

The Anselmian

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S. Anselm's

2014-2015



“In a Harrow context, Sir Winston Churchill is perhaps most often quoted for his message to the School in 1941:

“Never give in, never give in, never, never, never-in nothing, great or small, large or petty - never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense”.

Two years into the War, as a much-needed momentary diversion, he had returned to Harrow’s Speech Room to join in singing the School Songs. He spoke to the boys about resilience and courage, and of playing one’s part “in sterner days”.

For those in attendance, these themes would come to apply not only to conduct in wartime, but also to their lives in the decades that followed. It is a message that continues to toll loudly today, despite the very different challenges of the 21st century. Characteristics like determination and grit start to take root at prep school, often outside the formal syllabus, in what is – as the name suggests – vital preparation for public school. Smaller preps that offer a creative education, like S. Anselm’s, are well positioned to hone these traits. The boys from S. Anselms that join us at Year 9 certainly have them in spades, and start in the Harrow environment fit to flourish.”

Jim Hawkins - Headmaster, Harrow School



Message from the Headmaster

What a year it has been

It seems extraordinary that once again we are already at the end of an academic year. It is always hard to look back and try to pick out one or two things which have really crystallised the essence of the school over the year. We have, as ever, many highlights about which we feel proud: our new library, the U11 unbeaten rugby season, the happy buzz at a Sunday boarders’ supper; the hush of our candlelit carol service, the raucous Jolly Roger in Treasure Island and the countless times our choir and instrumentalists have lifted our souls.

We have thought about Churchill this year in this 50th anniversary of his death, and it is his quotation saying it is persistence that really makes the difference which resonates so strongly here at S. Anselm’s. The teams go back out again and again even when it has been a hard season; the choristers practice in order to get that note of purity; the performers have that umpteenth rehearsal in order to achieve that dramatic tension - and they all work extremely hard academically.

The children here at S. Anselm’s really know the meaning of the phrase “burning the candle at both ends”. They go from lessons to band rehearsals to lunch to team practice, back to lessons, to games, to prep, to activities and then still have the energy to dorm raid in the mornings. Life at the school quickly fills seven days a week with such variation in activity that they have to learn to adapt very quickly. This in itself is a skill which will stand them in great stead as they progress through life- having the confidence to try, and try again even when they have not succeeded at first. Anselmians are aware and confident

in their own special talents but they are also appreciative of others’ talents too because they have to try all sorts of activities including those at which they may not excel. This not only gives our children a confidence but also helps them to develop a respect for others, as well as underlining that it is not just talent which brings success but hard work and the ability to keep trying. To have this ability they need strong self-esteem and that is what the varied curriculum alongside the unwavering support of the staff around them begins to build, alongside the ongoing support of their families at home.

There is a significant anniversary this year for Wellington too: 200 years since the Battle of Waterloo on the 18th June; an event which changed the map of European history and was not guaranteed by any means. However later in his life on reflection Wellington remarked that he wished he had praised others more. That is something which all the staff here do consciously and with purpose; the children can only keep trying if they are praised and nurtured – and that is the environment we aim to provide here.

I delight in seeing the children learn, grow and progress through their time here at the school; for those who choose to stay on it is that welcoming and supportive space from which they will benefit in the new S. Anselm’s College. With an across the board 100% Common Entrance exam success again this year, I wish all of our Y8 Leavers the very best in their new schools – remember to keep trying and never give up.

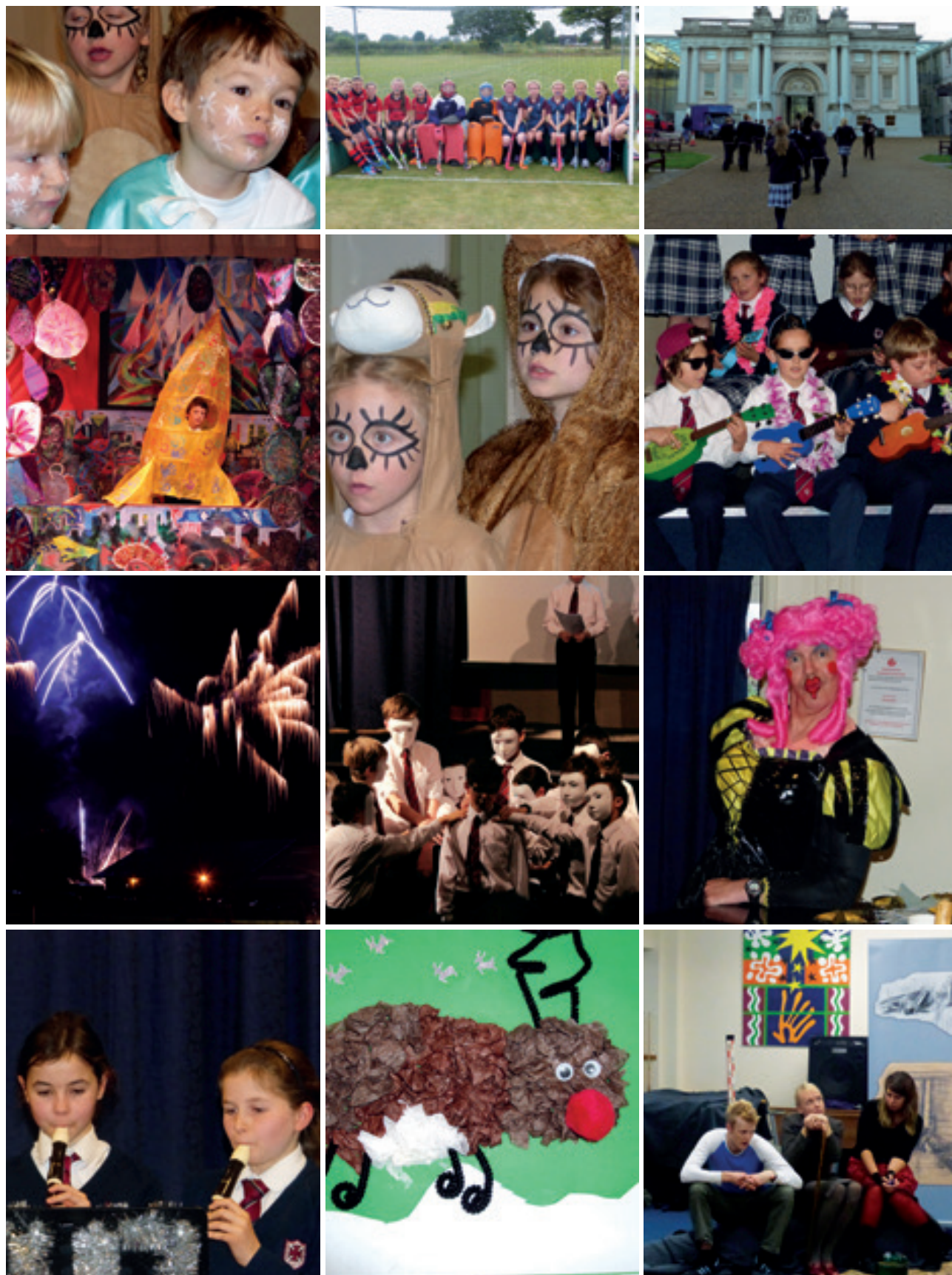
Peter Phillips, Headmaster

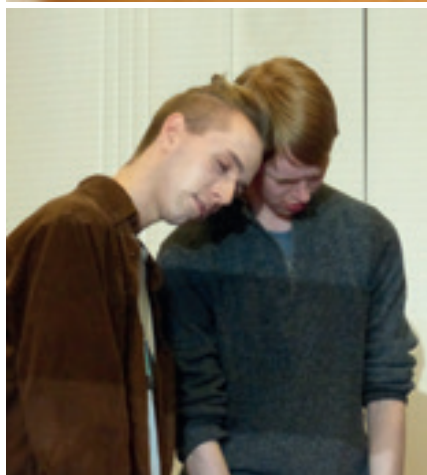
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Friends of S. Anselm's

For those of you who may not know, The Friends of S. Anselm's is a Committee separate from the Governing Body with its own Constitution, reporting to the Headmaster and The Governors. Its purpose is to co-ordinate fundraising events in support of capital projects identified by the Headmaster, and to rally support for the school from the wider community and Old Anselmians. We meet each term and the meetings are attended by the Headmaster and Bursar.

The Committee is made up wholly of current parents and chaired by a Parent Governor. These presently are Mark Twelves (Chairman), Rik Tarbatt (Vice-Chairman), Rachel Ludlam (Social Committee), Steve Drury, Nerissa Formela (Social Committee) and Mark Holmes (Old Anselmians).

We contributed approximately £150,000 to the new school Library

This has followed much work to reorganise and streamline the many Committees that previously existed within the school into a more manageable structure which is now established and working well. The OAs and Social Committee also report to the Friends through their representatives.

We ensure the School Social Events diary is co-ordinated and seek to raise funds from events where appropriate. Any funds that are raised are pooled and applied to support the school and its pupils where the Headmaster and Governors feel they will make a difference. The funds are not used to replace general school expenditure and each decision is considered independently by the Board. We also sponsor specific projects such as, in the past, the pool complex, more recently the new school library and presently the proposed "Astro" sports facility.

We have seen some changes this year, most notably with Martha Marriot standing down after several years on the Board as the OA's representative. Martha virtually single-handedly established the OAs including running a database and several events. Her grand finale was the quite amazing 125th anniversary celebration in 2013. The Committees, the Governors, the School's and my personal thanks must go to Martha for her hard work and significant contribution. We are delighted to welcome Mark Holmes (OA) on to the Board as Martha's replacement. Mark is already doing sterling work and an OA website is in development.

Nerissa Formela has joined the Board this year and also sits on the Social Committee. Our thanks to the Social Committee for their continued hard work and for arranging another calendar of fantastic events this year.

We have had a very busy year over the last 12 months. We contributed approximately £150,000 to the new School Library which has created a wonderful new facility and central area for the whole school. We also now use it for meetings!

We were delighted to be asked to support last term's sports tour to Jersey to help the cost remain sensible for parents yet ensure a full schedule



of events could be included in the tour outside the sports fixtures.

In addition we obtained planning approval for the school for a new All Weather Sports facility on Bottom Field. This accommodates a full size football field and can be used for hockey, tennis, football as well as other sports and training. Our work will now turn to what external sources of finance might contribute and we will keep parents fully informed as things develop. Of course donations are always welcome!

As mentioned, we have had a wonderful year of events including the Clay Pigeon shoot, Cycle ride, Christmas fayre and more. This term we have a Ball and a Quiz. Please support these events when you can and a heartfelt thanks from the Friends to those who do.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the Friends should contact myself or Rik Tarbatt. We would welcome anyone with enthusiasm!
Mark Twelves



SCHOOL NEWS AND EVENTS



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School News & Events

Y6 Start of Season Sports Tour



A party of 29 pupils and four staff embarked on the first school sports tour of the new academic year, in September, to Lincolnshire. This was a new tour and a huge well done must go to all of the Y6 tour pioneers, for throwing themselves fully into each and every aspect of it. Our first stop was Witham Hall, where after an initial close start to the game the boys went on to comfortably win their rugby match 5 tries to 1.

The under 11A and under 11B hockey teams also had two great fixtures, with both matches being end to end. However, the Witham girls were more adept at astro play, having their own to train on 24/7 and their astro fitness and skills ensured they won both of these matches. After some quick match refreshments we were back on the road, heading for the Lincoln Superbowl, where some slick bowling was demonstrated by all, although the staff found the 'disco bowling' initially tough! After a well-deserved supper at McDonald's we headed to the Premier Inn for our first night's accommodation.

The next morning after receiving plenty of accolades from the Premier Inn staff as to how polite and well-mannered our pupils were, we were quickly en route to St Hugh's, Woodall Spa, for our second fixtures. After a short stroll around Woodhall Spa (which is where the 'Dambusters' were based and set off from); we went

to meet our hosts. This time it was a hat-trick with all three teams winning their matches convincingly.

The boys' rugby match resulted in a 7 tries to 3 victory; whilst the under 11A hockey girls won 8 – 0 and the under 11B girls won 2 – 1! After a splendid thank you speech by Ursula-Marie Hampton and Ella Hill and presentation of S. Anselm's souvenirs by George Penrose, it was time for a free swim in the pool. That night we

were kindly hosted by St Hugh's in their boarding house, with a variety of evening activities laid on by them.

On Sunday after a breakfast of Lincolnshire sausages, amongst other things, we

were back on the road for a day at the 'High Ropes Activity Centre'. This was an amazing place and everybody had lots of fun.

Our Y6 pupils were really pushed out of their comfort zone by the challenges set by the centre staff, but did brilliantly well to adapt to meet them. From shinnying up telegraph poles and completing a 'leap of faith' to reach a trapeze 50m up in the air, to climbing a tower of logs and reaching for a series of rings, again 50m up in the air; to the mid height ropes course and the amazing 50m long zip wire. Everybody also had a go at two orienteering courses and some archery – what a day! We had a good journey home and were back for 6.50pm, with everyone ready for a good night's sleep.

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Mums at Whitby

Friday 18th September saw a group of S. Anselm's mums setting off for another fund raising adventure. This year we headed for Whitby, the 'goth' town of the north here described by Bram Stoker in his novel Dracula published in 1897.

"This is a lovely place. The little River Esk runs through a deep valley which broadens out as it comes near the harbour... The houses of the old town are all red-roofed and seem piled up one after the other anyhow...Right over the town is the ruin of the Abbey, a noble ruin of immense size. Between it and the town is another church, the Parish one, round which is a big graveyard, all full of tombstones. It descends so steeply over the harbour that part of the bank has fallen away, and some of the graves have been destroyed."

We arrived at the YHA, situated next to the ruined abbey which was shrouded in mist. We headed off taking the path described above, down the old worn steps through the graveyard and into town to the lovely Magpie restaurant for fish and chips.

A fantastic sum of £3577.58 was raised by this hardy bunch

Saturday morning saw us up early and after being dropped off at Scarborough we commenced our walk along the coast heading back north to Robin Hood's Bay. The weather was not too kind to us and we were wrapped up in our waterproofs for most of the day.

We stopped at the café in Ravenscar for a well-earned cuppa before continuing on our way. After 15 miles we arrived at Robin Hood's Bay, a small fishing village and a bay located within the North York Moors National Park, five miles south of Whitby. A short stroll through the busy little village brought us to the top of a hill where our coach awaited us.

Sunday saw us walk from Whitby back to Robin Hood's Bay, a mere 5 miles after our long walk on Saturday. The sun was finally out and we were rewarded with fine views along the coast.

A fantastic sum of £3577.58 was raised by this hardy bunch. Thanks to Frank, our loyal guide, Siobhan W, Katie N, Fiona S, Helena C, Liz S, Lulu C, Julia R, Louise G, Sara B, Nerissa, Kate G, Nicki T, Virginia S, Clare G, Bron W, Helen P.



French Day

Jeudi 9 octobre was our French day. Pupils gladly joined in the spirit of things and many striped and moustached folk were to be seen around school. In assembly, pupils sang "Sur le Pont d'Avignon" and were given a demonstration of games primary school children would play at break time in France.

After that, The Junior Forms had the opportunity to interview real French pupils, practise their French handwriting and fill in their own French ID card.

We had croissants and pains au chocolat for morning break. For "le déjeuner", S. Anselm's Chefs worked extra hard and produced a gorgeous French meal enjoyed by all.

Dinner had a surprise ingredient. Some say that Mr P. collected them himself from his garden...

Theatre Blah Blah Blah

All pupils in Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 at S. Anselm's School in Bakewell had an amazing, thought-provoking and stimulating experience on Monday 6th October with the theatre-in-education company, Theatre Blah Blah Blah and their production of 'Messerschmitt vs. Spitfire: A Love Story'. The story intertwined modern day life in Germany when an unexploded bomb was discovered in a river, with memories of some civilian experiences during World War 2 in an emotional story told in both German and English.

Some of the children commented:

"One of the best (experiences) I have had."

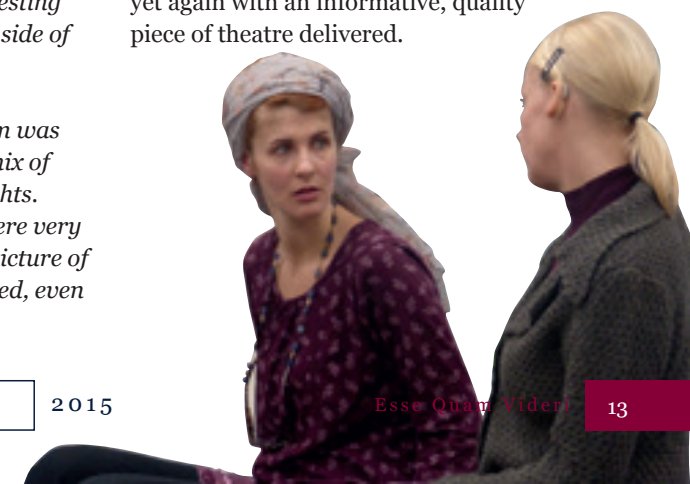
"Sad, memorable, touching, interesting."

"Thoroughly enjoyable, interesting and useful to hear a German side of the story. Very informative."

"The story about the firestorm was deeply moving and led to a mix of different emotions and thoughts. The facts and descriptions were very effective in painting a vivid picture of the terror it would have caused, even 70 years later."

"The effects that war have on people's lives and how it brings people together as well as pulling people apart."

Theatre Blah Blah Blah impressed the school, both adults and students alike, yet again with an informative, quality piece of theatre delivered.



Oundle High Flyers 2014

In November, Ella Hill and Inge Turk spent two days at Oundle for the 11+ High Flyers event. They participated in many different activities: mathematical problem solving, interpreting and animating poetry, craft skills, generating hydrogen, Classics and finally relaxing in the pool.

They also took part in the Remembrance Day Service, scattering poppies in a garden commemorating Old Oundelians who lost their lives in conflicts. Both girls very much enjoyed their experiences and showed huge enthusiasm for all that was offered!



The Staff Pantomime

On the last Wednesday afternoon of the Michelmas Term, all pupils from Y1 to Y8 filed expectantly into Hargreaves Hall to watch our first ever staff pantomime entitled - and this was the world's worst kept secret - 'Harry Potter Saves Christmas'.

The play opened with a pupil falling asleep in a cover lesson delivered by Mr Carr (for Mrs Hunter absent with 'the cough'). The pupil, ably performed by a boyish Mr Wittmann, awoke to find himself transformed into Harry Potter and inhabiting a Hogwarts which bore striking similarities to S. Anselm's. His flame haired side-kick Ron Weasley played by (who else?) Mr Wood and his starchy female friend Hermione Grainger played, against type, by Mrs Scott were set upon a quest by Professor Dumbledore (Mr Carr). Aiding them in this quest were Hagrid (an unusually scruffy and a very well padded-out Mr Mortimer) and the Pantomime Dame (played with great panache by that most unlikely of Dames, Mr Robinson). As they left the stage, caretaker Argus Filch (Mr Percival) stepped forward to beguile the pupils with a card trick - the only "real magic" they were likely to see, according to him.

Their quest was to save Father Christmas from 'up-North' whence he had been kidnapped by our 'baddies': Lucius Malfoy, played with simmering menace and a wink of the eye by Mrs Braillich; Draco Malfoy, Lucius' apprentice in evil was Miss Southam (type casting, clearly); Mrs Elvin was the unlikely choice to play the rodent-like Peter Pettigrew, with his monstrous cheese habit. When they conjured up evil incarnate, all were surprised to see Mr Watt step forward in the role of Voldemort.

Before setting out to save Father Christmas, our heroes were taken to their first staff meeting where they found the teachers doing what they usually do on Tuesday

mornings: gambling, throwing paper aeroplanes, playing darts. However, hearing of the quest, the teachers broke off their pursuits to offer their help. Severus Snape was initially reluctant to help, though he eventually fell in with MacGonagall (Mrs Dinnigan), Rolanda Hooch (Mrs Seddon) and Pomona Sprout (Mrs Stansfield) to help our questers after Father Christmas.

Searching 'up-North' for Father Christmas, our heroes happened upon Head Boy Marcus Connolly and Head Girl Violet Barton 'on tour' with S. Anselm's, but they appeared to be blind to the clues that suggested that Father Christmas was nearby - no matter how loudly the pupils pointed them out from the auditorium.

Heavy hints as to Father Christmas' whereabouts were suggested by Elves (Miss Dawson, Mrs Taylor, Mme. Harris, Mrs Donnelly). A rather quarrelsome pantomime

reindeer comprising Mrs (I'm in the lead) Corner up front and Miss (I went to RADA you know!) Flack to the rear made further suggestions where to find him, but our heroes still could not see what was right in front of them. Signing into a Travel Lodge for the night, the clues lacing the speech of the receptionist (Mrs Whawell) had the audience on their feet but still the penny did not drop. It was only after an extended chase sequence involving Father Christmas (Mr Farrar) and all of the baddies that our heroes realised that, yes, "He's behind you!"

Christmas was saved and it was a pleasant surprise to see that he had presents for everyone, even Voldemort and his cronies.

Dispersing to enjoy Christmas with their loved ones, the characters left Harry and the dame alone on stage to share the fact that Christmas is a lonely time for literary characters. Mr Robinson wrung pathos palpably from his script at this moment and it

was a hard heart that felt no flutter, a callous eye that felt no tears. But, no, the characters returned to the stage to reclaim our stricken heroes in the knowledge that Christmas is about spending time with those you love.

What better balm to pour upon the pathos of the moment than Slade singing 'Merry Christmas Everybody'. We all joined together to sing this song and it was, perhaps, no surprise to find most of the school on stage by the end of the song.

The teachers had a great time staging a pantomime and the pupils seemed to enjoy it. It was a lovely way to end the term.



Christmas Fayre





S. Anselm's Ski Trip

SATURDAY

Breaking a three year jinx, the journey from the Coop Car Park to Claviere in the Italian Alps went without any kind of hitch this year. We arrived in good time at the Chalet della Luna to find our host Gaetano and a delicious hot meal waiting for us. We had sole occupancy of the hotel and – as we were to find during the week – nothing was too much trouble for Gaetano and his staff. On Saturday afternoon, we had our skis fitted and, after supper, we headed up for an early night in anticipation of our first day's skiing. Though we had still not seen any snow, we were assured that there was snow in the nearby resort of Sestriere.

SUNDAY

After an early breakfast, we loaded our skis onto a bus and headed for Sestriere a thirty minute drive away. The excitement we felt on arrival was caused by one thing: snow, lots of it. We unloaded our kit into the hotel that was to house our skis and equipment for the rest of the week. From there it was a short walk to the slopes. Our ski instructors Ilaria (Group 1), Stefano (Group 2), Barbara

(Group 3) and Luciano (Group 4) were there to greet us. After a brief assessment, our skiers were assigned to an instructor and taken straight out onto the slopes.

Pretty much everyone skied for five hours per day for six days

We soon discovered that, although some resorts on the Milky Way were shut, as was the case throughout the Alps, Sestriere offered a variety of skiing which would keep us busy all week. On our return to the hotel, hot chocolate and cake was waiting for us, as it was throughout the week. After another three course Italian feast, pupils watched the first part of the film 'Cool Runnings' in the hotel.

MONDAY

By Sunday evening, we had renamed this trip, the 'Bob Fleming Tour' in

honour of the Fast Show character. Many of us had brought the sore throat and cough with us and the sound of coughing reverberated through the hotel's empty corridors all night long. Although many pupils suffered from the cough during the week, it is typical of S. Anselm's pupils that almost no skiing was missed. Pretty much everyone skied for five hours per day for six days.

This was in no small part due to the ministrations of Mr Wood who took such good care of everyone, dispensing cough medicine to a lengthening queue of pupils and staff at the end of each meal and of Miss Flack who took care of the girls who could not sleep during the nights. Conditions on Monday were good and all skied well. After supper, and Benylin, we finished watching 'Cool Runnings'.

TUESDAY

Conditions were good in the morning with real progress being made by skiers of all abilities. In the afternoon, the sun had softened the snow a little, but the pupils continued to ski flat out. We had arranged to have a hot lunch inside the

café at the bottom of the slopes, which had become our unofficial HQ, instead of sandwiches from the hotel.

This really helped pupils to warm up and to keep going in the afternoons for the rest of the week. After supper, on Tuesday, we had a quiz organised by our rep, Bryony.

WEDNESDAY

We woke this morning to see the town covered in snow. Whilst it was not skiable down in Claviere, the snowfall had replenished the snow in Sestriere and we had an amazing day's skiing as a result. After skiing, we went to the superb outdoor heated pool in Sestriere. As well as press ups and sit ups in the snow surrounding the pool, some swimming actually took place, as well. Thursday evening was also designated souvenir shopping night, so pupils hit the shops in teams after supper to strip them of snow globes and fridge magnets.

THURSDAY

The slopes were icy in the morning, the mushy snow from the previous afternoon having frozen overnight. It was testing to ski on but all of the groups were equal to the conditions. The sun eventually softened it up but pupils had really learned to dig their edges in by then.

In the evening, Mr Mortimer led a specially devised quiz involving the mysterious scrabble letters on the back of everyone's hoodies.



FRIDAY

Snow conditions on our last day were a little soft, but the pupils were keen to ski as much as possible. They took their tests in the morning and enjoyed the sun in the afternoon.

Luciano's group of beginners had been cropping up all over the slopes – much to our surprise - all week and it was amazing to see the progress they had made in just six days. All had mastered their parallel turns and were skiing with control and speed. Barbara's group had pushed even farther afield and their confidence had grown immensely. Stefano's group had skied the entire resort, enjoying his sense of humour and his insistence that they bend their knees. Ilaria's group were the fastest group, yet some of them had clearly made the most progress during the week.

The only hospital visit of the week resulted, as it so often does, from the last run on the last afternoon. As Mr Mortimer watched a group of our pupils skiing down into the resort, he caught an edge and fell, cutting his lip. A couple of stitches later, he was back on the bus to tumultuous cheers. The instructors came to the hotel before supper to present medals to the pupils and to receive the gifts that the pupils had bought them.

