

# THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

15 November 2019

I must start today's newsletter with some remarkable news that our very talented and hardy Under 18 hockey players gained an incredible result yesterday at the West Tier 4 Hockey Finals in Bristol. They endured a day of solid rain, even snow at times, but to coin a phrase the true 'Maynard grit and resilience' certainly came into play and, undeterred by the foul conditions, they were superb in all eight games to finish overall second from the many schools representing the South West and, in so doing, book their place at the National Finals in the Spring. Truly a superb result! This comes on the back of our swimming team who have also made the National Finals and are off to the Olympic Park this very weekend to compete. I wish them every luck in the world and I am so proud of all of our athletes! What an accolade!

Preparations are in full swing for tomorrow's Discovery Morning, a special event that we run twice yearly for girls and prospective students in the Pre-Prep and Junior School. We have 80 signed up, the majority of whom will be new to the school, so it promises to be a very busy morning with lots of different activities being offered from coding, yoga and Forest School through to textiles and cooking. I am only too relieved that, for once, the rain is going to hold off and conditions look to be a little brighter so the 'Enchanted Forest' theme need not be dampened by the weather!

Earlier this week we welcomed many new girls to the Upper 3 Taster Day to sample what life here at The Maynard entails and my grateful thanks to all our current students for their extremely warm welcome. Any initial nerves were soon dispelled and it was lovely to see everyone settling into the swing of things and truly getting stuck in. It was also wonderful to see all of their culinary, scientific and artistic creations at the end of the day!





Likewise, we enjoyed a brilliant GCSE Options Evening on Tuesday with the Upper 4 girls and I hope this has helped clarify matters for when they have to make their final subject choices. It's always difficult when there is so much on offer and my advice to anyone still struggling with their decision is to ask lots of questions with the relevant staff members. Not only is it important to be informed but it is imperative that you are happy and feeling fulfilled throughout the two-year course and, as ever, we are all here to help with the decision process.

On to the week's news!

### The madness of the Children in Need 'fashion show'!

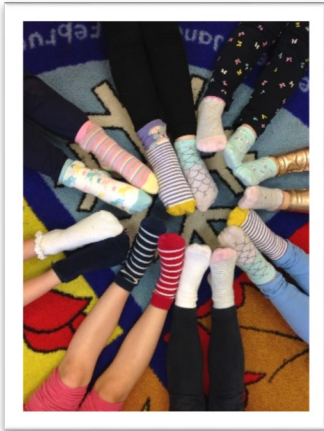


Full credit to the Sixth Form for their inspired idea to put on a fashion show with a twist to raise money for Children in Need today. Bradley Hall was packed with students, all coming to see how each staff member had been dressed by their tutor groups. To name but a few, Mr Hibberd strutted his stuff in a little orange number paired with some impressive heels, Mr Loosemore did his best to make an adapted pair of curtains look

boutique, Mrs Rowley was elegant in her Abba shimmer and Mrs Fanous ... well, she certainly knows how to roll up a skirt 'Maynard style'! The well-deserved winner for the best dressed went to Mr Bowler as 'Fleetwood Maths'.

Our thanks to all who came for contributing towards this fundraiser, to the judges and, most especially, to all those staff for entering into the spirit, making this quite the most eye opening and entertaining lunch hour for many years!





### Anti-Bullying Week

The girls in Year 2 have been discussing friendship, kindness and celebrating difference for Anti-Bullying Week. They have each designed a pair of odd socks and, indeed, worn odd socks to school today to show that being different is brilliant!

### Senior Team Mathematics Challenge

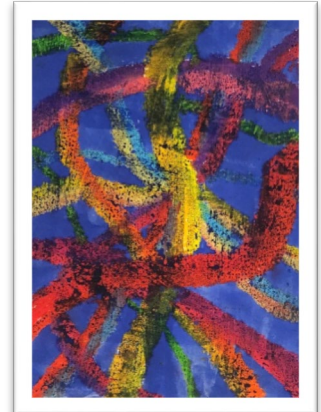
Four girls from Lower Sixth (Shweta, Eleanor, Lucia and Mandy) attended the Devon regional heat for the Senior Team Mathematics Challenge at Exmouth Community College on Wednesday. This competition is for teams of four students from Lower and Upper Sixth which meant that they were up against some steep competition. With only a few weeks of A-level teaching under their belt they battled hard to achieve a creditable result. They should be very pleased with their achievements and, with further training, they hopefully will improve next year. The girls demonstrated an excellent knowledge of mathematics and were a joy to accompany to the event.



