

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

11 May 2018

Today marks rather a momentous day for our GCSE cohort with it being their final day in school ahead of the long examination period starting next week. I am sure they are all feeling rather nervous about what lies ahead but they have all worked so diligently to prepare and really taken advantage of all of the extra clinics and tutorials this year. Their tutors and Mrs Fanous enjoyed hot chocolate and pain au chocolates together this morning with some fun awards to send them on their way. Good luck everyone! Stay calm, rested and healthy over the coming weeks.

It has been an extraordinarily busy week and the new Performing Arts Centre has played host to the stunning Junior School Gym and Dance Showcase on Tuesday (and what a spectacle that was) as well as a fabulous Summer Concert last night. This was a somewhat nostalgic occasion, being the final public performances of our super talented Upper 6 girls and it proved a wonderful celebration of both them and their time at school. Almost half of the year group took to the stage in some guise, either as a soloist, compere or as part of their own Sixth Form choir under the direction of Head Girl, Lucy Harris-Deans.

With scores from contemporary musicals and jazz standards to popular classics, such as 'The Hall of the Mountain King' and Mozart's 'Alleluia', there truly was something for everyone. The jazz band rocked, the choirs sparkled and the orchestra dazzled.

Our enormous congratulations to them all. We shall miss them greatly as they now start their individualised study leave programmes over the coming two weeks, and we wish them every bit of success. They are a truly talented bunch!



Meanwhile, the Main School Hall is a hive of activity today as we host teams from five other schools to compete against our own in the IET Faraday Challenge Day. This is a national event, designed to encourage more young people to study and consider a career in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and forms part of our ongoing commitment to promoting STEM here at The Maynard. Each team has been tasked with solving a real-life engineering problem, putting their engineering and technology skills to the test and, from what I have seen, the atmosphere was positively fizzing with competition earlier this morning.



I will be heading off to Okehampton later this evening to support all of our teams taking part in the Ten Tors Challenge this weekend. They left school this morning in a buzz of excitement and, after all their training walks, it is suddenly feeling rather real! I am relieved that the weather forecast has much improved for the coming days, as earlier in the week torrential rain was forecast which is always horrendous up on the moor! Whilst I wish them all the very best of luck in this massive endurance event, may I also say a huge thank you to Mrs Thorne and all those who have volunteered these past eight months in helping to prepare them and for taking the time to set up base camp for them yesterday.



On to the week's news ...



The Gym and Dance Showcase: A real treat!



We enjoyed a fabulous afternoon showcasing the Pre-Prep and Junior School gym and dance performances on Tuesday. A packed audience was treated to class dances from Reception up to Year 6 with a wonderful array of themes from fairies, butterflies, crazy haired trolls, Scottish warriors & mermaids. The 30 plus ballet dancers opened the show in an explosion of colour and our gymnasts demonstrated their skill and courage with aerial flight and floor routines. We were also treated to a series of stunning solos from some of our Year 6 elite gymnasts and dancers. The show

culminated in all 100 girls dancing in the finale to "Better when I'm Dancing" which, on Tuesday, is a sentiment to which they all agreed!

It was a lovely celebration of colour, fun and courage – we were super proud of all of them! Our thanks also to the Upper 5 Sports Leaders who helped backstage and with the running of the lighting and sound, making sure the show ran smoothly and professionally.



Great Britain selection for Eleanor Simpson



Following last week's report of Eleanor Simpson's stunning success in front of the GB viewing panel at the Chepstow International Horse Show, we are super excited to announce that she has been selected onto the British show jumping team to compete at the Nations Cup in Austria next weekend. This is a massive achievement given she is the youngest member of the children's team at just 12-years old (Upper 3) but it is the stuff of dreams and we truly wish her the very best of luck.

Athletics season off to a good start

The competitive athletics season got off to a good start for our girls yesterday when they represented the school at the Exeter District Trials held at the Exeter Arena. Our congratulations to the following girls who have qualified through to the next round: Katie Harries (Lower 4) who won the 1500m; Louisa Thomson (Lower 4) who was 2nd in the discus and 3rd in the high jump; Dulcie Fraser (Upper 4) for coming 3rd in the javelin; India Leatham (Lower 5) who was 3rd in the long jump and a brilliant 1st in the 80m hurdles; and to Betsy Board (Lower 5) who was 2nd in the 3000m and 15 minutes later finished 2nd in the 800m, followed by a win in the shot put.



Our thanks again to the MPA for sponsoring their wonderful new athletics vests!

Nutrition Workshop for the elite athlete programme

As part of our ongoing elite athlete programme, we were treated to an excellent Nutrition Workshop on Wednesday by Renee McGregor, the best-selling author of the books 'Training Food, Fast Fuel' and 'Orthorexia, When Healthy Eating Goes Bad'.

Having worked with elite athletes, coaches and sport science teams for over 15 years to provide nutritional strategies and enhance sport performance, Renee brought with her an enormous bank of experience and delivered some very strong key messages on a number of food-related subjects from carbohydrates (and why we need them) to the link between Instagram and unhealthy relationships with food. It was a very powerful workshop and certainly provided food for thought for the elite athletes amongst us.

Irongirls in the Food and Nutrition room



Whilst on the subject of food, the Upper 4 year group are learning all about iron in their Food and Nutrition classes and they spent this morning knocking up some quite delicious looking iron-rich dishes. As growing teenagers, it is vital to have enough iron in their diets so they have been making a selection of recipes to help boost their intake from chicken liver pâté and melba toast to 'supergreen' mackerel salad and dried apricot mousse with toasted oats and honey. These are hugely important (and enjoyable) sessions - not only are they learning enormous life skills, the knowledge gained during these lessons will set them up for a healthy and happy life ahead.