All agreed that it was the best skiing tuition they had had. After supper, pupils went upstairs to pack.

SATURDAY

It was a pleasure to spend more time over the lovely breakfasts we had been rushing through all week and we took our time to enjoy it before starting our homeward journey at about 10.30am.

The coach journey to Grenoble Airport took place in bright sunshine. We ate at the airport before flying back a happy, but a tired, group ready for a lie in the next morning.

As always happens, our pupils drew flattering comments wherever they went. Thanks to them for their can-do attitude and their impeccable behaviour. Thanks also to Miss Flack, Mr Wood and Mr Mortimer for making the trip happen and to Mrs Corner and Mr Repton for all of the help they gave pupils throughout the week.





The Arvon Foundation

Sixteen pupils and two teachers boarded their mini-buses to go to a writing course in Yorkshire, at the Arvon Foundation's centre Lumb Bank on Monday 26th of January.

On arrival, we were instantly greeted with some lovely ginger cake and tea by a roaring open fire. Then we had a delicious dinner of roast chicken which was followed by an introductory talk by the centre staff.

Each morning of our stay, we started with a writing workshop delivered by our two tutors, Christopher William Hill (our novelist and playwright) and Alicia Stubbersfield (our poet). We then, after a spectacular lunch, had a quiet afternoon during which we could write and read silently. We also had one-on-one tutorials with

The views from the house were amazing

each of the tutors. These helped to improve our use of our senses when writing poetry and to plan our story-lines thoroughly when writing short stories.

Every night, apart from Monday, a group of four pupils cooked for the tutors, teachers and the rest of the school group. On Tuesday the group's name was 'The A Team', on Wednesday it was the 'Pak Choi Tibetan Monks', on Thursday it was the 'Elbow Greasers' and on Friday it was 'The True French Chefs'. Every night the food was amazing. The views from the house were amazing, showing the surrounding valleys and fields, and when the snow came on Wednesday the whole place looked incredibly majestic.

We also had a guest speaker, named Dean Parkin who read us some of his poems including a particular one called "Bubblewrap", which contained an incredible selection of words from 'bubblewrap' to Nordic words like "hush" and "bump" all written as a nonsense poem. We all went up to Heptonstall village on Tuesday, to visit Sylvia Plath's

grave. She was a famous poet who was married to Ted Hughes whose house we were staying in. Hughes gave Lumb Bank to the Arvon Foundation after her death.

The group this year thoroughly enjoyed this trip as you can tell from the many things they have said: 'A great experience,' says Jed Potter; 'The tutors were amazing,' says Ella Hill; 'I really enjoyed it,' says Russell French, whilst throwing another log on the fire; 'My writing had improved massively,' says Will.

So, as you can see, the Arvon Foundation is a great way to get into writing. Now, time for the teacher and tutor's quotes: 'Minecraft is well cool,' says Christopher William Hill; 'Stop reading it's eleven o'clock!' says Mr Carr; 'You can write a poem about a poem but they seem terribly desperate,' says Alicia Stubbersfield; 'Where's the trivet?!' says Mrs Hunter.

Would we come again next year? You bet.



The Really Wild Show comes to S. Anselm's



Years 3 and 4 were lucky enough to have a visit from the Really Wild Show on Friday 16th January, in order to complement their Geography topic work and enhance their knowledge of animals that live in either a Rainforest or Desert habitat.

The Y4s were able to hold a boa constrictor, a large millipede, a giant African snail and a gecko but unfortunately the tarantula had to stay in her Perspex box (much to the relief of the staff present!)

The Y3s held the same animals but with the added bonus of a bearded dragon who they learnt is able to camouflage itself and use its spikes to scare away any animals that are a threat to it.

There were some great questions asked and many facts learnt. The children clearly loved the experience of being up close to animals they would most likely not encounter regularly (if at all). A warning to parents, however, many decided that some of the animals will definitely be on their next "pet request list" for home!





Quiz Club

S. Anselm's Quiz Team for the Ashdell School Quiz



Ukulele Club



UKMT Team Maths Regional Challenge

On Monday 23rd March, 4 bright and eager mathematicians in Y8 ventured to Swanwick Hall School to participate in the 2015 UKMT Team Maths Challenge Regional Finals.

We knew that competition would be fierce, as we would face 28 far larger schools with older children (as Y9 can enter). Marcus, Natalie, Thomas and Alex composed themselves and made a great start at the warm-up questions. After this, Mr Mortimer waved them goodbye, as he would have to be with another school for the day.

The organiser of the event made a jest during his announcement that the children usually find their adopted teacher to be far more pleasant than usual and vice versa. Mr Mortimer quickly found that this was not the case, as the sullen teenagers he accompanied were polar opposites to his sparky S. Anselm's pupils.

The four challenges of the day were a team challenge, a cross number, a shuttle and a relay. All of these relied on team work, accuracy and speed. The four children performed well as they were stretched with the difficult and obscure questions, the relentless pace and the challenge of the other schools around them. In the end we came a respectable 15 out of 28. After a quick chocolate bar and drink on the way back, we arrived just in time to find out that the House Shout had been moved forward by 24 hours! Another action packed day at S. Anselm's.

Steel Pan Workshop



The snow challenged most during this week but our Steel Pan leaders scheduled for Friday braved the journey from Birmingham and delivered a fantastic morning of traditional Trinidad & Tobago music learning. We learnt why and how the steel pans came about from our Jamaican born leader Sofia and performed rolls, arpeggios and chords

on the sonorous pans with sunken hollows allowing the pitch to change. Some pupils picked up the grooves quickly and we even witnessed Freddie Marsh dancing whilst playing, no mean feat! All pupils who battled through the snow to be in school on Friday participated in the workshop from years 3 through to 8 bringing a little sun into an otherwise wintry week.

David Nieper Visit

Just before half term the Y7s had a really interesting and hands on outing to the David Nieper factory in Alfreton. The introductory session was kindly led by Christopher Nieper.

The trip was to complement the teaching of the

Geography syllabus, which has been recently updated. The new emphasis of the economic theme is to think about where industry locates, why it locates where it does and how these locations may change over time. The visit to the David Nieper Factory gave the children an opportunity to design a questionnaire and find out about the processes of manufacture and then to consider why the Niepers have decided to keep the production in the UK rather than outsourcing.

The children were on good form and their preparation showed: they were able to ask many sensible questions and get a firm understanding of this business. From the introduction we went into the sewing workshop and the children split into smaller groups so they could take part in the actual manufacturing: the



coverings of buttons, tying bows and seeing the digitalising of the garment patterns were firm favourites.

Thank you to Christopher and his team for making the visit so informative, and fun.



Western Isles Trip 2015

For the fourth year running, a group of pupils made their way up to the Isle of Arran, just off the West coast of Scotland. We drove up early on Sunday morning and were somewhat surprised to encounter some fairly heavy snow whilst on the M6 – hopefully not a sign of things to come.

We arrived at Ardrossan and boarded the ferry that was to take us to Brodick on Arran. We had a comfortable crossing and then made our way to the youth hostel at the very Northern tip of Arran in a place called Lochranza. The pupils cooked supper that evening and then we went for a walk along the

Everyone even braved the cold waters to have a quick swim

shoreline – it was a stunning evening with very clear skies.

The aim of the Monday was to climb Goat Fell, the highest mountain on the island. Goat Fell stands at 874m and considering the walk starts from sea level, a challenge not to be taken lightly. We started out in fair weather conditions but as we got higher and entered the cloud, it became wet and cold. As we reached the ridge the wind became very strong and some were starting to find the walking quite difficult. The decision was made to turn back before reaching the summit. This is an important lesson to learn – I have taken many walks up mountains and on numerous occasions have had to turn back. That evening we had a lovely meal at the Lochranza Hotel.

On the Tuesday we headed back to the mainland. First port of call was Asda to do our shopping for the next 4 days. The pupils had been set the

task of working out the menu for all breakfasts, lunches and suppers and then trying to work out a budget for them – always very interesting to see what they come up with! We then made the short journey to Largs to meet our skippers and to see the yachts for the first time.

Half of the group were on Kea and the other half were on Skua, two fabulous 45 foot yachts.

Wednesday morning broke and it was clearly quite windy. This meant we could get some excellent sailing in straight away. Initially everyone learned how to put the main sail up and then how to open the Jib. We practised some tacking and quickly improved, the groups working well as teams. As the day went on, everyone had a go at helming the boat and generally managed to go in the right direction! Our route took us from Largs, through the Kyles of Bute and to a lovely marina called Portavadie.

On Thursday there were bright blue skies and barely a breath of wind. This meant that we were likely to have to motor for the majority of the day. We did manage to see some dolphins and even a basking shark, much to the pleasure of Toby. We stopped in the loch at Lochranza for lunch and everyone even braved the cold waters to have a quick swim – some somewhat quicker than others! We then motored to Ardrossan where we would spend the evening.

On Friday morning the wind had picked up again and was coming from the East, almost perfect as we were to head North up to Largs. Sailing all the way at speeds approaching 10 Knots, this was a fantastic morning.



That afternoon we had to clean the boats and say goodbye to our skippers. Heading South to the Lake District everyone was tired but full of stories from a fantastic few days sailing. We made good time to Ambleside and had fish and chips next to Lake Windermere where the boys even challenged a touring rugby side to a quick game of rugby.

On Saturday we spent some time in Ambleside for some retail therapy and then headed back to school. Once again, an absolutely fabulous trip with some wonderful children. They are always such good company and earned comments from members of the public as to how well behaved and polite they were.

Saint Anselm's Day

On a gloriously sunny Monday 27th April, the Prep School pupils and staff walked down to Bakewell Parish Church to celebrate Saint Anselm's day. Pupils from various year groups contributed to the readings and prayers with members of Y3 writing their own prayers for the occasion.

We learnt that Saint Anselm (1033-1109) was a prominent scholar of

this time and that he was a Benedictine monk and a philosopher who held the office of Archbishop of Canterbury intermittently from 1093 to 1109.

The service was enlightening, respectful and had a distinct 'S. Anselm's family' feel. Our thanks to Canon Tony for leading such a wonderful service and to all those who contributed in any way.





Haddon Hall Easter Art Display

Over the Easter holiday Artwork created by 85 S. Anselm's pupils could be seen on display at Haddon Hall. The work was on an Easter theme and consisted of painted flowerpots by Y6 and the Saturday morning Art and Craft club, ceramic Easter eggs by Y5 and Nursery children, ceramic mother hens by Y4 and ceramic baby chicks

by Y3 and Reception children. All the children whose work was placed on display received a voucher from Haddon Hall for a free day pass to the hall. It was great to see our pupils' Artwork on display in such impressive surroundings!



S. Anselm's very own Trebuchet Challenge

A trebuchet is a type of catapult that was used as a siege engine in the Middle Ages. The counterweight trebuchet appeared in both Christian and Muslim lands around the Mediterranean in the 12th century. It could fling projectiles weighing up to 350 pounds (160 kg) at or into enemy fortifications. Its use continued into the 15th century, well after the introduction of gunpowder.

S. Anselm's pupils were challenged to build their own trebuchet over the Easter holidays but were not allowed to use kits to do so.

How did the willing modern day participants get on? There were a staggering eighteen entries which were put to the test in the public arena of the Sports Hall; the whole Prep School watched on while the machine and their maker were judged on the longest throw, the most accurate throw, historical accuracy, innovation and the best in show- long throw, accurate and historically accurate.

Twenty six children took part from a range of year groups and here are the results:



Engineer	Year Group	Maximum distance fired	Distance away from target	Historical design/ innovation
Thea W	6	6.30m	80cm	Amazing! Sturdy! Looks like it was put together in an engineering workshop!
Alice and Rosie W	5/6	11.05m	6m	The oriental answer to the trebuchet with a bamboo catapult.
Charlie C	7	6.25m	40 cm	Underneath every trestle table is a trebuchet waiting to be made!
Thomas G	7	10.31m	1.10m	Fabulous effort- the only trebuchet which would pass an MOT for building quality
Jack B	6	2.40m	2.30m	A wooden spoon put to great effect. Cardboard and wheel barrow add to unusual design!
Thomas HS	7	5.10m	85cm	Pure medieval craftsmanship.
Thomas H	7	2.90m	5.20m	The sheer power of two house bricks demonstrated.
James D, Lex R and Theo F	6	1.95m	3.05m	The boys have worked on the model for more than 8 weeks and even built a prototype.
Max and Hattie N	4/7	10.90m	95cm	A coupling of the functionality of an effective machine with a pink missile holder!
Teddy R	5	2.60m	3.7m	Great use of local geology with rock counterweight.
Sebastian R	4	3.10m	2.9m	Same as Teddy's but slightly smaller!
Rufus, Angus, Daisy, George and Arthur L	2x3, 1x5, 2x7	2.73m	4.60m	Historically accurate and beautifully crafted.
Izidora R	5	4.25m	2.00m	An innovative structure which would not look out of place in a stylish living room.
Russell F	7	10.66m	1.20m	A functional design, powerful.
Beatrix L	5	1.50m	5.00m	A miniaturist version- a thing of beauty!
Hector M	5	10.15m	40cm	Expect to see this trebuchet in a Design Museum in London.
Rufus T	5	5.90m	0cm	A pocket sized trebuchet with pin point accuracy.
Henry H	5	5.43m	1.90cm	The most wide ranging material choice from fencing wire to wood and back again.

The original three prizes needed to be extended to five, with the very high calibre of entry. The awarded prizes were:

Distance:
Accuracy:
Historical Detail:
Innovative Design:
Overall Winner:

Alice and Rosie W
Rufus T
Rufus, Angus, Daisy, George and Arthur L
Izidora R
Thomas G



S. Anselm's Golf Day 2015

The weather was set fair and 15 teams set out onto Bakewell Golf Club for the annual Parent and Child Golf Day. For the boarders it meant finding a worthy teacher to adopt them for the day. We played greensomes format, which added to the pressure. For those who don't know the golfing lingo, both players tee off...let me pause there as I set the scene. On the first tee there was 32 spectators as the early groups took to the tee. Mr Barton, who came second overall for the second year running, was mightily relieved when his drive was hit long down the centre of the fairway. Once all players had hit their drives the groups chose the best drive



and played alternate shots to the hole. The rule being each group must take at least 3 drives from each player over the 9 holes.

As we walked round the course, admiring the view it was wonderful to see the children and parents having such a wonderful time with lots of cheering, laughing and distant echos of 'FOUUURR'. Well done to all of the players and in particular the Robertson boys and Will D who had never played a round of golf before.

After the golf the Clubhouse was full of laughter and stories from the day. We had a running leaderboard as teams finished and handed in their score cards. Congratulations to Arthur L who received a new Titleist golf cap for his magical shot on the 9th to within a metre of the pin.

Well done one and all and we look forward to an even more popular Golf Day next year.

Golf Day 2015 Results

A Ludlam and Mrs & T Bennett	25
Mr & V Barton	23
Mr & M Hattersley	20
Mr Robinson and J Glynn	19
Mr Phillips and A Ludlam	19
Mr Shepherd and J Leache	18
Mr & J Carr	18
Mr Wood and T de la Billiere	17
Mr & G Longstaff	17
Mrs & I Turk	17
Mr & R French	16
Mr Robertson and S & L Robertson	16
Mr & H Twelves	12
Mr Wittmann and G Ludlam	11
Miss P & W Dobson	6



IAPS Sailing Oxford SC

7th November 2014

Maximilian Hattersley and Thomas Green were selected for the British Youth Sailing Topper Class North zone squad.

With this in mind S. Anselm's entered the boys into the IAPS National Sailing Regatta at Oxford Sailing Club on 7th November.

It was cold, raining and very windy gusting 45 knots as the fleet of 38 boats assembled on the slipway. There was some highly competitive sailing with schools from all over the UK. Max and Thomas competed hard and ended the day coming 5th out of the whole fleet.

Well done to them both and good luck with your winter training!



British Youth Sailing

RYA Topper Zone Squad

Two of our most talented sailors Thomas Green and Max Hattersley were selected by British Youth Sailing to race and undertake a winter training programme, representing the RYA Topper North Zone Squad, which is one of only 6 Zones in the UK. The purpose of the Sport England subsidised coaching programme is a pathway to feed talented sailors into the RYA Youth squads ultimately representing Team

GB in various classes at World & European events.

Both boys have raced or trained in extreme weather, throughout the winter months with freezing conditions in places such as Weymouth, Sunderland, and the Peninne lakes, sometimes spending up to 4-5 hours on the water in wind speeds of over 20 knots gusting 35. Character building stuff!!



RYA Youth Rib Challenge

One of our Y7 boys Maximilian Hattersley recently took part in the RYA Youth Rib Challenge. It's a timed event over a slalom course and man overboard drill. Max did really well and came second in the Midlands regional round.





S. Anselm's Equestrian News

The S. Anselm's Equestrian Team was started in January 2012 by Rachael O'Rourke, with the intention of competing within the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) competitions. These competitions are extremely popular with schools throughout the UK, all competing for a place at the National Championships.



Qualifying for this prestigious event is a fiercely competitive challenge but the S. Anselm's team qualified for the 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 Championships in Arena Eventing, Show Jumping and Dressage which is quite something!

Over October 2014 half term the S. Anselm's Equestrian Team comprising Violet Barton (yr 8), Tara O'Rourke (yr8), Rosie Winter (yr6) and Alice Winter (yr5) travelled to Addington Manor, near Buckingham for the National School Equestrian Association Championships.

Realising the high standard required at the National Championships, busy Mums had arranged extra training sessions to help prepare the children and ponies for tough competition.

Sadly Tara O' suffered an injury at the IAPs hockey tournament two days before the big weekend and so was supporting from the sidelines and the team was 3 riders instead of 4. However, despite this set back, our girls soaked up the atmosphere and bustle of the Championships. They proudly wore their team coats, displayed the school emblem on their stables and even had the shield spray-painted on their ponies' hindquarters!

They were wonderful ambassadors for the school and gained valuable experience in attending a top class equestrian competition.

The S. Anselm's Equestrian Team was at the National School Equestrian County Championships

in Buckinghamshire over the 2015 Easter holidays, having been crowned Derbyshire County Champions earlier in the year for Show jumping.

Tara O'Rourke (Y8), Violet Barton (Y8), Isabella Rogers (Y7), Rosie Winter (Y6) and Alice Winter (Y5) and their ponies travelled down to Buckinghamshire the night before their class and once they had settled the ponies into their stables at the equestrian facility headed to supper in the restaurant overlooking the show jumping in the indoor arena. Then it was off to the Premier Inn for a good night's sleep before getting up very early the next day to get their ponies looking immaculate for their class. Each class required the team to complete a course of show jumps in the outdoor arena before heading to the more imposing indoor arena to do a second round.

The courses were more challenging than at previous competitions and there were over 120 individual riders in each class; but the girls did incredibly well, particularly considering how much younger they were than the competition which was 18 years and under!

Finally on June 21st the team was at the National Championship qualifiers for the arena eventing. It was the last qualifier that Tara and Violet could do before they leaving S. Anselm's and they had a super day and came 2nd out of 12 teams to qualify for a fourth year for the Championship. Alice Winter did especially well coming 3rd individually!



Speech Day

Speech by Eve Poole



Hello. I am the Chairman of Gordonstoun School. We aren't as old as you are. You were founded the year my Great Granny was born. We were founded in the 30s by an extraordinary man called Kurt Hahn. He fled Nazi Germany and introduced to Scotland a schooling system designed to emphasise the formation of character. Our oldest former pupil is Prince Philip, who sent his boys to Gordonstoun too, and Princess Anne also sent her children to us. Three generations of Royals, because of our emphasis on character. But why is character so important? Isn't it confidence that you are supposed to get from coming to schools like ours?

Let me tell you a secret. I teach senior business people, with scary jobs. And you know the thing they have in common? Most of them suffer from katagelophobia. That's the fear of ridicule, of being 'found out.' Imposter syndrome, if you like. It's as if they're worried that their Mum is going to show up at the next Board meeting and tell them off for not tidying their bedroom. So it seems to me confidence is not all that common. In fact it is character that is the better goal, because it is character that gets you through when your confidence runs out. So I want to talk to you about character, by way of these props. My handbag, this medal, and these sunglasses.

First, my handbag. Heart-shaped, for love. The most important of the virtues. Maybe you suppose it's hard to practise love when you are away from your family at boarding school. But the sort of thing I mean is about listening to each other well, looking each other in the eye, and asking good questions. It's about forgiving a

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friend for a hurtful remark, or a casual betrayal, by trying hard to understand why. By the way, lots of these same grown-ups I teach are still bearing the scars of being bullied at school, and it still affects their confidence and their ability to form healthy relationships with other people. So please be careful with each other. Just small things like smiling can make such a difference. And if you need a selfish reason to be more loving? Acts of loving kindness stimulate the para-sympathetic nervous system, which tells your body you are at peace, making you feel less stressed.

Now, here is a medal. Not one for valour, in this case - I got it for triumphing in the American National Latin Exam (!) But it is to help me talk to you about courage. It takes a lot of courage for you two to come up here and make a speech. And every time you put up your hand in class to ask a question, every time you face down a bully, every time you try something new, this muscle gets a little stronger. And if you have courage you don't really need confidence, because it will carry you through. Just pushing yourself a little more every day will keep this muscle supple. Take a deep breath, and go for it.

My third item is this pair of sunglasses. They are rose-coloured spectacles because I want to talk to you about hope. All the adults here are looking at you, because you represent our greatest hope for the future. Hope is one of the reasons we get out of bed every morning, and keep going when things seem gloomy. And optimism is good for your health, too. There is a famous study they did on some nuns. This convent had a tradition that those entering it would write a letter about how they felt. The research compared

the tone of these letters with medical records and dates of death, and found that the optimistic nuns suffered fewer illnesses and ailments, and lived longer than their pessimistic sisters. So looking on the bright side is really good for you, and cheers up those around you. Please keep hoping and dreaming, and don't ever give up imagining a better tomorrow.

So love, courage, hope. I am wearing them all now. Do any of you love singing hymns? You might know St Patrick's Breastplate, which is all about putting on the armour of God. And some days it may feel that you need to clothe yourself with righteousness before you feel able to start your day.

And don't worry if this is hard won. You will be learning at your best if being virtuous feels hard. At the business school where I teach, we did an experiment on people rather like your parents - captains of industry, and business leaders from across the sectors. We put them through a leadership simulation and wired them up to heart monitors so we could see what happened to them. They had to wear them all night, too. I could tell you interesting things about the effects of red wine on sleep, but the main thing we discovered was that increased heart-rate correlated with increased learning, and this learning stayed true long after the event

itself. So if your heart is going like the clappers when you step up to give a speech, or do a solo, or take a penalty, rejoice! You are learning brilliantly, and these hard-won uncomfortable lessons will become the bedrock of your character in the future.

Esse quam videre. Your motto is about being, not just seeming to be. Character enables you to deliver on this. Kurt Hahn gave us a motto, *plus est en vous*: there is more in you than you think. This is a great rallying call for your teachers, whose job - education, from the Latin *educare* - is to draw this out of you. You are just starting on a long journey of character formation. There is already more in you than you think, and over the coming years you will discover more and more of yourself, and you will build yourself a character that will keep you safe wherever life leads you.

To those who are staying, good luck next year. To the leavers, all the best at your new school. Thank you to the staff for making this such

a special place, and to all you parents for entrusting them with your children. They clearly love them almost as much as you do.



BOARDING



S. Anselm's



Boarding Round Up

For many, Boarding remains the most enjoyable and exciting part of school life. When you talk to the muggles of the world they often still don't understand boarding schools and the benefit the children gain from being a part of it. That is until they speak to the boys and girls who board at S. Anselm's.

Boarding has gone from strength to strength over the past few years and boarding numbers are continuing to increase. It is wonderful to see younger members of the school coming in to try a couple of nights flexi boarding, where the boys and girls bring in their suitcase at the

For many, Boarding remains to be the most enjoyable and exciting part of school life.

start of the flexi, get involved in the wonderful and varied activities often asking their parents if they can come again the same time next week. Wednesday morning is dorm raids where a selected dorm is chosen to wake up the other dorms using only pillows. This is supervised but can you think of a better way to get the adrenaline pumping and the brain and body ready for another day of hard work and exercise?

School House is run by Mr Wood and his incredible boarding team. You only have to come into suppers or breakfast to see there is much camaraderie, fun and excitement. We are always looking to improve boarding, to keep it fresh and exciting and we are very proud to have updated the girls' side of the house, with newly decorated dorms and bathrooms and with Top Dorm returning as a dorm. Over the course of the summer holidays major work was done on the boys' wings, which is hugely exciting.

There is certainly a family atmosphere at school with many of the staff living on site or just down the road. It is

amazing to see such a vibrant and enjoyable atmosphere on a Sunday evening, a highlight of boarding for the children and also their parents who often travel far and wide to spend the evening with their children over the most delicious roast suppers put together and cooked by Julie, Sue and their team. I don't know what they put in that stuffing but it is to die for!

Although much of the weekend reports on the website each week talk about the activities the boys and girls do and the fun and games they play there is also a much more fulfilled aspect of boarding. After all we want our pupils to leave S. Anselm's having maximised their potential and created lifelong friendships.

Last year we introduced music practise for each child who plays an instrument whilst those who don't, get the opportunity to read, all before supper. Supported by Mr Percival and Mrs Dinnigan this has enabled Music to really take off in the school. Not least it is now the done thing in the evening to go and practise your instrument, occasionally making

duets and of course the opportunity to perform in front of the school in assembly or worse still Mr Phillips, Mrs Phillips and Mr Mortimer, who make up the infamous *Boarders Got Talent* judges!

Each evening there is a huge variety of activities. The staff on duty allow the children to explore new ideas and direct their interests into an activity to try out. There is a variety of activities for the boarders to choose so that if the boys and girls are feeling sporty they can often head to the swimming pool for waterpolo, the sports hall for Cornish Longball or the boarders' favourite Dodgeball on Fridays. Mrs Stansfield has started offering Yoga for those who fancy a more tranquil evening to relax and reflect. Mr Mortimer is ever popular with his card games and board games while Mr Watt has encouraged boarders to create models and even held a trebuchet competition.

