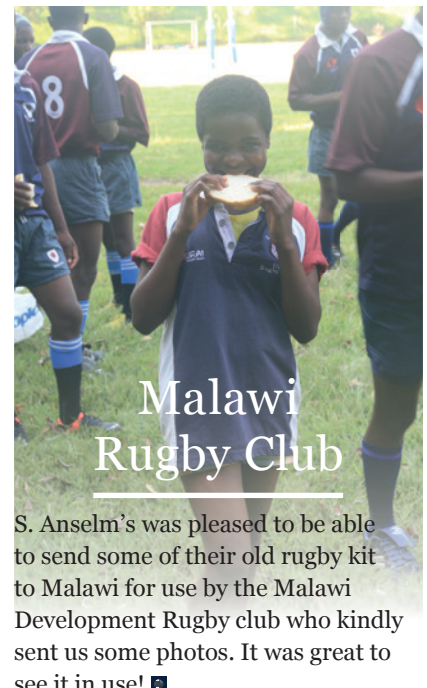
Kindly supported by Bakewell Vets there were 7 classes for the dogs including Lookey-Likey and Waggiest Tail culminating in a Best of Show for the dog the vet judges would most like to take home.

With over 70 dogs joining in the fun it was a surprisingly harmonious and quiet morning.

Parents could buy bacon butties provided by S. Anselm's College, coffee from Jolly's Citroen van and

vital supplies from Bakewell Pet Store with all entrants receiving a beautiful Well Done rosette.

As well as all the dogs, other pets including spiders, gerbils, tortoises and even a Boa Constrictor came to see and be seen with judging again by the ever resourceful Bakewell Vets. Demonstrations included gun dogs showing off their skills and Peter Haslam with his fantastically amusing and clever dog and duck display. It was a great fun event to round off an amazing year for the school. 🐾



Malawi Rugby Club

S. Anselm's was pleased to be able to send some of their old rugby kit to Malawi for use by the Malawi Development Rugby club who kindly sent us some photos. It was great to see it in use! 🏉



Ski Trip

Saturday, 16th January

It was an early start on an icy Saturday morning but the children were raring to go for the Ski Trip to Tignes 2016. We arrived at Birmingham Airport with plenty of time to spare allowing for a hearty breakfast or for most an early Burger King. The flight was enjoyable with many games of Othello and cards and then the long but picturesque coach journey through the Alps to Tignes. We arrived in Val Claret at L'Oree du Lac, our home and shelter for the next week. We were welcomed by Melvin and Meladie, our very nice French hosts. A refreshing drink and cake and it was on to the ski rental hire. While one group was donning the boots the others were having a friendly snowball fight. Back for the food, which we have to say was absolutely delicious. As we walked into the dining room fires were lit on the tables and out came bowls of melted cheese, cured meats and breads. The fondue went down a treat with exotic fruit ice cream for dessert. An early night was much needed ready for skiing the next morning.

Sunday, 17th January

Wake up was brisk with everyone scrambling for their thermals, it had been snowing lightly since we arrived which made for the most wonderful first day. The 5 instructors had a good look at everyone and the groups were formed. We all could not believe how well they all skied, the technique in the top group was staggering and with the beginners finding their feet the other 3 groups spent the morning flying around the L'Espace Killy. We all met for a hot lunch at the hotel, Moussaka was on the menu. Well done to the senior boys who managed to finish a whole tray between them. Back out warm and full for a fabulous afternoon with glimpses of sun, despite it being a chilly -12. The skiing

was over in le Breviere down by the dam which was warmer in the tree cover.

We all met with smiles on our faces and many a story to tell after the first day's skiing. A beautiful lasagne for starter and a fishy main with creme brûlée for dessert. This was the perfect meal, clean plates were plentiful and we donned our swimming gear, a free asset with the ski pass. It was great fun, racing on the slides, volleyball and playing around. We headed back on the bus to Val Claret for dress down and a good night's sleep with plenty more skiing to look forward to.

Monday, 18th January

We woke up today to glorious sunshine and a fantastic view of the French Alps. After a hearty breakfast the Anselm's crew donned their ski attire and walked the short distance to the ski school. It was a pleasant session (with no sign of the previous day's chilly wind) followed by a well-deserved lunch break. Another excellent session followed in the afternoon. Mention must be made of Max H, who was the most improved skier of the day. Daisy L managed to get her tongue frozen to a ski lift bar and had to be yanked off! Dinner and a chilled evening followed with a table football competition. Well done to Florence T and Tilly G who won the plate competition and Thomas H and Colin W who won the cup! Another fantastic day in Tignes.

Tuesday, 19th January

We opened the curtains and there was yet more snow and grey skies. Such a sight didn't deter our intrepid skiers - layered up they gobbled breakfast and then hit the slopes with their instructors - Isabelle, Vincent, Cecil and Denis. The beginners worked on techniques: stopping being essential



and they were coaxed away from snow plough and into parallel. The more daring and experienced turned their attention to off piste in the fabulous fresh powder. There were a few inevitable pile ups but most of these were initiated by the S. A. staff trying to keep up with the pupils who excelled in showing them how it should've been done. By evening all were shattered but a wonderful chicken tea perked up the children for a relaxing film night- the juniors on 101 Dalmatians and the seniors on an educational version of Casino Royale in French!

Our penultimate day started with bright sunshine and it lasted all day long. Brilliant!



Wednesday, 20th January

Sunny skies were welcomed and off we set, enjoying the fresh snow which had fallen overnight. All 4 groups now explored this vast ski area- given the fantastic weather and the improved skills which could be witnessed at all levels. Tignes, la Daille and Val D' Isere were all targeted and plenty of ground was covered.

The day's highlight was undoubtedly the Snow Park. Here, much to the delight (and envy) of the teachers, all 29 children flew over the jumps with style, finesse and confidence. It was

a great sight to be seen and we have plenty of footage and photos as proof! The evening was spent exploring Tignes le Lac. The boys inevitably found a Creperie while the girls enjoyed the retail therapy.

Thursday, 21st January

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It was chance now for the more advanced groups to whiz down the slalom course. In fact three of the four groups skied down the steep run but with just the top two recording a time. The teachers and the instructors were quite taken aback with the speed and agility on display - the children raced hell for leather, gliding down with confidence and perfect turns.

The sunshine also encouraged everyone to have a play: it was back to the snow park for more jumps and a visit to another area for table jumps. Again vast areas of the ski resort were visited.

The evening's entertainment started with a bus ride back to Tignes le Lac for a sports hall session: football, netball, table tennis, badminton and even a 50 m track race were all on the agenda! On return we were re-energised with yet another lovely meal before we were transported into a realm of spectacle and mystery by Flo, the hotelier by day and magician

by night. The children were in awe and were left wondering about how to re-enact the tricks for their friends on their return.

Friday 22nd January

For the last day of skiing, we had prepared a treat. Many of the children had brought silly hats and onesies with them to wear on this day and we hit the slopes of Tignes looking more like a zoo than a prep school! Everyone had the chance to go on their favourite pistes one last time and to show off their improved skills. It was amazing to see just how much everyone had come along, but it was Denis' bottom group that was the most improved. After returning all rented equipment to the shop and waving goodbye to the instructors we settled back into the hotel saloon and had the awards evening. Each child was presented their ski badge and award from a teacher, who summarised the progress they had made and mentioned any notable events. Everyone then went to do some packing and then prepared themselves and headed downstairs for the disco, with DJ Melvin laying the beats!

Saturday 23rd January

After an early start and some breakfast we waved goodbye to the lovely hotel staff and set off on our way with a packed lunch. The tiredness began to show, as many snoozed through the coach rides and the flight. We all returned to Bakewell safe and sound, with massive smiles on our faces and dozens of stories to tell. It truly was an amazing week's skiing with fantastic conditions and we really look forward to exploring some more of Tignes next year. ■



Arvon Foundation

On Monday 29th February, fifteen pupils and two teachers (Mr Carr and Mrs Elvin) took the train from Chesterfield to Devon for our week-long writing workshop at the Arvon Foundation's centre at Totleigh Barton. The trip down and across much of the country was surprisingly easy and, for the duration of the journey, it was delightful to see the pupils reading and writing with such enthusiasm.

We were met by our hosts Eliza and Mary and after being briefed about how Totleigh Barton works, we were introduced to our two tutors for the week: the novelist Tiffany Murray and the poet Nick Makoha.

We started Tuesday morning with a ninety minute workshop delivered by Tiffany, followed by our workshop with Nick. It was clear from the outset that we were all expected to work hard this week to improve the quality of our writing. Two things we learned immediately were:

1. The definition of insanity is doing the same things repeatedly and expecting different results.
2. Human Truth + Imagery = Poetry

On Tuesday afternoon, pupils had tutorials or went for a walk before

cooking supper. In the evening, Nick and Tiffany read to us from their published work and we gained insight into their interests and output as writers.

Tiffany delivered a marathon workshop session on Wednesday morning, split into three sections with two breaks to rest or aching hands and brains. She gave us a whole range of things to do including a number of tasks we were to take away and complete in our free time. In the afternoon, pupils gathered in the barn to complete these tasks and then to write, to read, to play the piano or ukulele or just to relax and chat.

After supper, poet Matt Harvey entertained us in the barn with his hilarious poetry, prose and stand-up, all of which was eagerly

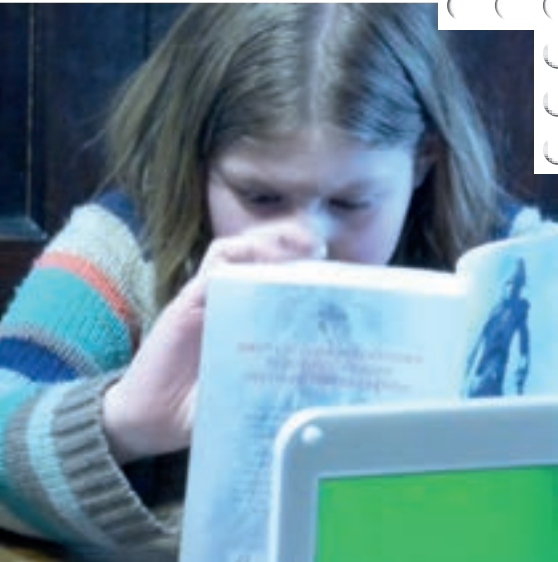


received. Several pupils bought copies of his poetry books at the end of his session before returning to bed tired but happy.

On Thursday morning, after some competitive pancake making - resulting in chocolate and cinnamon pancakes for all - we sat down to our morning session with Nick. Each pupil brought along six poetry books of their choice and a poem that they wished to share with the group. We dipped into our chosen books, and those of our neighbours, extracting two lines from each. Then we used these lines to create a pastiche of our chosen poem. We also introduced images taken from postcards (a collection of images published by Magnum). This was a challenging session and we all had to face the realisation that writing poetry is a difficult business requiring tenacity and perseverance as well as inspiration. The level of work and response was outstanding.

On Thursday afternoon, the pupils who had no tutorials with Nick continued to work in the poetry library or the barn. The remainder of pupils walked into the local village of Sheep Wash in search of chocolate at the village shop. After supper, we headed to the barn with a some writing we wanted to share with our classmates. Quite a variety of poetry and prose was read out and we all enjoyed listening to each other's choices.





On Friday, we all worked hard to finish the writing assignments we had been set by the tutors. We did a wonderful piece of writing for Tiffany about our backgrounds. Then we drew a map of a childhood spot to use as the basis of a piece of writing. Nick's session saw us complete the pastiche poems we started earlier in the week. As intended, the poems came as a revelation when they were finally read out and we realised that we had actually been sitting in a room full of poets all week.

On Friday afternoon, everyone completed their contributions for the secret writing box and for our anthology. Then most pupils joined Mrs Elvin for a walk and to scavenge for chocolate in nearby habitations. In the evening, we all retired to the barn to read the best of what we had written this week. It was a joyous occasion and everyone felt justifiably proud of their hard work throughout the week.

On Saturday morning, it was with heavy hearts that we said farewell to Tiffany, to Nick and to Tottleigh Barton. We had a wonderful week.

There will be a trip to the Arvon Foundation's Shropshire base (the Hurst) next year. ■



Girls' Trip to watch England vs Australia Netball International

On Wednesday 20th January a party of Year 7 and 8 girls, along with the junior boarders went to watch the first of the England versus Australia tri series netball matches, at the Echo Arena, Liverpool.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed watching the fast, action-packed game and soaking up the atmosphere in this top class venue and at first our team held their own against Australia, who are currently ranked best in the world at netball. The score at quarter time saw us trailing by one goal and by two at half time, but by the end of the game the southern hemisphere giants, spurred on by Mrs Elvin's kangaroo mascot 'Kylie' proved to be too slick with the final score being Australia

58, England 52. After the teams had warmed down there was an opportunity for the supporters to collect autographs from them, which our girls relished and proved to be very adept at. All in all a great way to spend a Wednesday evening, we will definitely look to make this an annual event. Thanks to the girls for being such a pleasure to take out for the evening and to the other staff who helped me with the trip.
*Donna Brailich –
Director of Sport*

S. Anselm's Day 2016



Every two years S. Anselm's School takes a day off timetable to celebrate S. Anselm's Day. This year was another spectacular event with the children enjoying activities and pastimes of those who lived in c. 1033 – 1109. Morning registration saw the whole School dressed up in Medieval clothing from Kings and Queens, Knights and Jesters to Peasants and Executioners.

Form 8W introduced the day with a superb assembly on the key events from the Middle Ages, including Agincourt, the Black Death, the Battle of Hastings, Thomas Beckett, the Peasants' Revolt and the Crusades. It included little sketches and some interesting facts.

Did you know that the Battle of Hastings actually consisted of three battles?

Fulford Gate (Saxons v Vikings);
Stamford Bridge (Saxons v Vikings)
and Hastings (Normans v Saxons).

Flora K played the Oboe, or as it was called in medieval times the 'shawm', before Mr Percival had us all singing a

medieval song with gusto in around. We had Form time after assembly where each form designed a section of the S. Anselm's Bayeux Tapestry which was put together by Mrs Bennion and her team. Each year group was given a theme including Teachers, Houses, Buildings, Sports, Curriculum, History of the School and Pre Prep. These sections, which consisted of material and acrylic paint and fine liners have been sewn together to produce a 12m tapestry!

At 10.00am, dressed in our colourful and decorative garments, we took to Stanedge Road on our way to Church. Mrs Seddon and Canon Tony prepared a wonderful service, which included the Lord's Prayer in Latin,

exactly as S. Anselm would have read it during his time. Thomas H read S. Anselm's Prayer and the Year 8s all read their individual readings well. 'I Vow to Thee' was sung with gusto before we headed back up to School for break.

After break there was a timetable of events led by enthusiastic teachers and external staff. We had Medieval Dancing with Mr Percival, Mr Robinson, Mrs Dinnigan and Madame Scroggs. The boys and girls were learning the routines and individual moves. They came away far wiser and in a cheerful mood after throwing some medieval shapes on the dance floor. There were medieval games with Mrs Brailich, Mrs Scott and



with both Year 6 and Kinder, who were the best at stilt walking.

After much activity and excitement the boys and girls were ready for lunch. The pig was on the spit as we enjoyed a Hog Roast courtesy of New Close Farm in Bakewell. A delicious feast for all. Some of the Year 8s didn't want to waste any of the pig and so took away the ears and tail for consumption.

Incredibly in those days a full set of armour would have set you back about £300,000!!!



Miss Renshaw, which involved apple bobbing and sweet bobbing in flour. This was concluded with a great game of splat the rat, kindly constructed by Mr Scroggs.

No medieval carnival would be complete without stilt walkers, so the children got the opportunity to build and try out their own classic stilts. Before we started, Mr Wood made it look easy by having a leisurely stroll around on his stilts but it did not come this naturally to everyone! During the sessions, Miss Flack helped the groups construct the stilts in the DT room by using a power drill to screw in the foot blocks. Once complete, the groups had a go on the stilts and also tried out a few old fashioned games, such as juggling and plate spinning. It was tricky for most to not only keep balance, but to move the stilts using their hands and not their feet. Working in pairs seemed to be the best way to overcome it, as a partner could keep the stilts steady until the rider had got used to using them. We were particularly impressed

In Science, the children were introduced to the wonders of Alchemy. Alchemy is medieval chemistry which was based around the four elements of the world; Earth, Fire, Water and Air. Most alchemist spent their days trying to turn lead into gold, and to create the Elixir of Life. Although we were unable to produce any gold ourselves (much like the original alchemists!) we have managed to create lots of magical and mystical chemistry experiments. The children saw Miss Howes turn water into wine, burn lots of different metal compounds to produce lovely coloured flames, make cannon fire and even set herself and other teachers on fire! Each session ended on a bang, with Mr Watt creating his own mini hydrogen explosion. Tom, the knight, returned to entertain the Pre-Prep and the whole school, dressing up a lucky teacher or older child each time in full armour explaining much about the battle and life back in the middle ages. It was fascinating hearing about where much of our language comes from today and incredibly in those

days a full set of armour would have set you back about £300,000!!! The children in Year 1 embraced the opportunity to dress up as their favourite princesses, noble kings and fierce knights. Over the course of the day we made medieval gingerbread, created our own coats of arms thinking about the meaning of each colour, printed handprint castles and built our own castles using sandpaper. On reflection the children agreed that gingerbread today is much nicer than it used to be and our clothes are far more comfortable, however we really would like to live in our own castles! A delightful day was had by all.

We brought in our very own Robin Hood. The children had a slot where they learnt about the medieval art of archery. Not only did they get to fire a longbow, shortbow and other bows, they also understood and saw how in battle the archers would fire hundreds of thousands of arrows into the air to create a wave of death on the enemy. Interesting and exciting and with arrows flying across bottom field we kept well clear! The purpose of the day was to learn about S. Anselm and his time and so the iPads were put to good use with a medieval research and quiz in the library with Mr Carr, Miss Wooley and Mrs Taylor.

At 16.15 we had a demonstration from the Archers before all gathering in the Sports Hall for the finale. The House Tug O' War. We had a junior and senior competition where the strongest and finest athletes from each year group, one boy and one girl, were selected to represent their Houses. Congratulations to Churchills who won the Junior Tug o' War and to Nelsons who beat Churchills in the final of the Senior Tug. The winners had to then have one final tug against Kinder who were waiting for the finalists. In the end and with much cheering Kinder's weight and strength prevailed and they claimed the victory.

A very successful and enjoyable day. ■



Wales Year 6 Trip

Year 6 headed off to Ogwen Cottage, Capel Curig in North Wales first thing on Monday morning unsure of what lay ahead, full of expectation and anticipation as well as a healthy dollop of trepidation and apprehension.

Snowdonia is an area known for its rugged mountainous beauty and is not to be taken lightly. Indeed it has been the training location for numerous attempts on Everest including Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay. Our base was Ogwen Cottage at the end of Llyn Ogwen, a very popular starting point for some wonderful walks including the Glyderau and Tryfan.

We arrived at Ogwen Cottage early on Monday afternoon and were greeted by our instructors for the week; Dan, Helen, Ian and Will. After a quick introduction and tour of the centre it was quickly into the activities as each group did what they called the 'jog and dip'. After a brisk jog everybody went to the side of Llyn Ogwen where they then entered the very cold water, some more willingly than others!

After drying off and putting on some warm clothes, the children went for a wander from the cottage through Tin Can Alley, and up onto the hills nearby. As we walked, the instructors explained about the rock formations, and various bits of flora. We were given some plants that were edible, and after most had tried them it was decided that it tasted distinctly like cucumber or some thought apples!

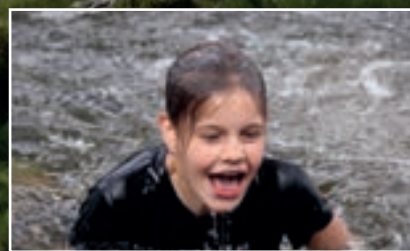
Prior to arriving, the year group had been split into three separate groups, Mason, Jones and James groups. On Tuesday morning each group did different activities. Mason group headed to Afon Ddu for some gorge walking where they scrambled up the gorge, through plunge pools and climbing, with the aid of ropes up some steep sides. That afternoon, the group packed their expedition

rucksacks with food, waterproofs, tents and sleeping bags and prepared themselves for an overnight wild camp. We walked from the centre to Llyn Idwal which lies just beneath the spectacular mountains of Glyder Fawr, Glyder Fach and Y Garn and in sight of the mythical Devil's Kitchen. We walked from Llyn Idwal and up the steep side of Y Garn to a flat area next to a small llyn half way up the mountain. The walk up was tough but the view that greeted us that evening was truly stunning and one that everybody there will remember. Tents were erected, food cooked and stories told - it was a lovely evening! Early the next morning the winds that were forecast picked up. We quickly struck camp, had breakfast and headed down. The weather was certainly against us at this point but everybody persevered. In the afternoon they took part in some team-building exercises at the centre where they developed their ability to work together and listen to each other's ideas.

James team headed off to Llyn Padarn for a morning of canoeing. We tied six boats into groups of three and then headed out on the lake. Each boat had a captain who was in charge of making sure everyone paddled in

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the right direction! As it started to rain a little, the team moored up in the cover of some trees and had our lunch. We then canoed back where we had parked the minibus, and as a team managed to carefully put all the canoes away. It was then that Will announced we would have the opportunity to get wet again (which almost all team members took!) and we were allowed to jump off the jetty into the water. That evening we packed our bags (that were almost the same size as some team members!) ready for a night of wild camping. After climbing up Tryfan for an hour or so, we reached our campsite (just over the hill from another team) next to Llyn Bochlywd. We quickly set our tents up, cooked dinner, and then huddled down for the night, as it was pretty chilly up the mountain side!

Jones group worked as a team to fight against the elements on a very testing Expedition. On Tuesday morning we spent time preparing carefully, there was a lot to fit into the large rucksacks and everything had to be remembered and precautions taken against getting spare clothes and sleeping bags wet. Tents and stoves were divided amongst the group. Jones group set off late morning on Tuesday and climbed up to the lake just below Tryfan. Heavy rucksacks were hidden beneath rocks and essentials were transferred to day rucksacks. Team

Jones then ascended Tryfan. This was a fantastic achievement. For a number of the group, this was their first mountain. The ascent required scrambling, the path up the mountain went over boulders so teamwork was required on some tricky sections. 'Spotters' were used to aid friends up the rock. After saying hello to the rocks known as Adam and Eve on the top of Tryfan team Jones descended the mountain. Conditions were poor. Waterproofs and walking boots were no longer waterproof! On reaching the wild campsite we found that conditions were very wet, but we made camp, cooked food and had as good a night's sleep as could be expected! On Wednesday we packed down in torrential rain and made our way back to Ogwen cottage for welcome hot showers. The team of ten pupils worked really well together, they helped each other and showed resilience in the face of adversity.

On Thursday the weather was set fair and the decision to go for the summit of Snowdon was made. Each group would start at slightly different times but with the same aim. We parked at Pen-Y-Pass and walked up the Miner's Track which goes past Llyn Llydaw and Glaslyn before starting up a steep, stepped ascent to a saddle that then passes parallel to the Snowdon Mountain Railway. It was tough going but, as was the case for the whole of

the week, everybody showed great determination, particularly for those facing genuine fears. I was absolutely delighted that everybody managed to summit Snowdon, standing at 1085m, the highest mountain in Wales and England. As we descended the weather started to change and the last hour or so was done in fairly heavy rain.

On the final day, the last challenge was a Tyrolean traverse over a large waterfall. For those that had a fear of heights, this was to be the greatest test. Placing their trust in the instructors, everybody leapt off the side and slid down the rope to the other side - the expressions on the children's faces giving over a raft of emotions from fear to exhilaration.

This was a truly wonderful week where the children learnt so much about themselves. They pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and completed tasks that initially they perhaps felt they were unable to do. The most pleasing thing for me was to see the support that they offered each other. It was very warming to see the way in which they helped each other through difficult situations and it would appear that new friendships were made and others very much strengthened. ■



S. Anselm's Inaugural Fly Fishing Competition

On Saturday evening it looked like we might be fishing on the school field, but by Sunday morning it had become apparent that we were to be blessed by fair weather for the first ever S. Anselm's Fly Fishing Competition. Seventeen keen competitors arrived at Press Manor Fishing Lake at 11 am on Sunday morning to near perfect conditions. Local fishing guide Pete Arfield was on hand to give a casting display. The fish were obviously impressed as they immediately succumbed to dry flies delivered by anglers on the shore. As the day wore on, the fish became more reticent.

Thomas G, fishing from a boat, took two magnificent trout late in the afternoon to ensure that his would be the first name inscribed on our new fishing cup. Congratulations to Thomas. Instruction was available all day and anglers of all abilities benefitted from it. Awards for improvement were awarded by Pete after supper on Sunday. 🐟

Glencoe Year 7 Trip



Monday

After a long journey via 3 stations, a quick jaunt through Glasgow centre and a private coach provided in Glasgow by Network Rail due to Edinburgh's neglect we arrived in Bridge of Orchy where our host Chris met the team. Another short journey led us into the idyllic Glencoe and picture perfect Outdoor Centre. After a brief introduction which included tick advice to some people's horror, dinner was ready, followed by some free-time and a much awaited bed.

Tuesday

After breakfast, four groups were formed and activities included, kayaking, archery, sailing and climbing. The river had risen alarmingly and canyoning was off the menu. The weather at this point was none other than Scotland's finest rain

but, this did not dampen our spirits and all thoroughly enjoyed the very well instructed activities. Mr Carr unfortunately did end up in the lake rather quickly after capsizing his kayak but after a refreshing swim, normality was regained. Inge had an affinity with the bow and undoubtedly had previous training with Katniss Everdeen. After singing Happy Birthday to Ella and a cake appearing, the last thing to appear that day was a tick attached to Will B. A brave soul, the little blighter (not Will) was detached and to Will D's delight, he accrued one the day after!

Wednesday

Ben Nevis day. This most adaptable and experienced Outdoor Centre had determined that the weather on Thursday was not ideal for climbing Ben Nevis therefore, all children made the ascent together on Wednesday. An excellent decision as the weather was perfect - much to our relief. The children were extraordinarily amazing and all reached the summit in good shape after going the hard way unknown to the public which included extremely steep and unrelenting inclines through scree, water and undergrowth. The expedition leader Rona was a lady of capacious knowledge and certainly exuded a non negotiable attitude - you will make it! After some photo opportunities and yet more food the descent was gruelling due to the broken paths and steep inclines leading to a day of sore calves and tight quads (especially Mr Percival!). Bed could not come soon





enough especially for the dedicated Mr Carr who was whisked away by Mr P to resume his directing of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Thursday

The children all seemed to be in tip top condition not showing any signs of wear and tear from Ben Nevis. A full day of activities commenced and after a delicious dinner, it was time for a quiz based on our time in the highlands in which a large amount of information had obviously sunk in.

