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# THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

19 May 2017

As you know, one of the things I am very passionate about is providing the right facilities for our talented girls. To this end, I would like to whet your appetite on our first exciting new capital venture! Next week you will be receiving a glossy booklet explaining all about our aspirations for Performing Arts and Sport, so do look out for it in the post!

I have been busy interviewing applicants for various roles this week and I will be announcing all of our new members of staff at the end of term celebration in the Belmont Chapel. Which reminds me, if you would like a seat at this celebratory event, then please could you contact my PA, Lora Jones, by the end of next week to let her know you will be attending. Seats are now very limited!

I thoroughly enjoyed watching our Years 3 and 4 performing in their Showcase on Tuesday afternoon and thought they were particularly courageous to perform their solos in front of what must have been 150 people. It was also pleasing to see the range of instruments being played and all the girls singing in the choir.

The public examinations have now begun in earnest so I hope all the girls are managing to stay relaxed and calm throughout this tense period and I wish them all the very best of luck for every paper. Next week is the final week for our Upper Sixth to be in school and I know they have some interesting and fun events planned. We will all be very sad to lose this wonderful cohort but we are looking forward to the Leavers' Assembly and Supper on Thursday 29 June as an opportunity to say goodbye.

Now on to some of our other news from the week ....

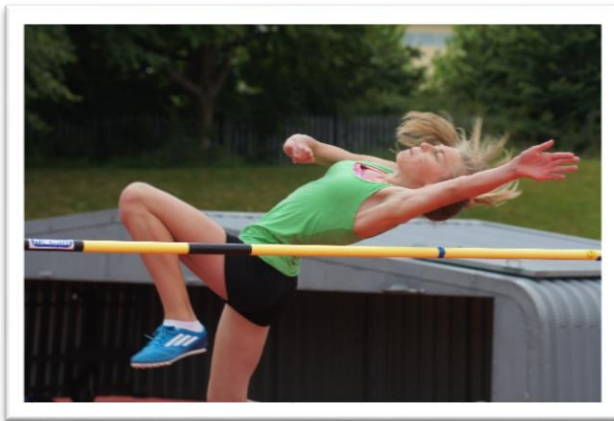
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## Performance of the Month

Dulcie Fraser (Lower 4) was the worthy winner of April's Performance of the Month amidst some very stiff competition from teams and individuals across the school. Dulcie was recently selected on to the Girls Player Under 14 Development Squad with Exeter City Football Club and we very much look forward to hearing more about how this training goes. Huge congratulations to you, Dulcie, and we wish you the very best of luck for the coming months!



### Damp but successful athletics trials



In a week where nearly all of our fixtures have been cancelled due to the torrential rain, it fell to our athletes to step up to the plate and defy the conditions at the Exeter vs East Devon Athletics fixture yesterday. Quite simply, the conditions were appalling so well done to Dulcie Fraser (Lower 4) for coming 4<sup>th</sup> in the Javelin, India Leetham (Upper 4) for her third place in the High Jump and to Ruby Jarman (Lower 5) who has qualified for the next round in the Junior Girls Javelin.

India and Ruby will be joined at the Devon County Championships on Saturday 10 June by Milly Bennett (Upper 6) who will compete in the Senior Girls Long Jump and the Triple Jump. Katie Harries (Upper 3) has also been selected as a reserve for the 800m. We wish them all well!

### Pre-Prep prepare for Sports Day in distinctly equestrian fashion!

The girls in the Pre-Prep are having loads of fun practising for their upcoming Sports Day (Wednesday 7 June 2017) on Leebourne! Parents will be in for a proper treat as there are some very entertaining moments being rehearsed, not least the horse races! As Mrs Cook wrote to me, this was “the best PE lesson ever”!

A special note to parents that the Junior School Sports Day (Mount Radford Lawn) will take place on Tuesday 13 June and the Senior School Sports Day (Exeter Arena) on Monday 10 July so do come along and support your daughters - we always love to see you at these events!



### David Hockney recreations in the Pre-Prep

Whilst on the subject of the Pre-Prep, I just have to share this lovely photo of the girls in their recent art lesson. Each class has been tasked with creating a collaborative collage of a David Hockney original using paint, paper and wood! Each group has been allocated a different section and, while it all seems rather advanced, the girls are certainly doing a very fine job!

### Individual Netball news!

Congratulations to Rosie Wheatley (Year 6) who took part in last weekend's Torbay Junior Open Netball Tournament as part of the Exeter Netball Club's Under 11 team. They played brilliantly and were placed 1st overall, meaning they all came home bearing gold medals! So well done to them!



### Wonderful music news!

Our musicians are as active as ever and my congratulations to them all for their huge commitment in taking part in so many extra-curricular concerts and performances. Earlier in the week, I heard that the Devon Youth Jazz Orchestra (DYJO) featuring five girls from the Maynard played last weekend at the Flavel Arts Centre in Dartmouth as part of the Dartmouth Jazz Festival. However, if you missed them, you will have another opportunity to see Robyn Bowman, Dodie Bowman, Katie Byles, Lucy Harris-Dean and Alex Pavic playing with DYJO at the County Show tomorrow. They will be playing on the main stage at 3.15pm, so a great opportunity to see the girls in action and catch up on some great Jazz.

### Off to Denmark for the FIRST Lego League European finals!

Best of luck to the Maynard Robotics Club of Kitty Guinness, Anya Hitt, Bella Brent, Anna Harries and Miri Cooper Wedge (all Upper 4) who are off to Denmark next week to take part in the FIRST Lego League European finals. The girls have been preparing very hard over the last few weeks and have improved their robot substantially since the earlier rounds, so let's hope it behaves!

The team qualified for the European finals after winning an award for core values at the UK final held in Bristol back in February. Over the course of two days, they will be judged on the amount of points their robot can accumulate on the mission table in two and a half minutes. They will also have to present their project on Animal Allies and be interviewed about their core values and their robot design. It sounds like a tough couple of days but I am sure they will all perform, robot included, admirably!



### Some equestrian news!

I have just this minute heard that Anya Hitt (Upper 4) was 4th at the Devon County Show on what is her 14th birthday! Anya was riding the brilliant Cnoc an Noinin Clover in the Ridden Connemara class which is a terribly competitive group and to be placed so highly at County level is really excellent. So very well done and have a happy rest of your birthday!





I would also like to wish two of our riders the best of luck for major upcoming competitions: To Faye Hepburn (Lower 5) who has been selected to represent Devon in the 14.2hh 1m show jumping class at the Devon County Show tomorrow. Faye is the number one rider in the South West in the bronze league which is hugely impressive and we look forward to hearing how she fares! Also, may I wish Jemima Dart (Lower 6) good luck for next weekend when she travels up to Hickstead for the hotly contested Eventers' Challenge Open class.

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### Lower 4 Residential

Our much anticipated residential season is upon us and the Lower 4s went to Ormington Bay in Weymouth earlier today for a weekend of wild activities. I am sure they will all have a brilliant time and look forward to hearing all about it. At least the sun is set to shine which will make all the difference!



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### Midsummer Concert

I greatly look forward to next Thursday's Midsummer Concert at the Southernhay United Reformed Church. These events are always spectacular and, with over 100 girls from Year 4 through to the Upper 4, the programme is packed with plentiful choral and solo performances, as well as some collaborative class work. Tickets are available from Reception so do book yours early if you would like to attend!

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In the meantime, have a fabulous weekend!



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