Occasionally there are quieter activities and of course there continues to be Pottery on Monday evenings. This has proved most

popular with the children, especially when Mum or Dad's birthday is approaching or they want to spice up their boarding areas with some coloured ornaments. *Boarders Got Talent* still remains a highlight of boarding and this year the talent really stepped up a notch. For those who know *Britain's Got Talent*, it is a similar event, with some extremely talented performances, some innovative and some downright crazy and off the wall.

The Boarders' Feast was again an evening where the usual good manners, sensible talking, calm atmosphere is completely thrown out of the window with huge portions of meat and all of the trimmings, Christmas songs, "12 Days of Christmas" performed by the Y8 and many jokes and competitions. It is rumoured that one boy even managed 18 profiteroles during dessert!

Throughout the year there are key dates. Of course Halloween was celebrated in style over two days with wicked costumes, blood pouring from bodies, ghosts, witches and much

There is a huge variety of evening activities.

more. The first evening is welcomed with traditional Halloween games, there is a feast for the children and then the following night we get dressed back up for the Zombie Chase:

"Zombies have swept through Bakewell and all of Derbyshire has been destroyed and infected. The whereabouts of all of the zombies is uncertain however some have been seen heading up the hill towards school. There is a cure, but you will have to solve the clues in order to find it. There is a hidden password that can be made from the letters found at the end of each clue. Clues must be left intact. There is not a lot of time. You must act quickly! Any zombies who catch a pupil will scar their hand. For every scar, less medicine (tuck) is available so don't get caught! Stay as a team. Only a whole team can finish."



There have been so many highlights this year, most of them come from Sunday activities. We offer a good mix of adrenaline filled activities and more sedate activities at the busier times of the year. With much on our doorstep and skill within the staff only occasionally do we venture out to centres. Paintballing however is a must and is a favourite amongst the older boys and girls. We have also been Go-Karting, to Splash Landings, to an Archery centre and Zorbing in the sports hall. We have also had bushcraft weekends with den building, water fights. However, the real highlights looking back now would be

the more relaxed days: The Harvest Festival at the Howard's Farm, the walks into Bakewell with the challenge of seeing how far the £1 pocket money can go and the sailing regatta. It's on these days that we realise how happy our group of boarders is.

It is incredible to think about how much the boarders have done and achieved over the past year. We are delighted to say that all of the work the Y8s have done has seen them all successful and excited to head off to their senior school, prepared and ready for what lies ahead. We expect a huge amount from the boys and

girls; we ask them to work very hard, especially in Y8, when they forgo their free time in the evenings to spend time revising. Yet at the same time would they have changed anything over their time at School? I'm sure most of them will look back with fond memories, many will have met friends they will keep in touch with for life. I am hugely proud of what each and every boarder has achieved this year and next year with the newly decorate dorm and activity programme it is going to be our best year yet!

Ben Wood



HOUSES



S. Anselm's

Pitts

Pitts House Report 2014 – 2015

Jack Pearson and Natalie Gaunt
(House Captains)

Pitts has had a good year finishing 3rd in the House points and winning several events, including the House Quiz. Pitts won this by beating Wellies in the final. Everyone in the quiz team contributed well, including Louis Green (Yr6) Toby de la Billiere (Yr7)

Shea John (Yr7) Alex Stansfield (Yr8) and Natalie Gaunt (yr8).

Pitts also won the House Times Tables competition with Toby de la Billiere (Yr7) getting the highest score in the whole school (97 points).

In sport Pitts came 1st in the Junior House boys' football. We also came joint 1st in the senior girls' rounders. We came second in a few events, including senior girls' hockey and senior boys' rugby.

On Sports Day we were winning literally the whole time in the School relay, but in

the last few moments Churchills overtook us so we came a very close second.

This year Pitts' chosen charity was Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice which has a charity shop in Bakewell. Everyone in Pitts contributed to raising money for this very good cause; Pitts also had a non-uniform day to raise money for them. In total Pitts raised £423 for Bluebell Wood. After Pitts presented them with the cheque a fundraiser from Bluebell Wood came into school and gave a presentation to the whole of Pitts about what they do. After hearing how Bluebell Wood helps very ill children and their families, we were extremely glad that we had supported them.

Good luck next year Pitts!!!!



On Bonfire Night Pitts raised a total of £252.94 for Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice. Well done!



House Times Tables Competition 2015

On Friday 1st May everyone in the school above Y2 took part in a times tables competition consisting of 100 questions of division and multiplication to be answered in five minutes and then a very difficult tie breaker to be answered in ten seconds.

Nerves were building as we waited until the clock struck twenty to nine. Everyone hurried into the first questions and answered them with ease, occasionally a few harder ones cropped up and this held a lot of people back but some people just skipped them and ventured on with the easier ones. After what seemed like seconds the time was up and it was time for the tie breaker (how many seconds are in a day). Some people knew this from general knowledge but everyone else tried their best to estimate the closest they could.

The order of the Houses went as follows:



1st **PITTS**
2nd **Churchills**
3rd **Wellingtons**
4th **Nelsons**

Huge congratulations to everyone who took part. Pitts, the winning House, fronted by individual winners Natalie Gaunt and Toby de la Billiere.



As stewards of many cherished traditions, we take the best of the past while focusing on the future.

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Wellingtons

In what has been a very successful year for Wellington House, winning the overall House prize, it is also a good time to reflect on who this House is named after and to consider what, if any, qualities we share with the great man.

Arthur Wellesley, later known as the Duke of Wellington, was a famous British soldier and politician. He rose to fame in 1815, when he led the British army at the Battle of Waterloo and defeated Napoleon's French army with help from Prussian allies. The Battle of Waterloo was one of the key events of nineteenth-century history, and this year marks the 200th anniversary of Waterloo on 18 June 2015.

Waterloo is part of the Napoleonic Wars. After the French Revolution the new government of France went to war with many other countries in Europe. At first the French wanted to protect the new government against people who wanted to restore the king. Later they wanted to spread their own power. In 1799 Napoleon Bonaparte took control of France. By 1800 France was the strongest power on the continent of Europe, but the other countries continued to fight against Napoleon.

In 1814 Napoleon was finally defeated. He was sent to live on Elba, an island near Italy. However, he escaped and returned to France. He still had support in France and over the next 100 days he built up his army again.

Three important battles took place in the same week as Waterloo. On June 16, 1815, Napoleon's armies beat the Prussians at Ligny and held the British back at Quatre-Bras. On the same day as the Battle of Waterloo, part of Napoleon's army was fighting the Prussians 8 miles (13 kilometers) away at Wavre. Napoleon's army tried to divide Wellington's troops from their Prussian allies and Wellington's army was forced to retreat south of the town of Waterloo. On 18th June 1815, Napoleon's French army attacked. At first the French seemed to be winning, but Wellington held his ground and when the Prussian forces arrived to help, they defeated the French. Napoleon had lost the battle.

10 Interesting Facts

- Wellington was given the nickname the 'Iron Duke' because of his reputation for being tough as a prime minister.
- Wellington's name was given to Wellington boots, after the special boots he wore at the Battle of Waterloo.
- Wellington was a gifted violinist, but when his marriage proposal to a woman called Kitty Pakenham was turned down, he burned his violins and focused on his work in the army.
- In 1928 Wellington became Prime Minister.
- Wellington studied at Eton College, where he was an average student.
- Wellington is buried in St Paul's Cathedral next to Admiral Nelson.
- Wellington was known to refer to his troops as 'the scum of the Earth' – not terribly kind!
- When he was a young man, Wellington met Vice-Admiral Horatio Nelson, who was a very famous commander. Nelson was killed just seven weeks after their meeting during the Battle of Trafalgar.
- Wellington didn't often show emotion publicly and kept very cool, but on hearing that after the Battle of Toulouse in 1814 Napoleon had abdicated, he started doing a flamenco dance.
- Wellington's horse in the Battle of Wellington was called Copenhagen.

And what of our year as Wellingtons at school?

We have had a victory, be it insignificant with the above in terms of British history!



The House has worked hard together, picking up lots of House points for good work as well as raising money for Sheffield Children's Hospital and finding success in many of the House competitions.

Gemma from Sheffield Children's Hospital came to the launch of our charity appeal in September 2014 and she was very clear at setting out what the needs of the hospital were and how we might be able to help. The cause was voted by so many Wellies as so many had been treated by the hospital or knew children that had. It is a purpose-built children's hospital and provides the A&E and trauma service for all minors in Sheffield and others further afield. The hospital began a major new-build in 2013. Some of its departments and clinicians are UK leaders forging the way in paediatric care, in research and in results and several of our UK-wide and international centres are featured here in the Centre of Excellence, which includes neurosciences, muscle and bone, clinical genetics, breathing, gastroenterology and nutrition, metabolic disease, oncology and major trauma.

It is a local charity and we were assured that every little bit of what we could raise, would make a difference, such as:

£5 - Could pay for plants for the sensory garden in a relaxing space for children and their families.

£10 - Could pay for a child to take part in a creative workshop, brightening up their time in the hospital.

£25 - Could go towards creating single bedrooms for our patients and their families.

After lots of stalls, selling small bears and Christmas cards, a non-uniform day and even more stalls Wellies managed to raise a whopping amount and Gemma returned to receive our cheque.

In House competitions there were many highlights but what we came to realise early on was if we could secure second place it kept us in the running. Sometimes we actually won, other times we didn't, but whatever the event there was a great House spirit...I am sure you saw our steel in the tug of war competitions!

Michaelmas Term

Senior rugby: first
Junior rugby:
Senior hockey:
Junior hockey:
Cross Country:
first overall
School quiz:
second overall

Lent Term

Senior football: cancelled
Junior football:
Senior netball:
Junior netball: second
Hill run (up to the Wellington Monument, how fitting):
first overall
Music: third overall

Summer Term

Senior cricket: second
Junior cricket:
Senior rounders: joint first
Junior rounders:
Swimming gala: second overall, just pipped at the post!
Sports day: second overall, just (phew)!

In summary it has been a very successful year, 200 years after Wellington's victory at Waterloo. We can't claim any of the same prestige but it does seem a fitting memorial.



Churchills



Having won the overall House competition for the previous two years, Churchills this year aimed to make it a hat-trick. We excelled in many different aspects of school life throughout the year, winning a number of major competitions such as the House Shout, sports day and the swimming gala.

As this year is the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Winston Churchill we felt it important to describe and remember the man our House is named after.

Born at Blenheim Palace on the 30th November, 1874, Winston Churchill came from a rich and privileged background. He attended Harrow School where it is reported he simply had to put his name on the exam paper in order to get in.

From an early age he had a huge interest in militarism and attended the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst where he gained a commission into the Fourth Hussars which was a cavalry regiment in the British Army. Churchill saw action in combat, both as a soldier and as a war correspondent during the Boer War. Here he was captured and held prisoner although he managed to escape.

Following his time in the military, Churchill went into politics and was elected Conservative MP for Oldham in 1900. In 1904 he changed allegiance to the Liberal Party. Later he would move back to the Conservative Party and served as Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1924 to 1929. For a decade, Churchill was out of the Government but on September 3rd 1939 he was appointed First Lord of the Admiralty by Neville Chamberlain. On May 10th 1940 Winston Churchill became Prime Minister after criticism of Chamberlain and various military failures.

Churchill was famous for his bulldog spirit and this directly reflected the feeling of the British people at the time. His oratory skills were superb and he had the ability to enthuse, persuade and inspire his listeners. Clearly many of these speeches were made at a time of war but they had the effect to unite the British people against a common enemy, namely Nazism.

Famous Churchill quotes:

- World War 2**
"Even though large tracts of Europe and many old and famous states have fallen or may fall into the grip of the Gestapo and all the odious apparatus of Nazi rule, we shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end, we shall fight in France, we shall fight on the seas and oceans, we shall fight with growing confidence and growing strength in the air, we shall defend our island, whatever the cost may be, we shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."
- Battle of Britain**
"Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."
- Second battle of El Alamein**
"Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."



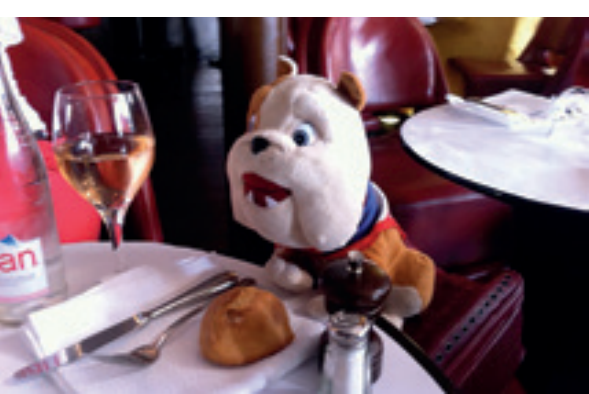
Our Year

We have had another hugely successful year as a House, competing well in sport, music and the House Quiz.

Highlights of our year were winning the House shout with our rendition of *Build Me Up Buttercup* and a stirring performance of *Wouldn't it be Lovely*. We also triumphed in the swimming gala and Sports Day with some terrific individual displays.

Throughout the year it was always neck and neck with Wellington's and we fought until the end of the year with typical Churchillian spirit. But in the end we were just pipped at the post to come in second.

As a House we are proud to be able to raise much needed funds for local charities. We produced a Churchill's calendar that showed pictures of our mascot travelling the world and proceeds from this and other events will go to these charities.



Churchill Citizen of the Term

Churchill citizen of the term for all round contribution to the ethos of the House: Amelia Elwood.



Nelsons Year Account 2014-15

Tara O'Rourke
and Louis Street

Nelsons this year has had a lot of fun raising money for the British Red Cross. We may not have been top of the league amongst the other Houses in the House points or sports day but we have had a brilliant time in our House and always trying our best.

Nelsons were the first House to have its flag up! Unfortunately we did not continue as well as we had hoped but we still managed to earn lots of House points between us all. Also in the Michaelmas term the House Hockey and rugby matches were conducted where the girls triumphed with first place but the boys sadly were not as successful. The inter-House quiz just before Christmas is always very popular; our team tried hard and was awarded third place.

We won the junior sailing regatta and achieved second place in the House Shout by 1 point

The Lent term was more successful. We won the junior sailing regatta and achieved second place in the House Shout by 1 point singing *Wouldn't it be lovely and Surfin USA*. The senior and junior girls won the House netball but once again the boys proved not to be as sporty.

In the summer term we continued to do our best. In the swimming gala we came fourth despite our best efforts. The girls then came third in House rounders which took place while the Y8s were away in Scotland. The boys continuing their unfortunate streak came fourth in the House cricket.

So altogether we have raised £300 for the British Red Cross.

Nelsons Y8 girls have been undefeated for three years running in all House matches. We do hope this will carry on in September.

Our first fundraising event was at the bonfire night with a large cake stall, busking (thank you Thomas) and many more exciting activities. We raised around £200 then and a further £100 during the summer term. Each member of Nelsons was given £1 which they had to turn into more money. For example, one or two boys bought car shampoo with the pound and raised money washing cars. Others bought cake ingredients, made cakes and sold the cakes in aid of our charity. So altogether we have raised £300 for the British Red Cross. Nelsons pupils chose this charity following the earthquakes in Nepal.



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Aristotle

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We believe in equality, offering the same wonderful opportunities to both boys and girls for a fairer future; we believe in aspiring for excellence and doing our best; and we believe in ambition, which is why you will find Shrewsbury School, as a community and Salopians, as individuals, reaching for the stars.



OPEN DAYS

Saturday 19th September 2015 (16+ entry)

Saturday 7th November 2015 (13+ entry)

Saturday 27th February 2016 (13+ entry)



Scholarship Assessments dates

(for Third Form entry in 2016)

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Art, Drama & D&T: 29th February



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DRAMA, ART & MUSIC



S. Anselm's



Treasure Island



There's something fishy been going on in Junior Forms this year children as young as 8 doing battle and yielding dangerous weapons such as cutlasses, swords and pistols. I have noted pupils growling, scowling and dropping vowels and consonants around the place, replacing them with a consistent chorus of 'Arrrhhh!'s and "Yo, ho, ho!"s. Finally, to top it all, there has even been talk of drinking on deck and a whispered rumour of a mutiny!?!?! Whatever has been going on, there's one thing that is certain - there was definitely the most amazing atmosphere, work-ethic, excitement and buzz going on if you ventured anywhere near the Junior Forms in March this year!

The reason was, of course, the annual Junior Production which this year was the incredible classic story of 'Treasure Island', brilliantly adapted as a lively musical by Nick Perrin and Ruth Kenward. This was a perfect

blend of fun, adventure and pirate accents (some more successful than others!) and the children really did give us a show-stopping performance.

The energy, commitment and focus shown by all the cast was outstanding this year and the songs, dance routines and acting on stage were delivered with a great deal of enthusiasm and enjoyment. Huge thanks to Mrs Dinnigan and Mr Percival (music), Mrs Seddon (costumes), Mrs Bennion (set and props), the group of parent helpers, Sophie C. and Amber H. (Hair and make-up), all the Junior Forms teachers and Hattie N., Matthew W. and Francesca N. (stage management), Mr Wittmann (lights) and Marcus C. (sound). The biggest thanks, of course, has to go to the children who really did act their socks off, and yes, I genuinely did get goosebumps watching them perform their hearts out!

Well done to all involved!





Annie

This year's Seniors managed to pull out all the stops in order to put on their production of 'Annie Jr' on Thursday 25th June 2015 and it was certainly an event not to be missed! Working incredibly hard, the Y8 and Chapel Choir pupils must have felt they really were living the 'Hard Knock Life' as we rehearsed for hours and hours, refining and polishing scenes to give a fantastic performance that reflected all the input.

For those of you that don't already know the story, it went a little something like this; Amidst a group of orphans living in a facility run by the cruel Miss Hannigan (Tara O), Annie (Hattie N) believes that her parents left her there by mistake. When a rich man named Oliver "Daddy"

Warbucks (Louis S) decides to let an orphan live at his home to promote his image, Annie is selected. While Annie gets accustomed to living in Warbucks' mansion, she still longs to meet her real parents. So Warbucks announces a search for them and a reward of \$50,000, which brings out many frauds. Miss Hannigan, with her crafty brother Rooster (Tom T) and his girlfriend Lily St Regis (Miriam A) plan to get this money and use Annie to their advantage. Thankfully, with clever and influential characters like Warbucks and his assistant, Grace (Amber H), they can go straight to the top in order to get to the bottom of the mystery and ensure Annie has a happy future ahead of her.

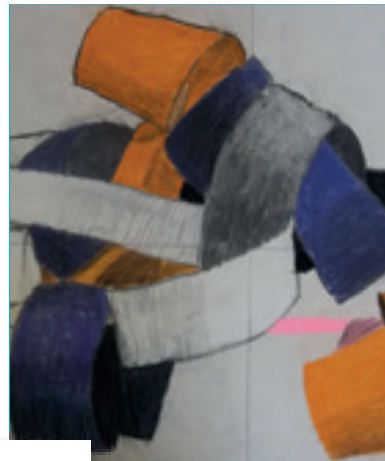
As ever, thanks must go to the incredible staff team that help put this all together; Mrs Bennion for her amazing 1930's inspired set, Mrs Seddon for the array of costumes, Mr Watt for the lights, Mrs Dinnigan for help with the choreography and Mr Percival for the Musical Direction. But, of course, the main thanks must go to the cast of children whose dedication, hard work, energy, enthusiasm and awesome talent is the reason the show was such a success.

It was certainly an event **not to be missed!**





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Y5 Fish



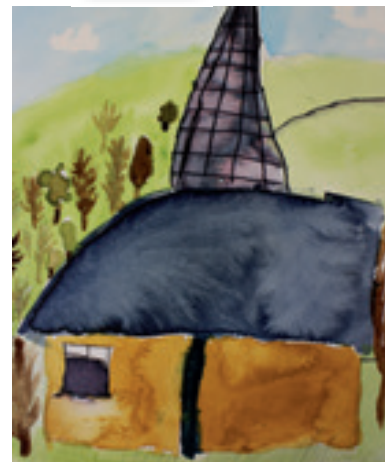
Y5 Fish



Yorkshire Sculpture Park



Y4 Abstract Landscapes



Watercolour Extras



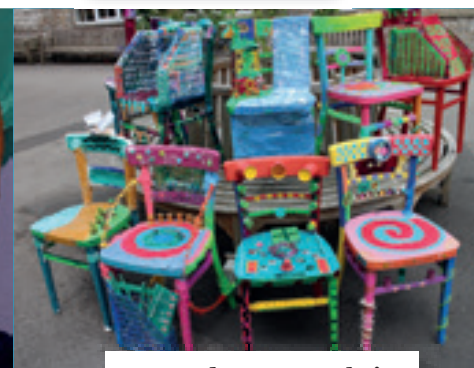
Y7 Tonal work



Junior Art and Craft Club



Extra Art Group



Y6 Hundertwasser Chairs



Y7 Lowry Visit and work



Y3 Stone-Age Art



Y3 Spanish Day



Easter Egg Competition



Treasure Island Poster 2015



Y6 Tudors





Music

2014 – 2015 has seen an enormous amount of musical activity at S. Anselm's School producing breathtaking and confident performances from pupils. The music department has a vision of values which grows stronger each year yielding well-rounded musicians that are taught and understand a varied and balanced curriculum which does not hide from the intricacies of music but puts them to use in practical terms.

Careful preparation of specific topics for class room music exposes pupils to the wonderful world of music bringing the Carnival of Animals or the vivid Firebird to life. Music is promoted to one and all from the earliest of ages involving them in a diverse range of ensembles and performance opportunities.



On Wednesday 24th September, Chetham's School of Music, Manchester visited S Anselm's School for a day of fantastic music making bringing with them A-Level aged pupils. First we witnessed an informative concert consisting of a wind quintet, piano solo and trumpet solo introduced by Chetham's prestigious Director of Music, Stephen Threlfall. Pupils were then coached in 3 groups, woodwind, brass and piano culminating in a final performance. A superb day was had by all.

On a wintery day in January, traditional Trinidad & Tobago steel pans energised all the school years with hip-swaying grooves. Rolls, arpeggios and chords were played on the sonorous pans and the history of these fabulous instruments was unveiled to all by Sofia, the Jamaican born workshop leader.

We were very proud to welcome international performers, Katherine Jenkinson and Ning Kam in February who performed and inspired the whole school playing the cello and

violin. We witnessed jazz on cello using unusual techniques, Ning Kam's own Theme and Variations of Amazing Grace on violin which was immense plus, God Save the Queen conducted by extremely eager pupils!

On a sunny June day, S. Anselm's School was delighted to welcome the internationally acclaimed A capella group "All the Kings Men". The singers from Kings College London who were delighted to be finalists last year in the International Championships of A Capella Singing arrived at lunchtime on Thursday 4th June just as the final Common Entrance examination finished. With boundless energy and enthusiasm the group of all male singers worked with age groups all through S. Anselm's Prep School including the newly formed a capella group and the school's close harmony group.

AtKM continued to impress with a dazzling evening concert demonstrating great versatility and the art of performance. AtKM sang versions of today's chart music, old

favourites and some sublime choral work. Additionally they performed with both the school's all male (and perhaps slightly bashful?) Y6&7 singers as well as harmonising beautifully with the S. Anselm's close harmony singers.

On Tuesday 16th June the Junior forms and Y2 had a fantastic day participating in musical workshops, brainstorming activities, lyric writing classes, recording backing instrumentals and finally recording the school song 'Esse Quam Videri'.

Martin Riley and Richard Shrewsbury travelled from Bath and Birmingham to spend the day at school working with the children and guiding them through the different stages of composition and recording a CD.

The studio in the music department proved to be invaluable as the children created an original song from scratch with lyrics written by them reflecting their feelings about our school.

Esse Quam Videri - S. Anselm's School Song

Niamh, Nicola, Sam, Charlotte & Katie:
In a land where the peaks rise so high
There's a school that reaches the sky
A place to learn and have fun
A light that guides everyone
With our hopes and dreams for our future days
And a smile for all to see ____
Our voices will sing through the valleys
As a choir that is you and me

Y2 ...
Exciting New Adventures
With sport and fun everyday
Our kind and lovely teachers
And chocolate cake on the way
Staying here from 9 till 3
Learning maths and literacy

Making so many friends
Our fun it never ends!
(Instrumental)

Junior Choir ...
Exciting New Adventures
With sport and fun everyday
Our kind and lovely teachers
And chocolate cake on the way
Staying here from 9 till 3
Learning maths and literacy
Making so many friends
Our fun it never ends!

Chorus: All
S. Anselm's, the beacon of the hills
S. Anselm's, we're reaching for the Peak
S. Anselm's for you we do our best
S. Anselm's the journey to success!

Esse Quam Videri
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Esse Quam Videri
One heart, one mind and one soul
One school, one family,
One voice this song is our world
For all the boys and the girls
Open the door and you will see
What you can achieve
One heart, one mind and one soul,
Our school's our family

Chorus: All
S. Anselm's, the beacon of the hills
S. Anselm's, we're reaching for the Peak
S. Anselm's for you we do our best
S. Anselm's the journey to success!



Piano Competition

On Saturday 18th April 2015, S. Anselm's School opened its doors nationwide and hosted the inaugural S. Anselm's Piano Competition.

Adjudication was delivered by Peter Lawson - Piano Tutor at Chetham's School of Music, Tutor in Piano and Tutor in Contemporary Piano at the RNCM, examiner for the ABRSM and a performer with a huge range of experience. S. Anselm's own Head of Music, Mark Percival also adjudicated during the day focussing on the junior classes. Competitors came from as far afield as York Minster, Doncaster, Sheffield and Derby yielding stiff

competition throughout the day. First and second prize winners performed in a buoyant afternoon concert also attended by former Director of Music - Peter Malcolm who awarded 'The Peter Malcolm Trophy Grades 7-8 Class'.