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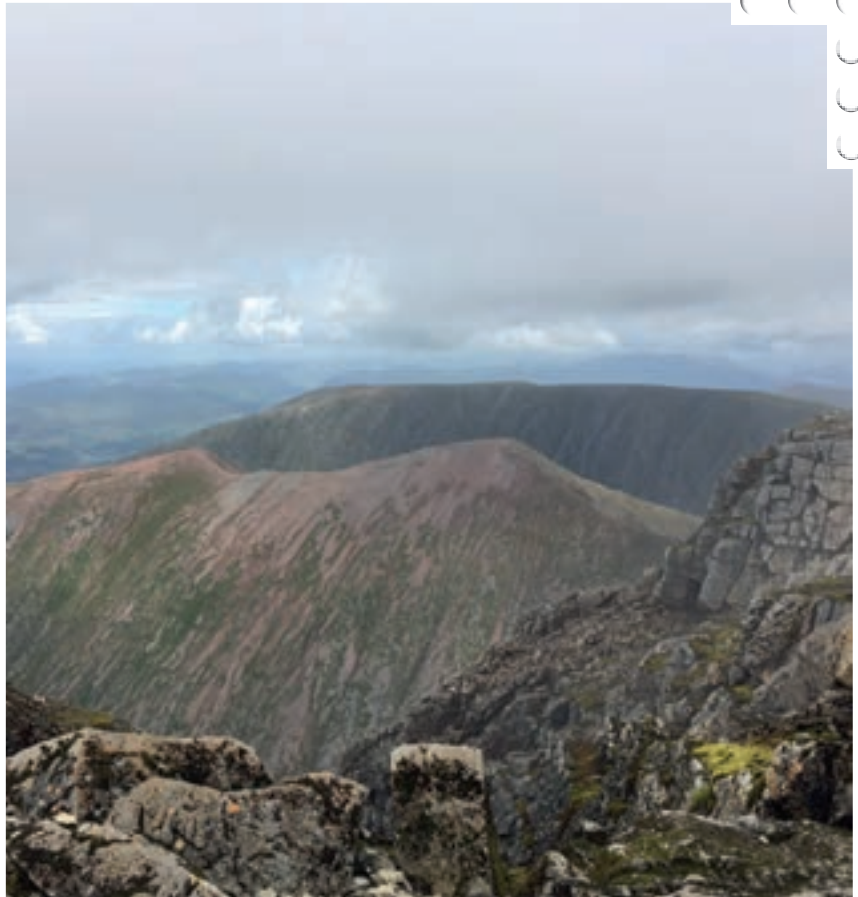


Friday

Again, the staggering stamina of the Year 7s was displayed with them putting huge efforts into their activities. The weather did its best to dent our enthusiasm but in the end, it gave up and allowed the sun to shine. Certificates for reaching the summit of Ben Nevis were awarded to the children by the Glencoe Outdoor Centre after dinner and then packing was underway.

Saturday

Our return journey home was helped with some early tasty bacon rolls at the Centre. After a long journey by rail which started at 9.15am, we arrived shattered at Chesterfield at 5.10pm. An excellent trip was had by all aided by the very patient Glencoe Outdoor Centre, who were most impressed with the determined yet easygoing Year 7s who represented S. Anselm's wonderfully. A big thank you to Miss Clarke and Annabel Spark-Rogstad for their brilliant care of the children. 🙏



Confirmation

We offer our warmest congratulations to Arthur L, Florence T, Annie M, Adam S and George L who were all confirmed in the summer term. The pupils have worked hard for their confirmation preparation by giving up their lunchtimes for classes with Canon Tony. 🙏



S. Anselm's Cycling Club

This year saw the introduction of the S. Anselm's Cycling Club. Each member of the club receives a specially designed merino wool club jersey and winter merino wool hat.

The club meets every Saturday morning and is open to all parents of pupils at the school. Usually there are two groups that head out, one group on mountain bikes ready to brave the amazing singletrack, descents and ascents that the Peak District has to offer and one group who head out on their road bikes.

Incredibly we managed to get a group out riding on every Saturday of the year, with some courageously not being put off by the winter conditions. The routes are always varied from week to week to take in as much of the local area as possible with distances of between 22 and 30 miles. On our return, bacon sandwiches and refreshments are already kindly prepared by the kitchen.

We have passed famous country residences such as Chatsworth, gone through historic villages such as Eyam and headed through valleys and over hills in search of some of the best road riding in the country.

It has been wonderful to see the club rise in numbers as the year has

progressed, from the first 10 to a membership list that now tops 30. Many parents have joined and ridden for the first time in a long time and found that despite the tough early stages, fitness has improved dramatically. Many are now riding in their free time as well as the Saturday morning. ■

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Ukulele Group



The Ukulele group continues to meet every Thursday break time and play with a sense of fun.

We have played in the concert at the church-Bob Dylan's Blowing in the Wind, as well as a Status Quo number in the informal music concert. On some Sunday evenings, at The Boarders Supper, we have provided the entertainment too. ■



Sailing

Arabella Green spent the winter sailing at a National level. She trained with the RYA British Youth Sailing Optimist Midlands Zone Squad in wind speeds of 40 miles an hour, having chipped the ice off her main halyard and put on three pairs of gloves. The RYA optimist training is how Ben Ainslee started out. Attendance requires maintaining high fitness levels, getting on with your colleagues, punctuality, preparing and researching upcoming events and is run like an army boot camp! Not for the faint hearted. Arabella also attended the RYA Powerboat Training. Next step assistant instructor. 🏆



Harriet Nieper Derbyshire and National Hockey Squad

Hattie, our U13 School Hockey Captain, competed in the Junior Development Centre squad for Derbyshire and successfully made it through to the next round which is the U13 Junior Academy Centre. This is part of the England Hockey single system and the JACs replace the country system. She has shown great commitment and enthusiasm for hockey and we wish her well at Repton, now known as the top school for hockey. 🏆

Derbyshire Dales U13 Development Squad 2016 Season

Jack Whawell was selected for the Derbyshire Dales Cricket Development Squad and was praised as being one of the most consistent performers of the squad regularly chipping in with runs and wickets. 🏆

Sabre Fencing

On 14th August 2016 Amelia Blackledge held out to take Gold at the Leon Paul International Sabre U9 event in London. 🏆

Eleanor Blackledge Synchronised Swimming and Fencing Success

On 19th June 2016 Eleanor Blackledge took gold at the North East Region Novice Competition for under 12 SKO, Synchronised swimming. Several years of dedicated training, spending many hours in the water brought success at Spensborough Pool, beating much opposition.

On 12th March 2016 Eleanor Blackledge fought confidently and took gold at the U10 North West Sabre Fencing Youth Championships. Eleanor Blackledge has fought her way through 2016 taking many Gold medals, putting her in first place in the Leon Paul Junior Series for Sabre fencing with a score which cannot now be beaten for 2016. 🏆



Riding

Chloe Heathcote has been riding since she was 14 months old and has a great passion for riding which you can see when she is in the show ring. Chloe has qualified 4 years running for the Royal International Horse Show and Horse of the Year show. Over the years she has been placed 2nd and Reserve and 3rd at the Royal International and has had 2 3rd placings, 7th and a 9th at the Horse of the Year.

This year Chloe qualified for both the Royal International held in July and Horse of the Year held in October on both her ponies: Barkway Moon Fairy (Show pony first ridden) and on Stourton What O in the Mountain and Moorland first ridden along with her brother Harry Heathcote winning and qualifying in the Mountain and Moorland lead rein on the same pony at the Royal Norfolk Show. Chloe has really enjoyed this season and always looks forward to the next challenge.

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Farewells

Few members of staff have had such an impact on S. Anselm's as Sara Taylor, who after a long and distinguished career is now retiring.

A Durham graduate in Modern Languages, Sara came in 1987 and has taught at various times French, Spanish, Latin, Ancient Greek and English, all to Common Entrance or Scholarship level. For several years she was simultaneously Head of Modern Languages, Head of Classics, Director of Studies, and an Inspector for the Independent Schools Inspectorate.

Sara was highly efficient, forward thinking and a multi-tasker. Whether dealing with the bureaucratic demands of the Department for Education and other official bodies, liaising with senior schools or parents, or writing detailed reports on scholarship candidates, her focus was clear and her grasp sure. Besides day-to-day matters and ongoing curriculum development, as Director of Studies she devised and implemented programmes in areas such as Special Needs, the Gifted and Talented, and Objective Assessment. Much of the preparatory work for ISI

inspections was done or co-ordinated by Sara, and her own elevation to ISI was recognition of her abilities.

Sara is also very much an outdoor person and has wide cultural interests. Music, the theatre, and of course literature (in several languages!) are important to Sara and she shared her enthusiasms with the children.

Her drive for academic excellence was no abstract ideal but reflected her overriding desire that every pupil should realise his or her full potential. Generations of pupils, parents and staff owe much to Sara. It is easy to take for granted lists without mistakes, exam timetables which work perfectly, focused meetings followed by succinct minutes, and the collation and useful application of significant educational data.

As we look back on her wonderful career, we thank Sara most warmly for all she has done and we wish her a very happy retirement. ■

It was with sadness that S. Anselm's reported the death of two of its most loyal supporters this last year: Tim Piper and John Boddy.

Tim Piper was Headmaster of the School between 1967 and 1994, succeeding his father and having been at the school himself. He spearheaded the introduction of girls, the levelling of top field and the development of the school into a Trust. He is remembered by many former pupils and his legacy to the school lives on.

John Boddy was a pupil at S. Anselm's from 1948-1953 going on to Stowe school afterwards. He joined the governing body of the school during Tim Piper's Headmastership, oversaw the appointment of three subsequent Headmasters, and retired as a governor in 2014 after 40 years. He was a great contributor to discussions, a loyal supporter of the school and a wise counsel to all of the governors who worked alongside him. He will be greatly missed. ■



Boarding





Boarding at S. Anselm's 2015- 2016

Boarding remains at the heart of school life and the way in which the children embrace being away from home to sleep over at school with their friends is wonderful.

However, it is not so surprising that S. Anselm's is able to attract so many boarders. You just need to speak to some of the many alumni who turn up to Speech Days and OA Days as well as popping in when they are in the area to hear what a magical place it is. They frequently tell of their fond memories in the boarding house as well as on the sports field and in the classroom. They recount stories of old and are surprised when they see teachers such as Mr Price, teacher of Latin, still

walking up and down the corridors; a flashback for many from their younger days. Not least there is an incredible atmosphere in the boarding house and this is really testament to the last four years with Mr and Mrs Phillips and the committed boarding team. Sunday Suppers are ever more popular with parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and siblings enjoying every opportunity to come and catch up with the boarders. Often there are great stories to tell from the busy school life and boarding weekends.

Flexi-boarding is at an all-time high and what they add to the boarding houses is more energy, individuality and fun. As the Flexi-boarders arrive with a little overnight bag it is great to see their excitement as they run up the stairs to their dorms saying farewell to their parents who have dropped them in. The wall size maps in the dorms have been a welcome addition as the bags land on the

bed before they then either join the boarders for breakfast or head on to registration. It is the family feel to the boarding house that makes everyone feel so welcome and with many of the activities open to all there is no age hierarchy. All boarders are only too happy to socialise with each other and lend a helping hand or advice to their peers. It really does allow the children to express themselves, to grow up in a safe, familial environment and beyond all it is a place where children really can be children.

The year begins with the boarders arriving with their families and suitcases the evening before term starts in order to get settled and ready for the term ahead. Big grins on the faces as the children rush through the door to find out which dorm they are in and with whom. The dorm lists are kept secret until the first day of term and are changed termly to allow different bonds to develop throughout



the house. Living with others requires levels of tolerance and respect, which is evident in the House. The Junior boarders, who consist of Years 3 – 6, share dorms and are very well looked after by our Matrons Miss Walker and Mrs Sheldon and of course our very own School Nurse Mrs Seddon. It is too easy to underestimate the caring nature of our boarders. It was lovely to see Year 6 Sammy Unsworth reading to the younger boarders before lights out and Kyle Connor rushing off to remind his little protégé Goodluck to remember to brush his teeth before School.

Some may believe that children can be too young to board and maybe this is true of old however, nowadays the flexibility in boarding certainly has many advantages. Flexi-boarding allows many parents to relieve themselves of constant pestering from their children to come in and board, as stories fly around school after the great evening and weekend activities the boarders enjoy. Parents can remain assured that their children will be well looked after by the many boarding staff on site and this is reflected in our recent Boarding Inspection. For many, routine in boarding is crucial. With an hour of teacher supervised prep for the seniors and half an hour for the juniors help is on hand. This is followed by a good healthy hot supper served by the head of the table and followed by 20 minutes music practice or reading and then activities before bedtime. This is something parents could only dream of cramming into an evening by the time they have got back from work.

The weekend activities range greatly each year and are often weather dependent. The children have a lot of input into the activities we do at school and this comes through the Boarders Committee Meetings. Accompanied with crisps and lemonade a boy and girl who have been nominated as their year group's spokesperson, we discuss current routine, activities, house regulations, dorms, friendships and food. From experience it is great to have that

mix during such a busy term. There are some high intensity weekend activities such as paintball and at Planet Jump, which was completely new to me as the boarders have around a trampoline park with over 200 trampolines performing stunts, backflips and twists into a pool of soft balls. It seemed hot work but very enjoyable!

Mrs Taylor's Sunday walks have remained ever popular and we all enjoy heading into the countryside to explore the many nearby forests and trails. From climbing trees to bouldering, the Peak District has some of the most spectacular walks and edges. The children come bounding back rosy cheeked and full of excitement. Then there are the more relaxed and creative weekends. These are often required after a hectic week or towards the end of a term where the children visit the cinema to see the latest release or enjoy some free time in the wonderful grounds we have at school. Children are able to go outside to play tennis on the courts, cricket in the nets, music in the music department or read in the new library. Last year we had some special visits,

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not least from Bob Hartman who is a children's biblical author. This was a very special evening, in particular for the Junior boys and Miss Walker who were familiar with his quirky and enjoyable tales from their bedtime stories. We sat in the new library, in a circle as he told an amusing Biblical story with animations getting boarders young and old involved.

The amount of time the boarding staff put into the boarding activities and pastoral care is quite outstanding. We have some very memorable occasions where the children and staff really get into the spirit of boarding. Each year the Boarders' Feast is absolutely one of the best nights of the year, teachers and children can all let their hair down and thoroughly enjoy the delicious feast prepared by the dedicated kitchen ladies. The profiterole eating competition was won this year, again by William Dobson! A tremendous effort and we eagerly look forward to seeing if he can make it three years out of three or whether his mantle will be passed onto a younger generation of boarder. Much singing and acting is performed and huge and much deserved thanks are given to the many staff who help out throughout the year.

Halloween Night is much celebrated at S. Anselm's with the Zombie Chase. Last year, 65 boarders joined in, some petrified and others putting on brave faces as they received the news that: "Zombies have taken over the school. You must act quickly if you want to find the cure. Clues have been left around the school where humans once were before the zombies got them. You must piece together the information to solve the puzzle. Each clue has some information that must be remembered and also the location of the next clue. The Doctor is trying to find a cure so he will need to ask you questions about the zombie attack. He has a secret laboratory that you must find once you have all the clues. Good luck." The following two hours was spent as groups of petrified children shrieked and ran around the school grounds trying to avoid the mysterious and rather gruesome



From golf days
to go karting
and from
sailing regattas
to camping
there really is
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looking monsters (staff). Fortunately everyone made it through the attack and found the clues which in turn earned them the cure (sweets) they needed to survive.

This year we had a fun-fuelled evening on Robert Burns' Night as haggis, neeps and tatties were enjoyed followed by an energetic evening with a Ceilidh Band. Miss Walker, in her much loved Scottish accent, addressed the Haggis after we had all been 'piped' into the Dining Hall by Mr Phillips and Master Longstaff. It was a memorable night and the children thoroughly enjoyed the address to the lassies and reply to the laddies. It is these sorts of occasions which make it so magical. We are always amazed by the children and the way in which they conduct themselves on the big stage. Readings in church, play productions, singing in the choir, readings at Remembrance Service and speeches at Speech Day are just a handful of the many occasions our pupils get to shine in front of audiences. They ooze confidence yet remain so modest, which is endearing and skilful in today's world.

This year the children have also been involved in a debating evening. The children were given four days in which to research and prepare their speeches. The motion for this debate was "This House believes that Britain should remain in the EU". After some inspirational speeches and a candlelit dinner the panel believed that it was the opposition who spoke best. It just so happens that Britain did decide to leave the EU!

On our doorstep in the heart of the Peak District National Park we are so lucky to have such beautiful countryside and attractions. Haddon Hall and Chatsworth House have always welcomed us for events and indeed have enjoyed having the Boarders on a Sunday at their special events. The boarders had a wonderful day at Chatsworth making art with Mrs Bennion and Laura Ellen Bacon, a local artist, using only natural materials found in the surrounding gardens. This along with looking around this year's Toad of Toad Hall themed decoration in the House and a run round the gardens and through the maze was great fun. At Haddon Hall this year we have enjoyed listening to the choir perform in the old chapel. On the same weekend the boarders learned much about Tudor dancing and life as a medieval re-enactment took us back in time.

From golf days to go karting and from sailing regattas to camping there really is something for everyone. Boarding is so popular at S. Anselm's and it is down to the hard work and enthusiasm of the staff. Mrs Brailich and her family have made a huge impact in the boarding and the girls' side is equally flourishing. This has also been testament to the time Miss Phillips and Miss Southam have put in. On the boys' side Mr Mortimer has been an inspiration to many boarders and we are delighted to welcome Mr Watt into the boys' boarding. His mountain biking expeditions are very popular and his help in the lead up to exams has been invaluable. Here is to another great year with more lifelong friendships and memories to be made. ■

Houses



S. Anselm's



Churchills

Churchills has once again had a year to remember and has shown strength across the board. Having reviewed the year and looked at the results from all of the house competitions and the accumulation of House points, it is no wonder Churchill's was once again victorious in the annual House competition.

Churchills has also raised much needed funds for our chosen charity. In the Lent term we welcomed members of the Chesterfield Salvation Army who gave us a talk on the importance of their role and how they help those less fortunate than ourselves. We were delighted to be able to present them with a cheque for £240 raised by the House. ■

Highlights of the year

- Churchill's win the House Shout with a fantastic rendition of Do Re Mi from The Sound of Music. This was perhaps trumped by a very energetic Don't Stop Me Now by Queen which featured a solo from Isaac B.
- Churchill's are overall winners of the swimming gala, receiving the Anderson swimming cup. We won the Pre-prep and middle galas and came second in both the Junior and Senior Galas.
- Churchill's are overall winners of the Brailich Hill run with both the boys and girls winning their events.
- Churchill's win the Senior girls hockey.
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- There were notable performances in the boys cricket where we came second in both the Juniors and Seniors.





Nelsons



As a house we had great fun busting some moves in preparation for the house shout. Freddie Hickman taking centre stage as John Travolta in 'Stayin Alive'.



This year Gabby Harper and Matthew Williams have led the house well. Gabby's first challenge was to invite the Red Cross area representative in to talk to the children about where their money may go.

Over the year the house raised a tremendous amount from many events including cake stalls, busking and book stalls to name a few. The Nelsons children are budding entrepreneurs, each child was given a pound coin and they had to find a way to make as much profit as possible. Some bought a sponge to wash cars, others bought petrol to cut their neighbours grass. These skills were demonstrated again during the S. Anselm's Pet show when Kyle Connor and Josh Nuttall were superb at negotiating and getting the best price for the many sale items.

As a house we had great fun busting some moves in preparation for the house shout. Freddie Hickman taking centre stage as John Travolta in 'Stayin Alive'. Charlotte Williams played a wonderful Maria in the compulsory 'Do Re Mi' she sang beautifully and for this song we were awarded the highest marks.

In the House swimming gala the Junior Nelsons won their event and at sports day it was clear to see we have a lot of potential athletes coming through, this bodes well for future events. We won the senior house tug of war.

Nelsons were very proud to win the library cup for getting the most reading points.

A vibrant and enthusiastic house with many wonderful ambassadors. Well done Nelson's! Lets get that flag flying and start as we mean to go on. ■



Houses





Pitts

We raised an impressive total of over £600 for our chosen charity, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.

Pitts have had another impressive year and there have been many occasions to celebrate!

Once again, we pulled out all the stops by creating many homemade items to sell at the numerous charity events throughout the year including the Bonfire Night Stalls, Christmas Fayre, Red Sock Day and the S. Anselm's Dog Show. We raised an impressive total of over £600 for our chosen charity, Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.

After a number of victories in the boys sport, we were thrilled to win the Senior House Rugby and finish in 1st place overall in the House Cross Country! Another highlight was the House 24 Maths Challenge where we also finished in poll position.

Following that, we had many events where we narrowly missed out on the top spot by finishing 2nd place in the House Shout, School Quiz, Swimming Gala and Sports Day.

Towards the end of the summer term, we also managed to fly the Pitts flag many times due to an increase in our weekly house point totals – an area we need to keep improving.

Congratulations to all members of Pitts for a highly successful year! by House Captains Will Unsworth and Jessie Milligan-Manby. 🏆





Wellingtons



What a wonderful year for Wellies!

There have been many highlights in house point totals and competitions, as well as a real charity drive which culminated in the house raising more than £760 for the Sheffield Childrens' Hospital Charity Appeal 'Make it Better', a school record.

So what went well? There were first places in the House Timetable competition with Jame S in Year 3 and Jack W in Year 8 both achieving 100 out of 100 in 5 minute quick fire test, something that only three children in the school and college achieved. Jack W went on win overall, in a tie breaker with Leah H in the college. Quizzes also went well: Wellies went into the children's competition as underdog but surprised a few other houses,

getting into the final and beating the brainy Pitt's team to first place. Tom H stood out as a classical civilisation fan. The Wellies parents also did us proud in the first parents' House Quiz, where they finished in joint first place with Nelson's. There were also first place points from boy's senior hockey, senior cricket and junior rugby. There were second places too- in the cross-country and senior boys football and a few third places in junior boys cricket, swimming gala, sports day, senior rugby and junior and senior hockey. House Shout didn't go quite as well as we hoped, but there is always next year! House point totals were really high too; certainly Wellies could never be accused as not being triers and the Wellies flag sometimes flew for weeks on end!

The charity drive was exceptional. We were given a blank elephant to

decorate by the hospital charity and this became the focus of our fund raising. Ideas included guessing the name of the elephant, designing the elephant (well done Grace CC in Year 4 for the winning design), a bake sale times three, a non-uniform day and the auctioning of theatre tickets kindly donated by the Bedford family. The stark white elephant cast was decorated by an able team of artists and looked quite splendid when completed. 'Welly the Elephant' joined the 'Little Herd', a sculpture trail as one of the the biggest mass participation art events ever seen in Sheffield. The Herd saw more than 40 individually designed elephant sculptures displayed in Sheffield. between July and September. The charity choose an elephant to mark 100 years since Lizzie the elephant was used in Sheffield's steel industry to help the war effort. ■



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Junior Forms Production of Fantastic Mr Fox



This year's junior production was the Roald Dahl classic 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. Much loved for generations - it certainly created a buzz when auditions took place and parts were cast late last year. Scripts distributed, props list written and face paint purchased...rehearsals got underway!

The weekly production extras usually began with warm-up activities to really focus on the drama, movement and action of the play. Favourite games included 'bungalow', '5 shake' and 'cross this space' which enabled children to think about acting and reacting in a performance space. Pupils also spent time thinking carefully about the personalities, friendships and backgrounds of their characters to really bring them to life on stage.

Many of the pupils had a huge amount of lines to learn - so a big thank you to all parents who were no doubt lip-syncing along during the show last week! As show-time drew nearer excitement levels grew as costumes were fitted (thank you Mrs Seddon),

The show was a resounding success full of energy and a real joy to watch



props were gathered (thank you Mr Robinson and Miss Phillips), sound and lighting sorted (Thank you Mr Feldman), fox-hole built (thank you Mrs Bennion and team!) and programme cover competitions announced. Rehearsals became more intense as we strived to put on a play as fantastic as its title....speaking up, slowing down, engaging and

entertaining our audience. And then it was time...all the line-learning, expressive speaking and stage blocking came together as FANTASTIC MR FOX was performed before a packed audience in Hargreaves Hall. Year 3 clucked and wiggled their way through Boggis' chicken house. Year 4 narrated the story and took on roles of woodland animals (fantastically face-painted by Mrs Elvin and her team – thank you!). Year 5 showcased some amazing talents in leading roles as Foxes & Farmers! And the entire cast also learnt a brilliant new song penned by Mr Percival and Mrs Dinnigan to conclude a fantastic show.

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A Midsummer Night's Dream

In celebration of the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, and to mark the end of the school year, senior pupils staged Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

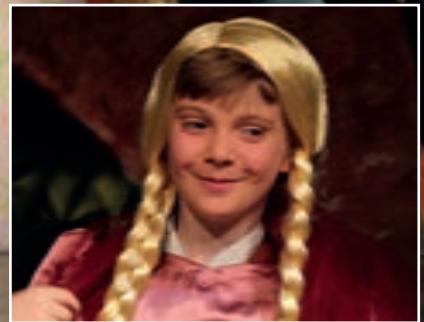
The production included some outstanding performances. Arthur L. was commanding from the outset as Theseus, though it took his character some time to win the affection of an icily imperious Hippolyta, played with poise by Ursula-Marie H. George L. set the play alight as a mercurial Egeus seeking to dominate his daughter Hermia played with playful resolve throughout by Hattie N. Her affections were fought over – often quite literally - by a broodingly saturnine Demetrius (Shea J), and a foppishly amusing Lysander (Toby dlB).

The costumes were a ravishing sight.



The play's supernatural characters were also at war one with the other. Petulantly regal Oberon (Will U) and beautiful but disdainful Titania (Arabella G) struggled wittily with one another before making their peace and returning the world to peace and harmony. Puck, a capering philosopher in this production, played by James C and Oberon's sprites (Sammy U, Joseph T, Edward R and Alec F) spread chaos throughout the woods.

Additional broad comic relief was created by Bottom (played with



evident pleasure by Adam S) and Quince (a nuanced performance by Louis G). Hector M tried to steal the show as Francis 'I'm a Lady' Flute (and he may have succeeded). The excellent Jed P, Lily-Niamh R and Lex R played the rest of the 'rude mechanicals' with skill. Annie M, Jessie M-M, Morgan G and Isabella R were convincingly ethereal as Titania's attendants and the rest of the fairies (Florence T, Thea W, Phoebe W, Charlotte W and Daisy L) managed to sing with attitude whilst dancing with grace: not an easy balance to strike. Bodyguards Jack W and Jaime L contributed a very amusing cameo performance, building on the sound work of the attendants (Tom C, Arthur E, Josh G, James D, Nicola S, Verity

S, Jack B, Izidora R and Beatrix L) who created the atmosphere of the Athenian court so ably.