Sporting news

It has been a busy week for our teams across the board and our Under 15 Tennis girls sealed a superb victory over West Buckland on Tuesday, winning 8-4 in Division 1 to ensure they are undefeated so far in this contest. The Under 13s also played a superb match and although they lost 8-4, this does not in any way reflect how close these games were.

On the rounders field, the Under 13A team lost by just half a rounder to St Peter's Lymington on Wednesday whilst the B team played beautifully to win by four and a half rounders. The Juniors also kicked off their season in fine style with the entire Year 6 playing against Exeter Cathedral School on Wednesday in some tight and exciting games. The A team lost a close game 10-12 while both B teams won quite convincingly.



Well done to all those who have represented The Maynard this week!

Nina continues to shine

We were delighted to hear that Old Maynardian, Nina Savicevic, continues to shine and she has just been awarded the Special Piano Prize at the Taunton Young Musician of the Year competition. She has a busy summer ahead, starting with a performance at the prestigious Fowey Arts Festival next week, followed by a solo recital at the Bath Pump Rooms booked for July. We wish her luck for these and all her many other musical endeavours.

Making music for charity

The girls who play in the Devon Youth Jazz Orchestra (DYJO) have had a busy few weeks recently, helping to raise large amounts of money for charity. Lucy Harris-Deans (Upper 6), Dodie Bowman, Alex Pavic, Katie Byles (all Lower 6) and Kristina Pavic (Year 6) have performed over the last three weekends at various venues around Devon, for



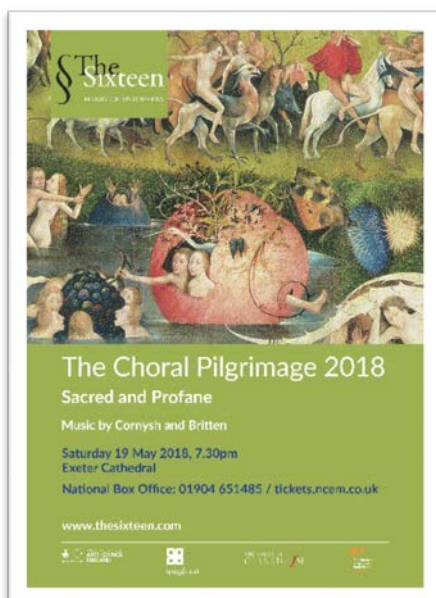
some of them inbetween the Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition and Ten Tors training. They have played at Holswothy for the Exeter Leukaemia Fund, Crediton for Second Sight and Honiton for the Admiral Nurses. If you missed them at any of these events, they are playing at Dartmouth on Sunday just for fun as part of the Dart Music Festival!

Discounted tickets for the Choral Pilgrimage 2018

The Sixteen, an excellent ensemble, have invited all Maynard girls to their Choral Pilgrimage 2018 concert on Saturday 19 May at Exeter Cathedral and they are even offering us half price tickets, making this a bargain night out for all music enthusiasts.

“Our 18th Choral Pilgrimage tour explores the sacred and secular works of 16th century composers William Cornysh (both father and son) and 20th century master of the voice, Benjamin Britten. It will be wonderful to return to Exeter to perform this fantastic programme.

We are offering a 50% discount on all ticket prices to all school children. For more information, and to book tickets, please visit our website <https://thesixteen.com/events/choral-pilgrimage-2018-exeter/> or call our National Box Office on 01904 651 485.”



Pre-Prep trip to the Exmouth Lifeboat Station

The entire Pre-Prep enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Exmouth Lifeboat Station last Friday. It was a busy day out starting with learning all about how the lifeboats keep people safe. This was followed by a lovely picnic on the beach where they had a whale of a time making Land Art out of shells and other natural things. The day culminated with an ice-cream, a pre-requisite of any trip to the beach, before returning happy but rather tired back to school!



Roneisha placed second in national photography competition



Huge congratulations to Roneisha Gogoi (Lower 4) for taking joint second place in the national FSE Design Photography competition. We absolutely love her very clever photo, taken at school during the lunchtime photography club: “I used a 50mm Canon lens for this picture, with an eight second shutter speed to catch the wording of ‘school’. We used torches to illuminate the effect.”

Thanks also to her peers who helped capture the image, and who represented each of the letters, namely: Sophie Barker, Louisa Thomson, Natalie Charity, Megan Abrahams, Florrie Thomson and Evangeline Davies.

From our roving reporter ... Isabel Greaves

I ventured over to Board Game club, last Friday and it was so much fun. I haven't been before but the others that went were really friendly. We played 'Escape' and it was fairly tense and very funny as everyone was in a strange sort of slightly controlled panic. The good news is, if you accidentally make everyone loose no-one holds a grudge - now, that is bonding! It was truly wicked!

General Data Protection Regulation

From 25 May 2018, the Data Protection Act will be replaced by the General Data Protection Regulation. This means that the way we manage data and information within the school will change, bringing significant additional compliance requirements.

Under current legislation, schools have a duty of care to ensure that their data is kept safe and secure. With the GDPR coming into effect, schools will have an increased responsibility to ensure the way they process and store this information is compliant with the changes.

So what is GDPR?

- This is a new EU legislation brought about to standardise differing Data Protection Regulations across the Europe Union.
- Entirely replaces the current Data Protection Act.

- The UK has to comply even though we are leaving the EU.
- It applies to personal data only.

Before 25 May, we will be sending you our **GDPR Policy**, the **Parental Privacy Notice** and **Student Privacy Notice** so that parents and pupils know what data we are holding, why we are holding it, who it is being shared with, why we need it and how it is being stored.

In order to protect your data in any future email correspondence that may contain any personal information, i.e. fee notes, these will be encrypted along with instructions on how to access the data attached.

Have a lovely weekend!



Sarah Dunn
Headmistress