The delightful facilities at S. Anselm's School utilised both the New Library and Hargreaves Hall both featuring grand piano's. A sunny day cast a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere on all involved and highlighted the extremely talented 12 year old Felix Kirkby as 'Most Promising Pianist'. We wish him all the very best at Eton in the next academic year.



Ahoy!

Members of the Junior Choir visited Shrewsbury School and participated with the Shrewsbury Chapel Choir, surrounding Preparatory Schools and the Shrewsbury Community Choir in the jolly production of 'Ahoy' composed and performed by Alexander L'Estrange and based on the Mary Rose. Arrangements of Tudor classics and sea shanties are cleverly woven together in this light hearted cantata with more than a hint of English humour supported by the 'Call me Al Quintet'. A thoroughly enjoyable day was had by all, me hearties!



Chapel Choir Highlights

On Friday 28th November the Chapel Choir were invited to sing in Chatsworth House as part of the Christmas Alice in Wonderland theme. They sung their hearts out for two hours to an amazed and attentive audience bringing tears to their eyes with beautiful solos. The following day the choir once

again impressed the public singing as they were invited by Bakewell Town Council to sing carols for the traditional switching on of the Christmas Tree Lights. The following Friday saw the choir perform again for the public at in impressive concert in the candlelit St Helen's Church at Darley Dale.

The summer term began begun in style from the Music Department with superb performances from the Chapel Choir, Guitar Ensemble and numerous soloists who participated in the Chesterfield Music Festival.



Faure Requiem at Stowe Choral Day

The Chapel Choir travelled to Stowe in November and took part in the Stowe Choral Festival singing the divine *Faure Requiem* led by Director of Music Simon Dearsley and accompanied by professional orchestra, organ and adult choir. The choir rose to the challenge and delivered a spine-tingling 'In Paradisum' leaving them with a lifelong appreciation of the work.



ABRSM

Successful ABRSM music exams were undertaken during the Micahelmas, Lent and Summer Terms. An unprecedented amount of ABRSM distinctions (11), merits (7) and passes (2) were achieved in the summer music exams marked by a leading ABRSM examiner. The highest mark achieved was by Scarlett claiming 138 in grade 1 guitar. We would especially like to thank the extremely talented and supportive peripatetic team at S. Anselm's who work tirelessly with the children.

2015 – 2016 looks forward to yet another busy musical year with performances for the Chapel Choir at Haddon Hall, Ampleforth Choral Day, Stowe Choral Day and a Salzburg Tour performing on Mondsee and Salzburg Cathedrals.



MICHAELMAS 2014 RESULTS

CANDIDATE	SUBJECT	GRADE	MARK	LEVEL
Amy Bradbury	Singing	3	126	Merit
Sam Chichester-Clark	Horn in Eb	2	126	Merit
Josh Glynn	Guitar	2	116	Pass
Sophia Harrison	Piano	Prep Test		Pass
Tom Hartley	Tenor Trombone	3	123	Merit
Kerem Kamal	Clarinet	2	130	Distinction
George Longstaff	Guitar	1	112	Pass
Harriet Nieper	Clarinet	3	120	Merit
Niamh O'Brien	Singing	1	130	Distinction
Tara O'Rourke	Singing	3	125	Merit
Tara O'Rourke	Alto Saxophone	4	121	Merit
Beth Phillips	Piano	Prep Test		Pass
Lily-Niamh Rogstad	Harp	1	120	Merit
Melissa Rogstad	Flute	2	124	Merit
Sammy Unsworth	Trumpet	2	112	Pass
Will Unsworth	Cornet in Bb	2	111	Pass
Charlotte Williams	Singing	2	127	Merit
Thomas Wright	Clarinet	4	124	Merit
Thomas Wright	Singing	3	120	Merit



SPRING 2015 RESULTS

CANDIDATE	SUBJECT	GRADE	MARK	LEVEL
Violet Barton	Piano	02	109	Pass
Charlie Chauveau	Euphonium	02	130	Distinction
Beth Franks-Townsend	Piano	01	115	Pass
Arabella Green	Singing	02	122	Merit
George Hankins	Guitar	01	120	Merit
Tom Hartley	Singing	04	124	Merit
Kerem Kamal	Clarinet	03	123	Merit
Flora Kanan	Piano	03	122	Merit
Flora Kanan	Oboe	03	128	Merit
Annie Middleton	Clarinet	03	120	Merit
Francesca Newton	Singing	04	121	Merit
Lily-Niamh Rogstad	Singing	03	125	Merit
Izidora Rowe	Piano	P	Pre	
Alexander Stansfield	Piano	05	127	Merit
Alexander Stansfield	Clarinet	03	124	Merit
Nicola Stansfield	Piano	02	124	Merit

SUMMER 2015 RESULTS

CANDIDATE	SUBJECT	GRADE	MARK	LEVEL
Louis Broadhurst	Piano	Prep		Pass
Chichester-Clark Sam	Horn in Eb	3	127	Merit
Chichester-Clark Sam	Piano	4	125	Merit
Iona Connolly	Piano	3	124	Merit
Marcus Connolly	Guitar	4	128	Merit
Alec Formela	Guitar	1	130	Distinction
Morgan Glynn	Flute	1	130	Distinction
Oliver Goodear	Piano	P		Pass
Stott Hayward Tom	Tenor Trombone	2	135	Distinction
Annabella Hill	Alto Saxophone	1	135	Distinction
Edward Holden	Violin	2	114	Pass
Scarlett Mycock	Guitar	1	138	Distinction
Harriet Nieper	Clarinet	4	112	Pass
Niamh O'Brien	Singing	2	133	Distinction
Tara O'Rourke	Singing	5	133	Distinction
Saul Robertson	Piano	P		Pass
Melissa Rogstad	Flute	3	130	Distinction
James Symonds	Piano	P		Pass
Georgina Tarbatt	Singing	1	124	Merit
Thea Whatley	Singing	2	133	Distinction
Charlotte Williams	Singing	3	132	Distinction
Rosie Winter	Singing	2	128	Merit
Thomas Wright	Singing	4	137	Distinction

Holme Hall Summer Concert

The music department had a wonderful day in June performing in the sunshine at the awe inspiring Holme Hall in Bakewell. Parents, pupils and staff enjoyed listening to all the school ensembles on the Baroque lawn and also had the opportunity to absorb the rooms and grounds in the grand house. A delightful concert.



Staff/ Parent Concert

On the evening of Friday 15th May we witnessed the second Staff/Parent Concert for S. Anselm's. The boarders and other parents watched excellent performances which included 'My Fair Lady' (Mrs de la Haye) to the Mozart Clarinet Quintet (Mr Nieper), Cole Porter (Mr & Mrs Chichester-Clark) Pink Floyd (Mr Watt) plus staff choir and children; a fantastic evening was had by all.



Y1 Music

In Y1 we have been making percussion instruments, the criteria was they must be hit, scraped or shaken. They filled bottles and tins with rice, pasta and lentils, we also had 2 rubber band guitars. They sounded fantastic!



Y2 Music

In Y2 we have been listening to movements from the orchestral piece 'The Carnival of the Animals'. We then composed our own percussion version of:

- 'Elephant' - Oliver, James and Imogen
- 'Aquarium' - Max, Reuben and Edward
- 'Hens and Roosters' - Emma, Zara, Amelie and Neville



EXTRAS



S. Anselm's

- ANIMATION CLUB
- CHAPEL CHOIR
- COOKING
- DC4K
- DRAMA ENRICHMENT GROUP
- EXPLORING
- FLY FISHING
- GOLF
- GIRLS WALK ON THE WILD SIDE
- JUNIOR MUSIC THEORY
- JUNIOR PLAY
- JUNIOR TENNIS
- KARATE
- OUTDOOR SKETCHING AND WATERCOLOURS
- POTTERY
- RUGBY 7S
- SAILING
- SCIENCE CLUB
- SCUBA DIVING
- SENIOR PRODUCTION
- WOW
- YOGA



After a week of hard work on the games field the Extras give the boys and girls the opportunity to try something different and get involved in the exciting extra-curricular activities offered.

Each term the boys and girls are subject to an assembly where every activity leader has the opportunity to sell their Extra and get the children on board for the term. We have been delighted to offer a range of new activities.

Scuba Diving has been a real hit with Mr Shepherd and Diveworld, who have spent sessions in the S. Anselm's swimming pool

getting used to using oxygen tanks underwater and the signals and safety aspects, which enable the pupils to dive all over the world with the Open Water qualification.

Many of the Extras we offer give the pupils the opportunity to get further certified. Mr Robinson, our in-house martial arts expert continues to progress the children through their karate belts. It is always impressive when in the assembly he gets his side-kicks, often from Y5, to do a sparring demonstration...and even more impressive (or humiliating) when he demonstrates on another member of staff, usually ending up with the member of staff sat on their backsides. Great fun!

The sailing extra takes place up at Carsington Water and follows the RYA Level 1 and 2 formats with some of our pupils having now been selected for the County and Regional Topper squads.

For others it is the perfect opportunity to explore the white and dark peaks, which are literally on our doorsteps. Some choose to participate in the sporting extras and some like to choose the more relaxed and creative extras such as

pottery, outdoor sketching and watercolours and Yoga.

Extras also provides an excellent slot for those who enjoy performing on the stage to get involved in the school plays.

Whatever you like the idea of, we can do it!! If the coming terms we might expand to include horse riding, caving, orienteering, fencing.... the list is endless.





Fly Fishing



WOW



Art



Sailing



Karate



Scuba Diving

SPORTS



S. Anselm's



House Match Reports



Junior House Hockey Champions - Nelsons

Rugby Senior House Matches

Wellingtons win the Senior House Rugby competition in a very close encounter.

We could not have asked for a better afternoon on Saturday. The weather was good, it was warm and provided some excellent conditions for fast and creative rugby. There has been much hype in the school over who would take the crown this year and the decision to make the House matches Touch Rugby meant that it was all inclusive and watching all of the boys from Years 3 to 8 playing rugby was delightful.

Game 1 – Pitts 5 – 10 Churchills
Try scorers: Freddie M; Harry T x2
Game 2 – Wellingtons 40 – 0 Nelsons
Try scorers: George W, Jack W x3, George L, Arthur L, Marcus C x2
Game 3 - Wellingtons 10 – 5 Pitts
Try scorers: George W, Jack W; Shea J
Game 4 – Churchills 35 – 0 Nelsons
Try scorers: Darius B x2, Sam W x4, Harry T
Game 5 – Pitts 30 – 0 Nelsons
Try scorers: Alex S, Freddie M, Jack P, Archie P, Artur S, Shea

Game 6 Wellingtons 5 – 0 Churchills
Try scorers: George W

It was a great spectacle for parents. There were some very close games in the senior house matches and it was great to see some brilliantly worked tries. Congratulations to Wellingtons who were crowned victorious and lofted the Senior House Trophy high above their heads. It was Churchills who took 2nd place, Pitts 3rd and Nelsons 4th.

Rugby Junior House Matches

Churchills are champions in this year's Junior House Rugby.

The Junior House Rugby was equally as competitive this year and again there was much positive and attacking rugby on show for all to watch. The decision to play touch also meant that those players who dominate the game week in week out had to really show their talent and the game allowed the smaller players to flourish. A good crowd gathered for the early games. Two houses stood out in the early rounds; Wellingtons and Churchills set the benchmark with strong performances.

As the tournament progressed the games became more and more competitive. Pitts upped their game and suddenly it became a three horse race and Pitts caused an upset beating Wellingtons. Sammy U was exceptional as he carried the ball forward making essential yards and setting up a win for his team. Churchills then had a strong start against Pitts meaning the deciding game for the Junior House Rugby Cup was to be decided with the Churchills against Wellingtons. Churchills played superbly with Alec F really showing the crowds what he was made of with his darting runs, electric pace

and quick footwork. He scored many crucial tries and was influential in his sides win.

A huge thanks to the players for playing with energy, enthusiasm and sportsmanship, to the parents for their excellent support, the ground staff for the pitch preparation and the catering for the lovely refreshments and finally all of the referees and staff who enabled the day to run so smoothly.

Game 1 – Pitts 5 – 10 Churchills
Try scorers: Archie C; Colin W, Alec F
Game 2 – Wellingtons 40 – 5 Nelsons
Try scorers: Rufus L x6, Angus L, George H; Hector M
Game 3 – Wellingtons 5 – 10 Pitts
Try scorers: Rufus L; Archie C, Sammy U

Game 4 – Churchills 35 – 5 Nelsons
Try scorers: Alec F x6, Charles W; Hector M
Game 5 – Pitts 30 – 0 Nelsons
Try scorers: Archie C x2, Henry H x2, Sammy U x2
Game 6 – Wellingtons 0 – 35 Churchills
Try scorers: Alec F x5, Colin W, Charles W
Top Try Scorers: Wellingtons – Rufus L, Pitts – Archie C, Nelsons – Hector M, Churchills – Alec F
Players of the Tournament: Churchills – Alec F, Pitts – Sammy U, Nelsons – Hector M, Wellingtons – Rufus L.

Congratulations to Churchills who were crowned this year's champions, Pitts who came 2nd, Wellingtons 3rd and Nelsons 4th.



The S. Anselm's Brailich House Hill Run 2015

On a chilly day in January, all the pupils in the prep school, from Y3 through to Y8 ran in the first ever off site Hill Run, at the Penrose Family Farm. 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 groundstaff for their great course set up and marking; to the teaching staff

for their marshalling, supporting, finish line roles, recording and calculating of results; to hares; first aid support and photography; and catering team for providing the much needed hot soup and drinks at the finish. The weather was extremely snowy at one stage, but bright and clear a little later, ensuring fantastic views from the top right over to Chatsworth. Full credit to all of the pupils for showing such character, determination and resilience getting to the top of this 1,200m long, steep hill; some even said how much they had enjoyed the course!



House Swimming Galas

This year's swimming galas took place on the morning of Friday 22nd 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 187 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 Middles never cease to amaze us and this year there were even more of them; but thanks to Mr Wood and Mrs Seddon's slick marshalling, Mr Wittmann's quick scribbling of times and results and Mrs B's prompt race starting, we were able to get through an incredible 32 events smoothly and still finish five minutes early!

The supporters also thoroughly enjoyed this gala and lots of the races were really, closely contested, giving adults and swimmers plenty to cheer about.

inter-house freestyle relay, which involved everybody in the house swimming at least one length, with the longest of these races involving teams of 17 swimmers.

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With a cup at stake for the winning team, this event ensured each gala finished on a real high. 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.

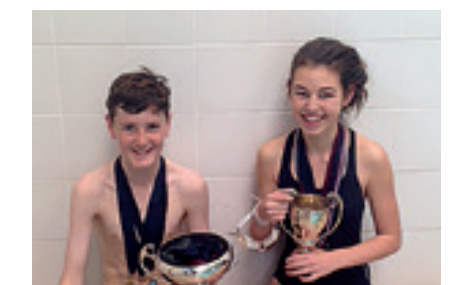
It was super to see so many children swimming with such huge smiles on their faces

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.

This was only the second year that Reception had been involved in the house galas and all of them impressed, swimming incredibly well. All of the Pre-Prep thoroughly enjoyed their gala 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 Seniors were also on form, and despite the majority of their races being over two lengths, the Years 7 and 8 pulled together to ensure we had completed all 29 events in time for the start of half term. The competitors and supporters all worked overtime to cheer the swimmers on, with all thoroughly enjoying the occasion. At the end we were able to applaud Tara O'Rourke and Sam Watts our National IAPS Swimming Finalists on their superb achievements in the Breast stroke and Butterfly Individual events.

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 impressing. 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 5 length multi-stroke relay; whilst each of the Prep. Galas finished with the



Above: Churchills House Captains Sam Watts and Miriam Aylott, with the cups!

S. Anselm's House Steeplechase 2014

Prior to the fireworks and bonfire; all the pupils in the prep school, from Y3 through to Y8 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 our groundsmen and gappies, for producing the best marked course ever in the history of the race.

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 that long jump pit is! Mr Penrose leant us some hay bales; whilst Mrs Stonebridge and Mrs Winter donated some real horse jumps to add some originality to the course.

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, they all thoroughly deserved their medals for completing the course.



Churchills make it a Double!

Friday and Saturday were action-packed, with the annual Pre-Sports Day and Whole School Sports Day Events on top field and all of the pupils from Reception to Y8 were on fine form; thoroughly enjoying competing in each of the events, despite the windy conditions. Saturday kicked off with some super performances on the track by our Pre-Prep pupils in the more technical events of the day – egg and spoon, bean bag and bucket; along with the sack race. Once again all of them had huge smiles on their faces and the Pre-Prep events finished with their inter- house shuttle relay, which Churchills won convincingly.

Two Millennium Records were broken this year, both on Friday's Pre-Sports Day; with Archie Pearson's speedy 52.5s run in the Middle Boys 300m. Amber Marcus well and truly smashed the Senior Girls Discus record, throwing a massive 21.20m, beating the previous record by 3.5m! 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, well done to you all:

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 windy conditions did not put off the hurdlers and a large number of pupils offered their services, holding the hurdles to prevent them blowing over for each heat, a real sight to behold, thanks guys! 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, fresh from their superb win in the recent School Swimming Gala, were the victors; but all of the houses deserve credit for their fabulous performances.

A huge thank you on behalf of the pupils and staff to all of the parents, relatives and family friends who came along to support. Thanks also to all the S. Anselm's staff - groundsmen to facilities team, catering to teaching; for helping this years' Sports Days go so smoothly and successfully. This year's Sports Day culminated with a well-deserved 'Hog Roast' for supporters, participants and staff alike - a fitting way to end a great day!



FINAL RESULTS:

1st CHURCHILLS
Blackburn Cup 966 points

2nd WELLINGTONS
842 points

3rd PITTS
823 points

4th NELSONS 6
96 points

Victor / Victrix Ludorums:

Junior Girls Victrix Ludorum.....Beth Phillips
Middle Girls Victrix Ludorum.....Iona Connolly
Senior Girls Victrix Ludorum.....Violet Barton
Junior Boys Victor Ludorum.....Rufus Ludlam
Middle Boys Victor Ludorum.....Archie Pearson
Senior Boys Victor Ludorum.....Darius Becharat
.....and Saw Watts

Cup / Trophy Winners 2015:

Senior Boys 100m Harrop CupGeorge Whawell
Senior Girls 100m Head CupMiriam Aylott

Senior Boys 200m Fox CupSam Watts
Senior Girls 200m Roddick CupViolet Barton
Senior Boys 400m Wood CupSam Watts
Junior Girls 800m Renshaw-Smith CupBeth Phillips
Middle Boys 800m Potters CupArchie Pearson
Senior Girls 800m Renshaw-Smith Cup Violet Barton
Senior Boys 800m Johnson Cup Darius Becharat
Senior Girls 1,500m Renshaw-Smith Cup
.....Violet Barton
Senior Boys 1,500m Johnson and Dean Cup
..... Darius Beharat
Senior Girls Javelin, Clare Taylor Cup.....Amber Marcus

Michaelmas Term Boys Sport

As the boys return from their long summer holidays there is much hype before the rugby season starts. For some boys the summer has seen them grow a great deal and for others the temptation of relaxing and not keeping active is too much. For each and every boy the tough pre-season training and the inevitable first match is tough on the relaxed and out of form bodies.

The senior boys enjoyed a rugby tour up to St Martin's Ampleforth at the start of the season and combined the trip with the Durham Festival. Staying overnight in the Ampleforth Boarding Houses was certainly an experience, especially for those who attended prayers. The fixture against St Martin's was tough with a couple of injuries to captain George Whawell and playmaker Jack Pearson, but very competitive from both sides and the experience was excellent. Despite a tough few fixtures early in the season the 1st XV did record a good win over Wellow House.

Playing sport every day has played a huge part in the improvement of

the rugby players. The Under 11s had an unbeaten season for the first time in years. Not only is this a huge achievement in itself but the boys fixture card has expanded over the past couple of years so that now S. Anselm's plays some of the best Prep Schools in the country. The boys have certainly got used to travelling long distances but it a funny sort of way it now means each and every fixture is taken seriously and the boys have worked incredibly hard week in week out on their fitness, skills and match preparation. The boys won the Worksop Tournament and also beat Abberley Hall, Moor Park, Packwood Haugh, Westbourne, Terra Nova, Grace Dieu, Abbotsholme, St Peter and St Pauls, Ranby House, Wellow, Witham Hall, St Hugh's, Smallwood, Mylnhurst and Hill House. The Under 11s also went on a Lincolnshire Tour, which was enjoyable and very successful with wins over St Hugh's and Witham Hall.

Last year three S. Anselm's boys were nominated and successful in the Midlands Lambs Trials. William Dobson, Archie Pearson and George Penrose all got through the first rounds and George Penrose has been

a force to be reckoned with this year. George played three games for the full Midlands Lambs team against the North, East and South of England.

For the Under 9s it is an interesting couple of years from tag rugby. In Y3 they first learn how to tackle, which for some is the most exciting thing since sliced bread but for others having a bigger Y4 running at you having to put them down flat in the mud on a cold winters afternoon is not. It is incredible to see the progression these youngsters make and they also posted some good results beating Smallwood, Barlborough and drawing against Wellow House.

Going forwards the way in which rugby is to be played in the future is changing. This has been pushed through by the RFU and the game will be losing much of the traditional contact that has made rugby so popular in Prep Schools. At S. Anselm's we will have a very strong Under 13 squad and we are looking forward what should be a very exciting season ahead. The pack will for the first time in many years be above average height and weight.



Lent Term Boys Sport



Lent term

In a short space of time the Lent term has proved to be action-packed with the boys operating in four disciplines. The ability to change the skills and tactics has been phenomenal. Unfortunately the weather has had its effect with a quarter of fixtures cancelled. However all the boys have participated in over 40 matches, and in numerous football, hockey and sevens tournaments. Both Archie Pearson and George Whawell had outstanding cross country seasons, winning our events, the inter-school and hill races, and doing well at Worksop for the team to win overall.

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Football

The 1st XI remained unbeaten but only had two opportunities to show their skill, with a good draw 2:2 away at Abberley Hall, and a convincing 5:0 win at home to Grace Dieu at the end of term. The 2nd XI managed only one game, in which they played Hill House A, proving a difficult game for us. The u11A team showed real promise with skill and good movement. However it took a defeat at St Hugh's to fire the team up. From here on they remained unbeaten showing teamwork and tactical awareness. The u9's certainly improved as the term progressed but found it difficult to protect their goal and so often lost close matches. Hopefully for those boys selecting football next year in the Michaelmas term the individual skills will be enhanced and help in our team performances.

Hockey

Both the weather and difficulty training on an astro-turf pitch has not helped our performances, with only three wins between the 1st XI and u11 teams. The boys will need to spend more time working on their stick skills to compete with the astro-turf playing schools to compete in the various tournaments. However the boys certainly enjoy the game and want to play more in our recent interest poll. The u9's have spent time on the basic skills ready for the future and it was spirited to see the u11's develop and beat Witham in their last game of the term.

Sevens Rugby

The u13 team produced some excellent support play and lines of running at times but in energy sapping tournaments we could not sustain it and often lost out to more powerful sides. Talent and skill was demonstrated as we made the last 8 of the Packwood Cup, before losing to a strong St Olaves side. At

Terrington we finished second in our group which took us into the plate competition, where we lost in the final to Ryedale. This was to be repeated at the IAPS Festival losing in the semi-final of the plate. The u12 and u10 teams played at the annual Oakham Festival, where both teams acquitted themselves well. The u12's lost in the bowl final and the u10's lost in the plate final. The u11 team also had one tournament at Trent College. Playing some superb sevens and having the power they stormed into the final, beating The Elms, Q. Ethelburgha's, Abbotsholme, Fairfield and Ratcliffe on the way. In a close final we narrowly missed out on a golden try to Birkdale. Next term's rugby season should be an exciting prospect!

Summer Term Boys Sport

What a whirlwind term! With two cricket tours to Worcestershire and Jersey, various cricket festivals around the country. Sam Watts competing at the National Prep Schools swimming finals and athletic events at Worksop and Leeds. We enjoyed success in our cricket performances and also winning the u12 athletics at Worksop.

For cricket the term started in glorious warm sunshine with a first day trip to Ranby. For the u9 teams it proved a big learning curve with the range of skills and length of game. The 1st XI showed early season form with some tidy bowling from Jack Pearson, Louis Street, Jack Whawell, and Marcus Connolly taking 4 wickets to reduce Ranby to 67 all out. Both George Whawell and Jack Pearson batted patiently, waiting for the wayward ball. From a mere 8 overs the target was achieved. George (54) and Jack Whawell (43) showed their excellent batting techniques against Bilton Grange, in a superb game that we narrowly lost. The 2nd XI enjoyed their cricket with a number of players representing the 1st XI and recording a good win at Bilton Grange.

Then followed our mini-tour to Worcester. After a small detour and satellite navigation issues we arrived at the Elms for lunch. As we looked out on beautiful countryside the rain came down. On tour of course this

was not to put us off as the 1st and u11 XI's played two twenty/20 games. The u11's won with some strong bowling from Harry Twelves and Archie Pearson. Will Dobson scoring the winning runs. In the 1st's game the Elms had a strong middle order and the rain made fielding difficult. However despite not reaching their target we only lost 4 wickets. After booking into our Premier Inn overlooking the Worcestershire Cricket Ground everyone enjoyed our unlimited buffet at the Pizza Hut. Sunshine returned in the morning as we walked around Worcester's waterfront and cathedral. On a sunny picturesque field at the Down's the u11's match saw over 300 runs scored as both sides batted out for a draw. The 1st XI batted steadily making 128, with both George and Jack Whawell and Max Hattersley scoring runs. The Downs felt confident on a good wicket of getting this target.