A great deal of work had gone on backstage to support the actors. The costumes designed and created by Melissa R and Sophie T, working alongside a gifted group of parents, were a ravishing sight. The set was designed and built by Mrs Bennion helped by Thomas G, Will B, Lily W and pupils from Kinder. The music was ably performed by Matthew W, Russell F, Tom H-S under the superb musical direction of Mr Percival. The play was adapted (and slightly shortened) by Mr Carr. Direction was by Mr Carr and Miss Woolley. ■





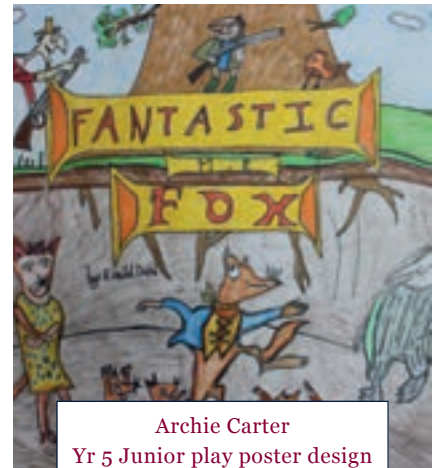
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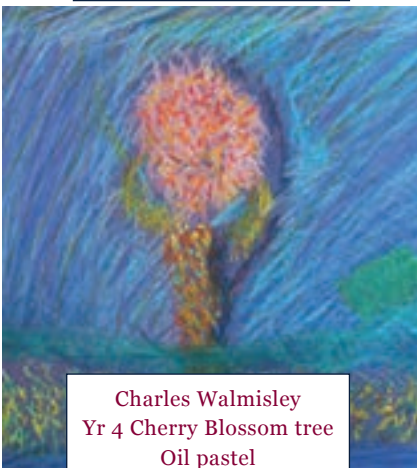
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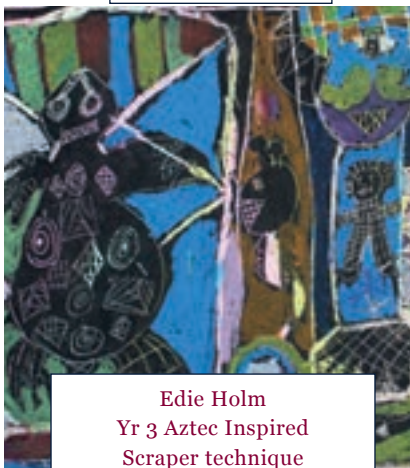
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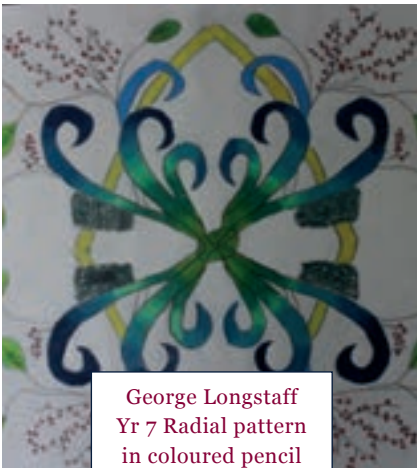
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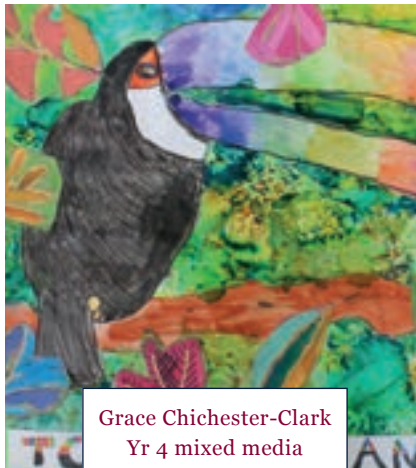
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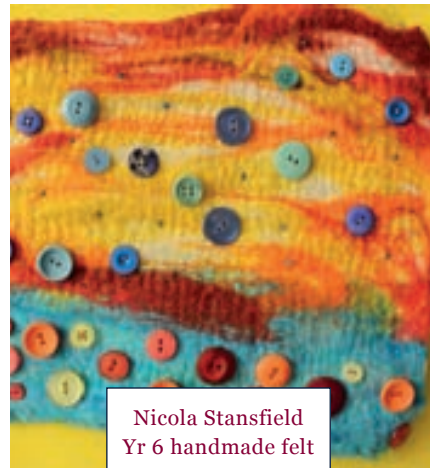
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Tempera



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Yr 7 Radial pattern
in coloured pencil



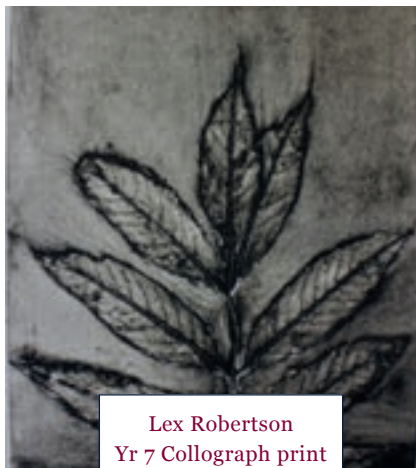
Grace Chichester-Clark
Yr 4 mixed media



Nicola Stansfield
Yr 6 handmade felt



Marta Campos
Yr 8 Self-portrait
in fineliner



Lex Robertson
Yr 7 Collograph print



Yr 4 Weavings



Anselmian Music

The Music Department during 2015 – 2016 has been nulli secundus, packed full with outstanding performances, results and commitment from school musicians. The S. Anselm's Chapel Choir has produced an outstanding year's worth of quality performances impressing audiences time and time again. Tours have included Ampleforth Choral Festival, Stowe Choral Festival, Salzburg, Haddon Hall and University College Oxford.

With an inspiring and healthy approach to music flourishing throughout the school, S. Anselm's has seen a rise in quality aided by visiting professional musicians who have shared their talents with pupils. It is extremely important that students have the opportunity to witness the abundance of talent throughout the UK regularly in order to attain and maintain excellence. Along with a plethora of performing ensembles available throughout the

school week, classroom music has seen the addition of S. Anselm's College Kinder (Year 9) and Music Scholarships have been justly awarded acknowledging talented and committed pupils.

Piano Competition

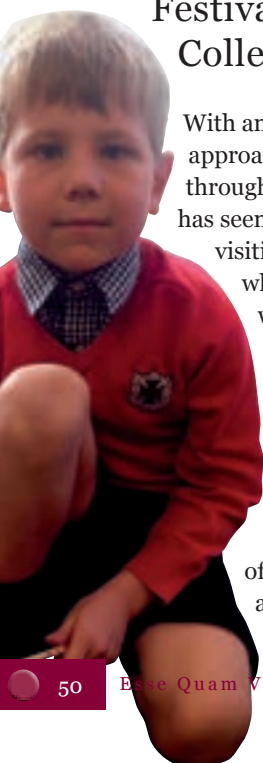
The second S. Anselm's Piano Competition was eagerly attended on Saturday 9th April 2016. Nearly 50 performances took place during the day delivered by children throughout Derbyshire plus returning competitors from York. Adjudication was succinct and impressive delivered by Head

of Keyboard at Stowe School - Ben Andrew and Peter Lawson from the RNCM.

Workshops and Concerts

A successful London trip started the of term for the Year 7s who enthusiastically watched the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra perform Brahms' 3rd Symphony at the Royal Albert Hall as part of the Prom Series.

During October, the music department was visited by the enigmatic virtuosic and versatile 'Travelling by Tuba' duet who





entertained parents, pupils and teachers throughout the morning with a fun-packed and diverse concert including Sousaphones, Post Horns and Didgeridoos!

Workshops followed producing a slick performance of a Salsa rhythm in 8 using Suzuki Tone Chimes, Ago go's, percussion sticks and much more

Thursday 11th February was an extremely busy day for the Music Department. The National Children's Choir of Great Britain leader Suzie Vango inspired the whole school to sing with style, panache and tone quality throughout six energetic workshops including children from Year 8s down to the Pre-Prep. An array of tongue twisting, beatboxing and canonic songs were learnt producing some fantastic results.

Ms Vango then aided the Chapel Choir before their evening performance commenced at Hassop Hall in what

proved to be a hugely successful fundraising evening for the forthcoming Salzburg Tour. Stoic silence reigned before the Chapel Choir began with the spine tingling Karl Jenkins Adiemus followed by a superbly atmospheric Fauré Messe Basse Benedictus finishing with Lean on Me, A la Carte and of course, So Long, Farewell from the Sound of Music.

Audience members were then treated to the Close Harmony Group and soloists featuring Shea John, Annie Middleton, Francesca Newton, Charlotte Williams and Isaac Bamford who received standing ovations.

Stowe Head of Keyboard and Piano Scholars visited S. Anselm's during the summer term and entertained us all with both modern and period music. Solos, duets, quartets and even chopsticks for 12 hands were performed. The highlight for many, including the evening guests was

the performance of Firestone by Ben Andrew Head of Keyboard and Ben Weston Head of Recording.

Staff/Parent Concert

At our third Staff/Parent Concert the atmosphere was electric with performances engaging the audience. Repertoire included The Phantom of the Opera, Stairway to Heaven & the staff choir who wholeheartedly performed Bob Marley's One Love.

Year 1 Junk Percussion Topic

Year 1 had a castles topic and in the music lessons we learnt about the percussion instruments during the Medieval Period and the qualities that make a percussion instrument. We then made our own 'junk' instruments out of plastic bottles, boxes, pasta and rice to play along with our song 'Clapping in the Castle' and performed at the Medieval Banquet! 🍷



Chapel Choir 2015 - 2016

Ampleforth Choral Festival, October 2015

On Wednesday 14th October, the Chapel Choir sang at the inaugural Ampleforth Choral festival whereby the Chapel Choir proudly sang alongside York Minster School, Aysgarth School and Terra Nova School demonstrating evidence of an ever-developing quality and understanding amongst members.

Stowe Choral Festival, November 2015

On Tuesday 10th November, for the third year running the S. Anselm's Chapel Choir visited Stowe School and took part in the Stowe School Choral Day. After last year's Faure Requiem led by former Music Director Simon Dearsley, the bar was raised high, however, a sublime performance of the Mozart Requiem was given led by Keith Brown. The Rex Tremendae and Lacrimosa sent a spine tingling shiver down the spine accompanied by a professional orchestra and Stowe School singers.

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Haddon Hall, December 2015

The Chapel Choir were invited to sing at Haddon Hall in the Chapel during a 12pm service on Sunday 6th December, both before the service and afterwards they also sang traditional carols inside the main entrance of the house.

Oxford, May 2016

On Saturday 7th May, the S. Anselm's Chapel Choir departed for University College Oxford with Mrs Seddon and Mr Percival where they were invited to sing Evensong in the College Chapel. Upon arrival in a torrent of rain we were welcomed by Angela Unsworth who is the domestic bursar at 'Univ' and chaplain Revd. Dr Andrew Gregory, who very kindly led the service.

The 13th Century buildings of this oldest college at Oxford University certainly inspired and impressed the children. After an hour's rehearsal,



parents filled the candlelit chapel and the choir processed in. Beautifully controlled singing followed with Lily-Niamh Rogstad singing a solo in the J. Rutter Clare Benediction and readings from Mrs Unsworth and Mr Phillips added a very special and personal touch to this wonderful service not soon to be forgotten. A reflection of the day took place whilst parents and children ate dinner in the attractive College Dining Hall.

On Sunday morning we drove from our lodgings back to 'Univ' and Mrs Unsworth kindly led an excellent and informative tour around the Colleges of Oxford. The children and staff all listened intently to historic stories and information as we strolled past Trinity, Oriel, Merton, Brasenose, Christchurch & New College. We passed doors marked private and found students working hard on grassed lawns on a most splendid sunny morning. We would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Unsworth for organising such a memorable weekend in Oxford. 🍷



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Salzburg Choir Tour, April 2016

Day 1

The S. Anselm's Chapel Choir Salzburg Tour departed from Bakewell at 2:30pm with 25 very excited members on a glorious Sunday - 10th April. We arrived at London Gatwick's North Terminal Premier Inn for a noisy dinner and were joined by 2 further choristers.

Day 2

After a pleasant evening meal and hearty breakfast, the early Salzburg BA flight from Gatwick was met with eager anticipation and we were joined by further choristers now totalling 27.

Shielding our shattered eyes from the Austrian sun, we landed at Salzburg, met our jovial tour guide 'Ted' and proceeded by coach to our pleasant Meininger Hotel where we had lunch.

After a guided tour of the centre of Salzburg and some free time in the market place, the choir proceeded to rehearse in a quiet corner of the famous Mirabell Park with the sun steaming down on us. Before long, the area was filled with an attentive audience plus parents and our first

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Ice-creams followed and a trip back to our vibrant lodgings led to a good evening meal and welcomed bed.

Day 3

Waking refreshed and excited, the choir made their way into the city centre in search of Mozart's House. An absorbing hour or more passed engrossed in the excellent displays including personal air looms, original letters, locks of hair, jewellery, original harpsichords and sound room. The choir were invited to pay attention as a quiz would commence during the week.

After many efforts to leave, we finally did and headed for Salzburg Cathedral



Singing in the sun in Mirabell Park, Salzburg

- the Dom. This magnificent building was awe inspiring and the children marvelled at its size and decor. A short a Capella practise ensued to ascertain what the cathedral acoustic was capable of. Their voices were picked up and floated around its vastness. This was followed by lunch at the best and only pizza house in Salzburg where we ate pizzas so large that even half of one would overspill a giant plate.

During the afternoon, a comfortable coach ride took us deep into the snow topped mountains until we reached the town of Mondsee, famous for its part in 'The Sound of Music' film. Mondsee Basilica was indeed beautiful standing in baroque splendour with an interior emblazoned in ornate gold with a golden alter.

Our last choir member joined us after driving from Prague and the choir was complete with 28 members. Before Mass, the children enjoyed an ice-cream and met parents in the sun whilst an interesting conversation commenced with the director of the church, Mr Percival & Mr Clarke

our excellent organist who had accompanied us from England. Eventually the service was clarified and a Hallelujah response was taught to the choir in less than 1 minute. The next hour truly was wonderful.

The choir lined up exquisitely in utter silence beneath the alter, a bell was rung and the Vaughan-Williams magnificent Antiphon introit was performed. A full mass service ensued with the choir responding as if mass was second nature. Stunning performances of the Faure Messe Basse enhanced by soloists Tom Hartley & Shea John projected through the Basilica and a breath taking a Capella J. Rutter 'The Lord Shall Bless You and Keep You' ended the service led by soloist Francesca Newton. Leon Boellman's Suite Gothique reigned out from the magnificent Baroque pipe organ as we left the Basilica, a performance to remember.

Day 4

A change of atmosphere for Wednesday morning starting with a relaxing and intimate performance in

the traditional Niemetz Coffee House near to the Salzburg Philharmonic residence. Cake and hot chocolate accompanied this terrific performance and children had a chance to chat to parents and friends.

With the sun again shining, our private coach tour guide Wolfgang drove us to Hallein whilst pointing out sights from the Sound of Music. The famous salt mine of Hallein dates back over 3000 years and was only decommissioned in the late eighties. Parents, staff and all the children entered the mountainside as miners would have done (minus the screams) and had a wonderfully informative and high tech hour long tour.

Sliding down the original wooden slides deeper into the mountain in groups of 2 or 3 was especially enjoyable. A brief rest during the afternoon allowed school houses to compete in the Mozart quiz. To end this fun day the Super Bowl was booked and upon returning to the hotel we announced the quiz winning House, Pitts after a nail-biting tie with Churchill's.



Day 5

A brief bus journey into town on this overcast Thursday dressed in school uniform in anticipation of the Salzburg Cathedral concert at 2pm was preceded by a tour of the Salzburg Castle ascending by the steep Funicular. After a quick hot chocolate interlude we then processed into the cathedral for a rehearsal whilst staff promoted the concert.

Appearing at 2pm, the choir led out into the hugely magnificent Basilica and were met by an audience of 250 including Professor of Music at Salzburg & Director of the Basilica, Janos Czifra. The next 45 minutes left the audience in no doubt that this small choir from Bakewell, England was indeed a talented ensemble producing a wonderfully varied stylistic programme that impressed all that witnessed it including Professor Czifra who invited the choir to perform in the Sunday morning Mass upon their return to Salzburg, praise indeed.

An evening meal in one of the best restaurants in Salzburg was just rewards for the choir joined by over 35 parents and siblings. This fantastic evening included a brief presentation, singing that involved everyone including solos from Mrs Stansfield,

Mrs Brailich, Mrs Carr and Mrs Newton. A wonderful music tie and Austrian hat were kindly given to Mr Percival by head chorister, Shea John.

Day 6

A shattered choir still in good nature with sun still shining left the Meininger Hotel at 9:30am and returned to an extremely cold and rainy Gatwick in which the M25 presented its usual exhausting congestion. Upon arrival to S. Anselm's at 8:30pm parents met exhausted children and plenty of thanks were said to the staff. This is sure to be a S. Anselm's Tour that we shall never forget. ■

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ABRSM

Another year of successful ABRSM music exams were undertaken and produced high distinctions of 142 and 138 in piano plus Year 6 piano scholar Joshua who produced a merit of 127 in grade 5 piano. As ever, we would especially like to thank the extremely talented and supportive peripatetic team at S. Anselm's who work tirelessly with the children.

2016 – 2017 is set to include GCSE Music candidates who will be beginning the AQA syllabus.





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Michaelmas 2015 Results

| Candidate | Subject | Grade | Mark | Cat |
|----------------------|----------------|-------|------|-------|
| Zara Bell | Singing | P | PRE | Pass |
| Amy Bradbury | Singing | 04 | 127 | Merit |
| Charlie Chauveau | Euphonium | 03 | 111 | Pass |
| Sam Chichester-Clark | Bassoon | 02 | 126 | Merit |
| Alec Formela | Guitar | 02 | 121 | Merit |
| Beth Franks-Townsend | Cello | 01 | 127 | Merit |
| Tom Hartley | Trombone | 04 | 108 | Pass |
| Shea John | Flute | 06 | 120 | Merit |
| Flora Kanan | Oboe | 04 | 127 | Merit |
| Beatrix Larvin | Alto Saxophone | 01 | 123 | Merit |
| Rosie Marriott | Piano | P | PRE | Pass |
| Joshua Nuttall | Piano | 05 | 127 | Merit |
| Edward Raper | Guitar | 01 | 114 | Pass |
| Sebastian Raper | Piano | P | PRE | Pass |
| Georgina Tarbatt | Flute | 01 | 105 | Pass |
| Thea Whatley | Alto Saxophone | 01 | 127 | Merit |
| Scarlett Mycock | Guitar | 01 | 124 | Merit |

Spring 2016 Results

| Candidate | Subject | Grade | Mark | |
|------------------------|----------------|-------|------|-------------|
| Ava Burton | Piano | P | PRE | |
| James Carr | Alto Saxophone | 01 | 121 | Merit |
| Sam Chichester-Clark | Bassoon | 03 | 130 | Distinction |
| James Dinnigan | Guitar | 05 | 109 | Pass |
| Will Dobson | Trumpet | 03 | 107 | Pass |
| Isobel Elwood | Singing | 01 | 127 | Merit |
| Oliver Goodear | Piano | 01 | 121 | Merit |
| Arabella Green | Singing | 03 | 122 | Merit |
| Ursula-Marie Hampton | Harp | 01 | 130 | Distinction |
| Tom Hartley | Singing | 05 | 126 | Merit |
| William Henson | Alto Saxophone | 03 | 131 | Distinction |
| Annabella Hill | Alto Saxophone | 02 | 120 | Merit |
| Daisy Ludlam | Clarinet | 01 | 130 | Distinction |
| Jessica Milligan-Manby | Piano | 01 | 100 | Pass |
| Lily-Niamh Rogstad | Harp | 02 | 122 | Merit |
| Lily-Niamh Rogstad | Singing | 04 | 117 | Pass |
| Melissa Rogstad | Flute | 04 | 116 | Pass |
| Katie Smith | Singing | 01 | 126 | Merit |
| James Symonds | Piano | 01 | 142 | Distinction |
| Inge Turk | Piano | 03 | 123 | Merit |
| Sam Unsworth | Piano | 01 | 114 | Pass |
| Thea Whatley | Alto Saxophone | 02 | 127 | Merit |



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Summer 2016 Results

| Candidate | Subject | Grade | Mark | |
|------------------------|----------------|-------|------|-------------|
| Jack Bedford | Alto Saxophone | 01 | 130 | Distinction |
| Grace Chichester-Clark | Flute | 01 | 116 | Pass |
| Sam Chichester-Clark | Piano | 05 | 108 | Pass |
| Alex Dinnigan | Alto Saxophone | 01 | 120 | Merit |
| Amelia Elwood | Alto Saxophone | 01 | 127 | Merit |
| Beth Franks-Townsend | Cello | 03 | 118 | Pass |
| Morgan Glynn | Flute | 03 | 118 | Pass |
| Mathilda Gray | Clarinet | 01 | 120 | Merit |
| Tom Hayward-Stott | Trombone | 03 | 126 | Merit |
| William Henson | Piano | 02 | 137 | Distinction |
| Flora Kanan | Piano | 04 | 114 | Pass |
| George Longstaff | Alto Saxophone | 03 | 114 | Pass |
| Angus Ludlam | Alto Saxophone | 01 | 122 | Merit |
| Harriet Manning | Cello | 01 | 118 | Pass |
| Rosie Marriott | Piano | 01 | 115 | Pass |
| Jed Potter | Guitar | 05 | 114 | Pass |
| Lex Roberton | Piano | 02 | 115 | Pass |
| Nicola Stansfield | Piano | 03 | 116 | Pass |
| Nicola Stansfield | Guitar | 05 | 104 | Pass |
| Charles Walmisley | Piano | P | PRE | |
| Lily Whatley | Harp | 03 | 107 | Pass |
| Thea Whatley | Singing | 03 | 122 | Merit |
| Phoebe Whawell | Oboe | 02 | 123 | Merit |



Extras



S. Anselm's

Extras

The Extra Curricular programme is always a popular part of school life. From stomping through the hills and valleys of Derbyshire to sailing on Carsington Water or karate with black belt Mr Robinson it is always great fun and an excellent addition to the curriculum.

Many extras are now available in the evenings and boarding time as the curriculum for 2016-2017 changes. Mr Watt and Mr Phillips enjoyed seeing Mr Kanan's factory where they purchased some top quality model aeroplanes which have provided endless enjoyment to a few keen model makers. For the artistic and creative we also enjoy pottery with Mrs Eccleston, this has been an interest the children have enjoyed for many years and continues to flourish, including on Monday evenings in the boarding. An excellent opportunity for the children to make something for Mothers' Day or create a new and wonderful world in the pottery room. Mrs Bennion has also enjoyed her Gargoyle club where children have been able to sculpt their own figures out of breeze blocks.

For those less keen on the artistic and creative side there is always much on offer. For those who love their sport there is tennis coaching with the Abbeydale Tennis Club coaches, elite cricket where a select few can improve their batting and bowling using the school's bowling machine and indoor net facilities. For those who love the outside the sailing extra offers the opportunity to become RYA qualified and practice for events such as the Northern Prep Schools Regatta and

the IAPS National Sailing event in Weymouth, where Thomas Green and James Carr came 4th in the Country for the Under 13 age category and Max Hattersley and Harry Twelves came 12th. Teddy Raper and Hector Mellor did well coming 16th in the Under 11 age category, especially as we are probably one of the most landlocked schools in the country.

Since arriving Mr Shepherd has brought with him the PADI Scuba Diving and it has seen quite a few children successfully through their Open Water qualifications. They practice in the swimming pool, take their theory test and then head up to Capernwray quarry to complete their two dives. The swimming pool has

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The smell coming out of the dining room is often sensational as the children in the cooking extra have been busy making cookies, flapjack and other more savoury options. They thoroughly enjoyed creating their foods whilst over the weeks putting together their very own cookery books.

Cards has become increasingly popular with the children and Bridge is certainly one of those games you need to learn for later in life. It is incredibly social and tactical and Mr Feldman has enjoyed teaching children and staff alike. Magic has also taken off and Miss Howes and Mr Mortimer have thoroughly enjoyed teaching the children the various rules and again held tournaments at school during the weekends.

As the weather brightened and the sun started to shine Fishy Pete was soon on the scene teaching our boys and girls how to cast and tie fly. The end result was a fantastic Sunday fishing out on the river, putting their skills into practice. 🎣

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| Abbeydale Tennis Coaching | | | Bridge | Cooking | Fly Fishing | French Cinema Club | | Junior Netball | |
| Karate | PADI Scuba Diving | | Pottery | Puppet making | | Rock Band | WOW | Aqua Aerobics | |
| Fantastic Mr Fox (Junior Play) | | | | Magic | Rug Making | Sculpture – Making Gargoyles | | | Sevens Rugby |
| Woodwork & Design | | Sailing | Robotics | Exploring | Elite Cricket | | Coding with Hopscotch | | |

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Programming

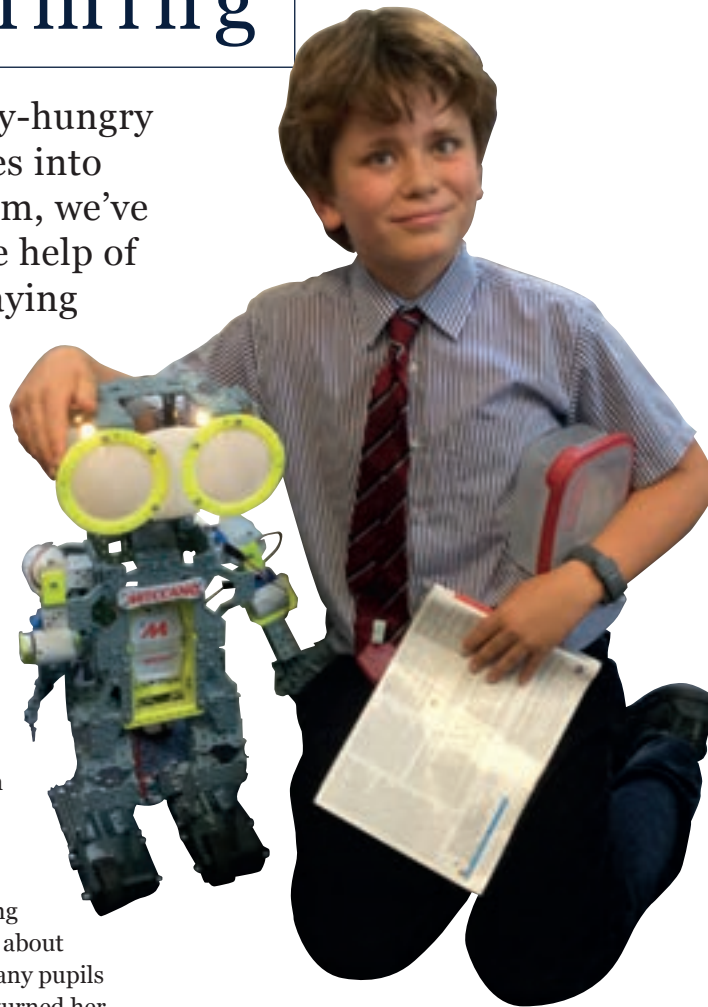
S. Anselms has talent! This year technology-hungry boys and girls had a chance to dip their toes into programming and robotics. In the Lent term, we've been creating our own iPad games with the help of the Hopscotch app, sharing results and playing each other's games.

The summer term brought us some robot time. Participants in the Robotics extra assembled their own robots, which could be programmed to follow simple instructions, such as to avoid obstacles or to follow a black line. Needless to say, some of the children took the challenge way further than teachers planned: Jamie M. assembled and programmed his Meccano humanoid guided mostly by his own talent, grit and a little help from YouTube. Artur E. enhanced his Makeblock tank robot with an extra arm to carry a video camera.

Everyone at least tried some programming with accessible block-like tools.

In addition, Year 8s had a chance to take part in the national BBC: microbit craze. These 'microbit' programmable mini-boards were distributed to all schools in the UK, while programming examples and tools could be found on the BBC website. We tried ourselves at programming a bag alarm, a pedometer and several quite challenging games, on the way learning about basic programming. Not many pupils stopped here, thus Lily W. turned her microbit into a mini-tune player in her spare time and Thomas H. created a digital dice! We all had a remarkable

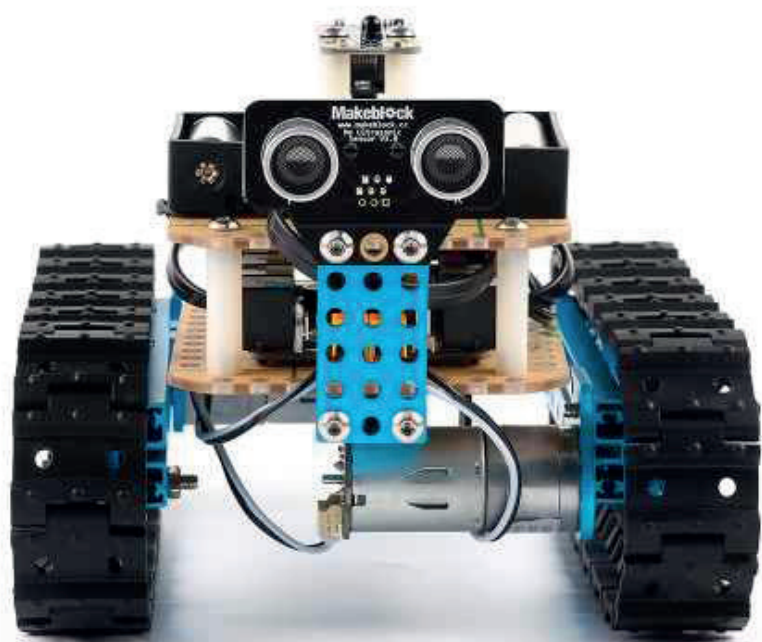
time when children took on board new ideas and ran away with them, guided only by their imagination. ■



KARATE

The Karate club now has a range of belts, and especially pleasing was to see the advanced pupils of Inge Turk, Katie Smith and James Carr gaining the coveted blue belt.

