

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

7 June 2019

To be quite honest, this newsletter is going to be rather short as the entire Senior School and Sixth Form have been heads down all week with their internal and public examinations so there isn't much to report! That said, however, our younger students in the Pre-Prep and Junior School have enjoyed a fabulous few days filled with educational outings and visits so there is plenty to write about on this front. Trips to Wembury Marine Centre, the beehives in Princesshay and a visit from the RNLI have been much enjoyed, not to mention all the usual, and very unique, fun that forms their everyday learning in the classrooms.

As ever, you can tell by the dismal weather that sports day season is nearly upon us and we are very much looking forward to these, kicking off with the Junior School event at the Exeter Arena next Friday. Fingers crossed that all of this rain will have passed through by then and we won't have to be on storm alert (incidentally, today's practice session has had to be rescheduled thanks to Storm Miguel - this will now take place next Tuesday).

We are also very much looking forward to seeing many of you at our Summer Garden Party on Thursday 27 June from 5.30pm and my thanks to those that have already responded to the invitation so promptly. We are hoping this will be a lovely way to celebrate the end of the year, with a glass (or two) of fizz on the terrace and a chance to chat with other parents and our staff. Rest assured, we also have childcare covered so please do bring along your sons and daughters as I know the Sixth Formers have an array of fun activities planned to keep them all entertained. If you haven't yet managed to reply, it's not too late and we are very much working on the basis of the more, the merrier so please do let us know if you're planning to come so we can cater accordingly.





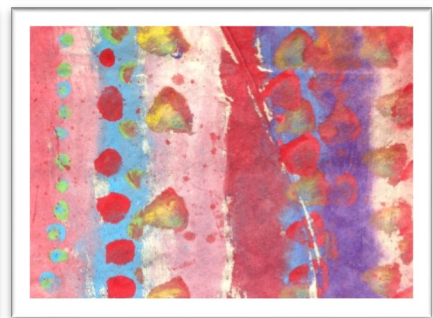
Speaking of nice events to round off the year, I very much hope you are all able to come to the Celebration Day at the Belmont Chapel on July 5th. This event is always an uplifting affair and a great opportunity to rejoice in all of the wonderful things the girls have been up to. Like the Garden Party, the more the merrier! This is obviously compulsory attendance for the girls, so please can I ask that you do not take them off on holiday early!

In the meantime, we will be very much back to business as usual next week in the Senior School and Sixth Form with lessons resuming in the normal fashion. For the vast majority of the GCSE and A-level students this will also be the final week of their exams and I should imagine that the next time I am penning this introduction the mood will be somewhat celebratory. At the risk of repetition, I have been so impressed by the business-like fashion in which they have tackled their gruelling schedules and what a lovely thought for them all that this time next week it will mostly be over!

On to the week's news!

Fabulous art works in Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about the artist Yvonne Coomber and have loved looking at her colourful pieces of work as the inspiration for creating their own in a similar style. They mixed up their different colours to create their own shades and had loads of fun getting very messy in the process! We think that the end products are completely stunning copies of the originals. Well done, girls!



Year 2 hone papier-mâché techniques

This term the Year 2s have been busy making papier-mâché starfish as part of their Under The Sea topic. This week they have been looking closely at the colours and textures of real starfish, ready to start painting their creations next week. They have worked so hard, starting with a simple piece of cardboard and carefully adding to it bit by bit, planning each stage of the process as they go along - we can't wait to show you their finished masterpieces!



Year Three commenced the second half of the summer term with a wonderful trip to Wembury Marine Centre. The weather was glorious and we enjoyed the beautiful, rocky coastline. Wembury provides an unrivalled place to discover, first-hand, the secrets of the seashore. The girls managed to get close up to a whole world encapsulated in rock pools. This particular area is home to a fantastic array of marine life, and we discovered limpets, dog whelks, different species of crabs and starfish, as well as a variety of fish. What an introduction to our Science topic this term. It has been fantastically educational with our girls learning and discovering for themselves!



We also had a scavenger hunt and created some beautiful beach art. It was a fantastic day!



Rooftopping in search of bees

Year 4 enjoyed an immensely popular trip to see the Princesshay bees, quietly hidden away on the rooftops above the shops. They listened to a talk from the beekeeper and were able to identify the queen bee in the observation area. They all then explored the peaceful rooftop garden which is home to around 100,000 honey bees. All of the girls enjoyed dressing up in safety suits so they could get up close and observe the bees, although the suits were rather large!



Assembly with the RNLI

The entire Junior School and Pre-Prep enjoyed their annual assembly with John from the RNLI this morning. They listened avidly as he talked to them about how to keep safe in the water and all about the meanings behind the windsocks and flags. They discussed which are the safe areas to swim in, when it is dangerous to go in the sea, what to do if you get into trouble and how to help someone struggling. The highlight, as ever, was dressing up in the lifeguard kit!

“The quality of the discussion was amazing and they were bang on it, as always,” said Mr Smerdon. “I am incredibly proud of them.”