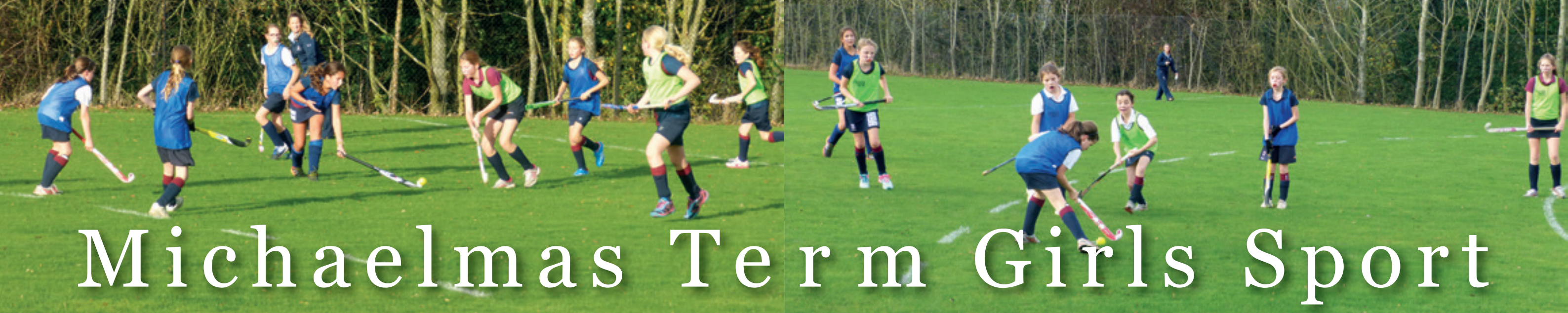
However Jack Pearson produced an amazing spell of bowling to remove the top four batsmen for 5 runs. The Downs steadily batted on until Jack gained his fifth wicket for 8 runs and Sam Watts dismissed the last man for 61. On the Sunday we enjoyed the beautiful Herefordshire countryside at St Richard's. What a wonderful setting to end our tour. The game was played in great spirit as everyone bowled and batted with a BBQ in between Innings. St Richards chased our score of 136 but fell short by 62 runs.

Away at Grace Dieu saw an amazing drawn game, at 160 runs each. Max Hattersley (30) and Louis Street (32) in an excellent partnership of 44 runs. We were then off to the sunny but windy Jersey! A great experience with a good win for the 1st XI against De la Salle but against a larger Victoria College, made up of a number of Jersey players, we lost.

With Y8 away on leavers trips it fell to the u12's to finish the season with two games against Wellow and Packwood Haugh. Jack Whawell batted strongly for his 56 not out against Wellow in our 17 run win and a good draw against Packwood. A number of players showed promise for next year's 1st XI.

The u11 XI developed through the season with strong batting and bowling performances from Archie Pearson, Harry Twelves, Will Dobson, Henry Walmisley and James Carr. Seven wins and only three defeats, with semi-final places at Uppingham and Stowe it was a well-travelled and experienced team by the end of term. The u11 B found the hard ball game a step-up but preserved to end the term with a win against Hill House. The u9 VIII worked hard to develop their cricketing skills and despite early term defeats came back strongly to record three wins in the second half of term.





This year’s hockey term saw the S. Anselm’s girls playing a total of 96 Matches (including tournaments) with 49 Wins and 10 draws and every girl from Y3 through to Y8 representing the school in at least five games.

All of the girls in years 6, 7 and 8 were invited to the pre-season training sessions at the Belper astro; and every girl in the prep had plenty of opportunity to train on astro, with all benefitting from regular training sessions at Cavendish Fields. We entered teams in tournaments at Barlborough, Foremarke, Rugby, Witham, Repton and Denstone College.

Tournament they were able to play as a year group, finishing in 3rd place overall, with a little help from a few Y6 players.

All of the under 11 girls played in at least six matches for their school, enjoying a sports tour to Lincolnshire very early on in the season, which quickly prepared them; with both the A and B teams enjoying convincing wins in the fixtures against St Hugh’s one day, then tackling a high ropes course the next.

Thanks to all of the parents for their support and to the girls themselves for being such a joy to work with.

The under 11A team were able to hone their astro skills and really developed as a squad, reaching the semi-final of the Rugby School Prep Hockey Tournament, narrowly missing out

in a place in the final through penalty strokes. Other highlights were a tremendous win against Terra Nova and coming back from being four goals down in their match against Hill House, to draw the second half of the game. The U11B team also benefitted from the regular training sessions on astro, with the senior squads and really developed their ability to put the ball on target, with their best matches being against Terra Nova, St Peter & St Paul and Westbourne.

The under 10s also adapted to playing more of their games on astro and after a steep learning curve in their first tournament early on in the season, at Trent College; quickly remembered to allow the ball to do the work. The highlight of their season was reaching the final rounds of the Witham Hall Hockey Tournament; where they just missed out on 1st place, through penalty strokes; but matched their success as under 9s by once again winning silver medals.

There were also some super victories against Terra Nova, Hill House, Ranby House and Grace Dieu. The under 9s, largely comprised of Y3 girls and faced an uphill struggle at the start of the season; facing opposition who had already played together for a year and had time to gel as a squad. However,

they finished the season on a high, winning their penultimate game against St Peter & St Paul and playing very well in the second hockey festival at Barlborough Hall.

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 Derek Brock and Natasha Schaper for their work with the senior squads;

Juliet Elvin for assisting me with the under 11 squads; Louise Flack, Claire Corner and Ali Whawell, the U10 and U9 Team Managers. Thanks to all of the parents for their support and to the girls themselves for being such a joy to work with.

County Hockey
Once again we had several S. Anselm’s girls attending training sessions with the Derbyshire JDC (Junior Development Centre), and just before Christmas, Sophie Corner and Hattie Nieper learned they had been

successful in their quest to be selected for the Derbyshire Junior Academy squad (JAC), after impressing the county selectors and coaches. Both girls played in county fixtures throughout the Spring of 2015, before learning they had been selected for the East Midlands Junior Regional Performance Centre Squad just after Easter. Only one S. Anselm’s girl had previously been selected for this elite squad, so for two to be selected at the same time was a fantastic achievement and real testament to their hard work.





Lent Term Girls Sport

The S. Anselm's girls once again punched above their weight, in the busy netball term, taking on schools with 60+ girls in a year group and often beating them. The girls played a total of 45 friendly games, with each girl representing the school in at least seven matches. There was real success for each of the teams, across the age groups; with the girls winning a tremendous 37 matches and drawing 2. 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 11 different netball tournaments, with our teams enjoying real success and hosted our own under 11 and under 9 netball tournaments. Highlights for the 1sts were narrowly missing out on a place at the IAPS Nationals, with them finishing third in their group at the Regional IAPS Netball Tournament; and bronze medal position at the U13 Derbyshire County Tournament. The Y7 girls were largely mixed with the Y8, to play in the 1sts or 2nds squads, but enjoyed two opportunities to play as a year group; firstly at the Derbyshire County Tournament, where they finished 3rd overall, scoring 40 goals in total and conceding 10; a great result as three of the squad were under 11. 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 under 11A 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

All of the coaches are extremely proud of the girls and their many netball successes.

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.

The U10A team enjoyed the most success, winning three tournaments 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 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 under 11 netball tournament, beating lots of A teams in the process.

The highlight for our under 9 team this season was winning bronze medals in our Under 9 Netball Festival and they played some super netball, really growing in confidence and skill as the festival progressed. The majority of the under 9 team were Y3, so a year young, and the experience really paid off, enabling them to win their two under 8 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.



Summer Term Girls Sport

Rounders is hugely popular at S. Anselm's and continues to go from strength to strength, with our girls winning the St Peter & St Paul Tournament. The combined total of matches played was 41, winning 31, drawing 1 and all of the girls from years 3 to 8 representing the school in at least four matches. Poor weather, largely at the start of the term again affected the season, however, with a total of 11 fixtures cancelled due to rain; including the block fixtures against St Hugh's and QEGS. However, at other times there was glorious sunshine and the visiting teams again enjoyed the wonderful views (and our legendary cakes); whilst sitting in the newly restored pavilion on bottom field, for their match tea. Sheffield High appeared to not want to leave, even challenging staff to an impromptu game. On the last full day of term each boy and girl in years 3 through to 7 played in a mixed rounders festival and great fun was had; with the boys impressive fielding in the deep and the girls knowledge of tactics and strategy: whilst the Y8 girls enjoyed a final rounders match against their mums, a superb kick start to their end of year celebrations.

The 1sts were hardest hit by poor weather missing out on three fixtures, but had some great results; dominating against Grace Dieu and winning the close matches against Denstone

College and Sheffield High U13A. The 2nds also had some great results, winning matches against Denstone College and Terra Nova, with their game against Sheffield High U12A also being very close. Both the 1sts and 2nds seasons were cut short, with the combination of the post CE programme, Wilderness Trip and Jersey Sports Tour eating into the second half of the term. It was great to see both squads fielding so impressively and the versatility of the teams in matches. The girls' batting also developed and they became very adept at hitting the ball to the right when playing at home on pitch 1, in order to take full advantage of the steep drop down to the ground staff sheds!

There was success for U10/11A girls, who participated in the annual St Peter and St Paul Rounders Tournament, becoming our first ever team to win this tournament! They played each of the five competing schools, beating them all. The U11A and B teams both enjoyed the triangular fixture at Grace Dieu, meeting new opposition Leicester Grammar and winning all four of these games. Overall the U11A team won seven of their matches, lost two and had two cancelled due to rain. Other highlights were their matches against Sheffield High U12B, Terra Nova, Worksop Prep, St Peter & St Paul and Sheffield High U11A. The U10A team had a great season, playing eight matches and winning seven of them; highlights for them were the matches against Terra

Nova, Wellow House, Witham Hall, Sheffield High and Worksop Prep. The U10/11B made a lot of progress with their fielding in this season and their game against Sheffield High was close. The U9A team had an impressive season; winning three of their games at the Barlborough Hall Rounders Festival and enjoying close wins over Witham Hall, Wellow House and Sheffield High; another tremendous achievement as the majority of girls in this team were Y3.

This season the focus for the all the girls was batting consistency and the ability to place hits around the field, avoiding the deeps. We were able to harness the skills and knowledge of John Gledden from Abbeydale Tennis Club, for a number of sessions with each age group; and we quickly saw the knock on effect of adding tennis drills and tactics to the girls' games programme. My thanks must go to Miss Phillips and Mrs Corner for their vital work with the under 9s, in getting the foundations in place; Mrs Schaper, Mrs Elvin and Miss Southam for continuing to develop and enhance the skills with the U11 and U10 girls; and Mrs Whawell for assisting me with the development of advanced skills and strategies with the senior girls. A huge thank you also to all the parents for their match support, the ground staff for our impressive pitches; the medical, catering and administrative staff for of their assistance. Finally to all of our Y8 leavers, the best of luck to you all in your future schools and **don't be strangers.**

Athletics Success at Worksop Meeting

Our athletes had a highly productive afternoon at Worksop, in the annual U11, U12 and U13 Inter-Preparatory Schools Meeting. We won a total of 7 gold medals and also 13 silvers. The U13 girls and Under 11 girls finished in 3rd place, in the team competition, out of the seven competing schools; whilst the U11 Boys were second and our U13 Boys were third. Our Y7 boys were consistent in the track and field events, with their super performances ensuring they won the Under 12 Boys Team competition!

Congratulations to the following who all won their events: Amber Marcus (U13 Girls Shot Putt); Hattie Nieper (U12 girls 800m); Tara O'Rourke (U12 girls 300m); Rosie Winter (U11 Girls Shot Putt); Darius Becharat (U13 Boys 800m); Russell French (U12 Boys Javelin); Edward Mayson (U11 Boys Long Jump).

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The Y7 Boys with their cup – winners of the Under 12 Team



Hattie Nieper in action – winner of the U12 Girls 800m event



The Full U11, U12 and U13 Athletics Squad, complete with winners medals

Shot Putt Queen Rosie!



It's official, Rosie Winter is the 7th best shot putter in the UK! Following on from Rosie winning the shot putt events at the Worksop College Athletics meeting and at the Regional IAPS Athletics Meeting, Leeds: Rosie competed for the North East Regional Team in the IAPS National Athletics Finals at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham. She threw a new personal best of 6.72m, an amazing result for somebody who only picked up the shot putt for the first time in May 2015 – well done!



S. Anselm's Make a Splash at the Regional IAPS Swimming Gala

A team of 40 boys and girls made the long journey to Warwick School to compete in the U10, U11, U12 and U13 Regional Swimming Galas in February. All of them were an absolute credit to their school, throughout both coach journeys and whilst on poolside, supporting each other enthusiastically throughout the galas.

We were really impressed with the performances of each of our swimmers, with all of them holding their own against the other competing schools and felt that this was our best IAPS Gala so far, with the hard work throughout the winter really paying off. There were many pleasing performances, (see below), however, the highlight for S. Anselm's, had to be our two

teams competing in the 'Small Schools Freestyle Relay', with the girls' team winning this event convincingly and the boys' team finishing 2nd; giving all of us on poolside plenty to cheer about and the result is even more impressive as each team comprised of 8 swimmers, four from Y5 and four from Y6, highlighting how strong our swimmers are across a year group. Special mention must go to Angus Ludlam, who finished a very close 2nd in the U10 Boys' Breast stroke, a tremendous achievement as he is a year young for this age group, so will be back next year in the same race!

All in all we had x24 1st places and x13 2nd places. Congratulations to all the competitors.



S. Anselm's Host their first Gala!

The pool was packed with 98 swimmers from S. Anselm's and Wellow House for our first ever swimming gala against another school, in November. The 36 events included individual races in all four

strokes, along with medley relays and freestyle relays. The S. Anselm's team comprised of swimmers from years 3 through to Y8, with the events being separated into Juniors, Middles and Seniors, for boys and girls. It would be fair to say that S. Anselm's dominated winning 25 of the events in total! Our teams did particularly well in the front crawl, breast stroke, medley relays and freestyle relays.

Our visitors Wellow House went home very happy. There was an electric atmosphere poolside throughout the gala and Wellow have already asked if they can come back next year!





S. Anselm's Cross-Country Teams run at Malvern

A team of 20 boys and girls competed in the National Prep Schools Cross Country Championships at Malvern College, a huge event involving 61 different schools! Our pupils had not competed in a race involving such large numbers and all of them ran very well. Our first runner home for each race is listed below,

along with the total number of runners in that race. Highlight of the day for our teams was a close encounter with David Beckham, who was there to support his son Romeo in the U13 Boys' race (unfortunately none of our under 13 boys managed to beat him though!)



Royal Shrewsbury School Hunt

A team of 24 boys and girls from years 5, 6, 7 and 8 made the long journey to Shrewsbury on Sunday 12th October, for their annual prep school cross country meeting. Shrewsbury School are famous for having the oldest running club in the UK, with a proud tradition in athletics and cross country and this year's event was bigger than ever, with 10 schools competing. The weather was perfect and the course fast.

S. Anselm's Cross Country Team are 1st at Worksop!

A team of 24 boys and girls competed in the Worksop Cross Country Meeting and a superb team effort by all saw them scooping the top prize – 1st place team overall out of the eighteen competing schools! There were some great

individual performances, with three of our runners winning plaques for finishing in the top five in their race, and some superb packing by all of the runners in the teams to secure this impressive result.



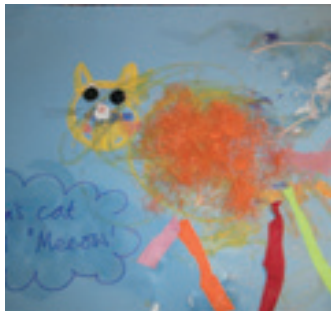
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S. Anselm's

September 2014

The new academic year was eagerly awaited by our Rockets, delighted by their freshly acquired senior roles. They took their responsibilities very seriously, gently helping the youngest children to settle in, guiding them their new surroundings and encouraging them to join their games. But our Little Stars wasted no time getting to grips with the activities available and were soon shining with confidence.



October 2014

A new topic 'let's build' tapped straight into children's imagination and love of construction. Problem solving skills and high levels of cooperation were evident as the group explored carefully selected resources. A visit from a JCB digger demonstrated how effective machines can be and one giant hole later, we were all convinced.



November 2014

An autumnal twist to the play, all the more exciting as spooky dressing up and firework parties gave the children many opportunities for animated conversation. Halloween baking, decorations and skeleton mathematics, along with a visit from Mr Bones, helped to illustrate how human bodies are structured- like a giant jigsaw puzzle. Bright, sparkly collages, with lashings of glitter were irresistible to our little magpies, as was a very messy, Jackson Pollock style, painting wall set up in the garden.



December 2014

All about Christmas! The children quickly learnt new songs for their Nativity play, embellishing it with dances, mime and percussion accompaniment. When it came to the day of the show, they could hardly contain their excitement. With costumes and face paint, they delivered a performance to be proud of. The audience of parents, grandparents and siblings, squeezed into the nursery for mince pies and mulled wine, delighted our budding actors with emotional applause.

January 2015

Happy New Year!

This was a chance to settle back in, greet old friends and welcome new ones. A plethora of activities provided the foundations to develop imaginative and creative play. The complexity of constructions and language increased as did the children's fascination in their surroundings. A visit from small animal lab allowed the children to get up close and scrutinise their creatures.



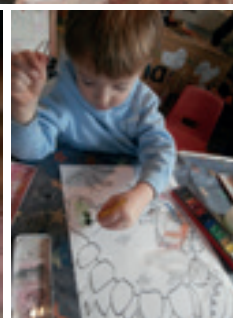
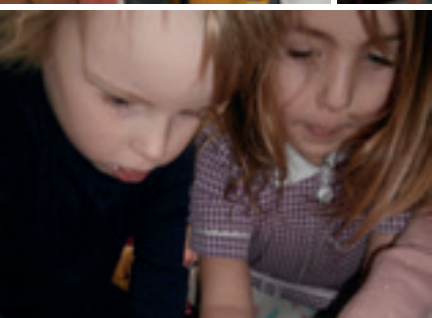
March 2015

With spring just around the corner, we started a topic on growth. We went on walks searching for signs of spring, recorded our finds with the digital camera as evidence and planted our own seeds to watch change and grow. We all knew the conditions our seeds needed if they were to grow into bean plants.



February 2015

We reset our time-machines and headed 245 million years into the past to discover what the planet was like when it was ruled by dinosaurs. It wasn't long before the Rockets were able to name and talk about the characteristics of many dinosaurs, distinguish between carnivores and herbivores, flying reptiles and the monstrous creatures that ruled the prehistoric oceans. Our favourite was the liopluroden, reaching 14 metres in length, having teeth like daggers and snacking on marine crocodiles! What Triassic earth would be complete without volcanoes? Our bicarbonate of soda and vinegar experiments certainly got a reaction!



April 2015

On a warm, sunny afternoon we visited Farmer John's fields and met his newest arrivals. Three lambs, only a few days old. We didn't expect to hold them and this was a wonderful surprise.



May 2015

A swashbuckling theme swung in this month as pirates took over the nursery. We had so much fun transforming the role play area into a wooden ship, armed with cannons and complete with crows nest, figurehead and mast. We learned pirate songs, baked revolting sea biscuits, known as hardtack that even the rats and weevils wouldn't eat. And finally, we made Mrs Robinson walk the plank, over and over again! We loved making detailed treasure maps and learning about Blackbeard.



June 2015

A safari themed sports day accompanied a brief topic on African wildlife. The children made short films with them riding in a jeep across the Serengeti.



July 2015

It was time for the Rockets to wave goodbye to nursery, which they did with a wonderful leavers' show. On the last day of the year we wished Mrs Robinson a happy retirement, throwing a surprise picnic to celebrate her time at S. Anselm's.



PRE-PREP



S. Anselm's



Alton Manor



Reception had their first ever outing all together and what an adventure it was! The excitement started on the minibus, a first time for most. The thrill of passing familiar villages, fields and even shops ensured the journey was far from quiet and I've certainly learnt a thing or two about what and where all the Mummies go during the day!

Mrs Harrison greeted us and helped us off the bus, coats were fastened, hoods pulled on (it was very wet) we were ready! The band of intrepid

explorers set off across the park to explore the beautiful grounds. The woods proved to be a great hit with mountains of bark, muddy puddles, fallen trees and even a fairy's hut! We had great fun foraging for conkers, sweet chestnuts and leaves of varying shapes, sizes and colour.

The maze was discovered and the hunt was on to find a hedgehog with their name on amongst the undergrowth. Mrs Harrison had one final challenge for us – to pull the enormous turnip from the ground. We all took hold and heaved, up it popped and down we toppled! Roll on our next outing.



Golden Time Y1 Making Kebabs



Y1 Outing to Sudbury Hall

Both Y1 classes set off for a journey back in time to ignite our topic all about toys. The journey itself proved to be very exciting as we sat in traffic to watch a wide load, carrying what looked like Santa's Grotto, pass us by.

Once we arrived at Sudbury Hall we were greeted by Hazel and Betty, our knowledgeable guides for the day. The museum offered an opportunity to look closely at push and pull toys, gravity toys, puzzles, games, dolls, bears, dolls houses and many other categories of toys – all of which were very different! We discussed and compared their materials, how they were made, how they worked, who would have enjoyed playing with them and carefully played with the toys

ourselves. We particularly liked the gravity toys. The children also enjoyed playing with outdoor games and toys in a large group in a pretend street – similar to the ways in which Victorian children would have played.

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!

We even managed to squeeze in a bit of work as we took on the role of a chimney sweep, sooty noses were compulsory!

Happy Diwali!



Christmas Crafts





Pre-Prep at Chatsworth Nativity

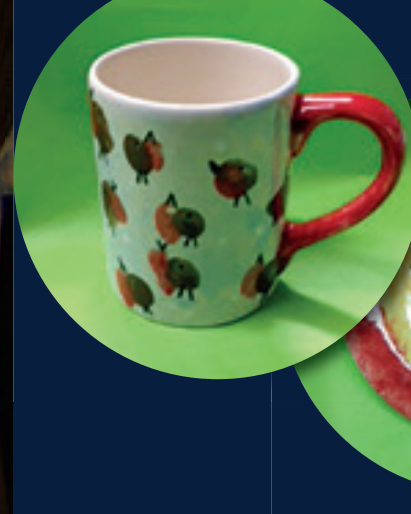
This year the weather forecast was not great and all the odds were stacked against us for a very wet, cold and windy day. This did not dampen our spirits in the slightest and as it turned out we were extremely lucky with the sun shining at all the right times.

Y2 were ushered into the stable for a quick costume change, while the rest of us headed towards Bethlehem to be counted. We soon discovered there was no room anywhere and a kind shepherd let us rest in his stable and shared an incredible story. The Y2 children took on the roles of the main characters herding sheep and leading a donkey into the stable. The rest of the children helped the shepherd to tell the Christmas story, joining in with songs, playing percussion instruments and dancing their little socks off.

After the wonderful nativity we enjoyed a tasty packed lunch and had a chance to let off steam in the adventure playground. It was lovely

to see the children inventing games, playing in the woods, damming the stream and working together as a team.

From the playground we headed off to the craft tent and got busy making reindeer antlers, penguin cards and snowmen bookmarks. A very happy buzz could be heard coming from this tent with lots of chat about Mary and Joseph, the Whoops a Daisy Angel, kings and camels. I think it is safe to say that Pre-Prep were very much in the Christmas mood, the children full of excitement for the 16 more sleeps until Christmas Day!



Pre-Prep Painted Pots!

The Pre-Prep department got into the Christmas spirit as they put on their aprons and picked up their paintbrushes to begin their painted pot activity! All of the children

listened carefully to instructions, explored effects with sponges, paint brushes and their fingers to finally produce wonderful plates, mugs or bowls.

For some this was their first piece to start their collection and for others perhaps their third, however all will be sure to enjoy a festive drink or treat from their new painted pot!



Ruby's Hamster came to visit Y1



Bread to Toast Y2



Buxton Fire Station

STOP,
DROP,
ROLL

There was great excitement as we boarded the minibus to Buxton. The Reception Class thought of lots of questions to ask the Blue watch crew and impressed the fire safety staff with their knowledge about fire engines, firefighters and rescue boats for floods.

On arrival we were greeted by loud sirens, flashing lights and the Blue watch crew jumping into their engines and racing off to a real 999 emergency! This sadly meant the station was void of any crew to allow hands on experience of water hoses, fire engine rides and platform lifts. However two lovely ladies showed us around the station and let us try on uniforms and sit in the back of the Flood truck.

We looked at old fashioned appliances and uniforms and picked out our favourite helmets from the bygone days. We were also asked to get our families to check that smoke alarms are working and then showed off our SDR procedure, for if our clothes were on fire.

Great Fire of London

This term the children in Y2 have travelled back in time to 1666 to be Great Fire of London detectives. They have used the internet, books, and pictures to investigate what might have happened and consider why the fire spread so quickly. Fun was had looking at Samuel Pepys' clothing and important diary, as well as discussing the credibility of an eye witness account.

Timber framed style houses, collages of the fire, newspaper reports, posters and observational drawings



of London buildings today have all been encountered. The children enjoyed looking at photographs of The Monument to The Fire, hardly believing it was possible to venture right to the top of it, climbing hundreds of spiralling stairs.

Maybe we could manage a school visit there one day...



Clown Faces



Pre-Prep Maths Challenge Morning!

The children in the Pre-Prep were greeted on Wednesday morning with a host of different maths games and activities to get them all started. From sudokus, to board games, and coordinates to tessellation patterns, the children enjoyed a great variety of different challenges.

The morning continued with Y8 and Mr Mortimer joining us for a lesson. The pupils in Y2 were challenged to estimate and accurately measure the dimensions of top and bottom court. It was quickly recognised how fantastic these older students were with their younger counterparts and we very much hope the Y8s will join us again for a lesson or two in the very near future.

Y1LS started the morning by working out how best to count dots by trying to spot patterns. Many children noticed 5 dots presented as if on a die, others spotted rows of 6, groups of 3 or diamonds. We then moved on to trying

to think about scale by making a chair that fitted under a table made out of blocks. All of the children succeeded brilliantly in this tricky challenge.