Our club, combining self-defence and karate, are now meeting every Wednesday after school. ■



Puppet Making

We had lots of fun creating finger puppets and glove puppets. The finishing touches were added to our glove puppets in the last extras session ready for the children to design their own puppet shows and to play with over the Christmas holidays! 🎭



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Girls' 2015 Hockey

Written by Donna Brailich – Director of Sport

We continued to provide vital astro training for all the girls in this hockey season; with the bussing of all year groups to the Cavendish astro, for training during Wednesday and Saturday games sessions. With nearly every one of our matches being played on astro at all age groups, this has proven to be necessary and enables our girls to continue to develop sound astro skills from the time they enter the prep school. We also hired the Belper astro-turf in this season and played fixtures against three of our opposition on it – namely Wellow, Grace Dieu and Ranby. A military operation was required in order to organise the girls and refreshments, for both players and supporters; but these fixtures were heralded as a great success by our opponents, all supporters and our own teams; with the girls enjoying the experience of playing on such a great facility.

This year's hockey term saw the S. Anselm's girls playing a total of 63 Matches (including tournaments) with 41 Wins and 10 draws and every girl from year 3 through to year 8 representing the school. We entered teams in tournaments at Rugby, Witham and Denstone College. The 1sts (U13A) team finished their season on a high, with great wins against Mt St Mary's, Terra Nova, Wellow and Westbourne; scoring 13 goals in these last four games and conceding only 5. Earlier in the season they beat Denstone College and QEGS, but lost in their matches against Ranby and Hill House; and finished 3rd in the Denstone College Hockey Tournament. The 2nds hockey team really progressed as a squad and had a very successful season, scoring 22 goals in total and conceding only 5; with some great wins against Denstone College, QEGS, Hill House and Westbourne. For the majority of the season the year 7 girls either played for the 1sts or 2nds, however, there was an opportunity for them to play as a year group in the fixtures against Grace Dieu, when the Year

8 girls were away in France. And in the Denstone College U12 Hockey Tournament, which they won, beating each of the seven competing schools. They scored 12 goals in total at this tournament and did not concede any goals, which bodes very well for next year.

Both U11 squads went from strength to strength and had the best start to the season, with their tour to Warwickshire in September. The U11As scored a total of 32 goals in their friendly matches, conceding only 3; beating high calibre opposition such as Bilton Grange, Denstone College U12s, Foremarke Hall, Hill House, Ranby and Westbourne. The U11B team took a while to develop as a squad, losing or drawing their earlier matches; but went on to finish their season extremely positively, winning all four of their final games, against Foremarke Hall, Hill House, Wellow and Westbourne, scoring 11 goals in these last 3 games and conceding only 3. All of the girls in Years 3 and 4 were given the opportunity to play for the U9 hockey team; losing their



first fixture against Foremarke Hall, the girls were quick to learn from their mistakes and went on to win their next fixtures against St Peter & St Paul, Ranby and Wellow; scoring 14 goals in total and conceding 6.

A huge thank you to all of our facilities staff, for keeping our pitches in tip top condition; the medical, catering and administrative staff for all of their assistance and to each of the hockey coaches for all of their support throughout the term; particularly Natasha Schaper and Fran Phillips for their work with the senior squads; Emily Renshaw and Juliet Elvin for assisting me with the U11 squads; Louise Flack, the U9 Team Manager; along with Ali Whawell and Claire Corner for their support and assistance with games and fixtures. Thanks to all of the parents for their impressive sideline support, (whatever the weather); and to the girls themselves for being such a joy to work with. 🙏



Girls' Inter-House Hockey Competitions 2015

Written by Donna Brailich – Director of Sport



The atmosphere on top field was super and it was great to see so many older brothers and sisters (who were still on half term), supporting.

Senior Inter-House Hockey: - The sun shone for us on Saturday 31st October, for the first house hockey matches of the season. The senior girls were on fine form and it was super to see them battling so hard on the field, for the honour of their houses. The four captains – Lily Whatley (for Churchills); Florence Taberner (for Nelsons); Jessie Milligan-Manby (for Pitts) and Isabella Rodgers (for Wellingtons) all did a super job in organising, warming up and encouraging their teams. The atmosphere on top field was super and it was great to see so many older brothers and sisters (who were still on half term), supporting. The girls listed below were all worthy winners of the 'Player for the Tournament' Awards for their houses, congratulations to them:
Churchills – Hattie Nieper
Nelsons – Gabby Harper
Pitts – Annie Middleton
Wellingtons – Ursula-Marie Hampton

The final result was close, with two of the houses dominating throughout

the afternoon. Churchills and Nelsons finished on the same points and actually drew when they played each other, so the goal difference was used to establish the final result:
1st – Churchills – 13 points +4 goals
2nd – Nelsons – 13 points +2 goals
3rd – Wellingtons - 7 points
4th – Pitts – 3 points

Junior House Hockey:

The rain proved to be relentless on Saturday 14th November, for the second house hockey matches of the season. The junior girls are to be admired for their resilience and determination in the face of such conditions and the supporters also did very well! The four captains – Isobel Elwood (for Churchills); Alice Winter (for Nelsons); Niamh O'Brien (for Pitts) and Phoebe Whawell (for Wellingtons) all did a super job in organising, warming up and encouraging their teams. A special well done to Isabella, Holly and Ruby of Year 2, who volunteered to assist Churchills, who were short of a few players, well done girls!





Congratulations to the girls listed below, all worthy winners of the "Player for the Tournament" Awards for their houses:

Churchills – Isobel & Amelia Elwood

Nelsons – Alice Winter

Pitts – Niamh O'Brien

Wellingtons – Phoebe Whawell

The final result was conclusive, with one house dominating throughout the afternoon:

1st – Churchills – 15 points

2nd – Nelsons – 11 points

3rd – Wellingtons – 7 points

4th – Pitts – 3 points



Mums v Girls End of Season Hockey Match

On Saturday 5th December, it was the mums' turn and an impressive opposition they turned out to be, holding the Year 8 girls to a 1 – 1 draw at half time, despite the very blustery conditions. The end result was a 3 – 1 win to the girls, with a huge amount

of fun being had by all and both teams coming up trumps with their costumes. After battling it out on the field, all players and supporters enjoyed a splendid match tea and speeches by school hockey captain Hattie Nieper, and Team managers Mrs Schaper and Miss Phillips. What a great way to end the term! 🍷




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Written by Donna Brailich - Director of Sport

Netball has gone from strength to strength here at S. Anselm's and there has been great success for our girls, who have played a total of 44 friendly games, winning 33 of them and drawing 4; with the 1sts and U11A teams both enjoying undefeated seasons. The combined goals scored in matches (not including those scored in tournaments), was 916. To sum up, the 1sts, U11A and U10/11B won all but one of their friendly matches; whilst the U10A and U8s achieved an awesome undefeated season! We also sent teams, (often A and B), to a total of 7 different netball tournaments, with our teams enjoying real success and hosted our own U11 netball tournament. However, our under 9 netball festival had to be

cancelled for the first time ever due to the weather, as did our junior inter-house netball tournament, due to a nasty virus rampaging through school.

The U10A team enjoyed the most success, winning three tournaments in total: at Sheffield High, Oakham and Packwood Haugh.



Highlights for the 1sts were narrowly missing out on a place at the IAPS Nationals, with them finishing third in their group at the (BROMSGROVE!!) Regional IAPS Netball Tournament; and bronze medal position at the U13 Derbyshire County Tournament. The Year 7 girls were largely mixed with the Year 8, to play in the 1sts or 2nds squads, but enjoyed the opportunity to play as a year group at the Packwood Haugh Tournament, where they finished 3rd overall, scoring 40 goals in total and conceding 10; a great result as three of the squad were U11. Secondly at the U12 Oakham Tournament, where they were winners of the 'Spoon Competition'. The 1sts and 2nds finished their netball season, with four friendly matches on the Sports Tour to Jersey; where both squads remained undefeated and



enjoyed sampling the state of the art sporting facilities on the island.

Highlights for the U11A team were competing in our own S. Anselm's Netball Tournament, where after playing each of the other teams, they remained undefeated all afternoon, scoring 63 goals in total and conceding only 8, to become worthy overall winners. Despite having a couple of their regular squad missing; they also won bronze medals at the Foremarke Tournament earlier in the season. The girls also played extremely well at the Regional IAPS Netball Tournament at Uppingham, missing out on selection for the IAPS Nationals, by only one point.

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in total: at Sheffield High, Oakham and Packwood Haugh. After winning their group in the initial rounds at Sheffield High, they went on to defeat local rivals Mylnhurst in the semi-finals and hosts Sheffield High in the final. The following day the girls were back in action, this time at Oakham, making it a double after winning the plate competition. Two

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weeks later they made the long journey to Packwood Haugh to face the challenges of some new opposition and win their third tournament of the season. The girls were undefeated, with some super wins against the hosts (Packwood), Shrewsbury High, Prestfelde, Birchfield, St Mary's Hall and Old Hall; they scored 52 goals in total and only conceded 5 all day, amazing stats! The under 10/11B team showed real improvement throughout the netball season, with great wins against Terra Nova, Ashdell and St Peter and St Paul, along with a tremendous 4th place in our own U11 netball tournament, beating lots of A teams in the process.

The highlight for our U9 team this season was winning bronze medals in our U9 Netball Festival and they



played some super netball, really growing in confidence and skill as the festival progressed. The majority of the U9 team were year 3, so a year young, and the experience really paid off, enabling them to win their two U8 matches, beating both Witham and Foremarke, two tough opponents.

All of the coaches are extremely proud of the girls and their many netball successes. A huge thank you must go to all of the girls' games staff who have worked tirelessly in this term to prepare and manage the squads to this tremendous set of results and all of the parents who have provided such positive side line support. 📺



Congratulations to the U11A Netball Girls 16th in the UK!

Written by Donna Brailich – Director of Sport

It's official, we have the 16th best U11 Netball team in the whole of the UK!

Over 350 schools entered the U11 Regional IAPS Tournaments at 6 different locations in the UK and from these, the top 40 schools qualified for the IAPS National Netball Finals in Brighton. After a horrendous journey, (Friday rush hour on the M25 'car park' is not to be recommended), we arrived at our top class overnight accommodation, Premier Inn Brighton for a celebratory team dinner, our final inspirational team quote and a good night's sleep. After a 'breakfast of champions' shared with Felstead U13s, an excited U11 squad made the short journey to Roedean School, location of the Nationals, to take on the best of the rest! A hard day of matches awaited us, with us getting off to a very good start narrowly losing our game 7 – 8, to

High March, runners up of the High Wycombe Tournament. The standard of play was extremely high and our girls were certainly not out of their depth; beating St Joseph's in the Park 7 – 5; RGS The Grange 3 – 2 and Perse Prep 6 – 3 (who they had lost to in the regional finals at Uppingham the week before); whilst drawing 5 – 5 with Marist Prep. The girls lost to Kew Green and last year's winners Guildford High, who both qualified for the semi-finals from our group, but certainly did not disgrace themselves in either of these games, finishing 4th in their group and 16th overall. All in all a superb performance by our team, with our girls certainly putting our school firmly on the map amongst the numerous competing schools from the south. I was incredibly proud of you all and am sure we will be back there again next year! 🍀

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Girls' Cricket Summer Term 2016

History was made on Saturday 21st May, as the first ever S. Anselm's girls' cricket match was played, away at Mt St Mary's. The rain held off for the momentous occasion, with captain Jessie Milligan-Manby winning the toss and electing to field first.

The bowler of our first over Annie Middleton secured a maiden and set the tone for the rest of the fielding innings; with Fran Newton taking three catches, Hattie Nieper one, Jessie Milligan-Manby one and Annie Middleton one. Some great fielding and throws ensured the Mt St Mary's girls were all out by the 15th over, having scored a commendable 93 runs.

Annie Middleton and Ella Hill went into bat for us, with Ella scoring 17 runs and Annie having to declare at 32, but not before she had hit a couple of 6s and a fair few 4s! The rest of the team all played their part to ensure we lasted the full 16 overs, with a total of

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113. A fine victory, well played girls! Thanks to Alex Esculier who assisted me with the scoring, Mrs Whawell for umpiring; along with Mr Wood and Mr Turner for helping me prepare and select the team in our Monday and Friday evening net sessions.

Unfortunately the Shrewsbury School Under 12 Girls' Cricket Festival was rained off in June, however, there was more cricket success for our Year 8 girls on their sports and sailing tour to the Isle of Wight. They had victories in their cricket fixtures against West Hill Park Prep in Fareham, 269 runs to 211; and the Island Free School on Sunday, 244 runs to 235 – well played girls! 🏏





Rugby Report 2016

In what seems to be a regular warm and sunny start to the Michaelmas Term we had to adapt to the new NROP. This meant working on our individual skills and learning what we could and could not do at the contact and breakdown situations.

For the 1st team it was to be a mix of 15 a-side and 13 a-side games, with the U12 playing some matches as a year group. For the U11s, U10s, U9s and U8s it meant playing within their year groups and new rules at the scrum and ruck. Despite the changes the boys adapted well and with match practice their skills developed. The season began with matches against Wellow House. For the 1st XIII led by Toby de la Billiere it was a dynamic first half in which we had a lot of possession and scored four tries, although we did allow Wellow to turn us over in the ruck too often. In rotating the team in the second – half we did lose our way a little and Wellow had more of the game. However a convincing 6 tries to 2 start and a platform for our forwards to work on.

The U11 Rugby had an equally strong performance particularly in the contact area of defence. Constantly we turned the ball over led by Sammy Unsworth and this allowed the pace of Alec Formela to finish the movement with a try. With Wellow finding us too strong we tried to pass the ball through more hands but still quickly achieved an 8 try win. The U10 rugby

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had an even first half with a try a piece, by Archie Carter but Wellow came out stronger in the second half and went three tries up before we finally pulled a try back from William Henson. The end result 4-2. The U9s and U8s played two tag rugby games which proved an enjoyable start to their rugby with lots of running and tries. Honours proved even with one win for each side.

The second match for the U11s, U9s and U8s was against Smallwood Manor. For the U11s it was a far more closely contested match. We opened the scoring but Smallwood Manor came back strongly. At half time we were 15-10 up but we would have to be at our best in the second half. Another close second half saw both teams score tries, through the pace of Alec Formela, power of Rufus Ludlam and a brilliant finish from Hector Mellor we had won 35-20.

The U9s won 14 tries to 12 under the new rules. It highlighted each and every mistake with such a vast space to run into. In the second half we narrowed the pitch and it was

wonderful to see the boys offloading out of the tackle and running hard through the gaps. Special mention to Seb Raper and Charles Walmisley who tackled superbly on the day and to Thomas F who scored his first brace of tries for S. Anselm's. Two wins out of two. The U8s tag match saw us open the scoring with Freddie but Smallwood had some quick runners and came back to win.

The following weekend both the U11 IX and 1st XV Rugby Teams went on tour down to Malvern. The weather proved superb with the boys enjoying our Indian summer, sharing the experience of touring together, and visiting a beautiful area of the country. After a three hour journey we warmed up for our first fixtures at the Elms School. The 1st XV started confidently turning the ball over in the first ruck and moving the ball wide for Arthur Effront to score. However this proved only to antagonise our opponents who from then on ran strongly, rucked powerfully, and convincingly beat us in the physical contests. The U11s also came up against a determined team who were quick and strong at the ruck

and ran hard to score several tries. We enjoyed a warm balmy evening playing in the grounds before supper before settling down with our hosts to watch the open game England v Fiji in the Rugby World Cup. It was a patriotic atmosphere with the national anthem and lots of cheering. A late night saw us all go to bed at the Premier Inn in Malvern, snoring our heads off very quickly. The Saturday began with the mist rising and a full English breakfast. All fed we set off up the Malvern Hills to an ancient hill fort for the most wonderful views to the Welsh Borders.

The afternoon saw fixtures against the Downs School and both proved to be exciting and close fought matches. In the 1st team game the Downs took an early 12 point lead through tries from their two strong centres. However as we gradually realised we could gain more success by keeping the ball close and protected in direct runs and rucking, we scored a try through George Ludlam.

We were now dominating possession with Louis G proving to be our man of the match with his tigress runs and his two tries. The game looked to be ours as we took a 22-19 lead with only five minutes to play. Unfortunately when on the attack we lost the ball and the Downs took full advantage to score the winning try.

The U11s were to start slowly and quickly found themselves several tries down. However with a true fighting spirit they hauled themselves back with tries from Rufus Ludlam and Alec Formela to draw level. As both sides looked to gain a lead it was the Downs who just sneaked over to win the game.

As the 1st XV travelled home to prepare for their trip to France the U11s enjoyed the evening in Worcester. Alec Formela just beat Mr P in the all-comers ten pin bowling game, before we all descended on Pizza Express for our supper. After a long day it was a wonderful way to spend an evening, as pizza was washed down by glasses of juice.

In glorious sunshine we made our way to Malvern College for a day of rugby coaching and small games. Despite losing the games we all felt we had learnt a lot and seen what a public school has to offer.

On Wednesday 30th September the U13 and U12 rugby teams travelled to Lady Manner's School Bakewell. For us this was as close a home fixture as we seem to be able to manage. Lady Manner's had two large squads which they could rotate, whereas for us it was pure sweat and blood.

In the U13 match our forwards worked superbly to demonstrate their driving and rucking skills but in the first half we could never safely secure possession. Lady Manner's had a strong runner who was to prove our undoing as he scored several unanswered tries, particularly when it went wide. In the second-half we tidied up and went through several phases of play to pull back two tries through Artur Ludlam but Lady Manner's finished the game the victors.

In the U12 match our ability to run strongly and ruck hard to retain possession gave us a brilliant platform. With the 'bulldozer' Will Dobson and 'ground raker' Louis Green the backs gained all the time they needed. From this we moved the ball across the backline and scored several unanswered tries. Even in defence our covering and tackling closed the Lady Manner's players down and saw us turn the ball over.

Although six tries up at half-time we began to tire in the second-half and Lady Manner's scored three tries to our four, resulting in a nine tries to three win.

On Saturday 3rd October the 1st XV and U11 IX made the long journey to Abberley Hall. Slightly delayed by a traffic accident we were late to kick-off and also had our minds elsewhere. Perhaps thinking of an England 'call-up'! Abberley took full advantage as they ran powerfully and pressed us hard in defence. Within fifteen minutes we were three tries down. Thankfully we all began to realise there was no place to hide and it was a total team commitment. We contested the rucks and saw more possession, which we managed to retain. The threat from their kicking was nullified by the catching of Luke Dobson and his tackling in defence. Working superbly hard we held the talented Abberley backs to two further tries. This was in the end a brave and determined defensive display.

In a similar game the U11s battled hard with some good tackling and pressing in defence. Twice we managed to breach the Abberley line but with them scoring six we had lost the game. After a well-earned match tea we made our way home to watch a lacklustre England performance as they were dumped out of the 2015 World Cup by Australia.

The following week the U10s travelled to Hill House School and played two games, against the hosts



and Birkdale School. Both proved difficult with some big opponents. However we battled away with Angus Ludlam running well and everyone determined in their tackling. Both matches were lost but a lot of match experience gained.

In the U12 match we ran strongly at Hill House always breaking the gain line and retaining possession in the breakdown. This provided quick ball for the backs who passed and ran well to step the defence. Several tries were scored from free flowing play. Hill House found our defence strong when tested and our counter drive turned ball over. We ran out comfortable winners by seven unanswered tries.

On Wednesday 7th October the might of S. Anselm's Rugby travelled on a 70 seater coach to Ranby House for our biggest block fixture, and against our nearest rivals. Hey for a short bus journey! Both junior teams at U9 and U8 played exciting non-stop rugby, as each side scored in end to end games. The final scores of 9 – 9 and 5 – 5 a perfect introduction to the game. The U11s saw a titanic struggle with both sides tackling strongly. Ranby opened the scoring after several phases of play and we were unlucky not to equalize with Alec Formela clear only to be called back for handing-off. Despite several chances we could not get a score and the game finished 1 – 0 to Ranby.

In both senior games at U12 and U13 we dominated play with some powerful running and rucking. In the U12 the ability to link and keep the ball alive proved too strong for Ranby as the game was over by half-time with eight tries scored. In the U13 match we proved too strong in all aspects of the game. Powerful running and rucking retained us the majority of possession and sucked in the defence. This enabled us to spread the ball wide and score a number of superb tries. The end score was 45 – 5.

The following Saturday U10 and U11 teams travelled south to Bilton Grange. We enjoyed an entertaining afternoon of rugby with the U10s



battling against a strong Bilton side. However Archie Carter led the team by example with his strong tackling and Saul Robertson scored a consolation try. The U11s won by six tries to two, with a strong evasive running performance from Alec Formela ably supported by the rest of the team's committed ball winning skills.

On Wednesday 4th November the U11 rugby team played St Peter and St Paul's at home. A local derby for us but one that proved to be rather one sided. With the pace of Alec Formela and Rufus Ludlam and the determined rucking of our forwards we quickly ran in tries. Before long it was a rotation of players to give everyone game time but still the tries kept coming.

For the U13s it was a local trip to Abbotsholme and a full squad outing. We played a XV a side game with several of our players representing Abbotsholme. We began the game strongly providing quick ruck ball for it to be moved wide and exploit the spaces on the wings. The lines of running were effective and steadily we amassed tries. In the second-half we gave Abbotsholme a few other players and this seemed to balance proceedings for most of the second-half. However we finished the game strongly with a flowing movement across the backs for a convincing six try win.

The House Rugby Tournament took place on a mild sultry afternoon.

Predictions for the senior event seem to have it close between several houses whilst Wellingtons looked strong in the junior. In the junior event Churchills and Nelsons battled away to contain the stronger Pitts and Wellies, with the contest between them allowing honours to be shared for third place. Pace in the Wellingtons team was to prove the ingredient in the final contest with Pitts, as they ran in several tries to win the junior tournament. Each house had players nominated for their play Nelsons – Hugo Holmes; Churchills – Charles Walmisley; Pitts – Alfie Weber; and Wellingtons – Rufus Ludlam.

In the senior tournament play slowly picked-up as defences were stretched and the matches took their toll in energy levels. Pitts looked strong early on with both Shea John and Archie Pearson darting through against Churchills. Wellies also had pace and size to cover the ground to open with a win. Unfortunately Nelsons found the going tough, as the ship was sunk from under them. Churchills returned to play a faster game moving the ball well against Wellies, which left them with a chance of securing the title, if Wellies could beat Pitts in the final game. However Pitts proved triumphant as the strongest team and senior champions. House awards went to Matthew Williams for Nelson; Edward Mayson for Churchills; George Ludlam for Wellies and Shea John and Archie Pearson for Pitts. In mid November we hosted Terra Nova's 1st team in our only senior home game of the season and put on another impressive display for the spectators. Although seeing a lot of early ball the Terra Nova forwards worked hard to slow play and even turn ball over. Eventually we did see quick ball that allowed our handling and running skills to take a hold on the game and tries flowed. With all the backs looking to be involved and the forwards driving hard the Terra Nova forwards tired allowing us to score five second-half tries.

The U11s played a talented and powerful Terra Nova side. Although tackling hard we could not stop their

two quick and powerful players from scoring. Alec Formela pulled a try back but Terra Nova went on to score several tries for a win. The U11 and U10 rugby teams entertained Grace Dieu at home. Despite the efforts of Archie Carter tackling like a demon and Angus Ludlam battling to win ball the U10s found a talented Grace Dieu side difficult to contain, who finished comfortable winners.

For the U11s Alec Formela's pace and the power of Rufus Ludlam and Captain Sammy Unsworth proved too much for the Grace Dieu team. However it was not just pace and power which won the game. The boys showed good handling skills and some superb lines of running to open up the defence. This proved to be an equally comfortable win for S. Anselm's.

It was a busy afternoon at home with the U9 rugby team also playing against St Peter and St Paul's. Charles Walmsley certainly starred with the running tries. However it was a good team performance with all the boys contributing in attack and defence. Our competitive edge saw several tries scored in a comfortable win.

The U13s found themselves on the road again after a change of venue, against Grace Dieu. From the kick-off Grace Dieu ran the ball back with some solid rucks. However from the third phase we managed a turnover and crossed their line only to go too far into the leaves before putting the ball down. A certain lack of posts was deceiving us. We were now winning lots of ball and moving it quickly. Another attack saw us cross their line, a try. Oh!! No not again, we had run over the dead-ball line again. Eventually from yet more free-flowing play we scored. The tries continued to come with eight players all getting on the scorecard. On Saturday we travelled to Bilton Grange and prepared fully for a competitive game in the rain. We ran powerfully setting up rucks to tidy the ball and breaking quickly to keep the momentum. Despite Bilton trying to get out of their half by kicking, we maintained the pressure

and were dutifully rewarded with a Max Hattersley try diving over from a ruck instigated by several strong forward drives. We had dominated territory and this continued in the second-half. Our scrum was driving well and Russell French seemed to have scored after popping out of a maul, only to be stopped just short of the line. Increasingly we were finding holes around the ruck and from one Archie Pearson burst through to score. This gave us a ten point lead and we looked like adding more. Arthur Ludlam nearly drove over only to be stopped on the line and the territorial pressure was maintained. As the final whistle went the crowd roared their appreciation of a fine game and a well-deserved victory by 10 – 0.

After a week without a match and time to prepare both the U11 and 1st rugby teams made the long journey to Moor Park, Ludlow. Everyone was fully aware this was to culminate our season of individual matches and a run of nine weeks without defeat. Mr P gave all the older boys a rousing talk on matches to remember and how we had the opportunity to turn around last year's defeat. Songs and anthems reverberated as nervous energy ignited the bus. We were warmly greeted on what now was a rain soaked day!

A quick warm-up and focused talks preceded the whistle. In the U11 game the first half provided Alec Formela the chance to use his silky running skills to put us in front. However Moor Park doggedly fought back with two tries of their own, before Rufus Ludlam crashed through to give us a 20-10 lead at half-time. The second-half showed our steely determination as Rufus added further tries for a 35-10 victory.

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With a slight wind and slope advantage the 1st XV pinned Moor Park deep into their 22 and quickly adjusted to the conditions. The forwards drove relentlessly to set up a ruck to the left of the posts from which Archie Pearson picked up and stepped several defenders to score. We continued to press with the forwards working superbly to set up attacks. George Ludlam broke from a scrum to set up a second phase ball for Will Dobson to drive low over the line, converted by Max Hattersley. With tries on the board and a lot of quick ball we moved the attacks wider mixing three-quarter moves with forward runs. Archie Pearson and Arthur Ludlam added further tries before half-time. The second-half saw us take up the same mantle and attack relentlessly both with and without the ball. Tries were added by Arthur Ludlam's second and Henry Walmisley. We were well looked after with a fine match tea and a warm fire! The boys fully deserved their celebratory 'Maccy D' on the journey home.

On the final weekend of term the storm winds and rain put paid to the 1st team's trip to the Isle of Man. However the 2nd VII and 9's travelled to Packwood Haugh and the U11s played at home. Packwood ran out winners, although our development over the term kept the matches close.

At the Packwood and Terrington Rugby Sevens the U13s enjoyed some group success, in two big North of England Tournaments. Despite a few victories and some improvement in our sevens play we ended up in the plate events. We finished the Lent term with the IAPS tournament where we played some good sevens. However injuries made progressing difficult as we lost in the plate semi-final. ■

Football Report 2016

With several boys choosing football in the Michaelmas Term and regular coaching from the Sheffield United coaches there was a lot of enthusiasm to develop our skills further and play some competitive matches in the Lent Term.

The term began with two matches away at Grace Dieu. The U11 team at times showed aspects of individual skill and attacking combinations. However lapses in concentration in defence resulted in errors and Grace Dieu took advantage to win 3-0.