Upper 3s achieve huge charity fundraising sum

Our huge congratulations to the whole of the Upper 3 year group who collectively raised a staggering £827.56 through their various fundraising endeavours during charity week last term. They will split this sum between their two chosen beneficiaries: ‘Till the Coast is Clear’, a venture that was set up in

Kingsbridge fairly recently to tackle the issue of marine plastic pollution; and Force, who have helped so many families in our Maynard community. Well done, girls!

Music making for Year 3s



Year 3 have started a new topic in music called Salt, Pepper, Vinegar, Mustard. The unusual title is taken from a playground game and the topic looks at different playground chants, songs and games. This means we get to act them out in class: this week the girls looked at selection chants and hand clapping or action games and later in the term there are skipping, bean bag and ball games as well as the cat's cradle to explore in a musical fashion.

This is a fantastic way to bring playground games alive and the girls always enthusiastically join in with this very energetic form of singing!

Performance of the Month nominees announced

Huge congratulations to the following who have all been nominated for May's Performance of the Month. We look forward to announcing the overall winner in an assembly next week!

Zoe (Upper 3) - Gymnastics

Zoe recently passed her (Women's Artistic) Gymnastics National Grade 2 with a Distinction. She competed against 21 other gymnasts from the South West on five apparatus to finish 2nd on Floor and 3rd on Bars, earning her silver and bronze medals. She placed 6th overall which qualifies her as a member of the SW Gymnastics Regional Team.

Ten Tors Teams - Endurance Hill Walking

Congratulations to all 25 girls who took part in the Ten Tors Challenge 2019. The Maynard put out two 35-mile teams and two 45-mile teams with some students also walking for other teams. All the hard work and many months of preparation certainly paid off with everyone successfully completing with great resilience and team work shown by all.

U12 Swim team - Swimming

Emma, Jess, Isobel, Ella, Cia & Dora (Upper 3)

These girls put in some brilliant performances in their first swimming match of the term versus Exeter School. The team won all their races and even set two new competition records. They subsequently followed this up with another successful win against Queen's School Taunton.

Senior Athletes - Athletics

Amelia (3000m), Dulcie (Javelin), Katie (1500m), Louisa (High Jump), Rosie (Javelin), Honey (100m)
These girls have been selected to represent Exeter & East Devon at the Devon Schools' Athletics Championships, having placed in the top three of their respective events at recent area athletics trials.

Individual tetrathlon success for Sophie



Congratulations to Sophie (Upper 4) who competed in her first Inter Area Tetrathlon last week against a very big field involving teams from Devon, the New Forest, Gloucestershire and Wales. She finished individually third, helping her team to overall victory for their area and qualifying them for the National Tetrathlon Championships in Warwickshire during the summer holidays. We wish them all lots of luck!

Junior School Sports Day information

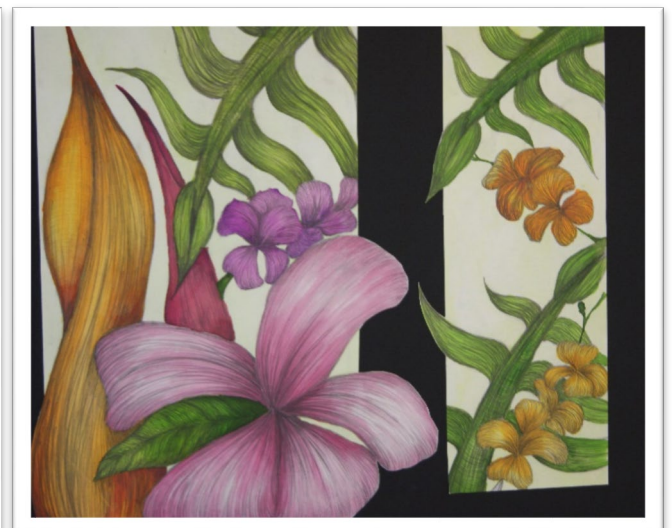
The Junior School Sports Day will take place next Friday 14 June at the Exeter Arena (EX4 8NT) - all parents and guardians are warmly welcome to come along to support their daughters in this great fun occasion. The events will start at 1.30pm and children will be available for collection at 4pm.

The girls have been enjoying their training sessions at the arena in preparation for this fun house event and we are hoping for some fast times on the track having spent the last few years down at Mount Radford Lawn on the grass!



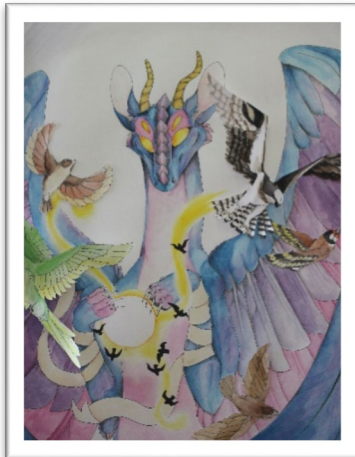
Fabulous GCSE artwork

And, finally, just to whet your appetites, we finish with some excellent examples of the GCSE art pieces by the girls in Upper 5. These will be on display, together with the A-level students' work, at the official exhibition being held to coincide with the Summer Garden Party on Thursday 27 June from 5.30pm. Please do come along for a more close-up inspection and prepare to be wowed!





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Have a fabulous weekend!

Sarah Dunn
Headmistress