Finally, and most excitingly, the children were then challenged to find out if tubes of Smarties had more red smarties in than any other colour. With the support of some brilliant Y8 helpers, the children created tally charts to work out if this was the case and each child only ate 3 Smarties in the process! Great self-control! The majority of children concluded that packets of Smarties don't have more red Smarties in than other colours.

In Y1 (CD), the children immersed themselves in solving problems in the Pre-Prep garden. We collected leaves, created graphs using natural objects and searched for shapes in the environment around us. We built varying lengths of domino runs and timed how long each one would take to fall down. We predicted which

It's an emergency!

Reception got off to a flying start with their topic about People who help in our community. Mrs Seddon, our very own nurse came down to visit

us. She was very impressed with our make shift hospital and high speed ambulance with a very glamorous steering wheel! She talked to us about feeling poorly and what we should do.

Then Mrs Seddon got out her bag of tricks and let us listen to our heart beat with a real stethoscope (thank you Mr Schaper), she took our temperature and then showed us how to bandage.

The best bit was having a turn to bandage a friend and tricking our Mums at home time that Mrs Caudwell had let us all have accidents!!!



would take the longest and recorded our findings in a table.

Reception had a great morning of problem solving and pattern making. They all had a pattern to follow and then had to continue it. They used beads, pegs, coloured blocks, teddies and shapes. The challenge was on to then make their own continuing pattern. After break we went outside and found shapes on the hockey pitch, tennis and netball courts - then using conkers, fir cones and leaves they had to make different shapes on the ground and tell me how many sides each one had and what it was called. It is fair to say they all know their 2D shape names now.



We sadly came to the end of our Police topic but had a fascinating few weeks. We have dressed up, taken finger prints, played detectives and put on disguises. Wanted posters were made and displayed, and we investigated some of the roles that the Police play in our community. We learnt to listen carefully to information and know who to call in an emergency.



Y1 Mission Star Gazing Report

In the first few days of term the children embraced their new topic and certainly did reach for the stars! The astronauts eagerly prepared for their future star gazing mission by building a rocket (equipped with a very complex control panel), made helmets with crystal clear visors, completed their passport applications (which came back rather quickly) and of course applied for their astronaut identity pass. Little did we realise poor weather and an inevitable delay was ahead.

Finally, a day behind schedule, we had the all clear from the weather centre and the mission was ON!

Space biscuits and energy juice were served as the astronauts discussed their roles and responsibilities—navigator, engineer and spacewalk co-ordinator to name a few. Once their space suits and helmets were

on, passports scanned and identity passes authorised the astronauts were ready for Mission Star Gaze!

With torches and glow sticks in hand they disembarked the illuminated doors of their spacecraft (Mrs Scott's Classroom). The astronauts had a few wobbles but quickly found their feet, hooray the space walk was most successful! With persistence and determination the astronauts fought tough conditions and remained positive on the sight of at least one tiny single star. However, the weather man had other intentions and the view above was rather murky. With thoughtfulness and extremely vivid imaginations we saw the ever famous Great Bear and Little Bear (believe it or not?!).

On return to the spaceship the astronauts declared Mission Star Gazing - MISSION ACOMPLISHED!

Spanish Plates by Reception

Reception embraced our Spanish day and really impressed me with their enthusiasm to learn some Spanish. We greeted each other with Hola, buenas dias and at snack had to ask for agua or leche remembering of course to say por favor and gracias. The next task was to count and to learn some animal names. Each child made a Spanish booklet with the national flag, a flamenco dancer with a very stylish skirt and matched numbers to the correct quantity which they had to count in Spanish!

After a scrummy lunch of paella and sangria, the children embarked on some flamenco dancing with real pro. They learnt to clap and stamp their feet in time to the music and move their arms in very macho fashion shouting OLE! Back in the classroom we looked at some typical Andalusian pottery and had a go at recreating the pattern using similar colours. As you can see we have some budding artists coming through the school.



Y1 Film Premiere

Y1 arrived on Tuesday excited about the prospect of their Film Premiere which was a celebration of all their hard work towards their Space topic.

The premiere was a larger event than last year with the whole school joining Y1 parents in the Hargreaves Hall for the show.



Unfortunately due to the large scale of the audience the Year 1s worked out in a maths lesson that it would have taken 6 days

to make enough popcorn for everyone, so this year we went without! The film included fascinating facts about Space, filming of the stargazing they had done earlier in the term, and 3 stop motion animation films titled – Simon's Adventure, Alien Attack and Dragon Attack.

The whole topic has been a roaring success with lots of story writing, setting and character descriptions, model making, voice and sound effect creation and star gazing!

It has also linked in to drama and music lessons. The children have all worked so enthusiastically and the success of the Film Premiere is down to their hard work and determination.

Y1 Medieval Banquet – black-bird pie on the menu!

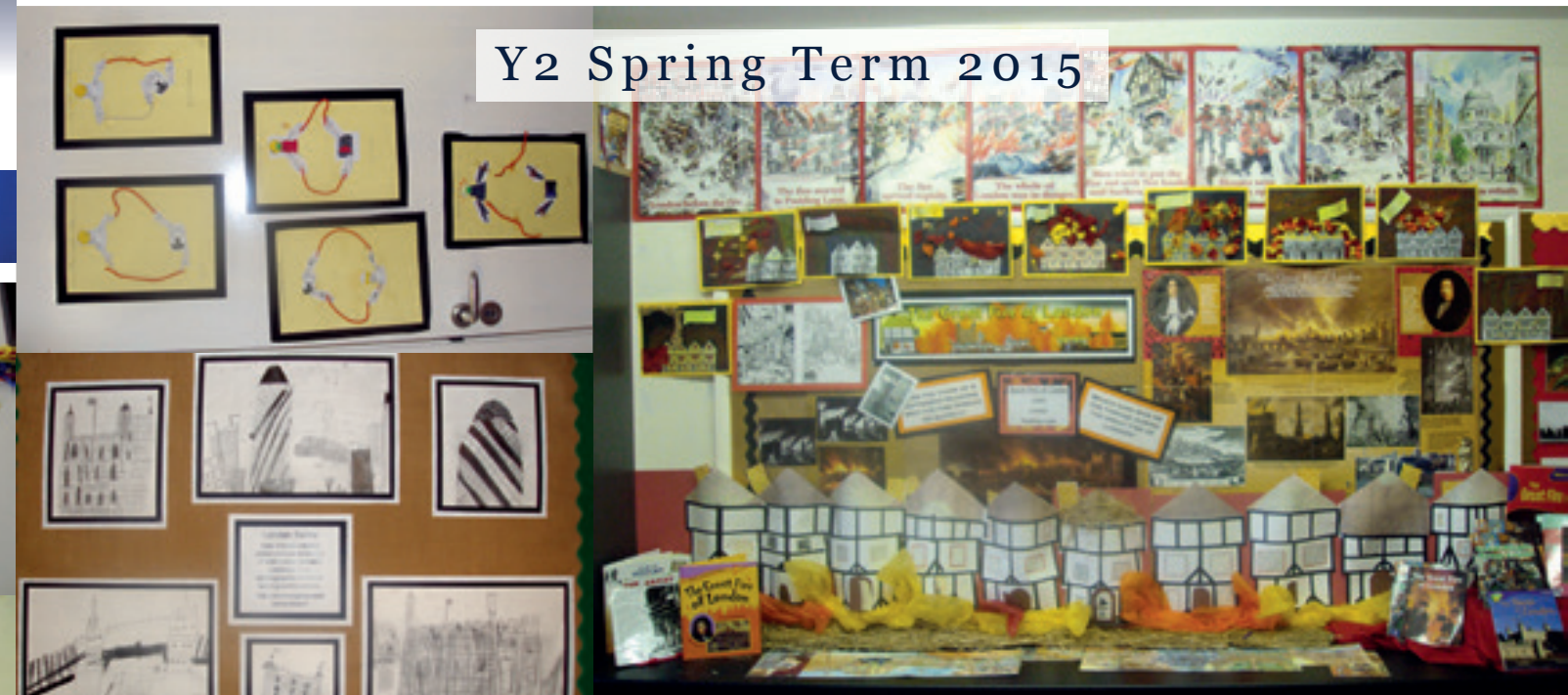
The Lords and Ladies of Y1 concluded their Turrets and Tiaras topic with an extravagant medieval banquet. Following our work on alliteration earlier in the week, they created banqueting menus and dined on chewy chicken pie, perfect pecking peacocks, hot honeyed hog, bubbling black-bird pie and sizzling sweet swan, all swilled down with a few glasses of wine (of the blackcurrant juice variety!) They all worked incredibly hard and with great interest and enthusiasm. Thanks to everyone who brought in artefacts, and also to Julie and the kitchen staff for helping with the banquet and producing such tasty pies.



Mother's Day Bookmarks Y2 2015



Y2 Spring Term 2015





Y2 Church Visit

Heights of Abraham Y2

We had the most amazing adventure at the Heights of Abraham courtesy of the Pugh family. Having managed to squeeze the minibus under a very low bridge we were escorted into the cable cars.

This proved to be a very exciting journey to the top of Matlock Bath with breath taking views down the Derwent Valley. The children could not believe how high we were! On arrival at the top we got our torches out and headed off down the mines. Sarah gave us an interesting tour of Rutland Cavern and we

met John a 17th Century miner who explained what it was like to work deep down in the mines digging for lead.

The children were mesmerised by the sparkling crystals that lay in the rock formation and one or two have decided they are going to be diamond miners when they grow up! Our next stop was to let off steam in the adventure playground which proved a great hit, before heading up the steep hill to pan for gold, look at enormous fossils and dig for semi-precious stones.

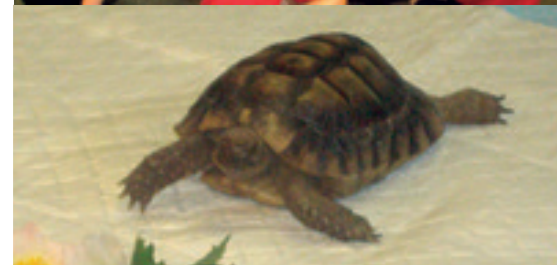
A huge thank you must go to Mrs Pugh for kindly showing us around and allowing us to visit – a must if you are nearby.



Barbecue



Exciting Animals Visit



Pond Dipping

Armed with buckets, nets, magnifying glasses and water trays Reception had a fantastic afternoon investigating the school pond. Squeals of delight echoed around the garden as tadpoles, water boatmen, snails and even a newt or two were scooped from the water and gently placed in the water trays for us to look at. Even Barry the big bad fish made an appearance but was wise enough to swim to the depths of the pond and wait until all was quiet once more before surfacing again!



Tropical Butterfly House

If you haven't been you must. Reception had a fantastic day exploring the grounds of this magical place. After a relatively easy journey up the M1 with lots of chatter, singing and endless rounds of eye spy we finally spotted the butterfly signs to show we were close. A pit stop in the adventure playground, a big drink of water, a quick snack and we were ready to explore the rainforests of Yorkshire!

The children were mesmerised by the beautiful colours that swooped and fluttered before our very eyes, squeals of delight could be heard as they spotted all sorts of creatures crawling, climbing and swimming around them. Tropical birds were high up in the canopy, while hissing cockroaches

scuttled under our feet, we saw poisonous dart frogs, a huge iguana, stick insects, chameleons, snakes, bats, terrapins, leaf cutter ants and a funny looking creature that we all thought was a hedgehog! The highlight of course was the beautiful butterflies. Once outside the children had fun spotting wildlife in the woods and managed to name all the dinosaurs that were hiding on every bend.

We were lucky enough to see otters frolicking in the water ducking and diving to keep cool in the heat, which is exactly what we wanted to do – so we did with the help of the quiz board that squirted you when you got the answers wrong!!



Pre-Prep Summer Concert

As the end of term approached all children in the Pre-Prep worked with enthusiasm to create art work, songs, poetry, dances and mini-beast facts ready 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.

The Reception children opened the performance with a fantastic description of the lifecycle of a frog along with a wonderful dance, complete with froggy head-dresses. Y1LS collaboratively told a magnificent poem – "The Tale of

a Snail," with the support of their ginormous mini-beast models which they'd created in Design and Technology lessons. Y1CD shared their fascinating facts and vibrant art work about Australian spiders, and we all enjoyed their wiggling performance of Incy Wincy Spider!

The performance was peppered with confident renditions of mini-beast poems and facts from the Y2s, as well as a beautiful song from Imogen and Zara. The concert concluded with the whole of the Pre-Prep singing beautifully 'All Creatures Great and Small' 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!



Swimming Gala



Y1 Bean Growing Investigation



The Great Outdoors Y1

As part of our topic Y1 ventured outside to discover what life could be found lurking within the school grounds. Armed with magnifying pots and collecting tools the children looked in various habitat locations to see what they could find.

Great joy was had carefully collecting and looking at the amazing minibeasts. How did they move? How many body parts did they have? What colour were they?

The children enjoyed watching how the animals moved as well as looking for breathing holes, antennae and muscular rings! And the weather stayed fine for us!!!!



Sports Day

The Pre-Prep department enjoyed a super Sports Day on Saturday morning. Although it was rather windy on Top Field it was bright and sunny, enabling the competitors and supporters to make the most of this popular event. Thank you to the ground staff for the enormous amount of work in preparing the Top Field, which looked fantastic.

The races started at 10am with the Reception children showing genuine enthusiasm for their running races. The Y1 and 2 children were equally excited and determined, and many events were competitively contested. From traditional egg and spoon, to bean bag and sack races, the children

really did themselves proud as they tried their utmost in every event. The final race was the inter house relay, which was hotly contested by children and staff alike! For the second year running Churchills came a convincing first place, followed by Wellingtons in second, Pitts in third and Nelsons in fourth. A huge well done to all of the competitors who showed very decent sporting spirit throughout. Thank you to the games staff; Mrs Brailich and Mr Wood, for preparing the children so well for their events.

Finally, thank you to the many supporters who came to cheer the children on and make this such a lovely occasion.



Y2 End of Year BBQ

The Y2 children had been looking forward to their special evening for weeks! The activities commenced with a fun swim which was very welcome as the day's weather was a real scorcher. After a quick change into home clothes the children chose an activity to partake in. Den building and charades entertained us and were great fun. Nearing the end of our activities the children were feeling ravenous as the smell of food from the BBQ wafted across from Headmaster's lawn.

Delicious burgers and sausages were consumed enthusiastically along with long cooling drinks of water. Strawberries and ice lollies followed. After a little time for our food to settle and chat with friends the children played a fun game of Duck, Duck, and Goose to finish off the evening. A fun time was had by all. A super way to round off the year. Goodbye and good luck in the Prep.



Y1 & 2 Outing to Poole's Cavern

The Y1 and 2 children prepared themselves for one of the hottest days of the year by getting wrapped up in tracksuits and coats! They thought the teachers had a bad case of end-of-term-itus but were relieved they had as they stepped into the chilly cave (7 degrees to be exact). As we wondered through the cave with our guide Brendan the children were fascinated by the sites all around them. They each made a wish by putting their thumb inside the wishing stone and looked high and low for the goblin who had the most beautiful house!

We welcomed the warmth of the woods as we emerged from the cave, here began our woodland adventure with Carmela by listening to the



sounds around us, just at that moment a friendly dog joined our expedition and was eager to give Isabella a kiss! Following that the children worked excellently in teams to build dens or animal homes. Finally the children rose to the challenge of building a fire and did so with precision, it was the perfect opportunity to toast marshmallows. Yum!

The day wouldn't be complete without a delicious ice cream by the shade of the beech trees. A wonderful and adventurous day to finish the term!

Y1 Outing to Bolsover Castle

The Y1 children have embraced our topic of Turrets and Tiaras and have been involved in lots of exciting activities. They have carried out research into styles of castles and studied the famous 'Burg und Sun' – Castle in the Sun, by Paul Klee. In maths they have used 3D shapes to build miniature castles, created a catapult and measured the distances objects will travel when released from the bucket! They've even made some traditional food called marchpane made from marzipan.

The topic was brought further to life with an exciting visit to Bolsover Castle. The children were fascinated by the ruins of the Terrace Range and



particularly impressed by the size of the huge windows. Whilst wandering around the Little Castle (which we all agreed was not little at all) the children made careful observations of the materials used in the building, the art work on the walls and ceilings, especially the ceiling in the Star Chamber! Despite the rain they managed some wonderfully detailed sketches of various parts of the castle.



Since returning from the trip the children have written reports about their experience and also created some more wonderful observational drawings of the castle. They've created their own coat of arms and collages of castles. This Thursday we will be celebrating the grand finale of our topic with a medieval banquet.



S. Anselm's College

S. Anselm's College is an extension of the school and everything that this prestigious name represents. The established ethos and atmosphere will be wholly maintained; common decency, good manners and a positive work ethic will be key. Self-reliance, passion and commitment will be nurtured and will allow each individual to get the most out of the fantastic opportunities which will be available over their three years as a S. Anselm's College pupil.

Year group names: We take great pride in the surrounding area and its history. We will honour this by naming the three year groups after significant local events. Firstly, Y9 will be known as 'Kinder', after the mass trespass on Kinder Scout in 1932, which led to the opening up of the countryside for all to enjoy. Y10 will be known as 'Derwent', named primarily after the reservoir and dam which were essential to 617 Squadron's preparations for the 'Dam Buster' raids. Finally, Y11 will be known as 'Arkwright', due to the revolutionary mill and enterprise

set up in Cromford by Richard Arkwright in 1771. At the start of each year, members will be given a commemorative blazer badge that will depict these events.

Organisation: Mr Mortimer will be Head of S. Anselm's College and oversee the day-to-day running. Mrs Whawell will be assisting in this role and will be overseeing the pastoral wellbeing of the students. Each child will be assigned a form tutor, who is the first point of contact. Specialist subject and learning support teachers as well as current office, bursary, domestic and grounds staff will extend their roles to incorporate The College. Mrs Seddon, the school nurse, will provide medical care to College students.

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Academic: Pupils will continue to study all academic subjects in Kinder. During the first term, they will begin to think about GCSE options by having careers talks and taster lessons of new subjects (such as PE and Textiles). They will be sent home at Christmas with information booklets and final options choices will be made by Lent half term. There will be two preps set per night, each lasting between 30 and 45 minutes. There may also be additional work set over the weekend when need arises. These preps will usually be due in the next working day.

Careers: There will be a significant focus on careers throughout the three years of The College. Kinder will mainly focus on GCSE options and what choices may be beneficial for a particular career. There will be work experience placements in Derwent, where pupils will spend a week out of school in local businesses. In Arkwright, students will need to think about where they are going next and what A Level options to pick. Speakers from other schools will inform students of the choices that are available post 16.

Reporting: The College will continue with the same Interim and Report structure that is used in the Prep School. There will be one formal parent/teacher meeting per year and plenty of other informal opportunities will be available to discuss The College and your child's progress and wellbeing.

Activities: There are two long activity sessions scheduled each week. These are on a Tuesday and Wednesday between break and lunch. All activities will have a focus on individual growth and developing skills that can be used for life. For the first year, students will have tennis coaching at Abbeydale Tennis Club for one session a week. The other session will be spent doing different activities depending upon the time of year. For the first term, Kinder will be sailing and doing core-fitness at Born 2 Move. For the second term, pupils will be working towards a PADI qualification in scuba diving, then playing badminton and table tennis. For the Summer Term, pupils will be canoeing and participating in other outdoor pursuits. The tennis coaching will be included within the school fees, but there will be an additional cost for the other activities.

Enterprise: In Kinder, there will be a double 'Enterprise' slot per week. The focus of this will change throughout the year but it will largely have a theme of careers. For the first term, pupils will have a chance to try out P.E. as an academic subject. This



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will be available as a GCSE option. For the second half of term, Kinder will have various careers talks put on by parents and visitors covering a wide range of vocations. In the Lent term, the Enterprise slot will give the chance to cover the theory required for the scuba qualification. The second half term will give the opportunity to work on music composition and recording. In the Summer Term, students will complete a comprehensive restaurant project that will see them looking at a working kitchen, researching menus and costs and culminate in hosting a meal for parents at the end of the year.

Projects and Events: There will be one week each term that has a slightly different focus. In Michaelmas, this will be a cross-curricular 'Topic Week'. Research will be conducted through fieldwork and analysed holistically through different subjects. In the Lent Term, there will be an 'Industry Week' for Kinder. This will involve trips to local businesses where specific classes will give an overview of what it is like to work in industry. This will be followed up in Derwent with work experience placements. The Summer Term will see an Arts Week, which

will focus on many different aspects of creativity and round off with an Arts Evening. This will give the opportunity for pupils to demonstrate the areas covered during the week and also to showcase their work achieved in Music, Drama, Art and Textiles over the year. Throughout the year, College students will also have a focus on a charity and may help oversee whole school initiatives, such as the Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Trips: Each year group will have various trips each term that tie in with the syllabus or topic being covered. Additionally, other non-compulsory activities will be offered, such as sports events, scuba expeditions and theatre trips. At the end of the Michaelmas Term, there will be a Christmas treat for The College. For the first year, we will be travelling to Manchester to see the pantomime and enjoy the festivities. At the end of Kinder, there will be a large residential trip to round the year off. During Derwent, pupils will participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Scheme. Pupils may wish to continue this and do Silver during Arkwright. At the end of their time at The College, there will be the opportunity for students to participate in a significant expedition to another country.

Timetable and day-to-day: The College will follow the same timings and term dates as the Prep School. This will also include Exeats.

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Ancient Egyptian Day in Y3



On Friday 31st October Y3 took part in an Ancient Egyptian Day. The pupils wore typical costumes and make up from that era and put on the headdresses and decorative collars that they had been making in Art lessons.

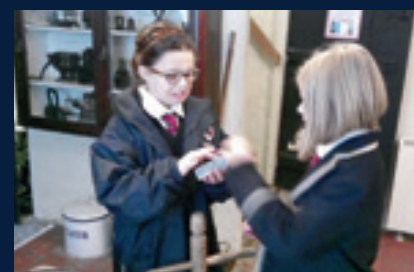
The first challenge was to solve some Egyptian hieroglyphs to crack a secret message. Next they had to calculate answers to sums using Egyptian numbers and design their own cartouche, which is an oval shaped plaque with a pharaoh's name on. After morning break the children worked in groups to design and make a model of a shaduf that could be used to get water out of the River Nile.

Some energetic Egyptian dancing followed which helped work up an appetite ready for bread making! Our Ancient Egyptian bread was made by mixing flour, salt and warm water.

Whilst the bread was baking we challenged each other to some taxing games of senet, an Egyptian game a little like noughts and crosses. Once the bread was ready the children headed down to the dining room where they enjoyed a banquet full of the typical types of food that the Ancient Egyptians would have eaten. Pomegranates, grapes, dates, figs, melon, raisins and home-made bread with honey were all washed down with some red and white grape juice. A fun and educational day was had by all!



2014 Old House



The Y5 had a two day excursion to Whitby and the North York Moors, where they experienced an exciting programme of events.

These included a walk round Whitby, climbing the 199 steps, a free time spending spree and a hair raising time in the Dracula Experience.

The afternoon saw much fun and laughter on the beach- rounders, paddling in the sea, kites and burying each other in the sand. It was then time to sample some of England's best Fish and Chips. Having split into 3 groups we headed back to the pier with our mouths watering.

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However, the seagulls also had desires on our lunches; and proceeded to launch wave after wave of attacks upon us, taking chips, fish and even a whole sausage.

The accommodation was superb; and evening activities included beach combing, a walk to Robin Hood's Bay and a team word game.

On Thursday, we had a fabulous day with author James David, walking through woods, streams and following his Aqua Crysta trail. He really brought the books alive with his imaginative stories and activities. Tea and cakes in the woods completed a fulfilling day, then back home. A brief stop to have a meal on route before arriving back bang on 7pm. An amazing couple of days.

Shadows



Slipper Making

World Book Day

On World Book Day the pupils and teachers in Years 2, 3 and 4 all enjoyed a visit from local author, Dean Wood. The children listened attentively to Dean's wonderful introduction about the different things that inspired him to create the storyline and characters in his book. Sharon Wood, Dean's sister, illustrated the book and the pupils loved looking at her images, from the initial drafts to the colourful and detailed finished pictures.

Dean's message to the children was clear; *always try hard, believe in yourself and never give up!* This positive attitude obviously caught the children's attention and Dean was inundated with many interesting questions to conclude his talk.

The children were clearly inspired by Dean's wise words and many couldn't wait to get their hands on his book, *Michael Moon and the Cauldron of Wishes*, the first in a series of seven.

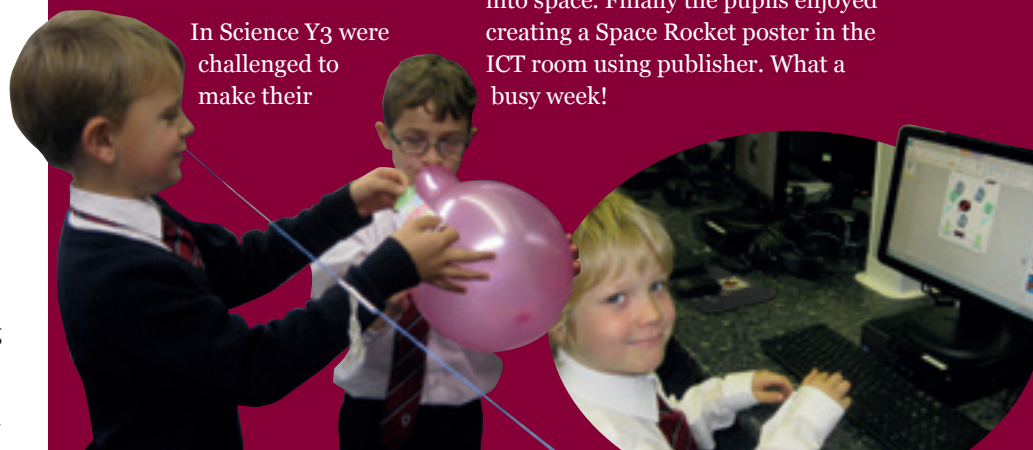


Rocket Week in Y3

Y3 had a wonderful week studying rockets. The children looked at shape poems and designed their own version based on bonfire night. They also wrote an acrostic poem all about rocket fireworks.

paper firework shoot across the classroom using only some string, a balloon and a straw. Shrieks of delight could be heard as the pupils tested out their ideas! Maths lessons were centred on the theme of 'angles and directions' in order to send a rocket up into space. Finally the pupils enjoyed creating a Space Rocket poster in the ICT room using publisher. What a busy week!