The 1st XI started well on a soft and heavy pitch with some skilful interchanges in midfield. A through ball saw Archie Pearson accelerate and strike a powerful shot into the roof of the net. We seem to be controlling the game with several more chances carved out. However Grace Dieu were quick on the break and twice before half-time scored. The second-half saw us take control in midfield and dominate with two further Archie Pearson goals for his hat-trick, one a powerful header from a corner. Given this lead Grace Dieu still looked dangerous on the break with an excellent chance missed at the end to equalise.

Frozen pitches meant the U13 games at home versus Packwood were cancelled but the U11 and U9 teams travelled to Packwood Haugh. With the ski trip taking some boys away it gave a chance for more boys to have a game. However despite 'battling away' and never giving up we conceded

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goals to lose each game. The following Wednesday saw the U9s A's and B's playing four games in a round robin of matches versus Wellow and Smallwood. This proved an enjoyable experience with lots of short matches. Smallwood certainly had some skilful players and both our sides lost to their A team. However these proved good warm-ups for our matches against Wellow, which were very competitive. Our A's managing an exciting win by two goals to nil.

Both U11 sides found their respective opposition difficult to defend against, especially the B's who played Wellow's A-side. Despite a lot of effort and never giving up both Wellow and Smallwood won by several goals. The 1st XI played Wellow at home and dominated large parts of the

game. We played some good passing football through the midfield on a much better pitch than the previous week. This created a variety of opportunities to score but with the Wellow keeper having a superb game and missed shots we failed to take our opportunities. However just before half-time Charlie Chauveau found himself in the inside left channel and slide the ball home. Despite numerous chances in the second-half we could not add to this and it remained 1-0 at the end. With six points from six the team shows potential to have another good season.

At the beginning of February two U11 and three U13 football teams travelled to Abberley Hall. The weather for once relented and we had a superb afternoon to play in beautiful countryside. As the professional coaches say, 'it was a game of two halves.' This was certainly the case for both the 1st and 2nd XI's who drew a half each 1:1 and 0:0. However the other half was won by Abberley, as both the wind and journey took its effect. In between we battled hard and created several chances to score before Henry Walmisley gained one goal for us from the penalty spot. The 3rd XI had an exciting game on astro, with the wind again controlling play, as they finished the wrong side of a 3:2 result.

The U11s proved youth is on our side as both teams won exciting 3:2 victories in the second halves. The A team showed some skilful football in heavy conditions and also battled hard when needed. The journey home

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U13 FOOTBALL



**James Dinnigan, Theo Farrell, Isaac Bamford, Thomas Green, William Bowker, Rafael Antelo.
 Thomas Hayward-Stott, Thomas Hartley, James Carr, Charlie Chauveau (Capt), Joshua Glynn, George Longstaff.**

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was a little more enjoyable with these results and the boys enjoyed match tea hosted in good spirit with the Abberley boys. Many of the Year 8's talking of schools they going to and early friends being made.

On Saturday we played the Football House matches in awful conditions as the rain came down and wind blew on already waterlogged pitches. However the boys battled on as old rivalries were re-engaged. In the Juniors Churchills certainly showed both skill and resolve as they powered to three wins. Both Wellingtons and Pitts had close encounters to with Pitts just edging out Wellingtons for third place. In the Senior Event Churchills again linked play well and took their scoring opportunities to win all three games, despite some close matches. Wellingtons and Pitts again vied for second place with Wellingtons this

time just having the edge. This meant that overall Churchills had retained the Harrison House Football Cup with Wellingtons and Pitts tied in second and Nelsons fourth.

At the end of term the U9 Boys hosted five local Primary Schools for a football coaching day with Sheffield United. The afternoon provided six different coaching skills, which the mixed groups of boys and girls moved around through the afternoon. For the last session 12 mixed teams

played some small-sided games. Everyone seemed to enjoy the experience and hopefully improved their football skills.

For the Lads v Dads match we had a large turnout which meant players could be rotated. It was a close encounter with the Lads just narrowly winning 7-6. Both sides had periods of the game and the Dads took the lead 6-5 with 5 minutes to play, only for the younger legs of the Lads to see them home with two goals. 🏆

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Boys' Hockey Report 2016

At the beginning of term the U13 boys hockey team gained experience on astro-turf in the Foremarke Tournament.

In three days a lot of improvement in stick skills could be seen and although losing three of our four matches we maintained a competitive attitude. A draw 1:1 versus Solihull gave us some encouragement as we look forward to the second-half of term's hockey.

The second half of term began with matches against Ranby House. The 1st and 2nd XI teams both had close games on grass. The 1st XI drew 1:1 after leading for a period and having several goal scoring chances. The 2nd XI performed well in a close fought contest narrowly losing 2:1. In our first outing on the Belper HC astro-turf the U9s enjoyed a mixed team round-robin of matches. Where everyone learnt more about the game and improved their stick skills. For the U11s it was a difficult learning curve with Ranby having match experience. However we battled on with the A's only 2:1 down at half-time, to end up losing 4:1 in the end. The B's kept their heads high always giving a lot of effort against a competent Ranby side.

The 1st and 2nd VII hockey teams played away at Terra Nova. In two close games, with a talented opposition goalkeeper we narrowly lost the 1st's game but drew the 2nd's. In the U11 and U10 matches at Belper we played the Foremarke first teams which made it a difficult afternoon but the players persevered and the hockey skills have certainly improved

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over the term. The U10s travelled to the Foremarke Hockey Tournament and had a successful afternoon of hockey. We battled hard to contain the opposition, achieving one draw and losing several close matches. In a new fixture versus Yarlet Hall the 1st VII won 4:1 and the U11 VII drew 1:1. These performances gave us confidence as we moved into the last few weeks of term.

The U13 boys' hockey team played Abbotsholme next. In a close game on a new astro-turf pitch the boys had a chance to develop their stick skills and game awareness. Chances did come for both sides and fortunately in the end we took one to win the game 1 – 0.

The U11 and U10 boys' hockey teams played Terra Nova on our own Belper astro-turf pitch. This again gave all the boys the chance to develop their hockey skills. The U10 A VII won

2 -1 with Angus Ludlam playing a controlling game in midfield, and Max Nieper scoring. The U10 B VII came back from 2 – 0 down to score in the second-half and just miss a further chance to equalise. In the U11 A match our boys dominated play with some quick movement of the ball to win 4 – 0 and the U11 B's not to be outdone also won 4 – 0.

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Boys' Cricket Report 2016

On the second day of term the junior teams hosted Yarlet Hall and The Elms, Trent at home. All the boys were excited about playing their first cricket match at home in beautiful sunshine. The fields looked superb with wickets cut. Thank you to our ground staff!

In the U9 pairs match everyone bowled and batted. Yarlet certainly had some big hitting batsmen which helped them amass a good total. We now know we need to work on our bowling to avoid the extras being given away! However promise was shown and a keen desire to practise and improve our cricketing skills will help us in the season ahead.

For the U11A and B teams batting second helped both to secure draws. Although we know the Elms demonstrated to us the progress we will have to make to compete on the cricket field, particularly in our batting.

Unfortunately for the 1st XI the Yarlet square had not recovered from the winter rain and was not yet ready to play on.

On the first Saturday of term four teams travelled to St Hugh's Woodhall Spa to play. A change in the weather brought a cold wind and odd showers but we battled on! The St Hugh's U11A team had some talented players, two representing Lincolnshire. We tried to hold an innings together, but only William Henson managed to build an innings of 20, as St Hugh's won the game. The U11B team performed well in a pair's game, with everyone involved in their victory.

In the senior matches we proved too strong with comfortable wins for both teams. The 2nd XI knocked-off the 70 runs required in five overs with most of the runs coming in boundaries. In the 1st XI match wickets were shared amongst the bowlers, with William Dobson just missing out on five wickets. Batting second we steadily built a score and despite losing four wickets secured victory by six wickets. Rain was still in the air as the U13 and U11 teams travelled south to play Bilton Grange. All the games started but an hour into play the rain began. With matches evenly posed we tried to play through. However the heavens then opened and even with an early tea the matches were cancelled.

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On Wednesday 4th May the 2nd XI played Abbotsholme 1st XI. Abbotsholme won the toss and put us into bat. Against some tidy but not particularly penetrating bowling our openers picked-off the wide deliveries and sent them to the boundary. Over twenty overs Henry Walmisley built his innings to score a half century and the team a total of 117. After tea on a glorious sunny afternoon, with the fields and blossom out, Abbotsholme went into bat. Their opening batsmen defied our opening overs but as the first wickets fell the steady walk back to the pavilion became a consistent

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event. Matthew Williams increased the pressure with a tight field that took some excellent catches, roared on by Mr P. The Abbotsholme innings came to an end with a comfortable 80 run win.

The U11 XI and U9 VIII again enjoyed fine weather for their trip to Smallwood. However victories were hard to come by. Smallwood had a star bowler/batsmen who dominated to win them the game. A closer match for the U9s with the difference being the extras given from our bowling. An area we need to work on to improve our game.

On Saturday the Cricket House matches took place. In the continuing sunny weather the support around the boundaries certainly complemented the competitive cricket in the field. Kinder, as part of their fund-raising for their 'Pilgrim Walk' in Spain, provided refreshments for the large crowd of spectators. In the Seniors Wellies and Churchill comfortably made the final, as did Pitts and Churchill's in the Juniors. There was some excellent one day cricket played with big shots and some great bowling. The running between wickets was certainly practised. In

the Seniors Wellies put on a big score of 94 and although losing an early wicket Churchill's were up with the run rate at halfway. However wickets fell and they were short by 24 runs. In the third place play-off Pitts achieved a solid victory. In the Juniors Pitts again dominated to beat Churchill's in the final with Wellies seeing off Nelson's for third place.

This meant that in combining the points we had a three way tie between Wellies, Pitts and Churchill's for 1st place. Another busy week was to follow with matches against Grace Dieu and Yarlet on the Wednesday and then our tour to Malvern at the weekend.

The Wednesday cricket fixtures at Yarlet and Grace Dieu fell foul of the huge deluge of rain on the previous day. However our top field looked in excellent shape as Grace Dieu's 1st XI and U11A teams arrived. In the U11 match we put Grace Dieu into bat and we opened the bowling tidily with Angus Ludlam taking some wickets and the boys looking to be competitive in the field. Grace Dieu did have two powerful batsmen who did strike the boundary several times to push their score to 125. However we did

manage to bowl them out! In a mix of good shots, some given air to provide catches and wickets falling we made a creditable 88 but lost the match.

The 1st XI were looking to maintain their winning start and were put into bat by Grace Dieu. With some good shots and batting through the team we put on a score of 163 off 24 overs. Max Hattersley 42, Jack Whawell 42, Charlie Chauveau 33no. With Grace Dieu having 22 overs in a timed game we had to bowl them all out to win. Their opening bat certainly looked like he was going out to win with four boundaries in succession. However when he was caught by Max Hattersley at mid-off further wickets fell. With overs running out and a draw looking the result Luke Dobson came on to bowl his leg spin. His flight and turn bamboozled the batsmen as he took four wickets to win us the game.

On Friday 13th May the 1st XI and U11 XI teams set-off down to Malvern on their short cricket tour. We arrived early and warmed-up in the nets at 'The Elms'. Everyone was in high spirits for some competitive cricket on a lovely day. The U11s batted first with all the players contributing to the score of 84. After tea we bowled some tidy deliveries and took several wickets but The Elms had a very useful batsman who took them to victory.

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Boys on Tour!

In the 1st XI match we batted first opening steadily that allowed us to hit out strongly at the end for 125 off 26 overs, Charlie Chauveau 25 and Arthur Ludlam 24no. In reply we bowled accurately and despite a couple of dropped catches we reduced 'The Elms' to 95 for 7. A winning draw!

On Saturday we played 'The Downs', on another glorious sunny day. As the temperature rose, so did our pressure on the Downs batsmen. With only their county player making double figures we bowled and fielded superbly to 'skittled' them out for 46 runs. All bowled great line and length, with Russell French and Jaime Leache both taking three wickets.

With batting opportunities shared we lost three wickets in achieving the target of 47 and victory by 7 wickets. The U11s again made a competitive game of it in restricting The Downs to 101 but finished some 17 runs short being bowled out for 86.

Whilst the U11s returned home the 1st XI enjoyed a night out in Malvern, with a bit of a difference. The town was full of people dressed-up for the 'Rocky Horror Show' – crossed dressing and eye opening for the boys! We enjoyed a great night at the Ask Restaurant after a successful two days of cricket.

On Sunday it was back to the Downs for their annual 6 a-side tournament. Confidence was high, although in our first game against St Richards we struggled to beat their total until

Russell French hammered the ball to all areas of the surrounding gardens. Max Hattersley then took centre stage to hit numerous boundaries versus Prior Park for a total of 48. In response Prior Park struggled to get our bowling away finishing on 38. In our final league game against The Downs we changed our team around for everyone to play a match. The Downs hit an impressive 58 runs. However we responded well with Max again hitting big. Unfortunately we fell 6 runs short to place 2nd in our league. This gave us another game v Abberley. Luke Dobson bowled an unplayable over to take two wickets and reduce Abberley to 37. We took time to build a score but steadily the winning target came into sight for a great finish to a wonderful weekend.

Thence followed two weeks of disappointment! Rain seemed to be incessant and resulted in all our fixtures v Foremarke Hall and Terra Nova being called off. The 1st XI did try to play Terra Nova at home with rain in the air. Terra Nova batted first and made 75 runs. However at 16 for 1 and as the rain got heavier the match was called off. The U11s playing away managed to just complete their match and lost narrowly by 2 wickets.

In the second-half of term we began with the traditional Donald Carr 6-a-side tournament for the U12s. After a narrow defeat to Yarlet we won all our other matches to just miss the final and finished third. Again the rain seemed to dominate as all the Ranby House fixtures were cancelled.

For the year 8 pupils a cricket tour was combined with the sailing and saw us play three matches. Against West Park Prep U12s we bowled and fielded superbly to decimate their batsmen and then quickly knocked-off the runs.

On the Saturday we were hosted by 'The Ryde School' and put into bat. In a game that gave most batsmen an opportunity our middle order scored well with some big hits and quick running between the wickets for a total of 140 runs. The Ryde School started steadily before we took several wickets in quick succession. However their lower order turned it around to make it a close and exciting finish, before we took the last man for a 15 run win. Our final game was against an Isle of Wight XI. Again batting first we scored quickly to set a target of 145 runs. We again took wickets steadily but their big hitting number 5 made the game close. In the end we managed to get all of their batsmen out and win by 12 runs.



Whilst away the U11s and U9s played Wellow House. Both Angus Ludlam and Josh Nuttall scored runs for the U11s before the Wellow wickets were shared for a good win. The U9s had a close match and bowled straight and batted well. However Wellow played well to narrowly win. The U11s also played Westbourne and in a close game bowled Westbourne out to win by 3 wickets.

The final weekend saw all our teams play Packwood Haugh. Always a strong school we just never got going after all of our outdoor trips. At least the term was to finish on a high with the U11s batting and bowling well against QEGS, Wakefield U10s to win and the Year 8's having an enjoyable win against the 'Fathers'. 🏏





House Swimming Galas

Written by Donna Brailich – Director of Sport

This year's swimming galas took place on the morning of Friday 27th May, comprising of four back to back galas; the first being for the Juniors (Years 3 and 4), then the Pre-Prep (Reception, Years 1 and 2), followed by the Middles (Years 5 and 6) and culminating in the Seniors (Years 7 and 8). All in all approximately 191 pupils competed in the four galas and between them swam a total of 115 events, including individual events, medley and inter-house freestyle relays.

The Juniors were the first to start and did very well to be in school, registered, changed and ready to start their gala at 8.30am. They all swam well and relished the opportunity to swim in front of the supporters, giving them all plenty to cheer and clap about. The Pre-Prep Gala supporters arrived in very good time to support the races. There were a few initial wobbles amongst some of the swimmers, but these were quickly overcome and it was super to see so many children swimming with such huge smiles on their faces, cheered on by a large

number of supporters. The Middles never cease to amaze me with their organisation and positivity; and it was an absolute pleasure to see them all swimming so professionally for their houses. The supporters also thoroughly enjoyed this gala and lots of the races were really, closely contested – particularly the final inter-house freestyle relay - giving adults and swimmers plenty to cheer about. There was a larger number of Year 7 and 8 swimmers this year, meaning the programme of events had to be expanded for these year groups. A lot of these races are also over two lengths; but the seniors were on form; combined with Miss Clark

and Mrs Seddon's slick marshalling; Miss Renshaw, Mrs Schaper, Mr Percival timing and Mr Wood's quick scribbling of times and results; along with my own very prompt race starting, we were able to get through an incredible 35 events in time for the start of half term!

All of the pupils in the Pre-Prep swam in at least two relay events; whilst those in Years 3 through to 8 swam in a front crawl race, with the standard in this stroke really impressive. The Prep. pupils also competed in at least one other race from individual back crawl, breast stroke and butterfly events, along with medley and front



crawl relays for boys and girls. The Pre-Prep Gala culminated in a 6 length multi-stroke relay; whilst each of the Prep Galas finished with the inter-house freestyle relay, which involved everybody in the house swimming at least one length, with the longest of these races involving teams of 19 swimmers. Medals were awarded to every swimmer of each event, excluding the inter-house relay this year and medals were also awarded in the presentations to the overall fastest boys and girls for each stroke in the individual races. The full results for each gala, including the names and times of the fastest medal winners are listed right. ■

Prep-Prep Gala:

20m Front Crawl Relay – Churchills – Ruby Brailich, Bruno Formela, Ben Walker, Holly Kilner, Phoebe Bell, Max Grundy.

10m Hoop Relay – Nelsons – Freddie Leyland, Unity Norton, Phoebee Norton, Tiggy Farrell, Morris Mellor, Holly Hunter

15m Board Relay – Churchills – Ruby Brailich, Edgar Tingley, Zander Bamford, Harry Heathcote, Lucy Bowker, Amelia Goodear, Edward Ingman, Bruno Formela and Holly Kilner.

20m Multi-Stroke Relay – Churchills – Ben Walker, Max Grundy, Phoebe Bell, Bruno Formela, Holly Kilner, Ruby Brailich.

Overall Results – 1st Churchills, 56 points; 2nd Nelsons, 44 points; 3rd Wellingtons, 36 points, 4th Pitts, 24 points.

Junior Gala:

Boys 20m Front Crawl – Max Hope, 16.00

Girls 20m Front Crawl – Harriet Manning, 15.76

Boys 20m Back Crawl – Charlie Bowker, 19.98

Girls 20m Back Crawl – Harriet Manning, 20.56

Boys 20m Breast Stroke – James Gregory, 22.31

Girls 20m Breast Stroke – Ava Burton, 23.25

Medley Relay – Churchills

Front Crawl Relay – Nelsons

Inter-House Freestyle Relay – Wellingtons

Overall Results – 1st Nelsons (Winners of the Stuart Cup), 118 points; 2nd Churchills, 110 points; 3rd Wellingtons, 94 points; 4th Pitts, 80 points.

Middles Gala:

Boys 40m Front Crawl – Sam Unsworth, 28.25

Girls 40m Front Crawl – Daisy Ludlam, 30.20

Boys 20m Butterfly – Sam Unsworth, 15.50

Girls 20m Butterfly – Daisy Ludlam, 15.32

Boys 40m Back Crawl – Hector Mellor, 38.53

Girls 40m Back Crawl – Phoebe Whawell, 40.25

Boys 40m Breast Stroke – Joshua Nuttall, 38.00

Girls 40m Breast Stroke – Eleanor Blackledge, 38.69

Medley Relay 1 – Churchills

Medley Relay 2 – Wellingtons

Inter-House Freestyle Relay – Wellingtons

Overall Results – 1st Churchills, 176 points; 2nd Pitts, 172 points; 3rd Nelsons, 134 points; 4th Pitts, 114 points.

Senior Gala:

Boys 40m Front Crawl – Will Unsworth, 25.03

Girls 40m Front Crawl – Flora Kanan, 25.86

Boys 20m Butterfly – Adam Seddon, 13.62

Girls 20m Butterfly – Flora Kanan, 13.34

Boys 40m Back Crawl – Russell French, 34.09

Girls 40m Back Crawl – Francesca Newton, 39.65

Boys 40m Breast Stroke – Will Unsworth, 34.53

Girls 40m Breast Stroke – Flora Kanan, 34.65

Front Crawl Relay 1 – Pitts

Front Crawl relay 2 - Pitts

Mixed Medley Relay 1 – Pitts

Mixed Medley Relay 2 - Pitts

Inter-House Freestyle Relay, Winners of Alexander Cup – Pitts

Overall results – 1st Pitts, 260 points; 2nd Churchills, 202 points; 3rd Nelsons, 164 points; 4th Wellingtons, 158 points.

Combined Totals From All Four Galas:

1st – CHURCHILLS,
544 points – Winners
of Anderson
Swimming Cup
2nd – PITTS,
478 points
3rd – WELLINGTONS
& NELSONS,
460 points.



S. Anselm's House Steeplechase 2015

On Saturday 7th November, all pupils in the prep school, from Year 3 through to Year 8 ran in the infamous annual house steeplechase. The weather had been extremely wet for the set up on Friday and Saturday, but full credit to groundsmen Jason and Jonty, for producing another superbly marked and adventurous course! The water jump proved to

be a popular spot for the supporters and was a real hit with the runners, it is amazing how deep the long jump pit is! The rain was constant for the first race, but this did not put the juniors off, with a 100% turnout. By the second race it had stopped though and the supporters really began to enjoy themselves. A huge well done to the pupils for their determination

and resilience, you all thoroughly deserved your medals for completing the course. Thanks to all the staff whose many roles ensured the event ran so smoothly; George Whawell from our College for volunteering to be a hare for the senior race; and to our amazing catering department for once again warming everyone up with the tasty soup and hot drinks. 🍲

Congratulations to the following individual and house plaque winners:

Juniors (Years 3 and 4)

Girls

1st place – Ava Burton (Wellingtons);

2nd place – Lizzie Regis (Pitts);

3rd place – Isabelle Howe (Pitts)

Boys

1st place – Charles Walmisley (Churchills);

2nd place – Hugo Holmes (Nelsons);

3rd place – Freddie Hickman (Nelsons)

Middles (Years 5 and 6)

Girls

1st place – Amelia Elwood (Churchills);

2nd place – Niamh O'Brien (Pitts);

3rd place – Alice Winter (Nelsons)

Boys

1st place – Rufus Ludlam

(Wellingtons);

2nd place – Joshua Nuttall

(Nelsons);

3rd place – Thomas Harrison

(Nelsons)

Seniors (Years 7 and 8)

Girls

1st place – Hattie Nieper

(Wellingtons);

2nd place – Flora Kanan (Nelsons);

3rd place – Gabby Harper (Nelsons)

Boys

1st place – Shea John (Pitts);

2nd place – Archie Pearson (Pitts);

3rd place – Will Unsworth (Pitts)

Girls Results

1st place – Nelsons;

2nd place – Churchills

3rd place – Pitts;

4th place – Wellingtons

Boys Results

1st place – Wellingtons;

2nd place – Pitts;

3rd place – Churchills;

4th place – Nelsons

Combined Results

1st place – Pitts;

2nd place – Wellingtons;

3rd place – Nelsons;

4th place – Churchills

S. Anselm's House Hill Run 2016

On Friday 15th January all pupils in the prep school, from Year 3 through to Year 8 ran in the second off site Hill Run, at the Penrose and Thorpe Family Farms. We were also joined this year by Kinder from S. Anselm's College, who all embraced the Hill Run challenge with optimism and enthusiasm. A military operation was required in order to ensure all pupils and staff reached the venue, changed and having had lunch for 2pm and then returned safely to school again at the end. It was another superb example of the S. Anselm's staff pulling together to make sure it all ran smoothly; from the groundstaff for their great course set up and marking; to the teaching staff for their marshalling, supporting, finish line roles, recording, calculating of results and running the course as hares; and catering staff for providing the much needed hot soup and drinks at the finish. The weather was extremely cold, but bright and clear, ensuring fantastic views from the top right over to Chatsworth and Calver. Full credit to all of the pupils for showing such character, determination and resilience getting to the top of this

2.8km long, steep course; some even said how much they had enjoyed it! Thank you to everybody who braved the cold in order to cheer on the

runners; and a huge thanks to Mr Penrose and Mr Thorpe for allowing us to use their fields and land for the race. 🏃‍♂️

Congratulations to the following individual and house plaque winners:

Juniors (Years 3 and 4)

Girls

1st place – Ava Burton (Wellingtons);
 2nd place – Lizzie Regis (Pitts);
 3rd place – Imogen Nash (Pitts)

Boys

1st place – Hugo Holmes (Nelsons);
 2nd place – Freddie Hickman (Nelsons);
 3rd place – Charlie Bowker (Churchills)

Middles (Years 5 and 6)

Girls

1st place – Amelia Elwood (Churchills);
 2nd place – Isobel Elwood (Churchills);
 3rd place – Niamh O'Brien (Pitts)

Boys

1st place – Rufus Ludlam (Wellingtons);
 2nd place – Joshua Nuttall (Nelsons);
 3rd place – Archie Carter (Pitts)

Seniors (Years 7 and 8):-

Girls

1st place – Hattie Nieper (Churchills);
 2nd place – Gabby Harper (Nelsons);
 3rd place – Ella Hill (Nelsons)

Boys

1st place – Shea John (Pitts);
 2nd place – Archie Pearson (Pitts);
 3rd place – Charlie Chauveau (Nelsons)

Girls Results

1st place – Churchills;
 2nd place – Nelsons & Wellingtons
 3rd place;
 4th place – Pitts

Boys Results

1st place – Churchills;
 2nd place – Wellingtons & Pitts;
 4th place – Nelsons

Combined Results:

1st place – Churchills;
 2nd place – Wellingtons & Pitts;
 4th place - Nelsons

Winner of Kinder Race –

George Whawell – 7 min 13 secs

Fastest Prep School Runner

overall – Shea John (Pitts) 7 minutes 23 seconds



S. Anselm's Invitational Cross Country 2016

Written by Donna Brailich – Director of Sport

Wednesday 27th January saw us holding our annual cross country meeting, with this year's being larger than ever, as we welcomed ten other schools from Derbyshire, Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and Staffordshire, ensuring over 100 runners in each of the three races. This year's wet winter meant a very slippery, squelchy course awaited the runners, with one school referring to the event as a junior version of 'Tough Mudder' (consult You Tube if unsure!) Our S. Anselm's cross country squad was also the biggest yet, with 72 of our speediest runners from years 3 through to 8 competing. It was another superb example of the S. Anselm's staff pulling together to make sure it all ran smoothly; from our ground staff for their great course set up and marking; to the teaching staff for their marshalling, supporting, finish line roles, recording, calculating of results and being the crucial hares for each

race; Mrs Seddon for her first aid support and photography and catering staff for providing the much needed hot soup and drinks at the finish. Full credit to our teams for showing such character, determination and resilience in such testing weather and course conditions. Our teams did us proud with us dominating

in the senior races; with our four counter runners all finishing in the top nine in the girls' race and in the top ten for the boys' race! All of our A teams won place medals in the team competitions, with us scooping 1st place in three of the six races well run everybody! 🏆



Congratulations to the following individual plaque winners and medal winning teams:

S. Anselm's Team Results

Juniors (Years 3 and 4) -

Girls - 3rd place team overall

Lizzie Regis 7th,

Ava Burton 12th, Imogen Nash 13th,

Isabelle Howe 31st

Boys - 1st place team overall

Freddie Hickman 2nd, C Bowker 6th, Charles Walmisley 7th, Hugo Holmes 12th

Middles (Years 5 and 6)

Girls – 2nd place team overall

Amelia Elwood 2nd, Isobel Elwood

5th, Niamh O'Brien 14th,

Phoebe Whawell 23rd

Boys – 2nd place team overall

Rufus Ludlam 3rd, Joshua Nuttall

8th, Thomas Harrison 10th, Angus Ludlam 15th

Seniors (Years 7 and 8) -

Girls – 1st place team overall

Hattie Nieper 3rd, Gabby Harper

7th, Ella Hill 8th, Flora Kanan 9th

Boys – 1st place team overall

Jack Whawell 2nd, Archie Pearson

3rd, Shea John 4th,

Will Unsworth 10th

Workshop and Malvern Cross Country

Written by Donna Brailich – Director of Sport

Tuesday 8th March saw a team of 24 boys and girls running at the annual Workshop Prep Schools Meeting, with our runners putting in some superb performances. The Under 11 girls easily won their team competition, with a team total of 21! Amelia and Isobel Elwood, picked up individual plaques for their performances, finishing 3rd and 4th in their race whilst Niamh O'Brien finished 6th and Phoebe Whawell finished 8th – awesome packing girls! The Under 13 girls were pipped into being the 2nd place team by a mere one point; but Hattie Nieper picked up an individual plaque, finishing 3rd overall; whilst tight packing once again by the girls saw Annie Middleton securing her best performance to date in 7th place, captain Gabby Harper 8th and Ella Hill 9th for a team total of 27.