### *From the Art Rooms ...*

#### Upper 3 Taster Day

The Year 7 prospective and current students enjoyed a very busy and creative Taster Day on Tuesday in the Art rooms. They looked at a variety of patterns and used a wax resist technique to produce these vibrant and colourful mounted cards.



### Beautiful creations from the Lower Sixth ESP artists

The Lower Sixth ESP group were wonderfully creative with black ink and twigs in their lesson today. The results speak for themselves!



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### *Sports news ...*

#### Off to the National Hockey Finals!



The girls travelled to Clifton College for the West Tier 4 U18 Hockey Finals yesterday. The weather was **HORRENDOUS** with sleet and constant rain the entire day. Nevertheless, the girls had a brilliant attitude and approached every game with fighting spirit and resilience despite the conditions. They played a lot of hockey including six pool games, with the following results:

- Vs Katherline Lady Berkley won 1-0
- Vs Wells Cathedral School lost 2-0
- Vs Gillingham won 1-0
- Vs Clifton College 2nds won 2-0
- Vs Guernsey won 3-0
- Vs St Mary's Calne won 1-0

This put the girls second in their pool and so entered the semi-finals to play Wycliffe College, a school they met last year in the semi-finals! Yet again, they were successful and won 1-0. Having won this, they knew they were through to the National Finals as one of the top two teams so the pressure was slightly off. However, in the final they met a strong Wells Cathedral school again and finished with the same result as in their pool game with a 2-0 loss.

A treat stop at McDonalds on the way home for the victorious team and smiles all round with lots of excitement for the next round in March at the Lee Valley Olympic Park!  
Huge well done to the girls, they were incredible and did the Maynard (and me) so proud!!

Miss Lavelle

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### Under 14s also through to the next round

The Under 14s experienced their preliminary tournament on Tuesday with the top two of three teams qualifying through to the Tier 2 Hockey Tournament next Thursday 21 November. Our girls did really well, losing 1-0 to Plymouth College as the final whistle blew and beating Torquay Girls Grammar School 2-0, to secure their place in the next round. Enormous congratulations and we wish them every success!



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### More swimming success

Our swimmers were on top form on Wednesday for their match against Exeter School and there were some really competitive and high-quality races throughout the age groups. The Under 12s won (39-23) as did the Under 13s (36-26) whilst the Under 15s battled hard against some tough opposition, narrowly losing, but scoring sufficiently to seal an overall victory of 101-85.

This was great preparation for our Junior Girls Swimming Team (made up of a mix of Upper 3s and Lower 4s) for this weekend's National Final at the London Olympic Swimming Centre. Good luck, girls!

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### Equestrian news

We were delighted to hear that Polly in Year 6 jumped a beautiful round at last weekend's Riding Club Arena Eventing held at Bicton Arena to win a highly competitive 80cm Junior Class. It was her first ever Riding Club competition so this is an amazing result, particularly given it was a very up-to-height course. They have now qualified for the Championships at Aston le Walls in February and we look forward to hearing how they fare!

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### Don't miss our wonderful Autumn Concert!

Tickets are still available for the Autumn Concert next Thursday 21 November at 7.30pm in the Performing Arts Centre. Over 70 girls are taking part and we not only have music by Handel and Mozart, but rumbas and rock and roll! The girls have been working very hard and it would be lovely to have your support for this event. Tickets cost £5 for an adult and £3 per child and are available from School Reception.

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### Lost property

Parents are advised that a list of lost property items has been circulated to form tutors and a copy has also been posted on the notice board outside Reception, so please do ask you daughter to check this if they have found they are missing certain items. Equally, if someone has lost something they can complete a lost property form and hand it to Mrs Drake via Reception, the School Office or The Hub. She will then try to marry up the missing item with its owner!

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Have a lovely weekend!



Sarah Dunn  
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