In Science Y3 were challenged to make their



Thinking Skills Day

On Thursday 29th January, the Junior Forms at S. Anselm's in Bakewell put on their thinking caps to try and fathom out a series of challenges. The staff had created 5 different activities for the teams to work together to try and resolve.

One task was to work as a team in order to build a polystyrene cup pyramid. Each group had to move 10 cups using only string tied to an elastic band. It was very interesting to see which groups communicated with each other, which groups remained calm and which did not blame individual members when something went wrong. All groups managed to complete the task – some more united than others!

Another involved a game called "Hey Harry" which is a visual and memory

game. Each time someone made a mistake they received a red spot and their name changed. Some children were superb and some made many mistakes - to the amusement of their peers!

Y4 was faced with a range of quick questions such as "Describe the world's first hiccup" and "Advantages and disadvantages of having an octopus as a lifeguard". The children read out their answers and voted for the most original/entertaining answers.

The children were then given an interesting treasure map, they were split into teams of 5 and given 45 seconds to go outside the classroom to memorise sections of the map. On returning to class, they had to reproduce what they could remember on large plain paper, whilst another

two from the group went out to collect more information. Communication about missing pieces of information was crucial.

A treasure hunt was the next challenge. Each group was split up into three teams and were given clues hidden in anagrams that would lead them to different places around the school. At each point that they were sent to, the teams would find some pieces to a puzzle that they then had to put together. The puzzle pieces were in fact parts to a poem that had been jumbled up and needed re-ordering so that the poem made sense.

Most teams did very well in recognising the order in which the poem should have gone through identifying rhymes and a general story line or theme, meaning they could find the beginning and end of the poems.

The pupils then gathered in the sports hall for a series of tasks that were also centred on a Treasure Island theme. Congratulations to group 2 which was the only group to complete all of the challenges successfully!

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Y4 Geography Trip to Grove Farm

The annual trip to Grove Farm was, as always, greatly anticipated and very much enjoyed by Y4. The visit started with a bracing walk through fields to gain an idea of the size and history of the farm. After this, we learnt about the busy life of a dairy farmer, the progression of a cow's life from calf to milk provider, the different types of feed and quantities used on the farm and the tagging and tracking system for cows and sheep. The highlights, however, were being able to hold lambs, some of which were only 24 hours old, and jumping across hay bales in the barn!

It was fantastic for the children to experience a primary industry first hand and to see the processes involved in producing the milk they have on their cereals.

Huge thanks once again to Mr & Mrs Bonsall who always make us so welcome and the visit so informative and enjoyable for the children and staff alike.



Y3 Explore Great Longstone and Little Longstone

After the bank holiday weekend, Y3 had an exciting return to school when they used Tuesday morning to investigate two local villages.

Time was spent in both Great Longstone and Little Longstone where the pupils found out a number of interesting geographical features such as the physical setting of the villages and the shape they have grown into.

They also completed a traffic survey where they recorded all the different modes of transport used in the village. A walk around each of the villages enabled the children to identify modern and traditional houses by looking at the different features and type of stone they were made out of.

Sketches were made, tallies recorded and extra information noted down ready for us to explore back in the classroom.



Y4 History Trip to Chester

It was time again for the Y4 annual pilgrimage to the DEWA Museum in Chester. The first part of the day saw the children being drafted into the Roman Army and arriving at their new barracks in Chester. We were able to walk through a mock-up Roman street and see shops and a bath house. After that it was a look at the different historical layers that archaeologists had found beneath

the museum. The children were then able to dress up in armour and play with various exhibits before lunch.

The highlight, as always, was our march to the amphitheatre with a Roman soldier. Here the children practised fighting skills as well as different formations. A great trip as always!



Dear Rob and Liz at Creswell Crag,

Thank you for letting my class visit Creswell Crag on Thursday. I really enjoyed making Stone Age shelters and our team worked well together to create a shelter that we could all fit in!

I learned that you need a hard piece of wood, a soft piece of wood and a bow to make fire. The string on the bow wraps around one of the pieces of wood and you have to pull the bow backwards and forwards to create friction. It was rather difficult but one of our groups managed to make the wood quite hot and we could smell a little bit of smoke.

I loved it when Liz showed us the mammoth tooth – it was enormous! I never knew that cave men told stories round the fire and it was really exciting when we met a cave woman and she took us into her cave. It was called Robin Hood's cave and we heard all about her tribe and how they got their name from an elder called 'Luti' killing a cave lion.

My favourite part of the day was when we learned how to hunt for food and had to throw spears at a reindeer target. I managed to hit the target twice and so did lots of other children in our tribe.

Thank you again for such a lovely day. I went home and told my mum and dad all about it!

Yours sincerely,
Harriet from the Hyena Tribe





British Wildlife Week - Rapturous Raptors



To start a highly exciting week about British wildlife, James McKay delighted the whole school when he brought in a variety of raptors.

We first met a rather scruffy little Kestrel who was just in the middle of molting so was lacking a few of his beautiful tail feathers. Y3 were delighted to see a Barn Owl appear after reading the book 'The Owl that was Afraid of the Dark' as part of their Literacy work. James told us that the Barn Owl flies so silently which is why it can easily catch its prey. Following that we were introduced to the fastest animal on earth, the Peregrine Falcon which can dive at speeds of up to 200 miles an hour!

The next guest saw the audience's hearts melt as out popped a Little Owl. Despite its size, the Little Owl is

able to keep its head completely still by growing taller and shorter when perched on a windy branch.

Mrs Elvin was able to identify the next bird which was native to Australia, a Tawny Frogmouth. This bird is aptly named because of its frog-like large mouth and can camouflage itself perfectly in the tops of silvery trees by taking on a rather uncomfortable looking pose!

During the talk we also met a rather cheeky Harris Hawk, with the highlight being an enormous Eagle Owl screeching as it flew over all of our heads!

Thank you to James for providing us with such interesting facts about these wonderful creatures. Everyone agreed it was a fantastic start to our British Wildlife Week.

Y3 Trip to Treakcliff Cavern in Castleton



On Monday 29th June, Y3 headed over to Castleton in the Hope Valley to visit Treakcliff Cavern to find out more about their science topic on 'Rocks and Soils'.

Thankfully, during a hot and humid day, we went deep into a cavern to observe the rock formations and look at how they mined Blue

John stone – it was a cool 11 degrees down there! We looked at all the different fossils that dated back 350 million years and were amazed by the beautiful veins of Blue John stone that ran through the rock.

Towards the end of the tour we arrived in a chamber that looked like it was made out of treacle! We had to spot different shaped stalactites

and stalagmites such as a bunch of carrots, a dog's paw, a dragon's head and a stalk.

The final highlight involved a trip to the gift shop to buy some souvenirs where the pupils had a chance to purchase some semi-precious stones and calculate the cost to ensure they hadn't spent more than their budget!

Adventure to Ravenstor 2015

The day had finally arrived for our three day trip to Ravenstor! After collecting packed lunches we were off to Cromford where the first of our four activities of the day started.

We all met with the Acclimatize team and began our action packed day which involved canoeing on Carsington, a nature walk and scrambling, "weasling" and abseiling on and around Black Rocks.

It was a brilliant day thanks to the great weather and the professionalism of the team of instructors who ran each activity.

After arriving at Ravenstor and being allocated their rooms, the children then settled down for a delicious supper and more activities of rocket building and a picture identification hunt.

Our next day was equally busy and well fuelled by a full English breakfast. We again welcomed the Acclimatize team who led den building and fire making, archery, team building games and probably the most popular of all the activities, the rock climbing wall!

It was a fabulous day that ended in the Ravenstor tradition with us launching our rockets and then donning our

party outfits to hit the dance floor at the evening disco.

The final day saw us welcome the Peak District National Park guides who took us for a walk around the beautiful local area. The children learnt many facts about how the area was formed, creatures that lived there (past and present) and the many plants and rocks that make the area so unique.

It was another fantastic trip, really enhanced this year by the extra challenging activities the children were able to experience and enjoy.





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Y8 LEAVERS



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DESTINATIONS

PUPIL	DESTINATION SCHOOL	
Aylott, Miriam	QEGS, Ashbourne	Common Entrance
Barton, Violet	Oundle	Common Entrance
Becharat, Darius	Paris	Common Entrance
Blackhurst, Samuel	S. Anselm's College	Common Entrance
Connolly, Marcus	Fettes College, Edinburgh	Academic Scholarship
Corner, Sophie	Repton School	Academic & Art Exhibitions
Gaunt, Natalie	Oundle School	Oundle Scholarship Prelims
Harcus, Amber	Repton School	Art Exhibition
Holden, Edward	S. Anselm's College	Common Entrance
Marsh, Freddie	Eton	Common Entrance
O'Rourke, Tara	Repton School	Music Scholarship
Pearson, Jack	Uppingham School	Common Entrance
Sarsenov, Artur	Shrewsbury School	Common Entrance
Ross, Ben	Uppingham School	Common Entrance
Stansfield, Alexander	Eton	Common Entrance
Street, Louis	Shrewsbury School	Music Exhibition
Taberner, Thomas	S. Anselm's College	Common Entrance
Todd, Grace	S. Anselm's College	Common Entrance
Watts, Samuel	Shrewsbury School	Common Entrance
Whawell, George	S. Anselm's College	Academic Scholarship
Wright, Thomas	Shrewsbury School	Allington Academic Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED: 2014-15

Marcus Connolly	Academic scholarship to Fettes College
Sophie Corner	Academic Exhibition to Repton Art Exhibition to Repton
Amber Harcus	Art Exhibition to Repton
Tara O'Rourke	Music Scholarship to Repton
Louis Street	Music Exhibition to Shrewsbury
Thomas Wright	Alington Academic Scholarship to Shrewsbury
Harriet Nieper	CB Fry Scholarship to Repton
Matthew Williams	CB Fry Exhibition to Repton
George Whawell	Academic Scholarship to S. Anselm's College

Investigating London

Year 8 spent a full two days in London 24-25th 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. Here we spotted our first Lord, Lord Puttman, followed by Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, a multi-gold medalist and Britain's most successful ever paralympian, who took time to chat with the children.

As well as finding out about the workings of Government, the group led by Mr. Phillips, took a river taxi to Greenwich. We all managed to stand on the Prime Meridian, much to the delight of the children's Geography teacher! On return west, we alighted

at the Tower of London and managed a glance at the remaining poppies before walking through the city mile to Monument, where we climbed the 311 steps to the panoramic views.

We started the second day exploring the Tate Modern on the South bank. The work by Richard Tuttle: I Don't Know, The Weave of Textile Language certainly was a talking point. Two other highlights were the food at Wagamama's and a trip to Leicester Square where we saw a film on Monday evening. Finally we spent our last few hours in the British Library. The 'Treasure's Room' Y8 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 Y8 children were great company and we hope this short taste of London will encourage them to enjoy their capital city in the future.





Jersey Sports Tour



Y8 Leavers

through our first four batsmen, on a hard bouncy wicket. Jack P and Luke D held the innings together with 31 and 13 respectively. This set Victoria College a reasonable target of 117. However despite taking 3 early wickets their number four and five played some excellent shots to see them home. We had lost by 6 wickets.

The girls also played Les Quennevais School. The As met a well-trained opposition who pushed our girls in their play, making interceptions on loose passes and who had the ability to turn the play to their advantage. In the second quarter, Les Quennevais stormed into the lead, with our girls trailing by four goals at one stage; but by half time our girls had reduced this to being one goal down. It took a great deal of determination to slow the play down and return to our own game. Violet B's fitness in centre court and Amber H's close marking slowly but surely broke down the opposition's play and the secondary defence right up the court ensured the score was turned over and we won a hard fought match 14 – 11. Violet B was selected by les Quennevais as our player of the match.

The Bs again started slowly, drawing at quarter and half time. Natalie G tipped a number of balls and everyone worked hard to push the ball up the court. The shooting combination of Annie M, Miriam A and Fran N shot some fantastic goals, some of which were from the edge of the D and were quite impressive. Hattie N once again showed real energy throughout the game, working hard to find spaces, ensuring the safe passage of the ball up the court. Jessie MM grew in confidence in the second half to ably assist Hattie; whilst Grace and

The children were reflective on their visit and received many compliments about their behaviour and thoughtful approach.

Florence were once again super in defence. The final score was 11 – 4 to us, with Hattie N being selected as player of the match by the opposition.

Day 4

Our final morning on the island was spent at the Jersey War Tunnels. The Tunnels is no ordinary attraction; it is a reminder of a dark time in Jersey's history. During World War II, the Crown left Jersey defenceless and the Island became occupied by German forces. They are a product of five long years of Occupation. Dug deep into the hillside by forced and slave workers from nations across Europe, the extraordinary tunnels run over 1km in length. They now contain an underground collection of thought provoking galleries that detail Jersey's occupation history from resistance, through to starvation, and then eventual liberation. The children were reflective on their visit and received many compliments about their behaviour and thoughtful approach.

All too quickly the tour came to a close and it was time to return to school. Jersey itself was an ideal location for a sports tour and the children were very well behaved throughout and appreciative of what they experienced.

Day 1

The day started out well with a quick hop over to Saint Helier from East Midlands. On arrival we transferred smoothly to our bijoux residence, right in front of the beach, for the next three nights. We exchanged our tour kits for swim wear and set off for the water park for the children to relax and play. It was a good way for all to let off steam and the slides and outdoor lazy river proved popular. We strolled back for our evening meal; stocking up on a chicken or roast lamb dish ready for an early (?) night and our first fixture, as well as an inevitable play on the beach, which quickly became our evening routine.

Day 2

After a full English breakfast we were quickly on our way to 'Creepy Valley', Jersey's very own high wires. Here we split into the children's form groups so on rotation all could use the climbing wall and zip wire, fly on the 'King's Swing', cling on to the high wire assault course and see who could build and balance on the tallest crate stack. Incidentally, it wasn't Mr. Wittmann, although his fall was pretty dramatic!

Next up, it was fixture time.

The boys played two games; S. Anselm's A v De la Salle Schéol and S. Anselm's B v Le Rocquier School,

both at the Jersey Cricket Ground. Charlie C batted well to remain unbeaten on 32 out of a total of 68 from 16 overs. Le Rocquier School batted strongly as we tended to bowl too short and passed our score with several overs to spare.

In the 'A' game we quickly ripped into the De La Salle batting with Jack W taking four wickets in two overs, supported by Louis S, Luke D and Freddie M also taking wickets. De La Salle were reduced to 77 all out. Both Jack P and George W looked comfortable as they played themselves in and then began to crack the boundaries. Jack finally fell for 22, with George scoring the winning runs on 35 not out. A nine wicket victory.

The girls played two back to back games at the amazing Les Orme's Sports Centre – being spoilt with a state of the art non-slip court with sprung floor, which ensured two very fast games against St. Lawrence Netball Club. The A team played like a dream, confidently winning the ball in defence (Amber H and Annie M) and centre thirds (Fran N) before whamming it down the court to Violet B and Miriam A who were able to place the ball perfectly for the unbeatable shooting combination of Sophie C and Tara O'R. The final score was 23 – 4 to us, with Sophie C being selected as player of the match.

The Bs started their game more cautiously, with a lot of end to end play from both teams; but after half time they really picked up their game and the new shooting combination of Annie M and Fran N racked up the score quickly and decisively. Jessie MM and Florence T showed improved skill and Hattie N's work rate was impressive. It was great to see Grace T playing so well as GK, after a sledging accident had meant six months of no sport, she soon slipped back into well-timed defence mode. The final score was 20 – 6 to us, with Annie M being selected as player of the match for her superb shooting.

Day 3

Our sea kayaking had to be cancelled given the strong north easterly winds, which had also given rise to all the island's ferries being cancelled too. Instead we headed to Le Rocque Harbour where we investigated the wonderful rock pools and found out





Scotland Trip

Written by the Y8 Leavers



Friday

At 5am the Y8s were woken and set the task of finishing packing, dressing and getting downstairs to breakfast. There was a mixture of not eating because it was too early or eating enough to last a week; no in between!

As the breakfast things were cleared away full attention was turned to packed lunches and trying to squeeze them into back packs.

After this we squashed and squeezed all the bags and people into 2 minivans and headed to Chesterfield train station where both forms constructed 'number offs' – 8Ws was the best! Then it was a 9 hour train journey to Fort William.

At York we had our first change and after many checks to ensure we were all present with all our belongings, set off to the next platform to catch our next train, when a man ran off the train waving a water bottle in the air which was inevitably Violet's! This was the first story told at the inaugural meeting of *Twit of the Day* held later that night; the second story competing for the title had taken place during the final train change when we hurried onto the next train and Artur had forgotten his bag, then when he ran off to get it he ran in the wrong direction!

We arrived at The Glencoe Centre at 6pm. As we scrambled to bag beds and unpack the fire alarm went off (a practice) so we all went outside and poor Sam didn't have any shoes on and was rather wet and uncomfortable!

We played netball and football, girls V boys before dinner. After dinner we all met outside to check gear for the Ben Nevis climb. The group walking the next day was outside for further checks while others were making packed lunches and finishing unpacking when there was the distinct sound of Louis screaming and Tom T shouting. It turned out Louis had climbed onto his bunk and had gone through it with the mattress onto Tom T below! This earned Louis the *Twit of the Day* hat (brought by Mr Mortimer) for Saturday!

Saturday

After an early breakfast the Ben Nevis group rushed off and the rest of us were sorted out into 2 groups for topper sailing and canyoning. My group was canyoning first and it was amazing despite the cold! We started by diving through waterfalls and sliding down shoots. The rocks were slippery and every time Darius (not a mountain goat!) started to slip he would grab the nearest person to steady himself and they would fall over. We were all frozen so when we went back for lunch we rushed off for hot showers and warm clothes! After lunch we went topper sailing and I managed to fall out of the boat before even getting onto the water which basically was the story of my afternoon! Tom T's boat was permanently on its side and he spent more time in the water than on his boat! Darius capsized then lost his boat so he got a ride on the safety boat while it was recovered and I caught a lift as well after being tangled up. When we arrived back we changed

and put all our wet stuff in the drying room, of which there was A LOT. When the Ben Nevis conquerors arrived back we had dinner. After final checks for the next day's Ben Nevis hikers we had our *Twit of the Day* meeting won by Tom W for falling in a puddle of green slime while walking Ben Nevis and his difficulty in hitting the table tennis ball.

Sunday

The second group headed off to climb Ben Nevis and the rest of us were split into groups for kayaking, long boat tours and topper sailing.

My group did kayaking first and we played a series of games. Louis was the first to capsize his kayak after struggling to get in! In our last game the only one not to capsize was Mim. Grace was extremely eager not to get wet but as soon as the opportunity arose she suddenly changed her mind and as she was stressing this to us she leaned too far over and capsized! We headed back to the centre and showered and had a warm up before lunch.

After lunch my group went on a little tour on the long boat and the brave

guide allowed us to steer it. We visited an island where ancient tribe leaders were buried. Here Ben earned himself the '*Twit*' hat by saying to Mim that she was standing on a dead body! Mim being a high jumper kicked her legs so high she nearly took his head off (the crazy island dance). That was followed by a quick fast trip on the speed boat. Very exhilarating! Once the soggy Ben Nevis group arrived back we had dinner and tuck shop. After tuck had been devoured we played twister, table football and table tennis and each group won one game.

Monday

After a sleep in until 8am all 3 groups headed off to either bush craft, mountain biking, climbing, canoeing or abseiling.

My group did canoeing. We had 2 in a boat and we did races which were great fun. It was freezing so no one wanted to capsize but Darius and Ben of course capsized followed by lots of screaming and Darius climbed into Violet's and my boat. We were not happy!

After a tasty lunch back at the centre and another warm up we were out

climbing and abseiling. Despite all the midgets it was brilliant! Nearly everyone got to the top but while abseiling down Darius slipped and flew sideways into a tree and I think did it some damage! After regaining his composure he did the same again but this time into some bushes! This combined with the canoeing incident got himself the *Twit of the Day* hat.

After dinner we had tuck and games. We also did a thought provoking exercise where we wrote down our values and where they come from which was very interesting and then, exhausted, we headed for bed.

Tuesday

On Tuesday morning, group 1 did bush craft as their activity. In bush craft, the group was split in two and both were given a tarpaulin and some rope. Soon a competition began to make the best shelter from the resources given and the surrounding area. One part of the group made a typical shelter which looked like a normal tent, but the other part of the group was more creative and used large sticks and surrounding trees to hold the tarpaulin up which created more room and a comfier environment. They then tried to create a natural shelter from only sticks, leaves and mud. However, during the process, Violet decided it would be funny to see how far in the bog she could go. This tested the strength of the four boys who pulled her out and also the patience of the instructor.

Group 2's activity on Tuesday morning was mountain biking. They

were each given a helmet, gloves and a mountain bike for the morning activity. They all set out with Andy the instructor to firstly improve their skills in mountain biking. The skills were difficult to master as they all had to ride down a hill quite fast in a challenging position on the bike.

Soon the games began with a slow race. This is a game where you have to be last to the finish line, not allowed to pedal and not allowed to touch the ground. Everyone did really well but Artur and George were the only ones to not fall off, however only by a few inches, George won.

While this was happening, Group 3 was canoeing in one of the quarries full of water. It was sheltered and perfect for this activity. The canoes held up to two people and were small canoes. First of all they practiced moving the canoe. Everyone did well so went straight into the fun bit. They raced from one side of the quarry to the other. Sam and Jack dominated the race and in the next game, called Slate Wars where one boat has to knock off slates from other boats, Sam and Jack also won.

After lunch, the groups all swapped activities. Group 1 did mountain biking. They did the same as Group 2, but this time Darius won the slow race. Group 2 did bush craft and Group 3 went to do climbing.

Overall Tuesday was an excellent day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.
Written by Y8 pupils



Y8 Sep 2014



Y8 Jul 2015



ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT





Geography

It has been an exciting year for Geographers at S.Anselm's with all classes being able to enhance their learning outside the classroom from drawing a sketch of the landscape through to an analysis of the impact of tourism in the Peak District National Park. All the children have enjoyed furthering what they have talked about

in the classroom and getting involved in their learning, from just experiencing what life is like on a farm or work would have been like in a mine through to asking questionnaires and evaluating the impacts of developing economic activities. And why not? With the beautiful limestone scenery on our doorstep, we would be daft not to get out and about and enjoy it! The late Lent and early summer term is an active one for children in Geography as we are able to utilise the warmer weather and get out and see what in action the concepts and ideas discussed in class. Described below is some of what we got up to and I am delighted to report the impact of this active learning is very positive and results in the Common Entrance and Scholarship examinations have been really excellent.

The junior forms have been busy and it is here the foundation for later study is started. The approach to asking questions and investigating the outcomes start now and the style of getting children to think about what they are learning rather than just memorising facts sets the tone for the children's experience in geography lessons throughout their time at S.Anselm's. Y3 visited local villages to see their houses, consider their shape and think about what services they offer and whether or not the provision of these shops and services rely on the size of the settlement. Y4 enjoyed their

'Geography illuminates the past, explains the present and prepares us for the future, what could be more important than that!' Michael Palin CBE President of the Royal Geographical Society

trip to Grove Farm where Mr Bonsall showed the children the late spring animal additions and explained about the type of farming in this beautiful part of the Dovedale valley. The children wandered through the fields and got a feel for how soil, weather and landscape affect shape. Y5 also further their classroom understanding by visiting the Heights of Abraham to find out about the local geology and how it shapes our part of the Peak Park and later on in the year by following part of the course of the river Wye so they can find out about the river's geography and local history.

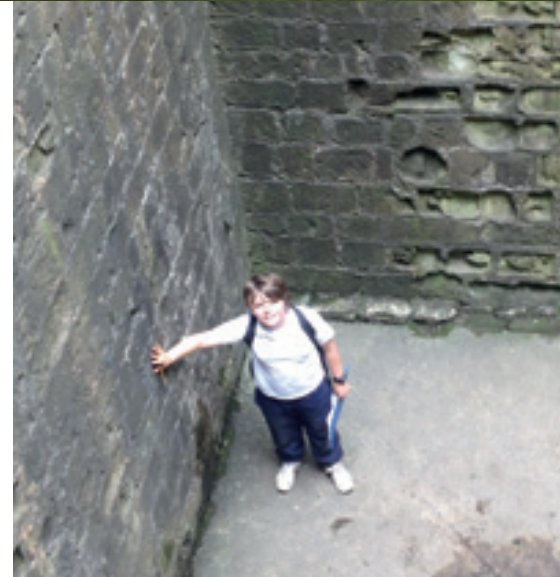
Y6 has also been active in the field; they cycled along the Monsal Trail to marvel and to sketch the remains and the high standard of the Victorian engineering; the embankments, cuttings, tunnels, bridges and the magnificent local landmark the Headstone Viaduct, built by the Midland Railway in 1863. The children also ask a questionnaire to visitors on the trail, such as where people have come from and how long they might stay. This information stimulates children to think about tourism.

The new outing for Y7 is to Castleton to collect data about the impact of tourism and this data will be written up in the Michaelmas Term 2015. This project replaces the Longstone Edge Study, as the syllabus has



changed. This year the children first assessed footpath wear by recording the dimensions of footpath cross-sections on the side of Mam Tor. We then headed into Castleton where the Y7 explored what type of shops there are and tried to work out whether these shops were for local people or for the tourists. Finally, the children really enjoyed asking a questionnaire and skipped back to tell us where the visitors had come from, some from as far afield Australia and Canada were excitedly reported! This is a significant piece of work and it will take up lessons for a half term in the first part of Y8. This project is marked in school before being sent to the children's senior school and it is worth 20% of the final Common Entrance result. The structured write up is thorough and this style of enquiry has proved to be invaluable for those who opt for Geography at GCSE at their senior schools.