Our extra runners Flora Kanan (10th) and Arabella Green (14th) were also not far behind. The under 13 boys were without their captain, but also put in some super performances, for a team total of 37, which also saw their team in 2nd place – Jack Whawell was the first runner home in 5th place, winning an individual plaque and Archie Pearson not far behind in 7th place (despite being a year young for this age group). There is still much work to do with the U11 boys, however, whose team total was 111, although they were also missing their captain for this race.

Sunday 13th March saw our cross-country squads back in action at the 'National Prep Schools Cross Country Meeting' at Malvern College, a huge event involving 42 different schools. We had some superb individual performances, with Hattie Nieper being our first U13 girl home in 37th place and Archie Pearson finishing 57th in the under 13 boys' races, despite being a year young for this age group. Highlight of the day for many was the reappearance of

David Beckham who was once again supporting his son Romeo (12th in the U13 Boys' Race), with Victoria also accompanying him this year. A special

well done to Ava Burton and Lizzie Regis who both ran brilliantly in the Under 11 Girls' Race, despite still being in Year 4. ■



Sailing



On the 24th and 25th May Hector Mellor and Teddy Raper (U11) and Max Hattersley, Harry Twelves, Thomas Green and James Carr (U13) competed in the IAPS National sailing regatta in Weymouth.

It was a tremendous scene with about 55 boats in each category. Teddy and Hector had had one practice session together and tiny bit of race training but threw themselves in and had a terrific day. There was stiff competition and some 'bending of the rules' but they came 16th in our best race and overall 20th having taken turns to helm over all four races. Thomas Green and James Carr started their day with a 1st and a 2nd out of 59 boats and in the end came 4th overall. Max Hattersley and Harry Twelves raced well and came 12th overall.

S. Anselm's were placed 2nd overall out of some good sailing schools. Well done to all of the boys! ■

Sports Day is Postponed

Pre-Sports Day was scheduled for Friday 10th June this year and the sun shone for the first few events.

However, this quickly changed, with the heavens opening. There has been a lot of rain falling on top field over the years, but nothing like this, even the manhole covers popped off and the main school building flooded. There is no faulting the resilience and determination of the S. Anselm's staff and pupils – but enough was enough and when the top field became a lake, the events had to be abandoned, (much to the supporters' relief), however, not before nine track and several field events had been completed. A huge thank you to our facilities and ground staff who had prepared the top field so magnificently, it really did look superb at 3pm and thanks also to everybody who braved the rain to compete, record or support. The remaining events were completed a little later in the term, on Tuesday 5th July and this time the weather was a lot more favourable.

Three Millennium Records were broken this year, two on Friday's Pre-Sports Day (no mean feat given the conditions); with Alec Formela's speedy 49.8s run in the Middle Boys' 300m and Isobel Elwood's splendid 53.6s run in the Middle Girls' 300m. On Tuesday 5th July, Hugo Holmes made it a 300m hat trick, this time setting a new Junior Boys time of 62.7s. There were some super performances by our athletes and the jubilant winners of the individual cups and our new victor / victrix ludorums are listed below:

Victor / Victrix Ludorums:

Junior Girls Victrix Ludorum

Ava Burton

Middle Girls Victrix Ludorum

Amelia Elwood, Niamh O'Brien, Verity Scroggs

Senior Girls Victrix Ludorum

Hattie Nieper

Junior Boys Victor Ludorum

Hugo Holmes, Charles Walmisley

Middle Boys Victor Ludorum

Alec Formela, Rufus Ludlam

Senior Boys Victor Ludorum

Jaime Leache

Cup / Trophy Winners 2016:

Senior Boys 100m Harrop Cup

Jaime Leache

Senior Girls 100m Head Cup

Francesca Newton

Senior Boys 200m Fox Cup

Jaime Leache

Senior Girls 200m Roddick Cup

Lily Whatley

Senior Boys 300m Wood Cup

Jaime Leache

Junior Girls 800m Renshaw-Smith Cup –

Ava Burton

Middle Boys 800m Potters Cup

Rufus Ludlam

Senior Girls 800m Renshaw-Smith Cup –

Hattie Nieper

Senior Boys 800m Johnson Cup

Shea John

Senior Girls 1,500m Renshaw-Smith Cup

Hattie Nieper

Senior Boys 1,500m Johnson and Dean Cup

Shea John

Senior Girls Javelin, Clare Taylor Cup

Lily Whatley

Senior Boys Discus, Louis Street Cup

Arthur Effront

This year the boys once again began on the track and all of the girls on the field events; with them swapping half way through. The more specialised events such as the middle distance and hurdling track events, along with javelin, discus and high jump were very popular with the supporters. The atmosphere for the final events, the 'Paul Crocombe Whole School

Relay' and Tug of War, proved to be electric. At the final count Churchills once again did the double – winners of the House Swimming Gala and also overall winners of Sports Day; but all of the houses deserve credit for their fabulous performances.

Final Results:

1st – CHURCHILLS

Blackburn Cup 919 points

2nd - PITTS

859 points

3rd - WELLINGTONS

814 points

4th - NELSONS

771 points



Thomas, Amelia and Alec Qualify for the IAPS National Athletics Finals!

Following their success at the Regional Athletics Meeting at Leeds, three of our athletes qualified for the 'IAPS National Athletics Finals', at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham in July.

Thomas Harrison –
1st U12 Boys' High Jump

Amelia Elwood –
1st U12 Girls' 70m Hurdles

Alec Formela –
2nd U12 Boys' 200m

All thoroughly enjoyed the experience of representing their region as part of the North East Team on the National stage, at this prestigious athletics meeting.

Nursery



S. Anselm's



S. Anselm's Nursery 2015-2016



This year in Nursery has seen the children really reach for the stars: jumping and leaping into new themes, delighting us with their enthusiasm and diverse interests. Their hands-on approach and curious minds meant no topic or activity was too daunting for these young explorers.

Our topics this year saw us rocket into space, venture into Arctic Exploration, celebrate Chinese New Year with the cheeky little monkeys, leap into 2016 with Frogs, show off our skills on Wheels, and nurture our learning through Growth.

From the start of the year, the children were raring to go: painting, collaging and junk modelling a variety of items, even building a 'super sonic rocket'! From baking to building, crafting to climbing, there was nothing that this group didn't try.

They also had the opportunity to share their special interests and treasured possessions, with a VIP visit from Ted the dog! The Nativity performance was a treat for all with the children performing brilliantly and singing and dancing with great confidence and enthusiasm.

January saw three special guests arriving from the poles: a polar bear, a penguin and a husky from Siberia, who helped our Arctic arts and crafts display look like a winter wonderland. We also had a visit from real creatures in the 'Really Wild Roadshow' – where



the children proved far braver than the teachers when being introduced to Sally the Giant Snail, Rio the (rather large) Snake and the 'bumpy' Bearded Dragon.

Chinese New Year welcomed the Year of the Monkey, where our monkeys celebrated with their very own 'dragon dance' to bring good health and prosperity for the year ahead. Again, their diverse and curious minds delved into new and unfamiliar challenges, eating noodles with chopsticks and decorating Chinese lanterns.

The Leap Year, with the topic of Frogs, brought the study of their life cycle as we inspected the frogspawn in our garden. With the arrival of spring, the children brought alive some wonderful collages of Spring flowers. We were also busy with Easter crafts and baking and were thrilled to find the Easter Bunny had visited the

Nursery Garden. So was our love of baking (and eating!) that the little chefs made a yummy cake to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th, while we also had royal visitors for S. Anselm's Day with Princesses gracing and Knights marching into Nursery.

The arrival of sunshine in May timed perfectly with our 'Wheels' topic where we were able to play outside and put on show our great cycling, scooter and tractor driving proficiency. The happy times playing outdoors brought sandcastles, picnics, planting and gardening, while still bouncing and bounding with Nursery blooming! The children even announced the unveiling of our own 'Bug Hotel', a luxurious and cosy home for insects, complete with plentiful soil and ample foliage. A hugely successful Sports Day marked the end of term with the athletes showing their boundless energy and enthusiasm, which has

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Nursery



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made them a joy to teach all year. There wasn't a dry eye in the house during the Leavers' Concert as we said a sad farewell to our wonderful 'Rockets' – in true reflection of their time in Nursery their performance was full of energy and humour and they all seemed to enjoy their moments of glory.

It has been a very busy and exciting year for our Nursery pupils discovering new themes with boundless energy and enthusiasm and never failing to surprise us with their thirst for knowledge and creativity. ■



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Pre-Prep



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Reception's First Outing

The great day finally arrived when Reception boarded the minibus for their first ever trip together. Our destination was Alton Manor a beautiful house with stunning gardens in Idrideghay. The children could hardly contain their excitement, although I had two slightly disappointed boys who thought we were travelling by jet and going on scary rides!!!! We left Bakewell basking in glorious sunshine and arrived at Alton Manor in the most incredible downpour which lasted until we clambered back onto the bus! This did not deter my class of intrepid explorers who popped on their hoods, took out their magnifying glasses and set off into the woods to forage

for autumnal goodies. We were not disappointed the bags were quickly filled with conkers, beech nuts, twigs, leaves, acorns and even a puff ball. Fallen trees were climbed, puddles were stamped in, wellies got stuck in the mud and we all got drenched. The best things of all were the squeals of delight, the laughter and endless discussions that could be heard deep within the woods! Once again a huge thank you to Claire Harrison for allowing us to play in her amazing outdoor classroom. ■



Rocket Topic

Reception have come to the end of their space topic which was enormous fun. Wonderful rockets were made from copious amounts of junk; aliens in flying saucers took over our classroom and knew nothing about numbers, counting or patterns!

So the children had to show them – the favourite being doubling. Each child had to show an alien how to double quantities; of course the aliens who love underpants chose to put spots onto their favourite pair of pants! In literacy the class learnt how to make a list and practised their writing and letter formation to write a list of things to take up in a rocket.

We had fun trying to walk like an astronaut and loved the dressing up box and our make shift rocket, but best of all was splatter painting to make an inter galactic galaxy! ■

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Forest Fun



In the Summer term, Reception had a fantastic time exploring the natural world around us at S.

Anselm's as part of our Forest School's pilot project. Over the Easter holidays, Miss Fox, Miss Harrison and Mrs Hunter had spent a week training to become Level 3 Forest School Leaders and they were keen to get us all involved as soon as possible! We made magical potions, secret shelters and bug hotels for the creatures that the children found alongside having some free play time to explore.

The children thought of their own golden rules to follow and keep us safe whilst in the woodland. We took regular walks into the woods where the children identified badger holes, fungi and various plants. The children even spotted a buzzard flying through the woodland!

To finish our Forest Fun sessions for the term, we celebrated with a party where the children created their own water slide with a hose, some fairy liquid and a tarpaulin! It was lots of fun whizzing down the slide and we gradually got braver and braver. The children also revisited their favourite activity of the term and made a shelter to eat their snack in. The children thoroughly enjoyed the Forest Fun sessions and are always asking, "When we are going back to the woods?!" ■



French Day

Reception got off to a flying start with the senses being exposed to all things French. We had Debussy playing in the background, the smell of camembert wafting through the classroom and pictures of Paris on the IWB. We tasted pate, salami, baguettes and cheese all washed down with glasses of grape juice. We listened to stories about Madaline—a little girl who lives in France with Miss Clavel who can be quite naughty at times! We made the Tricolore and learnt to say the colours in French and found out about a well-known French artist called Matisse. We learnt that as he grew old he was unable to paint, but instead used blocks of colour paper and scissors to create wonderful images—just like us! ■



Reception Reach New Heights!

Friday morning was filled with exciting adventures for Reception children on their class trip to the Heights of Abraham, thanks to the generous hosting of Mrs Pugh and her team. We bravely scaled the mountain tops in cable cars, enjoying the view and seeing if we could spot any bird's nests. We were really high up so it was lucky nobody had vertigo – not even Miss Fox in the end!

“We went up a very big hill and we were higher than a tree!” exclaimed Eddie. After we had to carefully work our way down a steep hill to find a nice viewing spot to charge our batteries with a snack and quick drink.

“We went up a very big hill and we were higher than a tree!”



Refreshed and revived, the adventuring continued as we explored the depths of a cave in torchlight searching for crystals, learning

about lead-mining and courageously experiencing how dark the mine would have been back in its day. Even though it was a bit scary, the children helped each other to be brave and pointed out interesting things they could see around them.

“We used our torches so we could see where we’re going in the dark cave,” Tiggy explained. Once back in the daylight, we had a super, big hill to climb but fortunately we had our imaginary climbing ropes with us to get back up. Amazingly, the children were still full of energy at the top so the best thing to do was to release them on the adventure playground. The children were amazing at climbing, sliding and navigating their way confidently around some tricky equipment. We all had lots of fun. Tummies rumbling, it was definitely





time for some lunch so Mrs Pugh took us to a lovely tent for our special picnic. One of the staff volunteered to come over and show us a large piece of crystal found in the larger cave, which was then donated to the class as a gift.

"We saw some amazing crystals," said Holly. Re-charged once more, we headed to find out about fossils, do some fossil rubbing with crayons, feel a range of beautifully-coloured stones and gems and even managed to fit in a little gold-panning!

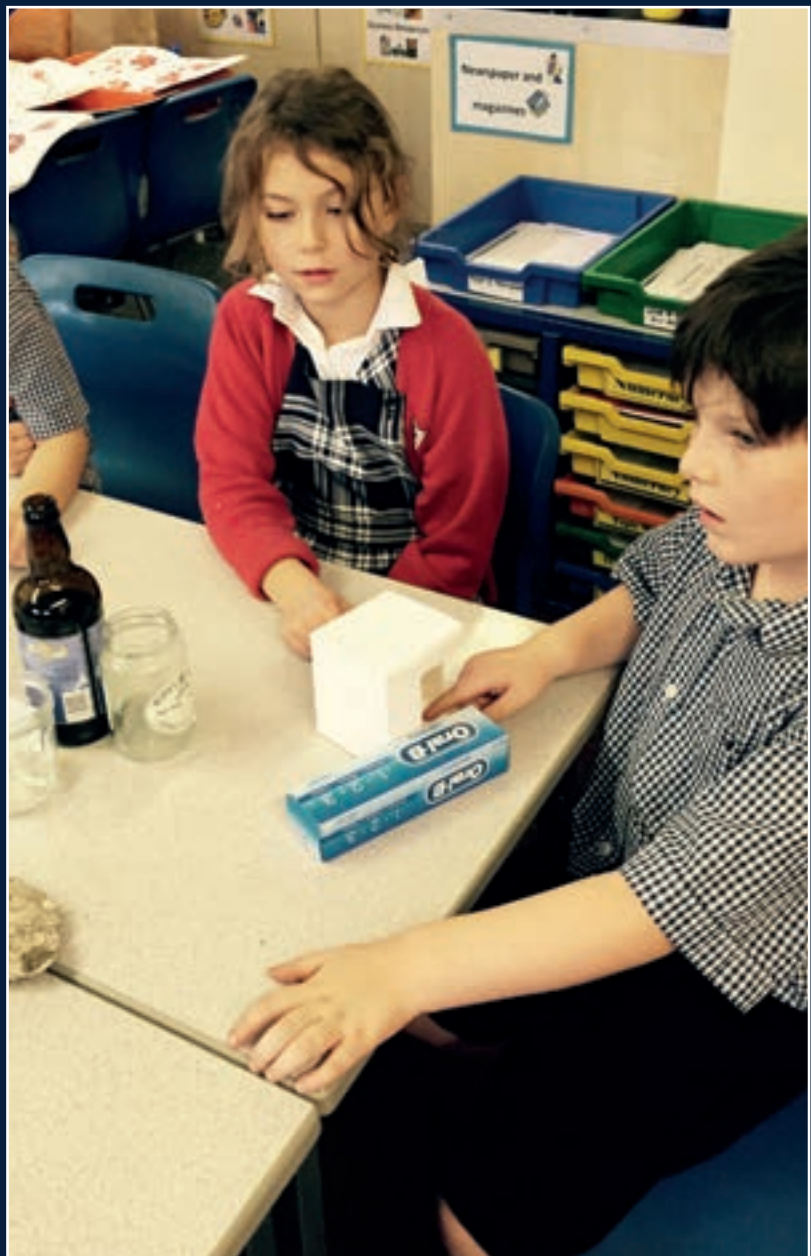
Finally, exhausted but filled with stories of our experiences, it was time to head back to the bus and back to school. Thank you so much to Mrs Pugh, the team at the Heights of Abraham and to all the children and staff who contributed to such a wonderful trip out. ■



Reception Maths Investigation

Reception had a fantastic Maths Investigation morning which continued into the afternoon with cooking, where the children enjoyed weighing and measuring ingredients, mixing and tasting and then baking muffins.

We solved problems which included jigsaws, dressing penguins in 4 different combinations of winter woollies and making pin puppets. The children followed a sequence to draw a penguin and also enjoyed finding missing numbers, threading the correct amount of beads onto laces, counting pompoms into pots and searching for numbered balloons in the garden. ■





Year 1 Autumn Term



Year 1 pupils have had a tremendous start to the term and are embracing their topic 'All about me'. We have been thinking about our special senses we use to find out about the world around us – and we haven't forgotten our sense of humour. We've investigated the flavours we associate with colours, sniffed a bunch of smelly socks and guessed what was inside, made elephant ears and went on a listening walk around school and thought carefully when describing objects that we could feel in our mystery bags! Whilst on our walk we heard Miss Flack clapping, a gate squeaking, Mr Robinson's phone ringing, the work men banging with their tools and many other things! ■

Year 1 Outing to Sudbury Hall



On Monday the 2nd of November the Year One children were excited to begin their topic all about toys from the past and eagerly awaited the adventure to be had at Sudbury Hall Museum. After a rather foggy drive we were relieved to see the entrance to Sudbury Hall and we were warmly welcomed by our knowledgeable guides for the day.

Our adventure began as we took on the role of a chimney sweeper, sooty noses were compulsory! Once this tricky task was complete we explored the museum with curiosity and enthusiasm. We had the opportunity to look closely at push and pull toys, gravity toys, puzzles, games, bears, dolls and dolls houses and many other categories of toys – all of which were very different. We identified and compared their materials, how they were made, how they worked, who would have enjoyed to play with them

and carefully played with the toys ourselves. The children were surprised to hear that most children made their own toys from materials that were going to be thrown away!

After lunch we took a step back in time into a Victorian Classroom, the children were shocked that there wasn't an interactive whiteboard! We empathised with children who would have had only one toy to play with, but envied their persistence – especially with the whip and top!

We took five minutes out to have a little lie-down and look at the upside down bedrooms. The children noticed the similarities and differences. Even though the rooms were on the ceiling we could still identify the toys through time in each bedroom!

A fantastic day at Sudbury Hall! ■



Year 1 Materials Investigation

As part of their topic the children in Year 1 have carried out several investigations using a range of materials. Firstly we looked at liquids and used our sense of smell to identify what they were; golden syrup was one of our favourite smells! We then watched how the liquids reacted when they were mixed together. We're continuing to observe our liquid potions and record our findings.

The next day we received a parcel full of chocolate Father Christmases, unfortunately they'd had a turbulent journey and as a result one was broken. We decided to explore which materials would protect the chocolates if we sent them on another journey! The children worked in pairs to design a test to investigate which material would be the most effective at protecting their chocolate Father

Christmas –unfortunately this meant he had to go on a trip down the stairs and the playground slide. Fortunately for Father Christmas he was wrapped up in a newspaper which proved to be protective, the fleece unfortunately wasn't. Once our investigations were over little could save the chocolates from the sweet cravings of 16 children. They were swiftly unwrapped and enjoyed by all! ■

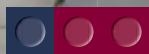
Year 1 Outing to Bolsover Castle

The Year 1 children have embraced our new topic of Turrets and Tiaras. Over the past few weeks they have carried out research into styles of castles and studied the famous 'Burg und Sun' – Castle in the Sun, by Paul Klee. During our maths lessons we have used our knowledge of adding money when role playing as chief shoppers for a royal banquet!



Tuesday the 3rd of May brought a touch of medieval madness as we explored Bolsover Castle. The children were eager to find their way around the basement of the terrace range, the riding house and the Little Castle (which really isn't very small at all)! The children made careful observations of the materials used in the buildings, the art work on the walls and ceilings, especially the ceiling in the beautiful Star Chamber.

During our discussions we made thoughtful comparisons between a medieval style of life to life today.



We enjoyed a few breaks under the sun in the Fountain Garden to play medieval games such as Tag and Hide & Seek. During our discussions we made thoughtful comparisons between a medieval style of life to life today.

The children were all very well behaved and grateful for their day at Bolsover Castle. A memorable day enjoyed by all! 🏰



A Special Christening in Year 1

As part of our topic on belonging the children in Year 1 shared stories from their own experiences of Christenings and decided to re-enact a Christening Ceremony.

We prepared our classroom for the special occasion, put up balloons, made pictures, gifts and cards. Baby Annabel came to school and the children thought about what it means to be a godparent. Superbly in role, friends were chosen that could be trusted with precious toys. We sang hymns, said a prayer and lit a candle as part of our roleplaying. Baby Anabelle was very well behaved as the godparents poured water on her head. Afterwards we enjoyed a little cake to end the day! ■



Turrets and Tiaras

As our Turrets and Tiaras topic comes to an end we couldn't think of anything better to do than have a royal banquet! The Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses of Year 1 (along with a jester or two) celebrated their achievements over a delicious chicken pie. The children have enjoyed many aspects of our topic, particularly finding out about various castle defence systems and comparing our kitchens today to a castle kitchen in the past. In recent weeks we have used drama to inspire our writing when adapting the story of The Three

Little Pigs, which now features three little knights on their quest to build strong castles to keep out the big bad wolf.

As part of our DT lessons we have built a lego set to use in our ICT lessons. During which we have used stop motion animation software to produce a film about Pinocchio who finds a magical sapphire that transports him to Bolsover Castle, or is he telling a fib? Look out for our film to find out for yourself! ■



Autumn Poems

Year 2 set off on an autumnal walk around the school grounds, armed with clip boards and cameras to record what they found. The children were encouraged to use their senses to help them to describe what they could see, hear and smell, on a very misty November morning. A fantastic list of amazing adjectives were thought of to describe their surroundings, enabling the children to return to class and start work on their own poems. These were written in draft, refined, edited, and finally written using their very best handwriting and displayed around the department for everyone to admire! ■



Let's Celebrate

Year 2 has enjoyed finding out about the Hindu festival of Diwali and how it is celebrated across the world.

The children made and decorated clay divas to help remember the story of Rama and Sita. They had a very industrious afternoon making lanterns, Diwali sweets and creating a card to send to family or a friend. As Christmas approached the children were thinking about the true meaning of Christmas with the birth of Jesus and reflected on the meaning of giving gifts. Each child made a Christingle decorated with delicious treats and chatted with a partner about the symbolism of its parts. It was so hard not to sneak a tasty treat off the cocktail sticks.

A true show of determination and will power! A super way to end the term. ■





Fire, Fire!



Year 2s stood aghast as they witnessed, first-hand, the Great Fire of London today – or at least a recreation of the real one - by burning down their own model Tudor buildings, made specifically for this event. Whilst many were overcome with the excitement and fun of the spectacle and whooped with delight, some were genuinely moved to watch their buildings disappear as the fire took hold. All were able to empathise with the people of London back in 1666 and think about the range of emotions people would have felt as

they witnessed homes and belongings burning down. They imagined what people might have said as they looked at the remains of their homes amongst the pile of ash and we had a wide range of emotive statements from the children. All of these events were filmed as part of a final project to capture all of our learning about the Great Fire of London.

Thanks to Mr Newton for helping to get a great fire going with a little added fuel and then standing by with fire extinguishers just in case! Thankfully, all went to plan and other than getting a little smoky, the children all shared in a vibrant, visual and memorable learning experience. ■



Year 2 visit the plague village of Eyam

To round off our super topic about the bubonic plague that hit Eyam in 1665 the children eagerly looked forward to visiting the place where the terrible disease wiped out many of the inhabitants.



Armed with clipboards and the challenge of answering tricky questions, we ventured off into the museum to have a look around. We were introduced to the plague by watching a short DVD. Eagle eyed we looked for the answers to the questions and worked collaboratively in our groups. Following an interesting look around the museum we headed off to look at the plague cottages and information notices to read. Much fun was had once we found the stocks!

We entered St. Lawrence's Church to view the beautiful stained glass window that tells the story of Eyam and looked at the register that showed the names of the plague victims. A quick look around the church yard revealed the grave of Catherine Mompesson. We also spotted the Celtic cross. A tasty biscuit and drink of juice refreshed us before our trip back to school. A fun and informative time was had by all. Year 2 have really enjoyed this fascinating topic. ■

Plague Symptoms Strike Pre-Prep!

Bulging Buboos hit the Pre-Prep today showing clear signs that the Bubonic Plague had arrived!!! Year 2 children experienced first-hand the revolting and terrifying symptoms, whilst learning about the local story of the plague of Eyam. With the clever, artistic work of Mrs W and Mrs A, a bit of pva glue, tissue, talc and paint, the once healthy skin of a number of brave 'victims' was transformed into realistic, disgusting and weeping buboes on some of the children's arms. We advise a red cross on the front door, a pocketful of posies to ward off the germs and generally giving a wide berth to anyone displaying such growths on their arm! ■



A Bouldering Success!

Leaving Pre-Prep and moving up to Year 3 can be a tricky transition to master, so for our end of year activity, we wanted to help the Year 2s realise that they were ready to take a big step ... so we did just that! From boulder to boulder, rock to rock, we went hopping, jumping, striding and stretching in order to increase our skills, develop risk awareness and overcome a range of physical (and mental) challenges. We also went weaselling which basically meant squeezing through tight spaces in rocks and navigating our way back to the top. Thanks must go to 'Outdoor Genius' who arranged the day for us at The Roaches, nr Leek in Staffordshire and provided us with two fantastic guides to lead the way and keep us safe. The obstacles

gradually became more and more challenging throughout the day and it was amazing to see the boost in confidence that every moment of success gave to each child. For those who began the day treading with trepidation and fear, they soon found themselves pushing their own boundaries and limitations with a little encouragement and doing so with beaming smiles. Fear of heights, falls or failure didn't last for long and was replaced with a rewarding sense of achievement as a large gap was jumped, a crevice explored or a rock-face scaled! Much fun was had by all (staff got involved too!) and the children were still buzzing with enthusiasm, if a little more tired and weary, by the end of the day! ■



Winding-up Year 2s!



This term, the Year 2s are being creative and getting to grips with winding mechanisms in their Design and Technology. After a brief discussion about the purpose of a winding mechanism, a challenge was set to work in partners and create one of their own. A wide variety of materials was made available and the children were let loose! They could select whatever they wanted and then constructed it for themselves,

tested it, solved any problems as they occurred and explored alternatives. The learning was shared and we found that we discovered most from those who had taken a unique approach to the task and even from those that hadn't worked. It was fascinating to see how the children worked collaboratively and there was a real buzz in the air as they engaged in the task. ■

Splish, Splash, Splosh!