The Geography department aims to stimulate an interest, develop an understanding and encourage a love of learning about the world. We get outside as much as possible to enhance the learning in the classroom setting and help children recognise and think about this pristine Peak National Park environment we are lucky to be schooled in. Fieldwork at S. Anselm's is an essential and stimulating ingredient of the course.



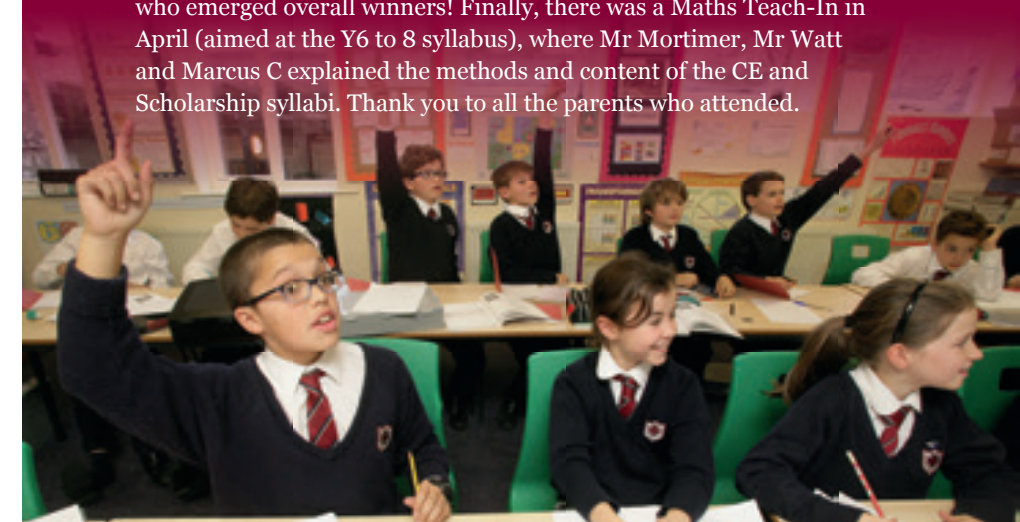
Maths

It has been another busy and successful year in the Maths department. Both Common Entrance and Scholarship grades were very pleasing. Special mention has to be made to Marcus C, Thomas W and Amber H who performed brilliantly in their academic scholarship papers. Darius B and Alex S both achieved the top grade on their Level 3 CE papers, with many other strong performances on Level 2 and 3.

There has also been the usual spread of mathematical challenges this year. The Primary Maths Challenge in November saw the top sets in Y5 and 6 compete, resulting in three golds, eight silvers and 7 bronzes. Congratulations to Nicola S, Louis G and William D for their golds. The Team Maths Challenge saw four Y8s venture to Swanwick Hall School to compete in the regional finals in March. Out of 28 teams (comprising of Y9s) we finished a respectable 15th. Well done to Marcus C, Alex S, Natalie G and Thomas W for their team work and efforts. The Junior Maths Challenge in April was for Y7 and 8. There were some very pleasing results, with 6 golds, 6 silvers and 4 bronzes. The golds (Sam W, Thomas W, Sophie C, Alex S, Marcus C and Shea J) qualified to go on to the next round, called the Junior Kangaroo. Marcus managed to score a Merit, which is a great achievement.

Both the Junior Forms and Pre-Prep had Maths investigation mornings this year, with a series of different activities to challenge each individual. Top set Y8 helped Mrs Donnelly with Pre-Prep, where children estimated and measured different lengths around the grounds amongst other things. The second House Times Table Competition took place in May, where every child from Y2 to Y8 participated. The challenge involves answering 100 questions in 5 minutes.

Due to the high success rate during its first year, the difficulty was turned up slightly, but there were still some very impressive results. Two children (Natalie G and Toby dLB) both scored 94, but Toby was declared overall winner on the tie breaker. Congratulations to Pitts who emerged overall winners! Finally, there was a Maths Teach-In in April (aimed at the Y6 to 8 syllabus), where Mr Mortimer, Mr Watt and Marcus C explained the methods and content of the CE and Scholarship syllabi. Thank you to all the parents who attended.





History

History continues to thrive at S. Anselm's



Some may question, 'Why on earth does it matter what happened long ago?' The answer is that History is inescapable. It studies the past and the legacies of the past in the present. Far from being a 'dead' subject, it connects things through time and encourages its students to take a long view of such connections.

The history classroom experience at S. Anselm's has been enhanced by visits to local sites. The benefits that children can reap from visiting historical places are immeasurable. Such visits can help children to expand on what they are learning in the school classroom. It is a great way to reinforce lessons and having a look around can give children the chance to learn many things. Trips to historical places help S. Anselm's children get interested in exploring



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new things. Historical places are a treasure trove of information. They give plenty of opportunities for children to discover interesting facts and provide the children with a positive learning experience and will help them take the initiative to explore other areas of life. This is a great way to start the habit of exploring and discovering new things.

The Junior Forms have a regular slot of history and the themes taught are expanded with visits. In Y3 the class visit Creswell Crags to find out about the fascinating story of life during the last ice age 50,000 to 10,000 years ago. Also when studying the Aztecs a visit to Cadbury's World aids understanding as well as providing an opportunity to sample a little chocolate! Y4 has learnt about the Vikings, Romans and Saxons. They enjoyed a visit to Jorvik and also to Chester where they became Romans for the day. The Y5 study two diverse

topics: World War 2, which is supplemented by a trip to Eden camp in Yorkshire, and also the Victorians. Working with the Old House Museum, this year we trialled a new historical walk around Bakewell to highlight the significance of the Victorian era locally.

In Y6 the exploration of Tudors is the main focus for the year. As well as changes in monarchy and church, the life of the times is investigated. This starts with a festive trip before Christmas to Haddon Hall and later the theme is developed by the children researching a topic and then building a power point presentation which they perform for their parents at the Old House Museum in the Tudor parlour - a healthy marriage of history and hi-tech!

The Y7 and 8 course studies the medieval period 1066-1485. This period is brought to life through visits



in the local environs and further afield. In Y7 the children take a medieval walk through Bakewell and find out about the lost motte and bailey castle and the oldest section of All Saints church. They also visit Peveril in Castleton at the end of the year and after the strenuous climb they enjoy the remains of the stone keep and the wonderful views of the area. Both Y7 and 8 had a wonderful outing to York in March. The children visited Clifford's Tower and the Yorkshire Museum; additionally Y8 had a very informative tour of York Minster while Y7 visited Barley Hall and enjoyed a display on Black Death.

The children of S. Anselm's have a very rich experience of History in the classroom and through these trips. The learning is dynamic, positive and active and once again the results for Common Entrance and scholarships have been excellent.

English Speaking Board

The English Department introduced English Speaking Board examinations to the curriculum at S. Anselm's for the first time this year. We are introducing these exams to enable pupils to develop their spoken English and to receive a nationally recognised certificate for their hard work.

Pupils had to prepare three pieces for these exams. The first was a short presentation on a subject of their own choice lasting no more than three minutes. At the end of the presentation, they were asked questions about it by their audience of four classmates. The second task was to introduce a poem they had chosen

– and explaining why they chose it – before reciting the poem from memory. The third task was reading out aloud to the examiner from a novel of their choice. Again they needed to explain to the audience why they chose this book to read from. They prepared four to five pages of the book (an extract including some dialogue) and the examiner chose a short section for them to read to their audience.

Congratulations to all of our pupils in Years 2, 4, 6 and 8 who took the exam this year. They all said that they had enjoyed the challenge. All of the pupils took the challenge seriously and worked hard to make sure they did their best. We could see that their

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efforts were rewarded as soon as the results came in. All pupils passed with the majority achieving Merit or Distinction level.

Pupils in Y2, Y4, Y6 and Y8 will be entered for these examinations each year from now on, enabling pupils to consolidate the progress they make in their spoken English as they pass through the school. Senior schools will be interested to see how pupils have fared in these exams, which complement the Lamda exams currently being taken by some pupils as an extra.



CMF Members of Y7 receiving New Testaments from Richard Tomlinson and Rosemary Lowe

The Gideons visit S. Anselm's

On Monday, 2nd February, Y7 pupils were fascinated by a talk on 'Gideons' given by Mrs Rosemary Lowe and Mr Richard Tomlinson. After watching a short DVD, the children learnt that The Gideons was the brainchild of an American commercial traveller who was a Christian who had the notion that it would be a good idea to have a Bible in the hotels he had to stay at. As a result, in 1897, he began asking the hoteliers if they would mind if he gave them some Bibles. The rest is history..... last year 81.5 million copies of the Bible were given away by The Gideons!

People who spread the news about The Gideons come from many different Christian denominations. They have the common goal of spreading the Good News through providing people from different walks of life with a Bible. The background information was complimented by an interesting personal story of a call to the Christian faith. This all contributed to the work covered in R.S. about Christianity (and other World Faiths). I was struck by the Y7 pupils' genuine interest, attention and brilliant manners.

Religious Studies

Easter Assembly

On Monday morning, members of Y7 presented an Easter Assembly with a difference; the Easter Story as a series of news reports from the Holy Land following the events as they are recorded in the New Testament readings. This all took place against a backdrop of changing photographs of Holy Land sites as they exist today and with appropriate musical interludes. Well done Y7 for your acting, singing, reporting, humour and sympathetic re-telling of, 'that week in Jerusalem which really did change the world.'



S. Anselm's Day

On a gloriously sunny Monday 27th April, the Prep School pupils and staff walked down to Bakewell Parish Church to celebrate Saint Anselm's day. Pupils from various year groups contributed to the readings and prayers with members of Y3 writing their own prayers for the occasion. We learnt that Saint Anselm (1033-1109) was a prominent scholar of his time and that he was a Benedictine monk and a philosopher who held the office of Archbishop of Canterbury intermittently from 1093 to 1109. The service was enlightening, respectful and had a distinct 'S. Anselm's family' feel. Our thanks to Canon Tony for leading such a wonderful service and to all those who contributed in any way.



Confirmation 2015

Congratulations to Violet, Natalie, Edward, Freddie and Louis.

On Sunday evening, 17th May, five S. Anselm's pupils were confirmed at All Saints' Parish Church in Bakewell. Louis, Freddie, Edward, Natalie and Violet, supported by their families and friends and S. Anselm's boarding pupils and staff, were presented to Bishop Alastair Redfern, Bishop of Derby by Canon Tony Kaunhoven.

There were seven confirmation candidates in all including two adults from the diocese, Angela and Joanna. Canon Tony had prepared our pupils in the weeks running up to

Confirmation and Mrs Franklin, who supported the candidates throughout, also took part in the service.

The service was meaningful and enhanced by the singing of the church choir. Bishop Redfern spoke with gentle sincerity referring to Saint Julian of Norwich and achieving 'wholeness'; it was an evening to remember for all involved. Refreshments were provided in the Newark after the service. Congratulations to those who were confirmed and sincere thanks to Canon Tony for his time and teaching.



Delivering the Harvest Gifts 2014

On Monday 6th October Mrs Franklin, Marcus and I went down to High Peak Night Stop in Buxton to donate the harvest gifts that people from school had donated over the past few weeks. We arrived in the late afternoon and the people at the Night Stop welcomed us straight away.

The shelter had a room full of essentials from cans of food to toiletries and tents. Just by looking at that one room we could see how this relatively small Night Stop depot can help people dramatically.

The volunteers helping were very grateful for the amount of food we had brought in. It was a great opportunity to understand more about the shelter and to meet the people who volunteer to work there and help the homeless people that come in. I hope that we have helped the shelter and that we can help them again next year.

Amber Marcus

On Monday 6th October I went, with Mrs Franklin and Amber to High Peak Night Stop, Buxton to help deliver the food that the school had given for



Harvest. It was a great chance to meet the people who ran the Night Stop and to see how they collected and stored the food. They were very thankful and they told us how it was going to help the homeless in Buxton and surrounding area.

Marcus Connolly



Y8 Leavers

Science

Science



A busy science department at S. Anselm's brings joy to all children, big and small.

Our recent highlight was setting off the fire alarm during a chemistry experiment. It made the whole school evacuate buildings and gather on the bottom court! One, however, should remember all of the fun we had through the year.

Who can forget Mr Watt performing a hydrogen explosion with a Pringles box? Or the 3D photographs that nobody could look at without having their eyes aching in the science club?

Spaghetti bridges, electrocars, satellite models... Years 5 and 6 competed in building the best rope road system to transport tomatoes in Nepal, where Hector M. designed an original and beautiful train of rotating baskets and Inge T. cracked the secret of the fuel-free rope road that works thanks to the force of gravity.

Some of the creative Y7 and Y8 pupils took great pleasure in making chemistry revision videos, which will be made available through Mr. Watt's science revision website. On the whole, a productive year for all science pupils!

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PRIZES AND AWARDS



S. Anselm's



Year Prizes 2014/15

Year	Pre-Prep	Junior (3 & 4)	Intermediate (5 & 6)	Senior (7 & 8)
Academic	James Symonds			
Effort and Progress	Imogen Nash			
All-Rounder	Oliver Goodear			
English		Elizabeth Cave	Louis Green	Cooper English Prize: Toby de la Billière
Maths		Jamie Mayson	Inge Turk	Blunt Mathematics Prize: Marcus Connolly
Science		Alex Dinnigan	Edward Mayson	Dowding Science Prize: Natalie Gaunt
French		Georgina Tarbatt	Theo Farrell	Carrington French Prize: Sophie Corner
Geography		Archie Carter	Jack Bedford	Ward Geography Prize: Sam Watts
History		Saul Robertson	Rosie Winter	Dyer History Prize: Amber Harcus
Religious Studies		Rosie Marriott	James Dinnigan	Luckraft Religious Studies Prize: Edward Holden
Latin			Flora Kanan	Piper Latin Prize: George Whawell
Ancient Greek				Hargreaves Greek Prize: Thomas Wright
Spanish		Rufus Ludlam	Alexandra Blackhurst	Ben Ross
Music		Max Nieper	Sam Chichester Clark	Shea John
ICT				Sam Blackhurst
Art		Angus Ludlam	Arabella Green	Artur Sarsenov
Drama		Freya Larvin	Charlotte Williams	Tara O'Rourke



Michaelmas Term 2014

	ACADEMIC Prizes	EFFORT Prizes
Pre-Prep	James Symonds	Imogen Nash
3F	Elizabeth Phillips	Isabella Brennan
4E	Elizabeth Cave	Rufus Ludlam
5C	Nicola Stansfield	Phoebe Whawell
5R	Hector Mellor	Verity Scroggs
6B	Edward Mayson	Arabella Green
6W	Theo Farrell	Alexander (Lex) Robertson
7C	Thomas Green	Gabrielle Harper
7T	Matthew Williams	Morgan Glynn
8M	Alexander Stansfield	Sophie Corner
8W	Thomas Wright	Artur Sarsenov
SHOW UP SHIELD		Shea John
WINNING HOUSE CUP		Wellingtons
INTER-HOUSE QUIZ		
STORRS FOX CUP (head of school in work)		Alexander Stansfield

Girls Senior Full Hockey Colours:

Sophie Corner
Violet Barton
Amber Harcus
Tara O'Rourke

Senior Half Hockey Colours:

Harriet Nieper
Francesca Newton
Gabrielle Harper

Girls Junior Full Hockey Colours:

Rosie Winter
Ursula-Marie Hampton
Ella Hill
Eloise Stonebridge
Iona Connolly

Junior Half Hockey Colours:

Daisy Ludlam
Katie Smith

Boys Senior Rugby Full Colours:

George Whawell
Darius Becharat
Jack Pearson

Senior Half Colours:

Alexander Stansfield
Marcus Connolly
Toby de la Billière
Arthur Ludlam
George Ludlam
Jack Whawell
Shea John

Colts Full Colours:

George Penrose
Edward Mayson
Archie Pearson
William Dobson
Henry Walmisley
Louis Green

Colts Half Colours:

Sam Unsworth
Alec Formela
Colin Wilson

Music

Practice Trophy (for the most music
practice this term)
Kerem Kamal (40 hours, 40 minutes!)

Chapel Choir: Voice for Life Awards

Thomas Wright
Bronze Award
Shea John:
Silver Award

Primary Maths Challenge

Bronze

Melissa Rogstad
Sophie Tarbatt
James Carr
Rosie Winter
George Hankins
Sam Unsworth
Edward Raper
Phoebe Whawell
Charlotte Williams

Silver

Charles Broadhurst
Flora Kanan
Iona Connolly
Ursala-Marie Hampton
Theo Farrell
Inge Turk
Gavin Guthrie
Sam Chichester-Clark

Gold

William Dobson
Louis Green
Nicola Stansfield



Lent Term 2015

ACADEMIC Prizes	EFFORT Prizes
Pre-Prep	Max Carter
3F	Harriet Manning
4E	Angus Ludlam
5C	Henry Hawkswell
5R	Libby Fleming
6B	John Bonsall (6W)
6W	Archie Pearson
7C	Isaac Bamford
7T	Toby de la Billière
8M	Jack Pearson
8W	Violet Barton
SHOW UP SHIELD	Matthew Williams
WINNING HOUSE CUP	Wellingtons
INTER-HOUSE MUSIC	Churchills
STORRS FOX CUP (Head of school in work)	Marcus Connolly
Practice Trophy for the most music practice this term	Annie Middleton

Senior Girls Netball: full colours
Miriam Aylott
Violet Barton
Amber Harcus
Tara O’Rourke

Senior Girls Netball: half colours
Hattie Nieper
Annie Middleton
Francesca Newton

Junior Girls Netball: full colours
Iona Connolly
Ursula-Marie Hampton
Ella Hill
Eloise Stonebridge
Rosie Winter

Junior Girls Netball: half colours
Amelia ElwoodNiamh O’Brien
Isobel ElwoodKatie Smith
Arabella GreenPhoebe Whawell
Flora KananCharlotte Williams
Daisy LudlamAlice Winter

Senior Boys Hockey: full colours
Alexander Stansfield
Louis Street
Sam Watts
George Whawell

Senior Boys Hockey: half colours
Shea John
George Ludlam
Jack Whawell

Junior Boys Hockey: full colours
James Carr
Louis Green
George Longstaff
Edward Mayson
Archie Pearson
Harry Twelves
Henry Walmisley

Junior Boys Hockey: half colours
Jack Bedford

Senior Boys Football: full colours
Darius Becharat
Freddie Marsh
Jack Pearson
Sam Watts
George Whawell

Senior Boys Football: half colours
Toby de la Billière
Shea John
George Ludlam
Jack Whawell

Junior Boys Football: full colours
Toby Green
Archie Pearson
Harry Twelves
Henry Walmisley

Junior Boys Football: half colours
James Carr
Alec Formela
Louis Green
George Hankins
George Longstaff
Edward Mayson
Colin Wilson



Summer Term 2015

ACADEMIC Prizes	EFFORT Prizes
Pre-Prep	Emma Holmes
3F	Ava Burton
4E	Sam Formela
5C	Alice Winter
5R	Katie Smith
6B	Toby Green
6W	Lily-Niamh Rogstad
7C	Arthur Ludlam
7T	Jessica Milligan-Manby
8M	Darius Becharat
8W	Violet Barton

UK Junior Mathematical Challenge 2014 Bronze Certificates
Toby de la Billiere
Max Hattersley
Hattie Nieper
Jack Whawell

Silver Certificates
Joshua Glynn
Jed Potter
Charlie Chauveau
George Whawell
Amber Harcus
Natalie Gaunt

Music Practice Star:
Shea John

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

Winning House Cup
Wellingtons

Show up Shield
Melissa Rogstad
Libby Cave

Girls Senior Full Rounders Colours:
Violet Barton
Sophie Corner
Amber Harcus
Tara O’Rourke

Daisy Ludlam
Niamh O’Brien
Katie Smith
Phoebe Whawell
Alice Winter

Girls Senior Half Rounders Colours:
Miriam Aylott
Natalie Gaunt
Morgan Glynn
Jimena Guerrero
Annie Middleton
Francesca Newton
Hattie Nieper

Senior Athletics Colours
Violet Barton
Amber Harcus
Tara O’Rourke
Darius Becharat
Louis Street
Sam Watts
George Whawell

Junior Rounders Full Colours:
Iona Connolly
Arabella Green
Ursula-Marie Hampton
Ella Hill
Flora Kanan
Rosie Winter

Senior Half Athletics Colours
Annie Middleton
Hattie Nieper
Russell French
Jaime Leache

Junior Rounders Half Colours:
Amelia Elwood
Isobel Elwood

Junior Full Athletics Colours
Iona Connolly
Rosie Winter
Edward Mayson
Archie Pearson

Junior Half Athletics Colours
Amelia Elwood
Alice Winter
Alec Formela

Boys Senior Cricket Colours
Jack Pearson
Louis Street
George Whawell

Boys Senior Half Colours
Luke Dobson
Max Hattersley
Jack Whawell

Junior Cricket Colours
James Carr
Will Dobson
Archie Pearson
Harry Twelves

Junior Cricket Half Colours
Louis Green
Toby Green
Edward Mayson
Henry Walmisley



Speech Day Prizes – Summer 2015

CUPS

Hurst Drama Cup	Miriam Aylott
Senior Drama Prizes	Hattie Nieper and Thomas Taberner
Tarling Junior Drama Cup	Daisy Ludlam
Ryan Creative Writing Prize (for Juniors)	Libby Fleming
Waters Junior Art Prize	Lex Robertson
Gilbert Spencer Art Prize	Amber Harcus
Asher Simons Initiative Cup	George Whawell
Bradbury Singing Cup	Tara O'Rourke
Wind and Brass Prize	Louis Street
Wheat Music Prize: Dedication to Chapel Choir	Isaac Bamford
Head Chorister Cup	Tara O'Rourke
Smouha Cup for Highest Marks in Music Exams	Scarlett Mycock: 138/150 = highest ABRSM score
Spong Music Cup	Alexander Stansfield
Common Entrance Effort Prize	Jack Pearson
Flora MacKenzie Hand of Friendship	Grace Todd
S. Anselm's Prize for Outstanding Contribution as a Boarder	Toby de la Billière
Senior Good Citizen Cup	Annie Middleton
Otter Junior Good Citizen Cup	Katie Smith
International Pupils Prizes	Darius Becharat, Artur Effront, Jimena Guerrero, Jaime Leache
Head Prefects Prize	Violet Barton, Marcus Connolly
Inter-House Cup	Wellingtons (Violet Barton, George Whawell)
Moser Prize for Head of School in Work	Alexander Stansfield

Sports Cups and Prizes: Speech Day 2015

CUPS

Hockey (Girls)	
Junior Player of the Season	Rosie Winter
Junior Most Improved Player of the Season	Iona Connolly
Stowe Cup for Senior Player of the Season	Sophie Corner
Senior Most Improved Player of the Season	Hattie Nieper
Girls Cross Country	Violet Barton
Rugby (Boys)	
Junior Rugby Cup	Archie Pearson
Henry Tunbridge Rugby Cup for most improved Under 11 player	George Penrose



Rugby (Boys) continued...	
Dukes Tackling Cup	Shea John
Ratcliffe Cup (most improved Rugby player)	Darius Becharat
Salisbury Cup for outstanding contribution to Rugby	Jack Pearson
Boys Cross Country	George Whawell

Netball (Girls)	
Kate Baxter Netball Cup (Junior Player of the Season)	Ella Hill
Junior Most Improved Player of the Season	Arabella Green
Harriet Edwards Cup (Senior Best Shooter)	Tara O'Rourke and Sophie Corner
Dench Netball Cup (Senior Player of the Season)	Amber Harcus
Senior Most Improved Player	Annie Middleton

Football (Boys)	
Carruth Football Cup	Darius Becharat
Becket Prize for most improved football	Freddie Marsh
Thompson Cup (U11 footballer)	Henry Walmisley

Hockey (Boys)	
Best Senior Hockey player Cup	Alexander Stansfield
Most improved Hockey Player	George Ludlam

Rounders (Girls)	
Baxter Rounders Cup for Player of the Season	Amber Harcus
Isobel Hodgkinson Cup for Best Batter	Sophie Corner
Senior Most Improved Rounders Player	Francesca Newton
Junior Most Improved Rounders Player	Ursula-Marie Hampton
Best Junior Rounders Player	Rosie Winter
Natasha West Shield for Best Under 11 Girl All-Rounder	Ella Hill

Cricket (boys)	
Richardson Bat for Best Batsman	George Whawell
Tatham Fielding Cup	Sam Watts
Robert Price Bowling Cup	Jack Pearson
Clifford-Jones Batting Cup	Jack Whawell
Clarke Bat (Under 11)	Archie Pearson
Henry Tunbridge Memorial Cup (for Most Improved Under 11 Cricketer)	James Carr
James Brothers Cup for Best Individual Performance	William Dobson
Junior Cricket Prize for Best All-Rounder	Harry Twelves
Tyler Cup for Most Improved Junior Swimmer	Harriet Manning
Spurrier Sports Cup for Best Girl Sports All-Rounder	Violet Barton
Mercer Cup for Best Boy Sports All-Rounder	Jack Pearson and George Whawell
Best Sailor Cup	Thomas Green
Perkins Swimming Cup for Most Improved Swimmer	Beatrix Larvin
Prize for Most Improved Sailor	Hugo Holmes

UK Junior Mathematical Challenge Gold Certificate	Marcus Connolly (best in year and school) Sophie Corner, Shea John (best in year), Alexander Stansfield, Sam Watts, Thomas Wright
Certificate for Best in Y7	Shea John
Certificate for Best in Y8	Marcus Connolly
Certificate for Best in the School	Marcus Connolly



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