Year 2 has been fully immersed within a topic on the Seaside this term. They have enjoyed listening to stories from the Lighthouse Keeper series, and have used a story board to write their own version of one of the books.

Using watercolors, they have painted some beautiful pictures of lighthouses, and beach huts too.

Having looked at Seaside holidays from the past the children have designed and constructed their own "bathing machines" in Design Technology. Cleverly assembling a chassis first, they have then used cuboid and triangular nets to build the body and roof of the bathing machine. Some finishing touches to their wonderful designs.

During the topic, the Year 2s had a special visitor from the past come to join them for a lesson where they were able to ask appropriate questions to find out what life was like at the seaside 100 years ago. We also got to find out what children would wear at the beach. ■



Year 2'S Great Material Investigation!

Year 2 have enjoyed being Super Scientists, learning about a whole range of materials as part of their topic and investigating;

- how materials can be categorised
- how materials can change shape and form
- how easily they rip
- their absorbency
- if they can be stretched, twisted, squashed or bent
- what happens when you add heat or cold

Whilst doing this, we have made and eaten toast and popcorn, got gooey with cornflour slime and had fun freezing different materials. We also had a visit from Mr Watt from the prep school who helped us investigate if materials were natural or man-made.

They found that through observation, testing, discussing, recording and reflecting we have all become super experts in Marvellous Materials! ■



Pre-Prep Summer Concert

As the end of term raced towards us all children in the Pre-Prep worked with great momentum to create art work, sing and write songs, recite poetry, choreograph dances and research facts to present to their family and friends.

During the summer term each class focussed their learning on The Great Outdoors and took every opportunity to explore our wonderful school gardens - looking at insects, animal habitats and investigating the growth of a selection of plants. In recent singing lessons with Mrs Dinnigan the children enjoyed learning many songs about the wonderful creatures around the world. Additionally the children in Year 2 have closed their Kenyan topic with a truly magnificent masai moves dance!

The Year One children opened the performance as their Beautiful Bug Ball began, they showed off their hand made bug costumes whilst singing The Ugly Bug Ball along with a super shimmy up the stairs! This was swiftly followed by a wonderful poem, song and a dance all about the lifecycle of a caterpillar expertly retold by the children in Reception. As the concert began all children waited with anticipation for what promised to be a memorable dance from Year 2, unfortunately we had to wait until the end to enjoy there incredibly moving

Kenyan dance, facts and song. I hope you'll all agree that it was well worth the wait!

The concert concluded with the whole of the Pre-Prep singing beautifully 'Give me Oil in my Lamp' followed by a walk down memory lane as we watched a montage of photos from the past year! The children performed with great confidence and thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience. Well done to all children on a terrific performance! 🎭



Pre-Prep Sports Day



Despite the heavy rain meaning our Sports Day had to be rescheduled to later in the term, enormous fun was enjoyed by all of the Pre-Prep pupils when the day finally dawned. Watching the children perform with such confidence and determination was rewarding to see, and a great spirit of good sportsmanship pervaded this event. From sprint races, to sack races, and then to egg and spoon races, requiring great powers of concentration and nerve, the children gave it their all and were delighted with the medals which they were awarded. The highlight of the event being, of course, the inter-house relay race, which was won by Churchills, for the third year running!

Huge congratulations to all of the children who performed brilliantly and behaved beautifully throughout! ■



Pre-Prep Den Building

This extra has been a hit from the start and a happy band of explorers certainly put their den building skills to the test.

Each week the children ventured into the woods, foraging for fallen sticks and branches. They also had the chance to mud slide, scramble through the hedge rows and roll down the banks which has caused great amusement. Once the sticks had been gathered it was a case of dragging them back to base camp to start constructing their dens. Four

dens were built of varying sizes and grit and determination went into all of them. Unfortunately Hurricane Desmond put paid to a few dens this weekend and poor old Father Christmas also took a battering, however Wendy being the tough gnome that she is braced the storm in her swimsuit and is firmly ensconced for the winter months in the Year 2 den. ■

Rugger Eds

In the Summer Term we introduced a new Pre-Prep extra which proved very popular amongst the children: Rugger Eds!

The children enjoyed a taster session and then signed up to improve their ball handling and mini rugby skills. It was great to see the children become more confident at passing and catching the ball, running into a space, and learning the basic rules of tag rugby. This has proved a good addition to our extensive extras on offer to Pre-Prep children each term. ■



Junior Prep



S. Anselm'



Glorious Geckos!

Year 3 were absolutely delighted when Nicola (a Year 6 pupil) kindly offered to bring in her two pet geckos to reinforce some recent Geography work about how animals have adapted to the hot desert climate.

On Thursday morning we were introduced us to 'Bubble' and 'Snow', Nicola's two leopard geckos. We listened intently as Nicola eloquently outlined how these amazing creatures are perfectly suited to desert life.

After the talk was over, the children had the opportunity to ask some questions to which Nicola could answer them all!

Thank you so much to Nicola for bringing her geckos into school... her enthusiasm was infectious! ■



Junior Forms Maths Investigation Morning 2015

Friday 13th November was Maths Investigation Morning in the Junior Forms!

This year the children were split into groups of three with a Year 3, 4 and 5 pupil in each group to encourage them to co-operate and work together. The children's mathematical brains were then challenged with a variety of different activities created by the Junior Forms' teachers.

Mr Robinson set a 'Pentomino Challenge' which involved making 12 different shapes by joining 5 squares together. Pupils used cubes to create their ideas. Once they had discovered all the different ways, the final challenge was to try and fit all the 12 pentominoes together to form a rectangle. This final challenge baffled a few teams but, if time had allowed, we feel sure some would have succeeded!



Mrs Corner and Mrs Elvin used the Sports Hall as their base to host a 'Mathematical Treasure Hunt'. In their groups, the children had to solve a series of maths puzzles and then hunt for the answer which would lead them on to the next clue. Some helped to solve the puzzles whilst others dashed around hunting for the following puzzle. A high energy activity which got the children buzzing!

In Mr Feldman's classroom there was a problem solving activity linked to measuring. Each team were given a strip of paper which measured 42cm in length. Mr Feldman then cut the

paper into two and the children had to try and devise a method to work out the length of each piece of paper... without using a ruler! Some used their fingers to estimate, some folded the paper into smaller sections to count accurately and others tried to work out how much longer one piece of paper was than the other. Congratulations to Alex D, Harriet M and Imogen N who managed to work out the two lengths to the exact millimetre!

With the help of some top set maths students from Kinder, the morning passed by in a flash! ■



Year 3 Mummify Tomatoes!

After finding out about the mummification process in Ancient Egypt, Year 3 tried to become real embalmers as they made gallant attempts at mummifying tomatoes!

First they had to make an incision in the side and scoop out all of the innards with a spoon. After that, they dried the 'body' with a cloth and filled it with Natron, a salt found in Ancient Egyptian times, which would help to dry out the flesh.

The final step was to place each one in an air tight bag and leave for 40 days. We will revisit our 'bodies' towards the end of term to see if our mummification process worked! ■



Year 3 Become Scientists



Year 3 were invited to the science lab to watch a fireworks display as part of their 'Light and Shadow' topic. Having donned the (slightly oversized) lab coats and safety goggles, the children were treated to a stunning display

of pinks, purples, greens, golds and sparkles all created from heating different metals. Thank you to Miss Howes for getting the children so enthused about chemistry! ■



Our Trip to Manchester Museum

by Freddie Hickman (Year 3)



On Thursday 12th November we went to Manchester Museum to find out more about our topic on Ancient Egypt. First of all we got off the bus and walked into the museum. I felt really excited!

Once we had walked through the museum doors we met our guide called Hannah. It was at that point that I saw a massive skeleton from a dinosaur! A man called Rob led us through another set of doors and down a flight of stairs to our lunch room where we stored all of our packed lunches.

Back up the stairs, Hannah took us to the education room and showed us how to use an iPad. She told us we had to find a mummified Ancient Egyptian called Asru and on the iPad we had to take pictures of things that she would like in the afterlife. Once we had saved our work, we went down stairs to the handling room and we were allowed

to touch artefacts that were 4,000 years old! My group was Max, James, Reuben and myself. Our challenge was to match the artefacts to the written descriptions and also choose one item to go with Asru to the afterlife. We chose a 'shabti doll' because we thought it would serve Asru in the next world.

Soon it was time for lunch and we walked upstairs to collect our rucksacks. I had a cheese sandwich, some really salty crisps, a bottle of water, an apple and a frostie bar...it was yummy!

In the afternoon we explored the whole museum! It was absolutely brilliant! The thing I liked most of all

was the T-Rex skeleton. It was the biggest skeleton I had ever seen! I also enjoyed looking at all the stuffed animals but the highlight was the live animals where I saw real snakes, lizards, poisonous dart frogs and a chameleon – they were amazing to look at!

Then we went back into the Ancient Worlds area and we had the chance to draw some sketches. I sketched Asru herself!

Towards the end of the day we visited the mummified animals and I found out that the Ancient Egyptians even mummified crocodiles and hawks! Finally it was time to go back to school. It was such an amazing day! ■



Year 3 Christmas Assembly

On Friday, the Year 3 pupils certainly put us in the Christmas spirit when they used a poem with rhyming couplets to highlight the real reason why some people celebrate this time of year. Freddie and Oliver, the narrators, read clearly and all the children acted out their roles to perfection! Solos were performed by Zara and Edie and sound effects were added by Edward, Amelie and Amelia. Mr Phillips was so impressed he thought we ought to go on tour!! Ho, ho, ho! ■



Our Trip to Cadbury World

by Imogen 3F

When we arrived at Cadbury World we met our guide Emily who took our group into a room. Emily told us more about the Aztecs. She told us that Montezuma was the leader of the Aztecs and dressed Amelia up as Montezuma the second. Amelia chose Emma and Mr Feldman to be dressed up too. Emma was Mrs Aztec and Mr Feldman was a slave. Emily told us a really interesting fact that Emma's dress was made out of a cactus! Did you know that inside a cactus it is squidgy and you can make a dress out of the fibres!

Mr Feldman was made to mash up 'rocks' that we later found out were cocoa beans. Even though he did a good job, Mrs Aztec still had to punish her slave by hitting poor Mr Feldman with a cactus! The Aztecs seemed to use a cactus for lots of different things! Emily then handed some real cocoa beans around in a cocoa pod.

We smelt them and held them. The aroma in the room smelt just like delicious chocolate!

After the talk had finished we went to watch a 4D cinema show with moving seats. To get to the cinema we had to go in an elevator like the one from Charlie and Chocolate Factory! In the afternoon we walked along a swirly path that led us through the history of chocolate. We started with the Aztecs and I saw models of Aztec people and warriors. We also stood on Montezuma's bridge and saw Cortez, the leader of the Spanish, who put an end to the Aztec Empire. We followed the path and watched lots of little plays with miniature people acting out what happened when chocolate arrived in England. Samuel Pepys even wrote about it in his famous diary! We went into a room and watched a video about cocoa beans. We were jiggled about and then dried as if we really were cocoa beans! We

were even squirted with air! It was lots of fun.

Next we saw how all the chocolate is put into moulds and packaged. My favourite part was watching all the brown chocolate going into a machine, through a tunnel and then coming out wrapped as a proper chocolate bar! Emma, Ollie, Amelia and I went on the Cadabra ride which took us through lots of pretend cocoa beans that sang songs, skied and climbed mountains.

Last of all we finally tasted some delicious melted chocolate; I chose a topping of buttons and marshmallows! Whilst eating the chocolate we were able to watch some people decorating Easter eggs by squeezing chocolate through piping bags. It was an amazing day and I learnt so much! Thank you very much to Mr Feldman and Miss Flack for taking us. ■



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18th May 2016

Dear Rachel,

I would like to say thank you for being our guide for the whole day on Tuesday when we came to visit Creswell Crag. You were such a good guide because you welcomed us nicely, you taught us a lot about things we didn't know and showed us the difference between a Neanderthal skull and a human skull from today.

My favourite part of the day was den building and throwing spears at the reindeer because I found it quite easy. Our den was a little cramped but we all managed to squeeze in.

I also liked learning about the woolly mammoth and saw a real woolly mammoth tooth that was almost half a metre long! The journey inside the dark cave gave me an idea of what life may have been like in those days.

Digging in the sand searching for tools and bones made me feel just like an archaeologist and I thoroughly enjoyed trying to piece together all the bones to create a hyena skeleton.

This trip was so good that I never wanted to leave.

Yours sincerely,

Edward P 3F



Creswell Crag



Year 3 Study Local Villages

On Thursday 5th May, Year 3 headed out into the Peak District for a combined Geography, Science and History field trip. Our first activity was a comparative survey of the villages of Great and Little Longstone where the children were looking at the differences in traffic flow in the two villages, the varying facilities and number of modern or traditional houses. Spirits were high in the perfect weather and the children were particularly excited to see both a bus and a tractor driving through Great Longstone! Having recorded lots of information in each village, we discussed whether the settlements were either linear or nucleated and why one village had grown larger than the other.

Next was a short drive to Treak Cliff Cavern in Castleton. After the heat of the day, it was a relief to head underground where the children were treated to an informative tour of the cave system. Dripping

ceilings, countless fossils and thousands of stalactites created an eerie atmosphere and the intrepid explorers had their first experience of total darkness when the tour guide switched off the lights! The children also learnt about Blue John, a mineral unique to the hill above Castleton, and many chose to buy a small piece from the gift shop as a souvenir of the trip.

As we exited the cave, the warm air hit us and it took a while for our eyes to get used to the bright light. We stood and admired some farmsteads dotted along the hillside and concluded that these were dispersed settlements, which meant that we have seen all three settlement patterns that we had been finding out about in Geography lessons.

The children were very enthusiastic throughout the day and it was fun to take our learning out of the classroom and into the beautiful Derbyshire countryside! ■



Amazing Archaeologists!

After our recent trip to Creswell Craggs, Year 3 used their archaeological skills to study a variety of items from the Stone Age.

In pairs, the little historians had to look closely at an object and fill in an archaeologist's record card looking at the evidence reporting on the size, shape, colour and what it was made out of. They then had to interpret how it was made, what it was used for and if we use anything like it today. The report was completed by drawing a detailed sketch of the object.

The lesson inspired many pupils to get digging in their free time in search of treasures from the past! ■



Ravenstor Trip

In July the Junior Forms headed off on their much anticipated residential trip to Ravenstor Youth Hostel.

Excitement levels were high as we left S. Anselm's despite the slightly less than summery conditions! Our first stop was Cromford Canal where the children were greeted by the Acclimatize team who would be leading their activities for the day; canoeing, fire lighting, team building and rock climbing. The Year 5s were up first with the canoeing, paddling in teams of 3. After a bit of steering practice, the group set off down the canal with the instructors, soon

getting the hang of how to move in a straight(ish!) line.

Meanwhile, the Year 3s were facing the prospect of climbing to the top of the freestanding climbing wall tower. The height of the tower might have been a bit daunting, but all the children managed to overcome any trepidation and gave it a good go. For some, the climbing was the easiest part – it was letting go at the top they found difficult!

By this point it was lunch time and the children, thoroughly soaked from the persistent rain, welcomed the chance to sit under cover and eat their much-deserved sandwiches.

After lunch, the children finished off their sets of activities. The Year 3s particularly impressed in the team building challenges with the two teams working well together particularly when crossing the deadly snake pit! >



< All the groups also enjoyed the fire lighting activity, not least because it was undercover and provided a bit of warmth to some very cold fingers!

All the teachers were extremely impressed and proud of how enthusiastic and resilient the children were throughout the day. The weather was awful and the children were, without exception, soaked to the skin – but the children remained in high spirits and made the most of what was on offer.

When we arrived at Ravenstor, the children were shown to their dorms and were very grateful for the chance of a hot shower and change of clothes before a delicious dinner. After dinner we were all inducted into the Alex Rider Spy Academy which would be the theme for our activities over the next two days. An hour of code breaking and rocket making followed before the children went to bed, ready for the next day's adventures!



On day 2 of our trip we were woken by an amazing breakfast which allowed us all to be fuelled and ready for the full day of activities ahead. Through the course of the morning and afternoon the children covered a range of outdoor activities and thankfully the weather was on our side. The year 3s and half of four enjoyed a morning of team building exercises and archery while the rest of the group started the much anticipated den building mission, all within the wonderful grounds of the hostel. There were some excellent dens built and there had been talk of some toasted marshmallows as well as a very heated archery competition. The topic of conversation over our picnic lunch was how well everyone had done with the morning activities and there was much anticipation and excitement of how skill and expertise were to be proven with the changing of activities in the afternoon. After a full packed day it was time for the rocket launch where, of the many eggs that were blasted into the atmosphere many survived their journey, a few were sadly lost on their quest and only a couple were lost in the name of research.

With the rocket survivors safely back in the kitchen, the children were sent to ready themselves for what

was fondly referred to as 'Operation D.I.S.C.O'. The glad rags/disguises had been donned and our academy leader Dusk Jaguar had prepared a playlist that meant we were all able to show our terrific dancing skills, making sure that we were all tired and ready for our final night's sleep. We all woke up on Friday refreshed from a good sleep and ready for our final day's activities. After another hearty breakfast we stripped our beds and packed our bags before heading off on exploration walks around Tideswell Dale.

The Youth Hostel Instructors gave us a comprehensive natural tour of the local area covering river life, insects, fossils and geology in the process. The children listened intently and enjoyed these things for themselves, as well as having a lovely time being out in the countryside. After a packed lunch in an idyllic meadow, it was a varied walk back to the Youth Hostel, with the steep hill up to the building offering the final challenge to some very tired legs! Again, the teachers were very pleased with how determined the children were and how much they enjoyed their walk. Having said our final goodbyes to the Youth Hostel, a short coach journey (though long enough for a few naps!) brought us back to S. Anselm's. ■

Year 8 Leavers



S. Anselm's



2016 Leavers Destinations

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| Bamford, Isaac | S. Anselm's College |
| Campos, Marta | |
| Chauveau, Charlie | Shrewsbury |
| Cottrell, Thomas | S. Anselm's College |
| de la Billière, Toby | Harrow |
| Dobson, Luke | Ripon Grammar |
| Effront, Arthur | |
| Esculier, Alexandre | Shrewsbury |
| French, Russell | Oundle |
| Glynn, Joshua | St Peter's, York |
| Glynn, Morgan | S. Anselm's College |
| Green, Thomas | Uppingham |
| Guerrero, Jimena | |
| Harper, Gabrielle | S. Anselm's College |
| Hartley, Tom | Eton |
| Hattersley, Max | Harrow |
| Hayward Stott, Thomas | S. Anselm's College |
| John, Shea | Malvern |
| Leache, Jaime | |
| Ludlam, Arthur | Harrow |
| Ludlam, George | Shrewsbury |

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| Middleton, Annie | Shrewsbury |
| Milligan-Manby, Jessie | Repton |
| Newton, Francesca | Uppingham |
| Nieper, Harriet | Repton |
| Potter, Jed | Eton |
| Rodgers, Isabella | S. Anselm's College |
| Seddon, Adam | S. Anselm's College |
| Taberner, Florence | S. Anselm's College |
| Unsworth, William | Shrewsbury |
| Whatley, Lily | S. Anselm's College |
| Whawell, Jack | S. Anselm's College |
| Williams, Matthew | Harrow |

| Scholarships 2015-16 | | |
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| Green, Thomas | Uppingham | Thring Scholarship |
| Hattersley, Max | Harrow | Sherwood Award |
| John, Shea | Malvern | Academic & Music Scholarships |
| Nieper, Harriet | Repton | Drama Scholarship |
| Unsworth, William | Shrewsbury | Art Scholarship |



Year 8 Leavers





In October Year 8 returned from their week in Brittany. They stayed in a large gite in Beuzec Cap Sizun, in Finistere, and took part in a variety of activities.

They visited the fishing port of Audierne, spent a day in the Ville Close in Concarneau where they had lunch in a restaurant (Coquilles Saint Jacques, Boeuf Bourignon, Crepe), visited l'Ile de Sein and on Friday shopped in the market in Quimper in groups of three. With the food they bought, that evening they prepared their meal and presented it in French.

An afternoon's sailing and an excursion on a river boat to Pont Aven rounded off a wonderful week. They spent a good hour each evening writing their journals in French and also had language lessons.

All pupils enjoyed their continental breakfast of croissants, pains au chocolat and baguettes and Julie cooked mussels and snails one evening!

Altogether it was a super week much enjoyed by all. ■

Year 8 spent a full two days in London 23-24th November, with the highlight of the trip being a tour around the Houses of Parliament.

The children started in Westminster Hall built in 1099 by William Rufus (son of William the Conqueror) and then through the Victorian additions. We weaved our way through the corridors (although not thankfully all four miles of them) to the Queen's Robing Room and the Royal Gallery. After a lively debate which introduced the concept of democracy in the Education Rooms, we were led once again into Westminster Palace, this time by Kevin Hollinrake MP who is Luke and Will D's uncle and was elected in the last election. Here we were allowed into a special debating chamber and the children had chance to have their very own 'question time'. This was fuelled by Kevin's opening story; he had visited 10 Downing Street that morning and returned with

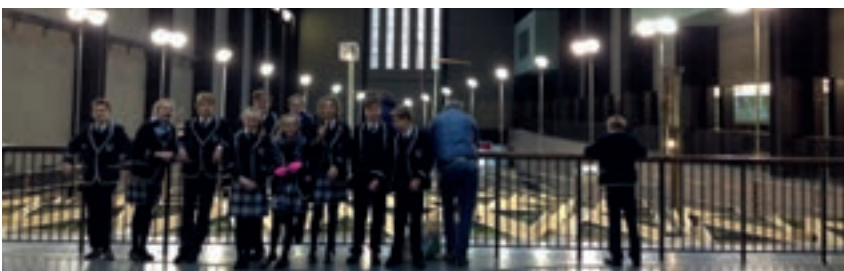




Year 8 London Trip

a pocket full of Murray Mints which were on offer to any pupil who could ask a question. Mr P and myself were delighted with the eager hands and the range of questions which ranged from, 'Do you ever fall out with David Cameron?' to 'Do you think speaking out against ISIS makes the situation worse?'

As well as finding out about the workings of Government the group took a river taxi to Greenwich. Here it was so cold that instead of marching up to see the Greenwich Meridian, we instead warmed up inside the Cutty Sark, enjoying the tea aroma, the hands on exhibits, the chance to walk on deck and admire the riggings before walking below the boat which is secured in dry dock.



We started the second day exploring the Tate Modern on the South bank. The work by Abraham Cruzvillegas title 'Empty Lot' in the Turbine Hall stimulated some great debate although it wasn't always of a philosophical nature! Two other highlights were the food at Wagamama's and a trip to the British Library. In the 'Treasure's Room' Year 8 were quick to find the Magna Carta, which had been mentioned earlier in the day and finished with enjoying the stamp collection stored in pull out screens.

The Year 8 children were great company and we hope this short taste of London will encourage them to enjoy their capital city in the future. ■





Isle of Wight Leavers' Tour

On Friday 17th June we travelled down to Southampton to play cricket against West Hill Park. We batted first in pairs scoring 260 starting on 200. We then bowled and fielded, with Annie, Hattie, Lily, Fran and Jessie bowling. We made a few catches making them lose 5 runs. We got six wickets and the overall score was 260-222. The player of the match for batting was Hattie and fielding was Annie.

On Saturday 18th June we played rounders against Ryde School. It was a hot day and we started off fielding. They were very good at batting and our fielding was not how we wanted it. We came off the 1st half thinking that they were smashing us. However the score was not that bad. At the end of the first half the score was 8-4 to Ryde. In the second half we upped our game and score 31/2 and they only scored 3. Unfortunately their head start from the first half meant they won overall with the final score being 111/2 to 7. It was a great game.
written by Jessie, Hattie, Lily & Morgan

Sailing at UKSA

Day 1: We were split into 3 groups of ability and after breakfast went to put our wetsuits on. After this we met our instructors who tested us on some theory to determine our abilities. Once we had done this we launched our mixture of Picos and RS Qubas and sailed down the river. It was quite breezy and river offered protection from the wind and waves. We then sailed around a simple sausage course for a bit, racing in for some lunch. We set off quickly after lunch and this time sailed out of the harbour to do some races. We continued this until the afternoon and then sailed in, packed away the boats and changed back in to dry clothes.

Day 2: We were keelboating today and, much to everyone's delight, did not have to wear wetsuits but could wear home clothes. We did not have

any theory today but, to make the most of it, set off right after breakfast. The boats we were sailing in were around 28 foot and with keels about 1.3m deep. The plan of the day was to sail upwind to a bay and then downwind, past Osborne Bay, to Ryde. We anchored in pairs to eat our lunch and then decided to put Toby's water pistols to good use! We had a water fight on the way back to the harbour, then we dropped our sails and returned to UKSA.

Day 3: This was another day of dinghy sailing and since we had a regatta on Friday the instructors took us through some racing theory in the morning. We learnt about rules, stunts and general racing. After lunch we set out in Picos and did some racing, focussing on getting the starts right. We then sailed in, thoroughly tired and wet!

We anchored in pairs to eat our lunch and then decided to put Toby's water pistols to good use!





Year 8 Leavers



On Saturday 18th June the first XI played Ryde School in a friendly cricket match. We started off with Max and Luke opening the match. Unfortunately we gave away an early wicket, leading to Jack coming to the crease. This led to a strong partnership of 61 aiding us in producing our strong score of 118. Our best batsman was Luke with 37 runs not out, he played 20 overs – staying the whole game.

Jack opened the bowling with a very strong over leading to Max and he keeping the runs to a minimum, Max taking 2 wickets and Jack taking 1. Then Luke and Russell bowled their overs, Luke taking 1 wicket and Russell taking 3. As the ending overs came it was clear that they were not on track with their run rate. When the final over came they needed 16 runs to win but only got 4. So we won 118-106.

On the Sunday we travelled down the island to play the Isle of Wight 1st XI after a great morning in Cowes. Fortunately we won the toss and decide to bowl. We started off very well, restricting them to very few runs

and taking wickets along the way. During the middle overs the Isle of Wight picked up their run rate with some boundaries, but towards the end of the innings we came back strongly and restricted them to 105 off their 20 overs, with great bowling all round. After a lovely match tea we went out to bat. Luke and Max opened strongly; scoring quick runs, putting us in a winning position. Unfortunately we then lost a few quick wickets, as well as Luke having to retire. Luckily Jaime came to the crease, scoring the winning run with 4 balls to spare.

It was a fantastic victory and our unbeaten season continues...

written by Thomas Green



Day 1: On the first night we unpacked, had dinner and settled in. We were then given a guided tour of UKSA, and finally either watched the England Slovakia match or played cards.

Day 2: We played an explosive match of rounders with people being constantly run out or caught. It was a beautiful day and was light long after we stopped playing.

Day 3: We had 2 activities in the evening – firstly a wet one in the swimming pool followed by archery. In the swimming pool we did who could make the biggest and smallest splash and who could strike the best pose while diving. We also did a relay. In archery we were split into 3 groups for a competition. Within this session we were also given the best sized wetsuit.

Day 4: We did an egg drop survival competition and we went crabbing. In the egg drop competition we were marked on the design and whether it survived the actual drop. In crabbing we were given smoked bacon on a hook, a bucket and a net. We then picked a place on the pier, lowered our



hooks and waited. When a crab came along we would catch it in a net and put it the bucket which we had filled with water.

Day 5: We went to the Needles; and found out many things about this interesting sight; not least being that it used to have the foremost technology in rocket design during the cold war. Unfortunately England did not have the money to keep it open so it had to close. Another exciting thing being when Esculier missed a £20 note on the pier which Mr Wood found soon after.

Day 6: We did orienteering; we were given a map and had to find various plastic sheets around the wood which had a letter for an anagram which we had to work out and a riddle which we also had to work out. These plastic sheets were hidden very cunningly so that you would not always see them from the path.

Written by Josh and Isaac



Cowes

Whilst on the Isle of Wight we had the opportunity to spend our money and explore the various boutiquey shops. To many Cowes is not only their home, but also the home of yachting. We first visited Cowes on Sunday where we went in groups of 3 or more and raided the shops of their sweets, slushies and ice cream. We visited Cowes a second time on Thursday as there was a yachting competition involving the French and the English.

With Cowes being centred around sailing it created a perfect home for UKSA. So overall most of us enjoyed our trips to Cowes and thought it was great place! *Written by Tom H-S, Tom C and Adam S*

Windsurfing

On Thursday afternoon we went windsurfing in Thorness Bay. Although there wasn't much wind we still had a very good time. They taught us how to get on the board and sail, they made it look far easier than it actually was. After a while we managed to get on the boards ourselves and sail.

The fact that there wasn't much wind made it harder to enjoy but we still had a very good time playing on the boards and trying new skills. *Written by Jimena Guerrero and Marta Campos*

Paddle Boarding

On Thursday we started off paddle boarding. They first taught about the board and how to paddle. We then got in the water and did some races in the harbour. Our first game was called wobble wars. You had to get on other people's boards, stand up and try and wobble them off. The last one standing was the winner. Another game the instructors thought would be funny is capsizing each other's paddle board – for some this was funny but for the taller people it was definitely not as they would quickly get their shoes stuck in the funny looking brown mud below. After we had done two hours of paddle boarding we put our boards away and we all jumped off the pontoon. I can definitely say our favourite part about paddle boarding was pushing the teachers off! *Written by Annie, Izzie and Gabby*

The Regatta

On Friday, after a full week of sailing Mr Wood chose some of our best sailors to face Ryde School. We left straight after breakfast and drove to

Finally we worked out the Ryde School weren't quite as good as we had thought.





the Ryde School sailing club. When we got there we were given wetsuits and got ready for the race.

Most of the Ryde School sailors sailed at least twice a week which made us all believe that we had no chance. Then we got told how the race would go on and went out onto the water. We were divided into 2 groups for 2 different races.

In the first race we had George Ludlam sailing with Jaime Leache then we had Max Hattersley with Luke Dobson and Jed Potter with Matthew Williams. They were our pico sailors part of the first group. In the second group we had Arthur Effront sailing with Florence Taberner, Arthur Ludlam with Hattie Nieper and Shea John with Toby de la Billiere. Finally we worked out the Ryde School weren't quite as good as we had thought.

In the first group's first race the 3 S. Anselm's boats finished in first, second and fifth positions and the second group came second, third and fourth. In the second race the first group ended second, third and sixth while the second group finished first, second and sixth.

This was a direct victory with 5 to us and 1 to them. In the first group our best sailors were Max with Luke and in the second group Shea with Toby. To conclude this race was amazing. Most of us really enjoyed it and will grab the chance to sail again in the future if the opportunity arises.
Written by Arthur Effront and Florence Taberner

Osborne House

While the sailors were at Ryde School Regatta the others went to Osborne House, the holiday home of Queen Victoria and her family.

There we looked around the children's gardens and treated ourselves to a hot chocolate. We then headed down to the bay and had ice creams in the sea, before heading back to the sailors. From there we sadly set off for home.
Written by Francesca Newton and Will Unsworth ■





Isle of Wight at the UKSA Centre



In a fully packed activity week the year 8s all achieved areas of their RYA Dinghy Sailing Awards, from level 1 / 2 up to level 4.

Monday saw us focus on dinghy sailing with theory in the morning and practical fleet sailing off Cowes in the afternoon. A force 6 wind played a big part as everyone enjoyed a refreshing dip in the Solent amongst some competitive sailing around a triangular course.

On Tuesday the weather changed to blue skies and good wind as we took

to the Solent in keelboats. Everyone had opportunities to helm and crew the boat, with some mischievous acts of piracy and sudden rainstorms over the decks. After a leisurely lunch in Osbourne bay we sneakily infiltrated a race before having our own race back to Cowes. In the evening we took the opportunity to visit the Needles. In low cloud we stomped across the Downs, watching out for any strange animals! Suddenly the point appeared and we got our view from the Rocket Testing Station.

Wednesday saw a morning of kayaking on the river again followed by dinghy sailing to complete our awards and prepare for the regatta against The Ryde School on Friday. Although not as windy lots of crew

took the chance to practise 'man overboard' just to cool off!

Thursday we were becalmed, which made it a great day to learn to paddle board and windsail. Everyone had a great time picking up the skills.

Friday saw a fleet of 6 boats and 12 crew take on The Ryde School on their home-turf. With a week's sailing and undoubted skill we sailed superbly to finish first and second in four out of six races and gain numerous places. This enabled us to win overall with 4 wins from 6 races. Outstanding!! A great way to finish the week and greeted with a roar from those visiting Osbourne House when we heard the news. ■

Academic Spotlight



S. Anselm's



Spotlight on...

Science

“Science is a way of thinking much more than it is a body of knowledge.”

(Carl Sagan)



Science should be all about discovery. Our philosophy within the department is to foster a real enjoyment of the subject and to instil an inquisitive approach to Science. It is so much more than the simple pursuit of facts, it is the ability to question and investigate further.

We are keen to embrace the STEM philosophy within the department whereby Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics all play an integral role in the learning process.

With this in mind Year 7 was set a Space project to complete over a number of months. The remit was very open ended, giving the pupils a chance to research an aspect of Space that particularly interested them. The resulting projects were incredibly wide ranging with one using his considerable skills in ICT, in particular Scratch, to produce a strategy game where participants had to build a rocket capable of taking off and escaping the Earth’s atmosphere. One other group investigated how it may be possible for humans to one

day live on Mars. They produced a fantastic model of their suggestion and had clearly learned a lot from their research.

National Science Quiz

This year we entered the National Science Quiz. In December we sent two, four person teams across to Sheffield for the area heat where we came up against numerous other schools from the surrounding area. Each team consisted of a mixture of Year 5 and 6 pupils and the aim was to progress to the National semi-finals.

The quiz consisted of 40 multiple choice questions of varying difficulty on general science knowledge, some being very tricky indeed and most exploring well beyond the curriculum.



Year 7 had an informative workshop about everything you need to know about being an astronaut , including how to put on your nappy!



One of our teams took the lead early on and remained there for the rest of the quiz. We were very proud of all of the boys and girls (Katie S., Saul. R., Nicola S. and Angus L. in one team and Gavin G., Amelia E., Jamie M. and Libby C. in the other team) as they all performed brilliantly, so much so that the team of Gavin, Amelia, Jamie and Libby won the heat with the other group incredibly coming runners up! This meant that the winning team progressed through to the national semi-finals. After a strong start from ourselves and two other schools, we maintained a score close to that of first place. At the end of the quiz, our team managed to secure third place, showing excellent overall science general knowledge.

Leicester Space Centre trip

On Friday 11th March, the Years 5 and 7 classes visited Leicester Space Centre. The morning was spent exploring the various themed stations, an incredible experience in the Sir Patrick Moore Auditorium, an enormous domed room totally covered in a digital screen, and looking at many fascinating displays

around the centre. In the afternoon, the Y5s programmed robot explorers to perform tasks of ever increasing complexity, with great enthusiasm and many successes. Year 7 had an informative workshop about everything you need to know about being an astronaut , including how to put on your nappy!

They also learnt about neutral gravity and how it affects the body internally and externally, and how atmospheric pressure can affect body temperatures.

An interview with an Astro-physicist

As part of the Space topic, Year 7 were treated to an interview with an Astro-physicist. Miss Howes' sister currently works in Sweden and spends her time researching all about the Milky Way. She gave a presentation about her role and then allowed the pupils considerable time to ask as many questions as they liked about Space, and ask they did! This all happened over Skype as she was in Sweden at the time! 📺



Spotlight
on...



Art



How is Art taught at S. Anselm's?

The teaching of art at S. Anselm's allows children to become better learners by being creative-risk takers, collaborators, communicators and responsive, reflective and critical thinkers.

The focus on creativity and imagination allows children to produce new and original ideas of their own. They are given opportunities to develop creative thinking skills and to become excellent problem-solvers.

A feeling of ownership and meaning is important in children's work. Being inventive is valued. Imagination is used in artwork to visualise fresh ideas. In an area where there are no 'right' answers, children learn to appreciate diversity, individuality and uniqueness.

A skills-based approach is considered important, allowing children to achieve competence with a number of skills, processes, tools and materials. With increased control and understanding of the different media, they will be able to experiment with

more confidence and be empowered to express themselves and communicate their ideas. Skills in drawing, painting, printing, textiles, collage and 3D & sculpture are developed as children progress through the school.

Observational drawing is taught to allow children to feel the power of having captured the world they see. Careful observational drawing improves problem solving skills as the children learn how to translate what they see into form, line, space, texture and colour.

Looking at the work of artists and artefacts from other cultures is an integral part of the schemes of work. It is an essential part of building knowledge and understanding. Where possible work in art will link in with topics being covered in other subject areas. Being introduced to art and culture with a global

or historical perspective develops cultural awareness, sensitivity and appreciation of diversity.

The art department has expanded, we now have two separate rooms. The lower art room is busy throughout the week with lessons for all pupils in year 1 to 8. Nursery and Reception also visit once a week for a pottery class. The top art room has had a few changes, it is now functioning as a studio for the teaching of Fine Art and Textiles for College pupils.

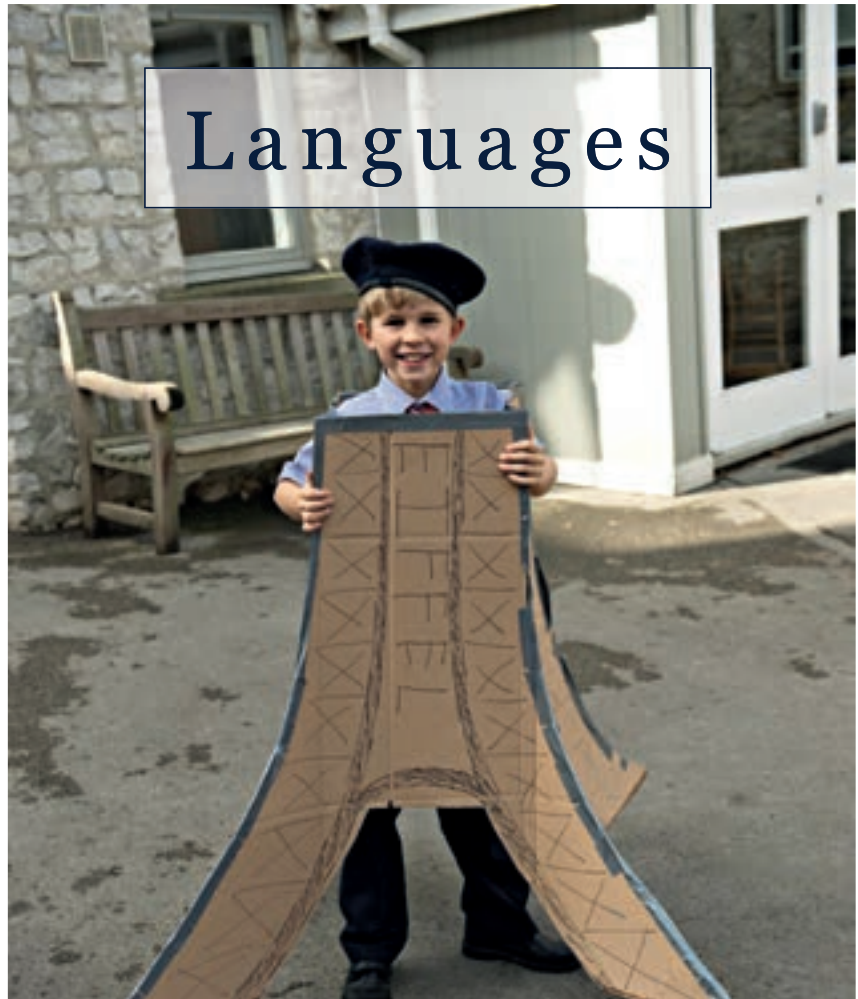
We have invested in some new equipment which will open up new possibilities for pupils. New equipment includes a printing press, a heat press and an extra sewing machine. Miss Pink, a recent graduate in Surface design for Textiles also joins the Department as an art assistant from September 2016. ■



Spotlight on...

The whole
school French
Day is always
a resounding
success, if not
totally devoid
of clichés!





Languages

The teaching of languages at S. Anselm's aims to be interactive, dynamic and enjoyable. The backbone of the language, that is to say the grammar, is taught rigorously, but there is always an element of fun.

Our pupils start French from the pre-prep, whilst they start Spanish in Year 3. We then give the two languages an equal amount of time to be enjoyed until Year 6 when the pupils opt for the language they want to follow on. It gives them the chance to concentrate fully on one language, in the all-important Year 7 and 8, when the Common Entrance or Scholarship syllabus prevails. The four skills which are reading, writing, speaking and listening are equally split.

Cultural awareness is a priority. S. Anselm's hosts pupils from France and Spain each year and their interactivity with the other children is extremely beneficial. They are also

given a flavour of both French and Spanish culture through films, music and songs but also projects on famous people.

The whole school French day is always a resounding success, if not totally devoid of clichés! Year 8 had a wonderful week in Brittany last September.

The department is very keen to evolve and is planning to offer the opportunity to go on residential trips to France and Spain in the near future. We aim to enthuse the pupils and provide them with the confidence and the skills to become confident linguists and to continue their studies with enthusiasm in their future lives. ■



Lego® Education Innovation Studio

Lego® Education Innovation Studio is a learning space where traditional subject boundaries are ignored, and children are instead encouraged to focus on finding solutions to problems in an imaginative, creative and collaborative way. This will allow the children to fully explore the topic-based learning towards which S. Anselm's school curriculum for the younger years is evolving.

Lego

Much of the creative thinking in the Innovation centre revolves around Lego. It is a resource that is naturally engaging to the children as most have been introduced to it as a form of play – and indeed the process of play and experimentation is essential to creativity and innovation. The traditional Lego blocks are an excellent tool for creative design, especially with the addition of the Lego Architecture sets, allowing the children to fulfil a design brief by designing, creating, evaluating and improving a model.

However, it is the electronic Lego that really captures the children's imagination and inspires them to take the first steps in programming. The fun and colourful We-Do robots allow children to start programming as early as Pre-Prep, using picture

blocks of 'code' on the I-pads to create a set of instructions which can be sent wirelessly to their robot.

The older children use the Mindstorm robots, and indeed these sets are advanced enough to be used as a resource in the first year of Engineering at Cambridge University. Using a wide array of motors and sensors (including motion detectors, light sensors, gyroscopes and



infrared), the children are encouraged to find their own individual solutions to a set 'problem' – working in a similar way to those designing robots and machines in industry.

3D printing

The Innovation Centre will also be equipped with two 3D printers, forecast to become the most popular pieces of equipment in the school! Again working from a design brief, the children use online software to design a model or prototype product over the course of several lessons. It is an excellent example of the purpose of the Innovation Centre – combining design, aesthetics and function to create an individual and innovative solution to a problem drawing on all of the children's experience across their education. ■

Prizes



Michaelmas Term

| | ACADEMIC | EFFORT |
|----------|---|---------------------------|
| Pre-Prep | Isabella Mayson Beth Franks-Townsend | Jack Goode Finley Todd |
| 3E | Reuben Farrell | Emma Holmes |
| 3F | Frederick Hickman | Amelia Blackledge |
| 4E | Sebastian Raper | Elizabeth Regis |
| 4P | Charles Bowker | Isabelle Howe |
| 5C | William Henson | Freya Larvin |
| 5R | Archie Carter | Oliver Goode |
| 6H | Humphrey Marsh | Scarlett Mycock |
| 6W | Libby Fleming | Joshua Nuttall |
| 7C | George Penrose | James Dinnigan |
| 7T | James Carr | William Dobson |
| 8E | Toby de la Billiere | Marta Campos |
| 8W | Thomas Green | Isabella Rodgers |
| KINDER | George Whawell | Aisha Riley |





Prizes

| | |
|---|---|
| SHOW UP SHIELD | Archie Carter |
| WINNING HOUSE CUP | Churchill's |
| STORRS FOX CUP (Head of school in work) | Toby de la Billière |
| Prefects' Ties and Badges | Charlie Chauveau Arthur Effront Thomas Green Thomas Hartley Thomas Hayward-Stott Adam Seddon |

Girls Sport

Girls Senior Full Hockey Colours:

Gabby Harper
Annie Middleton
Francesca Newton
Hattie Nieper
Rosie Winter

Senior Half Hockey Colours:

Marta Campos
Morgan Glynn
Ursula-Marie Hampton
Ella Hill
Jessie Milligan-Manby
Eloise Stonebridge

Girls Junior Full Hockey Colours:

Amelia Elwood
Isobel Elwood
Beatrix Larvin
Daisy Ludlam
Niamh O'Brien
Katie Smith
Phoebe Whawell
Alice Winter

Junior Half Hockey Colours:

Izidora Rowe
Georgina Tarbatt
Charlotte Williams

Boys Sport

Boys Senior Rugby Full Colours:

Toby de la Billière
Max Hattersley
Shea John
Arthur Ludlam
George Ludlam
Jack Whawell

Senior Half Colours:

William Dobson
Arthur Effront
Russell French
Edward Mayson
Archie Pearson
George Penrose
William Unsworth
Henry Walmisley
Matthew Williams

Colts Full Colours:

Alec Formela
Henry Hawkswell
Rufus Ludlam
Sammy Unsworth
Colin Wilson

Colts Half Colours:

Archie Carter
Hector Mellor
Edward Raper

Primary Maths Challenge

Bronze

Archie Carter
Georgina Tarbatt
Alfie Weber
Harriet Manning
Humphrey Marsh
Jamie Mayson
Henry Ponsford
Edward Raper
Phoebe Whawell
Charlotte Williams

Silver

Charles Bowker
Joshua Nuttall
Katie Smith

Gold

Gavin Guthrie
William Henson
Nicola Stansfield

Music

Practice Trophy (for the most music practice this term)

Shea John

Music Award for outstanding help in the Music Dept

Hattie Nieper



| | ACADEMIC | EFFORT |
|--------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Y2 LJD | Holly Kilner | Ben Walker |
| Y2 HH | Henry Conroy | Alice Carr |
| 3E | Celia Mycock | Amber Howe |
| 3F | Oliver Goodear | Christian Cooney |
| 4E | Grace Chichester-Clark | Isabella Brennan |
| 4P | Frankie Cobb | Ava Burton |
| 5C | Jamie Mayson | Angus Ludlam |
| 5R | Alfie Weber | Saul Robertson |
| 6H | Verity Scroggs | Henry Ponsford |
| 6W | Gavin Guthrie | Alec Formela |
| 7C | Henry Walmisley | Toby Green |
| 7T | Inge Turk | Theo Farrell |
| 8E | Shea John | Max Hattersley |
| 8W | Jedediah Potter | Tom Hayward Stott |
| Kinder | Samuel Blackhurst | Olivia Longden |

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|--|---|
| SHOW UP SHIELD | William Henson |
| WINNING HOUSE CUP | Churchills |
| Music Practice Prize | William Henson for 52 hours practice on piano and saxophone |
| STORRS FOX CUP (head of school in work) | Shea John |
| New Prefect | Alexandre Esculier |

Senior Hockey Full Colours:

Max Hattersley
George Ludlam
Thomas Green

Senior Hockey Half Colours:

George Longstaff
Louis Green
Harry Twelves
Charlie Chauveau Junior Hockey Full Colours:
Joshua Nuttall

Junior Hockey Half Colours:

William Henson
Archie Carter
Max Nieper
Angus Ludlam
Rufus Ludlam
Alec Formela
Sam Chichester-Clark
Primary Maths Challenge

Bronze

Matthew Williams
Jack Whawell
Toby de la Billière
Shea John

Silver

Aisha Riley
(also certificate for best in year)
Joshua Glynn
(also certificate for best in school)

Girls Sport

Senior Full Netball Colours:

Annie Middleton
Francesca Newton
Hattie Nieper

Senior Half Netball Colours:

Ursula-Marie Hampton
Gabrielle Harper
Ella Hill
Jessie Milligan-Manby
Eloise Stonebridge

Girls Junior Full Hockey Colours:

Amelia Elwood
Isobel Elwood
Beatrix Larvin
Daisy Ludlam
Niamh O'Brien
Katie Smith
Phoebe Whawell
Charlotte Williams

Junior Half Hockey Colours:

Libby Cave
Georgina Tarbatt

Boys Sport

Senior Football Full Colours:

Jack Whawell
Luke Dobson
Charlie Chauveau
Matthew Williams
Shea John

Senior Half Colours:

Toby de la Billière
Henry Walmisley
Archie Pearson
Harry Twelves
Louis Green
Junior Football Full Colours:
Joshua Nuttall
Colin Wilson
Humphrey Marsh
Alec Formela

Junior Football Half Colours:

Alfie Weber
Archie Carter
Thomas Harrison

| | ACADEMIC | EFFORT |
|-----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Year 2 LJD | Sam Duffey | Arabella Lewis |
| Year 2 HH | Francesca Tarbatt | Finley Todd |
| 3E | James Symonds | Amelie Ponsford |
| 3F | Imogen Nash | Max Carter |
| 4E | Harriet Manning | Hugo Holmes |
| 4P | Charles Walmisley | Chloe Heathcote |
| 5C | Elizabeth (Libby) Cave | Lilas Fromager |
| 5R | Georgina Tarbatt | Alex Dinnigan |
| 6H | Hector Mellor | Izidora Rowe |
| 6W | Georgina Sheppard | Henry Hawkswell |
| 7C | Ursula-Marie Hampton | George Penrose |
| 7T | Theodore Farrell | Jack Bedford |
| 8E | Jack Whawell | Thomas Cottrell |
| 8W | Jedediah Potter | Jessica Milligan-Manby |
| Year 9 (Kinder) | Sam Blackhurst | Leah Harrison |

UK Junior Mathematical Challenge 2015

Bronze

Charlie Chauveau
Thomas Green
Thomas Hartley
Ella Hill
Lex Robertson
William Unsworth

Silver

Morgan Glynn
Flora Kanan
Arthur Ludlam
Jed Potter
Jack Whawell
Matthew Williams

Music Practice Star:

Nicola Stansfield

Storrs Fox Cup for Head of School in Work for the Term:

Morgan Glynn



Sports Cups and Prizes: Speech Day 2016

| Michaelmas Term 2015: Hockey (Girls) | |
|---|------------------|
| Junior Player of the Season | Daisy Ludlam |
| Junior Most Improved Player of the Season | Beatrix Larvin |
| Stowe Cup for Senior Player of the Season | Hattie Nieper |
| Senior Most Improved Player of the Season | Marta Campos |
| Girls Cross Country | Gabrielle Harper |

| Michaelmas Term 2015: Rugby (Boys) | |
|--|---------------------|
| Junior Rugby Cup | Rufus Ludlam |
| Henry Tunbridge Rugby Cup for most improved U11 player | Henry Hawkswell |
| Dukes Tackling Cup | Edward Mayson |
| Ratcliffe Cup (most improved Rugby player) | Arthur Effront |
| Salisbury Cup for outstanding contribution to Rugby | Toby de la Billière |
| Boys Cross Country | Jack Whawell |

| Lent Term 2016: Netball (Girls) | |
|---|------------------|
| Kate Baxter Netball Cup (Junior Player of the Season) | Katie Smith |
| Junior Most Improved Player of the Season | Niamh O'Brien |
| Harriet Edwards Cup (Senior Best Shooter) | Ella Hill |
| Dench Netball Cup (Senior Player of the Season) | Annie Middleton |
| Senior Most Improved Player | Gabrielle Harper |

| Lent Term 2016: Football (Boys) | |
|---|------------------|
| Carruth Football Cup | Charlie Chauveau |
| Becket Prize for most Improved Football | Matthew Williams |
| Thompson Cup (U11 Footballer) | Joshua Nuttall |

| Hockey (Boys) | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Best Senior Hockey Player Cup | George Ludlam |
| Most Improved Hockey Player | Harry Twelves |

| Summer Term 2016: Rounders (Girls) | |
|--|------------------------|
| Baxter Rounders Cup for Player of the Season | Francesca Newton |
| Isobel Hodgkinson Cup for Best Batter | Lily Whatley |
| Senior Most Improved Rounders Player | Jessica Milligan-Manby |
| Junior Most Improved Rounders Player | Phoebe Whawell |
| Best Junior Rounders Player | Isobel Elwood |
| Natasha West Shield for Best U11 Girl All-Rounder: | Amelia Elwood |

| Summer Term 2016: Cricket (Boys) | |
|---|----------------|
| Richardson Bat for Best Batsman | Russell French |
| Tatham Fielding Cup | Jack Whawell |
| Robert Price Bowling Cup | Luke Dobson |
| Clifford-Jones Batting Cup | Max Hattersley |
| Clarke Bat (U11) | William Henson |
| Henry Tunbridge Memorial Cup (for Most Improved Under 11 Cricketer) | Henry Ponsford |
| James Brothers Cup for Best Individual Performance | Angus Ludlam |
| Junior Cricket Prize for Best All-Rounder | Alfie Weber |

| Swimming | |
|--|------------------|
| Tyler Cup for Most Improved Junior Swimmer | Lizzie Regis |
| Spurrier Sports Cup for Best Girl Sports All-Rounder | Annie Middleton |
| Mercer Cup for Best Boy Sports All-Rounder | Shea John |
| Best Sailor Cup | Thomas Green |
| Perkins Swimming Cup for Most Improved Swimmer | Adam Seddon |
| Extras | |
| Prize for Most Improved Sailor | Hector Mellor |
| Fly Fishing Cup | Thomas Green |
| Shooting Cup | Francesca Newton |

Speech Day Prizes Summer 2016

Cups

| | |
|---|------------------------|
| Hurst Drama Cup | Harriet Nieper |
| Senior Drama Prizes | Adam Seddon |
| Tarling Junior Drama Cup | Archie Carter |
| Ryan Creative Writing Prize (for Juniors) | William Henson |
| Waters Junior Art Prize | Hector Mellor |
| Gilbert Spencer Art Prize | William Unsworth |
| Asher Simons Initiative Cup | Max Hattersley |
| Bradbury Singing Cup | Francesca Newton |
| Wind and Brass Prize | Thomas Hayward Stott |
| Wheat Music Prize: Dedication to Chapel Choir | Isaac Bamford |
| Head Chorister Cup | Shea John |
| Smouha Cup for Highest Marks in Music Exams | Joshua Nuttall |
| Spong Music Cup | Jed Potter |
| Common Entrance Effort Prize | Matthew Williams |
| Flora MacKenzie Hand of Friendship | Florence Taberner |
| S. Anselm's Prize for Outstanding Contribution as a Boarder | Jessica Milligan-Manby |
| Senior Good Citizen Cup | Isabella Rodgers |
| Otter Junior Good Citizen Cup | Sammy Unsworth |

International Pupils Prizes:

Marta Campos
Alexandre Esculier
Arthur Effront
Lilas Fromager-Camard
Jimena Guerrero
Jaime Leache

Head Prefects Prize:

Arthur Ludlam
George Ludlam
Francesca Newton
Hattie Nieper

Inter-House Cup:

Churchills

Moser Prize for Head of School in Work:

Shea John



S. ANSELM'S COLLEGE



Did you know S. Anselm's in Bakewell is now offering education up to the age of 16 through the new S. Anselm's College? Local day children can now benefit from the small class sizes, large campus and excellent teaching whilst they study for their GCSEs.

With a minibus service from Dore, Matlock and Chesterfield traffic jams on the school run could be a thing of the past.

The excellent results, happy children and superb opportunities may not surprise you but the fees may well do! Children can join either in Y7 or Y9 to take advantage of what S. Anselm's has to offer.

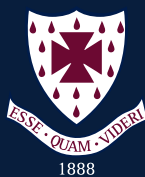
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We look forward to meeting you.

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